



# The American Legion Family

## AMERICAN LEGION POST #65

*Serving our Wilsonville, OR veterans since 2015*

Meeting Schedule: Monthly (Starts in March) - 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every Month  
Villebois Community Center – **Next Post 65 meeting March 20, 2023**  
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P.O. Box 2822

Larry Edwards – Post Commander  
Larry Wittmayer – Adjutant  
Jerry Outslay – Editor

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February	6 <sup>th</sup>	Post Executive Board Meeting – February, 7PM
February	7 <sup>th</sup>	Blood Drive by Post 65. 9AM to 2PM Villebois Community Center
February	20 <sup>th</sup>	Post 65 Newsletter Distribution
March	6 <sup>th</sup>	Post Executive Board Meeting – March, 7PM
March	20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Post 65 Monthly Meetings start. 7 PM</b> Villebois Community Center Hear Commander, Korean War Memorial, share his excitement.
April	17 <sup>th</sup>	Post 65 Monthly Meeting. Also, Post Officer's Nominations due.
May	15 <sup>th</sup>	Post 65 monthly Meeting. Also, Election of Post 65 Officers

## **Our Mission is Service to Veterans, their Families and Community**

### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

We had an excellent start to the new year with our Wilsonville's Mayor Fitzgerald as our guest speaker at our January meeting. We will not have a February meeting but will return to monthly meetings starting March 20. On Tuesday, February 7, Post 65 will again sponsor a Red cross Blood Drive at the Villebois Community Center.

As a part of our commitment to community outreach and support, your Post Commander and Department Commander will be guest speakers at the meeting of the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA). Their Commander, David Penaflo, who is also a member of our American Legion Post 65, will join

us as our speaker in March. He will update us on their final plans for the Korean War Memorial Information Center and its formal inauguration in June. The Information Center will be housed in the Wilsonville Parks and Recreation building adjacent to the memorial. Set aside the evening of March 20 on your calendar. You will find the presentation informative, and I hope you will make plans to attend the opening of the Center.

As we begin our transition from winter into spring do remain safe and well. Also, some of our Post members (too many) have still not yet renewed Legion membership for this year. If you are one of those, take care of business now. I look forward to seeing you at our March 20 meeting.

## **ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE**

**Post members, we need your help** moving forward with our new monthly meetings. We are going **to focus on Growing Our Membership**. I'm going to list some 8 Steps that work. **Talk with me or Commander Edwards** as to your ideas of how to implement some or all of these steps starting in March.

1. Think about friends or family members who are eligible or might be eligible to join The American Legion.
2. If your relative is a veteran but is not a Legion member, ask if they would be interested in attending a Post meeting if a member of the Post invited them.
3. Find a way for you to invite a Legion eligible person to join you for a meeting and maybe buy lunch or dinner before or after the meeting. This meal could easily be a fast-food place. Dressing up and spending a lot of money is not necessary for a good time.
4. Understand, this may or may not be a one time offer. If not this month, what about next month. I know this may be a yes in July when there might be a summer camp to keep kids busy and a parent may feel better about attending a meeting.
5. Be gentle and not pushy. We all have times when we do not want to change our habits. Then there are times when we are open to trying something new.
6. You as a member, ask the Post if they would pay either a new member's first year dues or half of their first years dues (the Post receives some money back on their dues).
7. When a new member attends a meeting have someone sit with them and quietly explain what's going on. Like who the officers are, what the rituals are about, and what community services the Post supports.
8. Every new member is a possible source of other members to be. Maybe other family members would join if a family member or another eligible person drives the new member to the meeting or other functions. Maybe they would be interested in joining. Since it's getting harder for most Post members to be successful in recruiting, one new or reinstated member will be rewarded.

## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Norm Solomon's spiritual thought for February. The ancient prophet Isaiah predicted that the day would come when "...nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." (Isaiah 2:4)

As veterans we have all known the horrors of war, even if we did not serve on the front lines. My greatest fear during the war in Vietnam was not that I would die, but that I would be missing in action and my family would never have closure. Many of us who served on the front lines came home with wounds, or battle fatigue, or PTSD and have difficulty coping with day-to-day life in peacetime.

The nightly news brings us news about Ukraine, Afghanistan and elsewhere, and we wonder, "wouldn't we all be better off if we

didn't worry about who gets the most toys?" Instead of spending money on arms and equipment, perhaps we should spend it on keeping our brothers and sisters well fed and contented, devoid of privation. Then we could all "beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks. (Ibid.) I pray frequently for fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, not that there would be fewer veterans but that we might all learn a better way of getting along.

## **1<sup>st</sup> VICE COMMANDER TOM VAUGH**

Tom highlighted some of the Executive Meeting minutes of 1/6. This included a solid and steady treasurer's status. If any members desire specific details, our Adjutant will gladly share the status. The group decided to hold Post Officer's nominations in April.

Special effort is in process for Post members to provide ideas to Commander Edwards for new officers. Quite pressing is need for help with PR work and a newsletter editor as Jerry Outslay is moving to Arizona February 10. This ties into our new Post 65 Officer elections coming in March and April. Yes, also, Monday March 20 we start our monthly Post 65 meetings. Going to be an exciting 2023.

## **1/16/23 CELEBRATION WITH OUR MAYOR**

Those of you who did not attend our January Post 65 meeting missed out on a great gathering. Naturally we started out with Hot Lasagna, and all the fixings. We even had a gourmet cook, Commander Larry Wittmayer, prepare the Lasagna. Here is the photo shot as we start.



We were honored again to have Mayor Julie Fitzgerald meet with us. She again exceeded our expectations on what is going on in Wilsonville.

She shared updates with Post 65 about current city projects, including the future Frog Pond East and South developments. Then mentioned construction along Kinsman Road for the Willamette Water Supply pipe. Of course, one must know about the plans to straighten the infamous "Boeckman dip" between Canyon Creek Road and Wilsonville/Stafford Road.

She said she would like the American Legion to be present at more city events. One point she made was "You're helping to support other veterans just by your very presence".



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ADVERTISING WITH POST 65

Post 65 can be proud of the many programs and events we are sponsoring and promoting in the Wilsonville area. We have limited income. We figured by working with some businesses and individuals through advertising we, hopefully, would be able to expand our community support efforts.

### **ADDITIONAL POST 65 OFFICERS**

Tom Vaughn – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander  
John Molesworth – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander  
Sgt. At Arms – Joe Anderson  
Norm Solomon – Co-Chaplin  
Frank Walsh – Co-Chaplin  
John Molesworth – Service Officer  
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