



The Argonne Newsletter

September - October, 2021

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

Gary Gibbons
Jim Edy
Ed Contreras

Membership Committee

Bill Middleton
Chairman
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From the Commander

As many of you know we have had a very trying time with Covid cancelling both the Cruise-In and Robinhood Festival. The Post still held its picnic and has kept the bar open for the majority of the year. We would not have been as successful as we were without the help of our outstanding bartenders and others who have volunteered to keep our doors open. Much of the credit goes to SAL and the Auxiliary for them stepping up the past year for events. A special shoutout to Brian Berryhill who cooked the halibut for our picnic.

Some changes coming this year will be the new landscaping project to be completed by a Wilsonville Scout Troop and an Eagle Scout hopeful. More on this later when the project is completed. Hopefully, the city will get busy on the Veterans Memorial now that a new City Manager has been hired and they can't use that as an excuse to keep stalling the project. Along with this we are still waiting to finish the cooler and redo the bar counter. Finding companies to do these projects has been a challenge.

Now that I am half way through my year as Commander it is time for others to step up and become officers. I cannot continue as Commander after my term due to other commitments. We have nearly 200 members; surely someone is willing to help. I cannot thank Joe Martin enough for taking over as Adjutant for the year.

Put November 11th on your calendar of events. 1st VP Darrell Crawford will be serving his world-famous spaghetti with his truly secret sauce. Remember it is free to veterans.

Thank you, Bill Middleton

From the Adjutant

I am very happy to serve as the new Adjutant. I am learning what I am supposed to do, and will get caught up as soon as possible. If you have any questions relating to this office, please contact me.

Regarding Legion Baseball, our AAA team finished the season at 16-8. We made it to the Legion state tournament in Roseburg and had a good showing - knocked out Corvallis and Beaverton before ultimately being eliminated in the quarterfinals by Roseburg.

Thank you, Joe Martin
971-222-4089

Post Hosts District 1 Meeting

On Saturday, September 11, we hosted the annual District 1 meeting. It started at our Post with a nice lunch, set up by the Auxiliary and they also provided the dessert. After lunch we proceeded to the Sherwood Center for the Arts, which was sponsored by Rebecca Fairbanks and Tim Rosener, for the meeting.

Nearly all District 1 Posts were represented at the meeting. The focus continues to be membership and retaining our current membership goals. COVID has impacted the entire Legion across the board.

Thank you to all that made this a very successful event.

Bill Middleton, Commander



**District 1 Meeting
Sherwood Center for the Arts**



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Open

No. 48 Carvana/American Legion IndyCar Races at PDX International Raceway

From the Andrettis to the Unser, from Bobby Rahal to Emerson Fittipaldi, from Alex Zanardi to Alexander Rossi, some of the greatest names in open wheel racing have competed at the 12-turn, 1.964-mile Portland International Raceway.

This year, for the first time ever, a seven-time NASCAR Cup Series champion will join the list of the greatest drivers in racing that have competed at Portland.

It's Jimmie Johnson, who at 45 is in his NTT INDYCAR SERIES rookie season as driver of the **No. 48 Carvana/American Legion Honda** at Chip Ganassi Racing.

The driver from El Cajon, Calif., makes his West Coast debut in an Indy car in the Sept. 12 Grand Prix of Portland. The former NASCAR legend tested at Portland on July 30 and is hopeful the test will help him get up to speed when the series returns for the race.

"Straight away I was more comfortable and ended up eight-tenths off the pace of my teammates," Johnson said of the Portland test. "I feel like it's the most competitive I have been and the most comfortable that I have been. It's a very different track than the ones I have been on so far."

Portland kicks off the final three races of the season that will help determine the 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES championship. Although Johnson won't be battling for the title, he has had a blast during his rookie season driving a completely different race car than the No. 48 Chevrolet that made him a racing legend in NASCAR.

After the Grand Prix of Portland, Johnson heads to WeatherTech Raceway at Laguna Seca in Monterey, Calif. Johnson has had two tests at that track and is hopeful the extra seat time will improve his performance.

Johnson's rookie season wraps up in the season-finale, the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach. It's a race that Johnson attended with his father as a kid growing up in Southern California.

It's where he got to watch racing heroes named Mario and Michael Andretti, A.J. Foyt, Rick Mears and a driver known as "The King of the Beach" – Al Unser Jr.

"I still remember going as a young kid, being there in April and the excitement of a new season and the energy that went with that," Johnson recalled. "I've hung on the fence and have dreamt of being on the inside."

It was the annual trips to the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach that inspired Johnson to become a race driver. Since that time, he has enjoyed a legendary career including 83 victories in NASCAR Cup. He is one of only three drivers in history to win seven NASCAR Cup Series championships. The other two are legends Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt.

Admittedly, Johnson has found it challenging to adapt from an outstanding career in NASCAR to the much different type of racing in INDYCAR, but when asked why he is doing this, his face brightens into a smile.

At the top of Johnson's list of supporters is the team owner, the legendary Chip Ganassi. Even without the statistics to show it, Ganassi has seen dramatic improvement in Johnson's ability to drive an Indy car in his first season.

Most importantly, however, it's the way Johnson carries himself as a champion that has had the greatest impact on Chip Ganassi Racing.

Race results: 1st place Alex Palou, 2nd Alexander Rossi and 3rd Scott Dixon. Jimmie Johnson driving our Legion car came in a respectful 20th, averaging 101.567 mph, just .444 mph slower than the winning car. Not bad for a rookie driver.

From The American Legion National



Jimmie Johnson Driving No. 48 Carvana/American Legion Honda

September 2021

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

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October 2021

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A Few Jokes

The Sergeant-Major growled at the young soldier: "I didn't see you at camouflage training this morning." Soldier, "Thank you very much, sir."

A Drill Sergeant had just chewed out one of his cadets, and as he was walking away, he turned to the cadet and said: "I guess when I die, you'll come and dance on my grave." The cadet replied: "Not me, Sarge...no sir! I promised myself that when I got out of the Army I'd never stand in another line."

The company commander and the sergeant were in the field. As they go to bed for the night, the first sergeant said: "Sir, look up into the sky and tell me what you see?" The commander said: "I see millions of stars." Sgt: "And what does that tell you, sir?" "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Theologically, it tells me that God is great and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it tells me that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you, Top?" Sgt: "Well sir, it tells me that somebody stole our tent."

Free Spaghetti Dinner

Veterans' Day Dinner

with 1st VP Darrell Crawford serving his world-famous spaghetti with his secret sauce.

Get your 2022 dues paid by November 11 and you get a Free Early Bird Spaghetti Dinner on Veterans' Day Thursday November 11, 5:30. For all Legion, SAL and Auxiliary Members. Bring you family and friends as guests for \$6.00 a plate

Mikkinsy's Pizza

**Our bartender Mikkinsy is providing Pizza every Thursday beginning at 4:30.
\$1.00 per slice**