



TIGARD AMERICAN LEGION POST 158

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NEWSLETTER - NOV/DEC 2024

8635 SW Scoffins Street
Tigard, Oregon 97223

From your Commander

Hello Legionnaires,

I hope some of you have taken to heart the letters submitted last month for volunteers. It is what makes our post viable and welcoming. And it becomes a smoother operating system because of YOU. Please do consider the many options, from serving, to washing dishes, to picking up or delivering groceries, to sorting and storing them (Vittles for Vets). We did have to let go of our David's chair commitment due to missing your help. It was a great visibility for the post.

September and October have been great months for our post with our regular activities nicely attended and special occasions well attended. But wait! There's more! Stay tuned and look for your opportunity to help with buying turkey bucks from the bar for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

It is our individual way to support those in our community who have needed boosts. The box assembly and delivery dates are December 19, 20, 21 per Larrie's note last issue.

Be sure and record your volunteer miles and hours on the forms above the sign in book, and submit them to the Adjutant 'in' box. Not sure yet, but I believe it will remain in its current location after the remodel is complete. Be sure and check out the 'new' area for the karaoke and pinball machines plus storage and security for the safes at the old office location. Many THANKS to Nancy and her crew for their ideas and work to complete the transition. Many assumptions and discoveries were revealed as the wall coverings came off. It has been quite the challenge.



Have a blessed Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas season.

Gary
Commander, Post 158



1st Vice Message

Well, the celebrations with friends and families during the holidays are close by and it is a great time for all. We are getting close to being 100% in membership, but we need your membership to get there. It would be a great gift to yourself for your membership to be current so that you don't lose some of your benefits that will expire if your membership is not current for 2025 by December 31st, 2024.

We have not raised the dues, even though National and department has raised their part of your membership dues.

Hope you have a great holiday season, come by and visit and see the changes and meet your friends at the Post.

Susan Hughes
1st Vice

Adjutant's Message

Greetings again fellow Post #158 members and welcome to the final newsletter of the year 2024. Wow, this year has gone by so fast! We've had lots of accomplishments to reflect on and a number of challenges facing the new year. Our membership continues to rise to — and meet — every challenge.

But, as I'm sure you are all aware, membership in social and service organizations has been dwindling. Our organization, like others in the community, is struggling to maintain our numbers. With the loss of membership, we also lose our strength and, with that, the power to do good things. If you know someone eligible to join The Post, bring them over for dinner or breakfast or bingo and show them what we're all about. You might find us a new volunteer.

A thank you note to you all: Our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas programs are coming up. They are funded by your volunteerism and your contributions each year. You give us the ability to support those in need each year. Thank you.

Addendum: If you haven't already renewed your membership, be it Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons, please do so now. Remember you'll need a new key access card beginning on January 1, 2025 and that requires a paid 2025 membership.

Yours in fellowship,

Marc Cowling
Adjutant

Auxiliary Report:

President -

Hello Ladies:

The Holiday Season is HERE!!! Mark our Holiday Bazaar on your calendar. November 16, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. We'll have vendors selling gift and decor items. Our Unit will also sell items donated by members. So,... We need donations of (new) gift & decor items. They can be hand-made or not. We will be cleaning & preparing Fisher Hall on Friday afternoon (November 15) so that would be a great time to bring any donations. We don't have storage space at the Post so if you have something to donate but can't bring it on the 15th, please call me & I'll make arrangements to pick it up.

Take a look at the beautiful quilt now on display in the bar. We are selling raffle tickets and will pull the winning ticket at 4:00 pm as we prepare to close the bazaar.

And of course, the VA Hospital Gift Shop. It will be later than usual this year - the 2nd week of December. I'll send an email once I know the day that we will be expected to help out. Meantime, if you see any great deals (+/- \$20) on small countertop appliances (but not coffee makers), please buy up a few & give me a call. We can reimburse you from our Gift Shop fund. Believe it or not, all the shopping for bargains is proving to be a difficult task for those who organize the annual VA Gift Shop.

See you at the Post!

Nancy Scott
President, Unit 158

1st Vice -

Department has raised our membership goal to 214, please renew and encourage friends to join the Auxiliary to support our Veteran programs.

Barb Smith
1st VP

2nd Vice -

Meals in September and October were sell-outs, come join us for Pork Loin in November and Chicken and Dumplings in December.

Carol Lee
2nd VP



meetings!

Legion and Auxiliary Meetings will be the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

There is no BINGO on those days.

WE NEED YOU!



YOUR POST NEEDS YOU!

Can you spare a little time to help with fall cleanup in the Post yard? The pine and oak trees are beautiful but the needles and leaves on the ground create a slipping hazard during fall rain. Sunday, November 24th at 9:30 am is the official Work Party followed by Post Breakfast. However, come anytime if that time doesn't work for you. Just grab a rake and fill one of the trash cans, let the bartender know.

Announcements:

FOOTBALL!

We will open at noon for the
Air Force/Oregon State
game on Saturday Nov. 16
and for the
Army/Navy
game on Saturday Dec. 14
Come root for your team!



No Bingo
on Christmas Eve
and New Years Eve

We have a new Facebook name:
Post158American LegionTigard



From Larrie Noble -

As we approach the holiday season we are once again going to increase our visibility in our community. We will be working with some families from CFT as well as our Veterans.



I have been contacted by a Veterans Administration representative who gave me the information about 10 Veterans and their families living in our area who could definitely benefit from a hand up from us.

There are Veterans and their families living in the Viewfinder apartments on SW 72nd across from Winco (where my house was for 35 years). There also appears to be more Veterans living at the Alongside who this representative works with in finding resources and offering support.

We are fortunate to have Tigard Rotary partnering with us again this year. Rob Musante, Rotary President, is once again supporting us with his generous financial donation, as well as warm jackets.

Rotarians will also help with the documentation necessary for the grant, help with deliveries to the various Veterans locations, and help the families as food boxes are picked up on Saturday 21 December.

Wayne, SAL Commander has encouraged the SAL members to volunteer and they will be helping some of the Auxiliary in obtaining and packing boxes on Thursday 19 December.

Charles F Tigard families will be picking up boxes the morning of 21 December.

I really appreciate all your help in making this a successful program in our community.



Please help support the Christmas Food Box program by purchasing Turkey Bucks and with your generous donations.



Riders News...

It is that time of year to help others and the American Legion Riders are gathering items for the Salvation Army Veterans home. We will need toiletries and other personal items. Can also be new clothing items like socks, hats, gloves shirts etc. There will be a drop box at the post for your donation.

If you don't want to shop you can give your cash donation to Angie Cearley and she can do your shopping for you. Each year our donations keep getting bigger. Let's surpass what we did last year. Let's make this year Great!

Who's Who at Your Post



POST OFFICERS

Commander	Gary Baldwin
1st Vice CDR	Susan Hughes
2nd Vice CDR	Jim Waggoner
Adjutant	Marc Cowling
Finance Officer	Bill Vokoun
Sgt. at Arms	Craig Hopkins
Judge Advocate	Steve Knapke
Historian	Vacant
Chaplain	Harry Thomas
Service Officer	Jack Gritzbaugh
E-Board at Large	Lee Hughes Richard Gardner
Jr Past CDR	Allyson Kropf



AUXILIARY

President	Nancy Scott
1st Vice Pres	Barbara Smith
2nd Vice Pres	Carol Lee Newton
Secretary	Debbie Hicks
Treasurer	Norma Barber
Chaplain	Karen Walker
Historian	Georganne Dorr
Sgt. at Arms	Rhonda Graham
"E" Board	Nancy Scott



SONS OF THE LEGION

Commander	Wayne Sybert
1st Vice CDR	Greg Knight
2nd Vice CDR	Randy Palmore
Adjutant	Marc Cowling
Finance Officer	Bill Vokoun
Sgt. at Arms	Randy Houck
Chaplain	Damian Vonahlefeld
Historian	Matt Tichenor

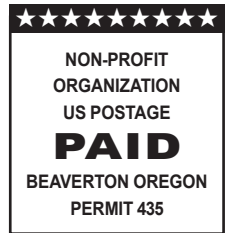


LEGION RIDERS

Director	Jeff Boggs
Asst Director	Emmett Hayes
Treasurer	Bill Vokoun
Secretary	Angie Cearley
Road Captain	Randy Ellison
Sgt. at Arms	Joe Zwingraf
Chaplain	Angela Stanfield
Historian	OPEN



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Current Post Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	3:30 - 10
Wednesday	Noon - 10
Thursday	3:30 - 10
Friday	3:30 - 11
Saturday	3:30 - 11
Sunday	9 - 9

Karen Walker
Auxiliary Chaplain

As Auxiliary Chaplain, please let me know if you need any Get Well or Sympathy cards sent to our members. You can send me an e-mail at: karenrw@comcast.net or call 503 964-4923



Harry Thomas
Legion Chaplain

I can be reached by calling the Post at 503.624.2332



Post 158 Email Updates

In an effort to increase transparency and alert you as quickly as possible to any changes in post policies and exciting events or volunteer needs. We will begin sending email alerts and updates in addition to the bi-monthly newsletters. To ensure you don't miss anything please send the following information to tigardamericanlegion@gmail.com.

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Alternatively you can go to our website: <https://www.tigardamericanlegion.org/> and click on the Sign Up for Newsletter button and fill out your information there.

If you recently updated your contact information you can disregard this notice.

