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For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy; to participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion; to consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

We do accept old and tattered flags for disposal. We have a flag ceremony on Flag Day (June 14) each year. Flags may be dropped off at the door.

If looking to rent out the Post, just call 971-707-0062 or 503-399-2400 for details.

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COMMANDERS CORNER

My Fellow Legionnaires:

As I sit down to write this quarter's Commander's Corner, I think of the day we honor a modern American hero. The day we honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

For those who don't know, I grew up in Los Angeles. An ethnic Jew (Ashkenazi), a grandchild to Jewish orphans and other immigrants, sent to a Catholic elementary school, baptized at a very young age and raised in Jewish neighborhoods. My father was a WWII combat veteran; a fairly well-known television character actor who died of complications from alcoholism on October 2, 1966; I was seven years old. My brothers, nine and ten. Our mother, a single woman left to raise three boys in the 1960's/70's.

For us, there was no "Norman Rockwell" family, no "White Christmas," and there sure was no "father-son" moment. My brothers and I had to build the things that we wanted; the things it seemed like everyone else had. We created it. We remembered the old and developed the new. We fought through the adversity of our situation and came out the other side, scarred, but true to our goals.

Today's American Legion reminds me of that drive. The drive needed to rebuild an organization and remain relevant in today's world.

In 2017, our American Legion was labelled a "hate group." We have been called racist and homophobic. In my own experience, I had a member quit when I said we couldn't meet on a certain day because it was Rosh Hashanah. I witnessed absolute ignorance at a District 2 meeting where a Veteran stood up and thanked people for not wearing masks during the Covid pandemic, citing the fact that he had been a chemical factory safety clerk for years and knew what he was talking about. The organization is rife with examples such as these. Let's move on.

To paraphrase an old colleague, we must evolve or die. My generation (post-Vietnam and forward) see the world much differently than those who came before us. We respect all Veterans and many of the traditions, but also see a desperate need for the organization to move forward. We see equality instead of separation. We see integration instead of exclusion. We see the American Legion's main purpose as helping other Veterans in a world that is difficult for us to navigate, while teaching younger people what values we hold.

I ask you to help us evolve. I ask you to give a little, so we can help a lot. I ask you to tell other Vets that we value family above all, that men and women hold equal seats at the table, and that we accept all religions and belief systems; that we accept all honorable Veterans and Active-Duty regardless of demographic category. And I ask that we continue to stand by the promise of an America for all. I don't think this is much to ask.

Raymond Kelly, Commander
Post 136 American Legion, Salem
Department of Oregon



VETERAN

SLOWER THAN A
SPEDDING BULLET

LESS POWERFUL THAN
A LOCOMOTIVE

UNABLE TO
LEAP TAIL

BUILDINGS IN
A SINGLE BOUND

AND YET -

STILL A SUPER MAN





THE OFFICERS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PRESIDENT – Revolving
VICE PRESIDENT – Cheryl Berg
SECRETARY – Susan McNutt
TREASURER – Susan McNutt
SGT-AT-ARMS – Kelly Holmes
CHAPLAIN – Judy Noe

Our monthly meeting/get together is the 2nd Tuesday of the month. We are looking for new members to join.

MEMBERS AT LARGE:
Phyllis Osterland
Rose Osterland

Chili/Bingo Feed is February 11 at 2:00 pm.
Family and friends are invited.



Mission

In the spirit of service, not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 10 POST MEETING 7:00 PM

JANUARY 28 ORATORICAL D2 8:00 AM-1:00 PM

FEBRUARY 3 FOUR CHAPLAINS DAY

FEBRUARY 11 CHILI/BINGO EVENT 2:00 PM

FEBRUARY 12 SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 14 VALENTINES DAY
POST MEETING 7:00 PM

FEBRUARY 20 PRESIDENTS' DAY

MARCH 12 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

MARCH 14 POST MEETING 7:00 PM

MARCH 17 SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



MARCH 25 MEDAL OF HONOR DAY

MARCH 29 VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

APRIL 1 APRIL FOOLS DAY

APRIL 9 EASTER SUNDAY



APRIL 11 POST MEETING 7:00 PM



If my body were a car I would trade it in on a newer model. Everytime I cough sneeze or sputter my radiator leaks and my exhaust backfires..

I CALLED THE INCONTINENCE HOTLINE...



THEY ASKED, "CAN YOU HOLD PLEASE?"



SAY GOOD LOOKIN CAN I HAVE YOUR NUMBER?

GET YOUR OWN, I'M NEXT!

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HISTORY OF FOUR CHAPLAINS DAY



The Four Chaplains on board the ship were Reverend George L. Fox of the Methodist faith, Jewish Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, Father John P. Washington of the Catholic faith, and Reverend Clark V. Poling from the Dutch Reformed Church. Many witnesses remember their courage, support, and prayers for the many distressed people onboard. They offered their life jackets to four people in need and as a consequence had to remain on the sinking ship, comforted only by the thought of their actions and the fact that they were going to meet their Maker soon.

In recognition of their valor and guided by non-discrimination against anyone based on their religion, the Four chaplains Memorial Foundation was set up as a way of promoting interfaith, unity and a spirit of service among individuals. The U. S. government awarded them the Purple Heart and Distinguished Service Cross medals in 1944. They were also nominated for the highest military honor, the Medal of Honor, but because they had not engaged in active combat with the enemy, they did not qualify for it. Congress, therefore, created a “Special Medal for Heroism” as an honorable substitute.

Since the bombing took place on February 3, 1943, many military organizations and clubs across the country observe Four Chaplains Day, and in 1998, a senate resolution was passed to recognize the 55th anniversary of the incident making Four Chaplains Day official.

5 FACTS ABOUT FOUR CHAPLAINS DAY

1. **The U.S.A.T. Dorchester was a luxury liner.** The ship was first built in 1926 as a cruise ship that would travel from Baltimore to Florida with about 230 passengers.
2. **Three of the four were boy scouts.** Rabbi Goode, Reverend Poling and Father Washington all served with the Boy Scouts of America.
3. **There is a commemorative stamp.** The U.S. Postal Service issued a commemorative stamp in honor of the four chaplains in 1948, just five years after their death, which is very rare.
4. **An interfaith chapel was established.** President Truman instituted the Chapel of the Four Chaplains in the basement of Grace Baptist Church, Philadelphia, in 1951.
5. **They have many memorials.** There are a considerable number of memorial plaques, parks, statues, and even stained glass windows all over the U.S. in honor of The Four Chaplains.



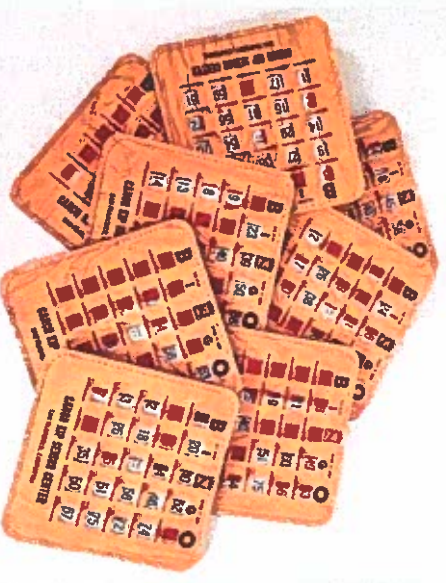
CHILI AND BINGO

FEBRUARY 11, 2023 2:00 PM
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AND DESSERT.**

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2022 HOLIDAY PARTY



**YUMMY FOOD, FUN GIFT
EXCHANGE WITH OUTTE A BIT
OF STEALING THIS YEAR.
MUSIC PROVIDED BY MARK
HANSON AND HIS WIFE GRETA
PEDERSEN. WE EVEN HAD A
SING-A-LONG OF HOLIDAY
CLASSICS.**

PROGRAMMS



GIRLS STATE June 25- July 1, 2023
(more information to come)

BOYS STATE June 25-July 1, 2023
(Oregon State University-more information to come)



July 25- 29, 2022 at Camp Rilea



Registration has begun for the 2023 season. Looking forward to seeing how our AAA Withnell Dodgers do this season.



We are working on getting Sons of the American Legion and Riders back up and running. If anyone is interested in either program, or wanting to participate then please contact us.
More information to come.



From the Adjutant's Desk...

I am pleased to report that Post 136 is on solid financial ground, and should continue to be so indefinitely.

Recently, the Post has seen remodeling projects completed. These include a new entrance way, improved front doors, upgrades to security for the facility and new fencing along the east border of the property. The contractor, Reiley Reid of Reid Homes, is now beginning improvements to the bathrooms.

Personally, I am registering our baseball team (Withnell Dodgers) for summer play. Brian Sinnett returns as our head coach. Once again our players will be recruited from the Sprague and South Salem programs. Sponsorships are encouraged from local businesses. Donations are tax free.

I am proud to recognize, Chris Rogers, our 2nd baseman last year, who was selected as a scholastic athlete of the year by American Legion and Diamond Baseball. He was rewarded with a scholarship towards his attendance at Edmonds College in Lynnwood, Washington.

Membership renewals are at just over 70%. If you haven't renewed your membership, please do so now, rather than later. You can do so by mail or online. You should have received a notice in your mail. If not, call me at 503-399-2400 during weekdays.

Hopefully more of the membership will join us at the Bingo/Chili Feed on Saturday, February 11 for a chance at great prizes and a fun time at the Post.

Art Cummins, Adjutant
Manager/Withnell Dodgers
Questions/concerns contact me at
503-399-2400 weekdays



HAPPENINGS AROUND SALEM.....

At the Elsinore Theater



Sun, Jan 22 7:00 pm Steve-O: the Bucket List Tour (Comedy)

Sat, Jan 28 7:00 pm Varsity Vocals 2023 ICCA West Quarterfinal (Live Music)

Mon, Jan 30 8:00pm Bruce Cockburn-50th Anniversary Shows (Live Music)

Sat, Feb 4 8:00 pm Brian Regan (Comedy)

Wed, Feb 15 7:30 pm Flock of Seagulls (Live Music)

Sat, Feb 25 7:30pm Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band (Live Music)

Sun, Feb 26 6:00 pm World Ballet: Cinderella (Dance)

Sun, March 12 7:30 pm Amy Grant (Live Music)

Fri, March 17 7:30 pm AC/DC Tribute Band (Live Music)

Sat, March 25 7:00 pm Varsity Vocals ICCA West Semifinal 2023 (Live Music)

Thurs, March 30 7:30 pm Girl Named Tom (winners of The Voice 2021-Live Music)

PENTACLE THEATER

JAN 13- FEB 4

AN INSPECTOR CALLS

FEB 9-11 TERRA NOVA

MARCH 3-25 SHREK



OTHER EVENTS

Jan 27-28 First Taste Oregon (Jackman Long Building-Salem Fairgrounds)



Feb 3-5 Mt. Angel Volksfest (Celebration of German Sausage)



March 17 & 18 Deepwood Plant Sale

March 17-23 Wooden Shoe Tulip Festival (Woodburn)





The Pledge Of Allegiance



I pledge allegiance to the flag
of the United States of America
and to the republic for which it stands,
one nation under God, indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.

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