



# THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY STEVENS-CHUTE POST #4 and AUXILIARY BEND, OREGON



**IT'S MEETING TIME !**  
**THURSDAY, FEB. 9, 2023**  
**6:00 p.m.**



**MEETING LOCATION**  
**The Collective**  
**62070 SE 27th St., Bend, OR**

**OUR IN-PERSON MEETING PROCEDURE:** Before the meeting, social time and potluck dinner starts at 6 pm, and Post and Auxiliary meetings follow about 6:30 pm. We enjoy the company of veterans and hope you'll join us. It doesn't matter where you served in the military, only that you served honorably. Families are always welcome. BYOB if you want something to drink other than water or soda. A small donation is encouraged to help defray costs of entree and supplies. Thanks!



## REMEMBERING AND HONORING THE FOUR CHAPLAINS

Every year, American Legion posts nationwide to commemorate the selfless acts of the Four Chaplains on or near Feb. 3, designated Four Chaplains Day by Congress in 1948.

Through interfaith services, memorial ceremonies and other solemn events, members of the American Legion Family lead their communities in honoring the chaplains and 668 other men who died when Dorchester sank.

Founded in 1951, the Chapel of Four Chaplains in Philadelphia encourages and supports these observances, and recognizes selfless service to community, nation and humanity through its Legion of Honor award program.

## PRESIDENTS DAY FEBRUARY 20

Historically, Americans began celebrating George Washington's Birthday just months after his death, long before Congress declared it a federal holiday. It was not until 1879, under President Rutherford B. Hayes, that Washington's Birthday became a legal holiday, to be observed on his birthday, February 22.

Washington's birthday was celebrated on February 22 until well into the 20th century. In 1968, Congress passed the Monday Holiday Law to "provide uniform annual observances of certain legal public holidays on Mondays." By creating more 3-day weekends, Congress hoped to "bring substantial benefits to both the spiritual and economic life of the Nation."





## COMMANDER'S CORNER

I hope everyone is staying warm during this cold spell. We had a great time at our Jan meeting. We relaxed, laughed, joked and talked a little business. This meeting I would like us all to bring your ideas for this year, so we can put a solid plan together for our events this year. In the meantime, stay warm.

*Commander J W Terry*



## U.S. COAST GUARD RESERVE BIRTHDAY

February 19, 2023 marks the 82nd birthday of the United States Coast Guard Reserve.

"The Coast Guard Reserve was established

by the passage of the Coast Guard reserve and Auxiliary Act of February 19, 1941. That act also established the Coast Guard Auxiliary under its present name (the Auxiliary had originally been called the Coast Guard Reserve). The new Coast Guard reserve was modeled after the Naval Reserve as a military component, composed of two broad classifications: Regular Reservists and Temporary Reservists. Regular Reserve members served on active duty during World War II "for the duration," while Temporary Reserve members consisted of volunteers and former Auxiliary members whose paid and unpaid services were still needed in a military capacity for coastal patrols and port security work."

## NOTES FROM THE PREZ

The cold weather drags on, but we have hope for a better snowpack this year, and warmer days in the near future.

It has been tough to attend our meetings this winter, or provide service to our veterans, but we also look forward to finding opportunities to work our mission. Come to the next meeting on Feb. 9 and bring your

new ideas...always looking for and happy to get them!

Our Auxiliary membership for 2023 year had a good start, but we are stalled out at just under 78% of goal. So, if you have your renewal form (or not), please take a moment to mail your check for \$40 to our address at the end of this newsletter, or you can go online and renew with a credit card.

*Unit President Yvonne Drury*

## CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, February is the month we honor our American Presidents especially George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. We are grateful for the leadership they have given our Great Country. George Washington gave our new nation wise counsel when he said, "observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all. Religion and morality enjoin the conduct." AMEN

*Unit Chaplain, Bonnie Wilkins*

## ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

Thank you all who have renewed your memberships online and by mail. We are at approximately 53% of our membership goal. As you can see, we are behind where we should be right now. Please help us reach our full potential in order to make a difference for all Veterans. Thank you.

*Adjutant Vivian Shannon*

## PERFORMING COMMUNITY SERVICE

Unit 4 Secretary Karen Banks recently took the opportunity for some community service work with The Vineyard Church. The group made sandwiches and delivered them and bottled water to people who work at the dump sorting out items for recycling.



## FEBRUARY EVENTS

February	African American History Mo.
Feb. 3	Four Chaplains Day
Feb. 4	USO Birthday
Feb. 12-18	National Salute to Veteran Patients
Feb. 19	78th Anniversary of the Battle Of Iwo Jima
Feb. 19	US Coast Guard Reserve Birthday
Feb. 28	Anniversary of the End of the Gulf War

## CELEBRATING WOMEN OF SERVICE

*Save the Date—March 8, 2023*

March 8, American Legion Auxiliary Foundation will *Celebrate Women in Service* in honor of International Women's Day.

Be sure to mark your calendar and make a gift to the ALA Foundation in honor of an ALA member who inspires you.

This 24-hour nationwide fundraising appeal will bring together our incredible community of volunteers and veterans to sustain the ALA's mission of service.

Every gift received on March 8 will go to the ALA Foundation's Mission Endowment Fund.

Examples of what will benefit includes ALA Girls Nation, National Veterans Creative Arts Festival, and the ALA Foundation's Mission in Action grants.

## WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

Vivian is again cooking up something delish! This time her Cottage Pie with potatoes, veggies and beef. Don't miss out on this yummy dinner! Great for a cold winter evening.

Members are asked to bring salad or dessert to go with. Bring your favorite beverage.

## NATIONAL POPPY DAY

It's never too early to start planning!

ALA National Headquarters is already making preparations! Let's ask ourselves:

- What are our plans for National Poppy Day?
- How can we use poppy funds to help veterans, military, and their families?

## CAN'T FIND US???



*Join us Thursday, February 9, for monthly joint membership meeting!*

*Please contact us when we can be of assistance. We are here for you!*

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