



The Argonne Newsletter

March - April 2021

The American Legion – Argonne Post 56 - PO Box 532, Sherwood, Oregon 97140

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The Post Opens: Mon-Sat 3:30 and Sunday 1:30

Legion Officers

Commander

Adam Boettiger
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First Vice

Darrell Crawford
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Second Vice

Phil Morton
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Adjutant

Bill Middleton
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Finance

Terry Reasor
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Chaplain

Syl Gibbons
503-655-4961

Service Officer

Vacant

Sgt. at Arms

Ken Sandquist
503-625-7569

E-Board

The E-board consists of the Officers listed above plus the following:

Gary Gibbons
Jim Edy
Ed Contreras

Membership Committee

Bill Middleton
Chairman
503-816-0549

From the Commander

High Folks, it's been a tough 12 months but we are starting to see light at the end of the tunnel with COVID-19 restrictions being slowly lifted. At the time of this writing, Washington County is now rated in the Moderate Risk category, down from Extreme Risk in December. What this means for you and the Post is that we are now OPEN Mon-Sat, 3:30p and Sun 1:30p. Our maximum indoor capacity is capped at 50%, which means not more than 49 persons allowed indoors. Masks are required for entry and must be worn indoors when not eating or drinking, and outdoors if unable to maintain six feet distancing between persons. If you need a mask please ask the bartender as we have a small stock of surgical masks on hand.

I imagine this will continue for some time. As a precautionary measure, we'll have a window or windows open to increase air flow indoors, and the back door open during non-inclement weather days. As most of you know by now, the Coronavirus is primarily an airborne virus, contracted via droplets from being in an indoor "cloud" or through direct contact with an infected / contagious person. While there have been no known cases of food transmission and a very small number of surface contact transmission cases, we have stepped up our sanitizing frequency and regimen as a precaution.

As soon as safety allows, we'll be reopening events and potentially the dinners that you know and love. If you're not already subscribed, I would encourage you to visit <https://sherwoodlegion.org/> and join our email announcement list so you'll be notified of future happenings. If you're new to email, contact me and I'll help you set up an account.

As soon as safety allows, we'll also be holding a belated centennial celebration, perhaps in August. Post 56 received its Charter on August 10, 1920, which put us at 100 years last summer. It is my strong hope that we'll hold that celebration this coming summer.

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From the Commander (cont.)

We've tried to connect with as many of you as possible by email, phone or in person during the past few months. If there is anything that the post can do for you during this challenging time, we are but a phone call or email away and here to help.

NEW: Legion Baseball is BACK and starts June 1!

Joe Martin has organized and fundraised for two teams (Senior A league and Senior AAA league). The last time we had Legion baseball in Sherwood was over 20 years ago, so this is a welcome sight.

In June, I'll be ending my two-year tenure as your Post Commander. It has been an honor and a privilege to have gotten to know most of you, and certainly a challenge for the executive team and me to lead the post during a global pandemic not seen before in our 101 year history. As our bylaws dictate, we are now accepting nominations for most of the leadership team positions as well as one or two executive board positions. The bylaws dictate that we replace E-Board members every three years, providing for a new one every year.

I've served two years as Vice Commander and now two years as Post Commander and it has been some of the most valuable time of my life, working with an amazing leadership team and several committees. I would strongly encourage you to learn more about each position and get involved in the operation and future direction of Argonne Post 56. We held our first round of nominations during the March Legion meeting and will go through two more rounds in April and May. To learn more about the positions or to become nominated, please contact myself or Vice Commander Crawford or Adjutant Middleton.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you,

Adam Boettiger, Post Commander
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Auxiliary Officers

President

Georgia DeLozier
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First Vice

Mikkinsy Saling
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Secretary

Malia Jasmer
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Treasurer

Ardis Snyder
503-970-1124

Chaplain

Tess Kies
503-516-7114

Sgt at Arms

Diane Henderson

Historian

Open

From the Adjutant

Legion eligibility has expanded - Thanks to the LEGION Act (Let Everyone Get Involved In Opportunities for National Service Act), Congress expanded the current eligibility period to cover December 7, 1941, to the present, including the current war campaigns. Previously, there were seven declared war periods. Now there are two, the current war period dating back to World War II, and another war era covering World War I. No other restrictions to American Legion membership changed.

All current active duty military are eligible for membership. As long as you have served at least one day of federal active duty during any qualifying period, you are eligible for membership. Location of active duty service is not a consideration for membership. The American Legion has considered service in the military academies as eligible for membership since WWI. If you served your entire military career in the National Guard/Reserves, and only have a DD214 from your Active Duty for Training that you were in during one of the qualifying dates, you are eligible. You can go to [archives.gov/veterans](https://www.archives.gov/veterans) to request another copy of your discharge papers. A copy of orders putting you on federal active duty can be used as proof of eligibility as well.

Membership Questions - Your membership actually expires on December 31 of the paid year shown on your card. It can be a little confusing because your annual dues are supposed to be paid by January 1 each year so National starts accepting dues for the upcoming year on July 1. The goal is to have everyone renewed for the New Year by January 1, when it begins. If dues are not paid by January 1 of each calendar year, the member becomes delinquent. On February 1, the member is suspended. On June 30, the member is dropped from the membership rolls.

Did you know you can pay your dues online? Go to mylegion.com and it will guide you to the online registration. If you have questions, contact me at wmiddleton70@yahoo.com and I will help you update your dues.

Support our military by belonging to the Legion. Better yet, bring a fellow veteran to the Legion and join in making our Post the best.

Bill Middleton,
Post Adjutant

From the Auxiliary

Since the beginning of the Covid Pandemic we have not had our meetings due to the Post being closed. I will be sending out information regarding a virtual Zoom/Phone meeting that will be held on Wednesday April 7th. A virtual Zoom meeting can be attended by telephone or computer and with or without video. More information to follow.

We really didn't do any special projects during the summer or fall but we were able to do a program for Christmas called HOLIDAY GIVING PROGRAM 2020 AMERICAN LEGION UNIT 56. The Team was Georgia DeLozier, Ardis Snyder, Mikkinsy Saling, Malia Jasmer, Deveron Stephen, Rebecca Fairbanks and Commander Adam Boettiger.

This year since we were under Covid 19 restrictions, we came up with a plan to still give back during the holiday season. We did have some left over gift cards from last year so these were included in our plan. We applied to be a toy distribution site for the KGW toy drive that supplies us with toys each year. We decided to reach out to the community through email and the reader board for referrals of families and veterans in need. We also accepted cash and gift card donations for food and gifts for the older children as the toys are usually more for the younger kids. Adam set up a donation portal through Square, and Rebecca used her office as a donation drop off as well. We normally support 12 families so this was our original goal.

Families were referred through the KGW website to Georgia. Other referrals came from individuals who identified families in need through the Legion website and Malia's contact information on the reader board. Malia kept a log of children's ages and if they were a boy or a girl. We had a total of 21 families that contacted us for a donation. We also supported 2 members families for a total of 23. Ardis, Mikkinsy and Brian Fairbanks picked up the toy donations. Malia purchased Safeway food gift cards for \$100/ea. Georgia sorted the gift cards and put them into Christmas cards so that they were ready for the next step. Malia, Deveron and Mikkinsy sorted toys and gift cards for each family, and the recipients picked up their donations the following day from the hall.

This year we hope to be more active and bring back new and favorite events now that the restrictions are changing. Just as a reminder that it is 2021 and if you haven't paid your dues, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely, Georgia DeLozier
Auxiliary President

March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Mikkinsy's Pizza 4:30. Legion Meeting Via Zoom 7:00 p.m.	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Mikkinsy's Pizza 4:30	12	13
14 Daylight Saving Time Begins	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Mikkinsy's Pizza 4:30. E-Board Meeting Via Zoom 7:00 p.m.	19	20 Spring Begins
21	22	23	24	25 Mikkinsy's Pizza 4:30	26	27
28	29	30	31			

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Mikkinsy's Pizza 4:30. Legion Meeting Via Zoom 7:00 p.m.	2	3
4 Easter Sunday	5	6	7 Auxiliary Meeting Via Zoom 7:00 p.m.	8 Mikkinsy's Pizza 4:30	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Mikkinsy's Pizza 4:30. E-Board Meeting Via Zoom 7:00 p.m.	16	17
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TBD

Adjutant
TBD

Chaplin
Kelvin Staven
503-539-4511

Sgt. at Arms
Luke Morter
971-979-2019

The SAL Helps a Friend In Need

In early February the SAL spent a Saturday morning cleaning up the outside of the Post and then in the afternoon helping a friend Michelle Dean, wife of Post member Larry Dean, who passed away last July, clean her white fence of moss and dirt. Eric Whitmore said "Larry always had his fence looking new and shiny and we know he would want it maintained that way". Good job SAL.



The SAL Team L to R: Preston,
Eric Whitmore, Luke Morter, Brian Berryhill
and Seth Peterson

American Legion Baseball is Coming Back to Sherwood.

The Post is Helping to Sponsor One
Senior "A" and One Senior "AAA"
League. The Games Begin in June.
Watch for Game Schedule on Facebook,
Email and the May-June Newsletter.



Mikkinsy's Pizza Is Back

Our bartender Mikkinsy is providing
Pizza every Thursday beginning at 4:30.
\$1.00 per slice, served from the Bar.