



TIGARD AMERICAN LEGION POST 158

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NEWSLETTER - MAR-APR 2025

8635 SW Scoffins Street
Tigard, Oregon 97223

From your Commander

Greetings Fellow Legionnaires,

We have a ballot for some of the positions in the next election. Thank You to existing members who volunteered to continue. There are yet remaining positions that I would ask you to consider so that we have a complete ballot for our upcoming elections. The open positions are Historian and E-Board-at-large. The main things I would like to see is the update of the Post commander photos in Fischer Hall. Another, is for the continued display of Post license plates exchanges.

Also, for consideration, are the on-going activities which could use some assistance in fulfilling to keep our post vibrant and attractive:

- Last Sunday of the month clean up with the Riders on the grounds.
- Auxiliary and Sons dinners monthly along with the Legion dinners twice monthly.
- Vittles for Vets program, grocery pick up or distribution, mornings; Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays.
- GENERAL MEETINGS... your presence makes a difference. It takes MORE than just a very few to make decisions and plot directions for the Post to continue and to be collaborative within our community and generate new relationships to build our post and keep it relevant. YOU can be the key. I wish for each of us to have a continued part in caring for our Post. We do have a great potential; I see it in every person who enjoys themselves while at our Post.

Applause to our dedicated volunteers currently serving who DO make a difference in our Post's operation and events. Check into our website and Facebook pages for up to the minute updates and ongoing activities. Hope to see you around and for sure at the next general meetings on March 11th and April 8th.

Gary Baldwin
Commander, Post 158



1st Vice

I hope everyone has had a great start to the new year even with the 2 snow events. Come to the post to see the remodeling both upstairs and downstairs. Membership is going slowly but working well. Did you know that if you have a current year membership you have 2 insurance policies thru National American Legion. If you haven't paid your 2025 membership yet you will have to re-sign up for them. The website is LIT.com and it's free with current membership. As long as you keep your membership current by December 31st of each year you don't have to do anything. However if you renewed after December 31st you have to re-sign up.

Now some information: you probably received a letter from an insurance company in Texas offering you a \$2500 AD&D insurance, all you have to do is fill out the beneficiary card and sent it back to them. PLEASE, PLEASE just tear it up and throw it away. It was something the past Department Adjutant wanted to do, it was not authorized by national or Department or even District, all district commanders were required to sign for this. So just throw it away.

Thank you

1st Vice
Susan Hughes



2nd Vice

Greetings

As we head into spring many events are planned at the post and hopefully something for every member to enjoy. We are also trying to bring back some of what we lost due to the pandemic and become more involved with the community and increase awareness of everything we do as an American Legion (Neighborhood) post.

Our membership is doing well as we are getting several new members so be sure to interduce yourself and show our new members that post 158 is the friendliest post around.

I would like to see a lot more of our members' volunteer and show their support by attending the general meetings. It doesn't take much of your time and your input is important. Remember your ideas are just bar talk unless we all hear them at a meeting.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported and volunteered at the post. Several of our new members have stepped up to help as well as our members who continue to help, that said we can always use more help. Some jobs require a good amount of skill but most are just common housekeeping and yardwork.

If you enjoy our low prices and would like to see them continue, be aware we need volunteers to help or we are forced to pay to have necessary work done.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the post and meetings, Thank You for your support

Second Vice
Jim Waggoner

Adjutant's Message

It seems like winter has just started and now it's only three weeks until Spring. How time flies. But during the time since our last newsletter a lot has been going on at your Post. If you haven't been by lately, you haven't had a chance to see the recent changes. We've updated the parking area to make it a safer walk to your car and we've put in a new floor in the bar/restaurant area that positively sparkles!

Since the 1st of January we've issued 208 access cards to The Post. That leaves about 400 members who haven't come by since the first of the year. If you're not in that first group — come by and see the changes and reconnect with your member friends. We've got breakfast on Sunday; Bingo on Tuesday;

lunch on Wednesday; The Queens of Hearts drawing on Thursday; Fish and Chips on Friday; dinner on Saturday; and, much, much, more going on at your Post.

And don't forget — we've got volunteer activities going on every day at your Tigard American Legion Post. Be an active member!

Marc Cowling
Adjutant

Scholarship Award Program

As many of you know our Post has an exceptional scholarship award program. This year two of our member are working on a revision of the scholarship application. We have averaged 17-24 applications in past years. They require a lot of time and commitment by the school counselors. There was information requested that the long-time scholarship committees determined was no longer necessary and would save the counselors time as well as being more pertinent to what we evaluate to reach our decisions. We will begin accepting applications in late March and awarding scholarships to the recipients in early June.



We hope you are willing to continue this program and support these outstanding applicants. We will be selling scholarship bucks as well as willingly accepting your individual donations.

We are well represented at the honor assemblies by Past Post Commander Barbara Davis and Auxiliary President Nancy Scott. It is an exciting time to once again recognize young people in our community

Thank you for your continuing support.

Larrie Noble




meetings!

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

There is no BINGO on those days.

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BEE LEAF
BIRD NEST
BOOT RAIN
EGG SUN
FROG WORM

Auxiliary Report:

President -

Hello Members:

I'm writing this in mid-February as the snow & ice closed the Post. You'll be reading this in March - Time to start thinking about cleaning up the yard to prepare for those spring flowers. But in March & April, it's also time to start looking for applicants for Girls State and our college scholarships. If you know any females completing their junior year of high school interested in careers in law, government, journalism, business management or applying to one of the military academies, encourage them to contact me about applying to attend 2025 Girls State. It will be held in June at Oregon State University.



We sponsor girls from many area schools - not just Tigard & Tualatin High: Home-schooled, private school, Beaverton schools, SW Portland schools. They need to be related to a veteran or someone currently serving. If you know of any Tigard or Tualatin High school students with a relative that is a veteran or currently serving in the military and graduating in 2025 that plan to attend college, encourage them to

apply for one of our scholarships. And, of course - remember to attend our monthly dinners so we can raise the money we need to pay for Girls State and college scholarships!!

See you at the Post,
Nancy Scott
President, ALA Unit 158

1st Vice -

We appreciate everyone who has renewed their membership, we are at 80% of our goal for members. Please send your renewals to the Post or to me. Thank you all for supporting our Veteran programs.

Barb Smith
1st VP



2nd Vice -

There was a great turn out for the chili. The valentine dinner was also a success. Our St. Patrick's dinner of Shepard's pie is on March 8, come join us.

Carol Lee
2nd VP



DIAL 988 then **PRESS 1**

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 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

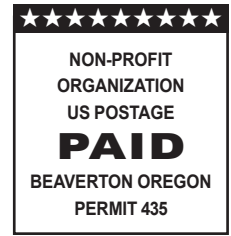


LEGION RIDERS

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	2:30 - 9:00
Wednesday	Noon - 9:00
Thursday	2:30 - 9:00
Friday	2:30 - 10:00
Saturday	2:30 - 10:00
Sunday	9:00 - 8:00

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.