



# The Argonne Newsletter

**January - February, 2022**

**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**

Bill Middleton  
503-816-0549

### **First Vice**

Darrell Crawford  
971-264-4166

### **Second Vice**

Phil Morton  
503-449-8831

### **Adjutant**

Joe Martin  
971-222-4089

### **Finance**

Terry Reasor  
503-590-0668

### **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***

I want to wish everyone a happy new year! Yes, we made it through 2021 keeping the Post open for the majority of the time. We were able to have our Halloween, Christmas and New Year's parties along with Thursday night pizza. Many Posts still have not returned to full service which shows Argonne's resilience. The members fixed up the Post with projects like updating the cooler, getting cameras for the parking lot and building a storage cabinet for chairs and tables inside the Post. We still have a few things to do but most should be completed shortly.

Our Christmas baskets and toy donations were a huge hit. Georgia and Kinsey along with the Auxiliary helped fill an entire van load of food and toys that were sent to Camp Withycombe, a National Guard base in Oregon City, for distribution to needy military families. They collected so much that our Sgt. Of Arms Kenny, along with Georgia, had to follow the van to deliver the overflow.

A little history on Camp Withycombe might be of interest. It was named during WWI after an Oregon Governor. It was originally Clackamas Rifle Range, used as a training camp for WWI. In the 1930s, it became a supply depot, which it still is for the Oregon National Guard. It also currently houses the Oregon Military Museum. The new museum is called the General James B. Thayer Museum after James Thayer whose platoon on May 4, 1945, liberated a concentration camp in Wels, Austria. He was from Beaverton and owned a supply business.

It looks like we might have a candidate for Commander so I will keep you updated on this critical issue. Our Post currently has a Commander, First Vice, Second Vice, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Chaplain and Sgt. of Arms along with three E- Board members. Terms for officers is one year with executive board members being elected for three years. All of these positions are nominated in March and elected in April. We need members to step up for the positions so we can continue to function.

Don't forget that we also have Sons of American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary that help to maintain the Post. They are a critical component of our Post. If you know of anyone interested in these groups contact Brian Berryhill for SAL or Georgia DeLozier for the Auxiliary. They will explain the requirements and expectations of membership.

*Thank you, Bill Middleton, Commander*

## ***From the Adjutant***

One of my main responsibilities as Adjutant is keeping track of dues payments. Therefore, I posted a list of those that haven't paid as of January 1 (79 people). Please mail yours in with the statement from the State Legion Headquarters, or drop them off at the Post (with the statement, please).

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, we had 9 people take the AED/CPR class. Hopefully, we won't need to use it, but it is a remarkable machine to have on hand.

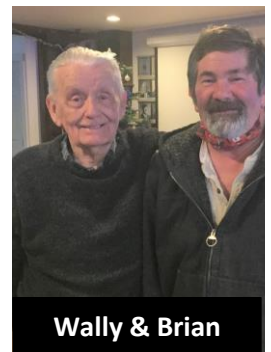
On another note, I had occasion to serve as your bartender for 2 shifts in December. I was obviously very inexperienced at this, and am appreciative of the tolerance given me. I can't emphasize enough how truly amazing our regular bartenders are; it is a lot more complicated than it looks (especially those "updated" lottery terminals).  
Happy New Year to everyone.

*Joe Martin, Adjutant*

## ***From the SAL Squadron Commander***

Welcome to our newest and oldest SAL member, Wallace "Wally" Therien. He is 92 years young. He was raised back east, and has lived in many parts of the country. He was in the National Guard after WWII. His two brothers were in the Navy during WWII and his

Father served in WWI. Wally had various occupations, including a police officer in Baltimore. You can usually see him here at the Post on Sundays. Please make him feel at home. *Thank you, Brian Berryhill, SAL Commander*



**Wally & Brian**



**Auxiliary Officers**

**President**

Georgia DeLozier  
503-625-7569

**First Vice**

Mikkinsy Saling  
503-747-9441

**Secretary**

Malia Jasmer  
503-575-0466

**Treasurer**

Ardis Snyder  
503-970-1124

**Chaplain**

Tess Kies  
503-516-7114

**Sgt at Arms**

Diane Henderson

**Historian**

Open

**The USS Oregon (SSN 793)  
Commissioning in the Spring of '22**



**ABOUT THE BOAT**

- Length: 377 ft.
- Beam: 34 ft.
- Displacement (Weight): 7,800 tons
- Speed: 25+ knots (28+ miles per hour)
- Maximum Depth: 800+ ft.
- Crew: 15 officers, 117 enlisted

**ARMAMENT**

- 4 Torpedo Tubes
- 2 Virginia Payload Tubes (VPT), each capable of holding 6 vertical launch Tomahawk missiles that can strike targets over 1,200 miles away.

**TECHNOLOGY**

- Sonar able to detect ships 3,000 miles away.
- Photonics masts carrying thermal imaging and low-light cameras; replacing the telescope.
- Nuclear reactor which powers the sub for the 30+ year lifespan
- Pump jet propulsion for quieter movement.

The USS OREGON (SSN 793) the twentieth Virginia-class nuclear-powered fast attack submarine. The Virginia-class submarine is the U.S. Navy's newest undersea warfare platform and incorporates the latest in stealth, intelligence gathering and weapons systems technology.

The SSN 793 will be the second naval ship to bear the name Oregon. The first USS Oregon was a battleship (BB 3) best known for its roles in the Spanish American War when it helped destroy Admiral Cervera's fleet and in the Philippine-American War; it performed blockade duty in Manila Bay and off Lingayen Gulf, served as a station ship, and aided in the capture of Vigan. BB 3, known as the "Bulldog of the Navy", set a record of 66 days to sail from San Francisco to Havana, Cuba in response to the sinking of the USS Maine (ACR 1) in 1898.

The next-generation of attack submarines will provide the Navy with the capabilities required to maintain the nation's undersea supremacy well into the 21st century. They will have enhanced stealth, sophisticated surveillance capabilities and special warfare enhancements that will enable them to meet the Navy's multi-mission requirements.

These submarines will have the capability to attack targets ashore with highly accurate Tomahawk cruise missiles and conduct covert, long-term surveillance of land areas, littoral waters or other sea-based forces. Other missions include anti-submarine and anti-ship warfare; mine delivery and minefield mapping. They are also designed for special forces delivery and support.

Each Virginia-class submarine is 7,800-tons and 377 feet in length, has a beam of 34 feet, and can operate at more than 25 knots submerged. It is designed with a reactor plant that will not require refueling during the planned life of the ship, reducing lifecycle costs while increasing underway time.

The submarine is being built in partnership with General Dynamics/Electric Boat Corp., at Electric Boat in Groton, Connecticut.

The christening ceremony for the boat occurred in October of 2019 in Groton, CT, when the sponsor of the submarine, Mrs. Dana Richardson, broke the bottle of champagne on the boat's hull. The Navy expects to commission SSN 793 in the spring of 2022.

*Article taken from the USS Oregon SSN 793 website.*

## January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day
2	3	4	5 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 p.m.	6 Mikkinsy's Pizza 4:30. Legion Meeting 7:00 p.m.	7	8
9	10	11 SAL Meeting 6:00 p.m.	12	13 Mikkinsy's Pizza 4:30.	14	15
16	17 Martin Luther King Jr Day	18	19	20 Mikkinsy's Pizza 4:30 E-Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Mikkinsy's Pizza 4:30	28	29
30	31					

## February 2022

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

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### SAL Officers

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Commander**  
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**Squadron Vice**  
Seth Peterson  
503-530-6699

**Finance**  
TBD

**Adjutant**  
TBD

**Chaplin**  
Kelvin Staven  
503-539-4511

**Sgt. at Arms**  
Luke Morter  
971-979-2019

### **Christmas Toy & Food Drive A Huge Success**

This year our annual Christmas Food & Toy drive for military families was a combined effort between the Sherwood Elks and our Post. The Elks provided the food and we provided the toys and gift cards.

The donated toys and gift cards were sorted by Georgia DeLozier and her Auxiliary team with a special thanks to Rebecca Fairbanks and her Allstate staff helping out. Also, big thank you to the Elks for organizing and providing the food boxes, and to Bill Middleton and Eric Whitmore for delivering the boxes to the Post.

The toys and food boxes were delivered to local families currently serving in Oregon's National Guard and Army Reserve units based out of Camp Withycombe. We donated toys, gift cards and food to 39 children from 15 families.

Thank you to all who donated and helped make this annual event one of the best turn outs ever. And of course, thank you Auxiliary women who organized this event and made it all come together, you are rockstars!!!



**Auxiliary's Annual Toy & Food Drive Team  
L to R, Jill, Kinsy, Ardis, Georgia and  
Rebecca**

### **Mikkinsy's Pizza**

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