



The Argonne Newsletter

November-December, 2021

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

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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
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503-816-0549

From the Commander

I want to start by sending a special thank you to our employees, Jean, Kinsy and Deveron for staying with us through COVID times. We could not have done it without you. Also, thanks to our finance officer Terry Reasor and bar manager Gary Gibbons who put in many hours as volunteers and to Joe Martin for helping at the Adjutant position.

I want to send recognition to SAL for their projects and charity donations that make our organization valuable to our community. A special thank you to Berryhill Nursery and especially Brian Berryhill for providing over \$500 in plants and shrubs for the Eagle Scout project landscaping the Post. Brian also gave his time to supervise the planting of everything. Thank you, Brian! The project was headed up by Scout Troop 528 of Wilsonville for Ian McIlvain's Eagle Scout project. His troop and about twenty scouts and parents came to the Post to complete the project. Thank you, Ian and mother Julie, for the great job you did.

Don't forget to come to Darrell's world-famous Veterans Day spaghetti feed, Thursday November 11th at 5:30 and is free to Veterans. The Auxiliary has also volunteered to assist. I also want to send my thanks for all that the Auxiliary does. When we recently hosted our District one meeting in Sherwood, the Auxiliary provided dessert and support in serving the lunch.

This year we will be partnering with the Sherwood Elks for food baskets. If you know of someone in need either send me the information or leave it at the bar. We will be distributing the baskets on December 18th. Pickup and delivery will take place at the Elks Lodge.

NOTE to members:

Let us know your newsletter preference, direct mail or online. On-line saves us postage.

Membership renewals for 2022 are available now and are due New Year's Day.

Thank You,
Bill Middleton, Commander



Wilsonville Scout Troop 528 created our new Post landscape as an Eagle Scout Project



Brian Berryhill and Scout Ian McIlvain

**Don't Miss Our
Two Holiday Socials
Post Potluck Christmas Party
Saturday, December 18, 5:00
and
Post Potluck New Year's Eve Party
Friday, December 31, 6:30**



**Auxiliary
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Help for Veterans

In 2018, the Washington County District Attorney's Office received a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for a treatment court targeting those who had served in the United State service. The Washington County's Veterans Treatment Court mission is to enhance public safety and reduce recidivism by offering eligible justice-involved veterans a sentencing alternative through a comprehensive, judicially supervised treatment program to address underlying substance use and/or mental health disorders.

The Veteran Treatment Court team consists of Judge Eric Butterfield, prosecutors John Gerhard and Jason Ring, defense counsel Robert Harris, a Veteran Treatment Court Coordinator, probation officer, veteran justice outreach specialists, a veteran service outreach specialist, deputies from the Washington County Sheriff's Office, and a jail liaison.



Their goal is to return healthy, law-abiding veterans to the community using best practices and evidence-based approaches. Veteran Treatment Court's Defense Attorney Robert Harris describes the mission of the Veterans Treatment Court as follows: "If we want safer communities and stronger families, how we treat offenders in vet court shouldn't be an exception but the rule. Allowing an offender to maintain employment and family connections while requiring treatment is a lot more effective than spending money jailing that person, severing family, community, and work ties, then freeing them without treatment."

Veterans Treatment Court is a program designed for offenders whose honorable military service is somehow linked to their criminal conduct, which Veteran Justice Outreach specialists describe as "a unique opportunity to link these Veterans to entitled benefits, services, and treatment by providing a one-stop shop that frequently results in life improvement and a safer community."

Defense Attorney Rob Harris reports that the Veterans Treatment Court "...partners the justice system and the VA health care system to address and treat conditions that really help in offender rehabilitation. Ultimately, this is a public safety program."

Justice involved veterans are screened based on their criminal charges, eligibility for VA health care, and the nexus between their military service and criminal charges. The program currently has 15 active veterans, with 18 graduates since 2018. Their current recidivism is at 5% (1 out of 18 graduates). One Army veteran, who recently celebrated seven months of sobriety, reported that he believes the "program is amazing. I feel as though the VA has helped me do a complete turnaround." Another veteran has been able to work on achieving housing, obtain a job through VetCore and Easter Seals, receive financial assistance, increase their VA benefits, receive HUD housing vouchers, and complete several substance use and mental health treatment programs within the last 14 months. He reported "It wasn't always easy, but they're there to work with you, not against you!"

You can support the Washington County's Veteran Treatment Court mission in a variety of ways. You can donate to financially support program incentives, graduation celebrations, and pro-social activities. Contributions and donations are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by the Internal Revenue Service. The court is actively recruiting Veteran Mentors to serve as battle buddies throughout the program. Civilians are also welcomed to volunteer their time with the team and participants. If you know of a justice-involved veteran who may benefit from Veterans Treatment Court, refer them for screening. An Army veteran in the program offers the following advice to any justice-involved veterans interested in participating in the Veterans Treatment Court, "It would be the smartest choice you could make!"



For more information on the Washington County Veterans Treatment Court or how to get involved, please contact Veterans Treatment Court Coordinator Molly Harvis at (503) 846-8626 or Molly_Harvis@co.washington.or.us or visit our website at <https://www.washingtoncountyda.org/vtc>.

November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 p.m.	4 Mikkinsy's Pizza 4:30. Legion Meeting 7:00 p.m.	5	6
7 Daylight Saving Time Ends	8	9 SAL Meeting 6:00 p.m.	10	11 Veterans Day Spaghetti Dinner 5:30	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Mikkinsy's Pizza 4:30. E-Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Happy Thanksgiving Post Closed	26	27
28	29	30				

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National Veterans Research Center

The American Legion tribute to “The Greatest Legislation” will be part of events marking the dedication of a new home to the National Veterans Research Center at Syracuse University on Nov. 3.

The American Legion centennial museum exhibit that toured the country between 2017 and 2019 will once again help tell the story of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 and the organization's role in bringing it to life. The exhibit will be on display during the dedication and celebration of the Daniel & Gayle D'Aniello building, home to the National Veterans Resource Center in Syracuse, N.Y.

The new facility at Syracuse University is home to the Institute for Veterans and Military Families (IVMF), Office of Veteran and Military Affairs, along with Army and Air Force ROTC, and represents the university's commitment to cultivate and lead innovative academic, government and community collaborations that empower veterans. The IVMF received The American Legion's prestigious Patriot Award in 2020.

The dedication ceremony will begin on Wednesday, Nov. 3, from 3-4:30 pm EDT. The Greatest Legislation: An American Legion Salute to the GI Bill” will be on display from Nov. 1-14 at the Daniel & Gayle D'Aniello Building National Veterans Research Center.

From American Legion National

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 your 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