



The Argonne Newsletter

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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 First Vice

In early May we received a call from the Department of Oregon advising that National Commander Paul Dillard was going to visit Oregon for four or five days and they would like us to host a dinner for him on Monday June 20th. Of course we accepted the invitation and the planning process soon began. Many volunteers began cleaning and organizing the Post and SAL Squadron Commander Brian Berryhill began planning the meal. When the day arrived, we were ready.

Wow!! The National Commander Dinner was a HUGE success, way better than I had hoped for. Commander Dillard I know, had a great time, and at the end of the evening he didn't even want to leave. He certainly was a super nice guy and his talk to our members was both inspiring and informational. It was telling of the type of leader he is by his going around and chatting with everyone, and it was obvious he enjoyed doing so.

When Commander Dillard first entered the Post, the standing ovation he received from us was fantastic and by the look on his face I'm sure he was blown away. I spoke to Department Commander Don Weber at some length and he told me that some of the Posts they visited had very few attendees for their event and he was very appreciative of all of our efforts and the number of dinner guests we had.

The dinner started about 6:30 and after everyone was seated, 57 guests and members, I made a quick welcoming statement, then an opening ceremony of salute to the flag, opening prayer, POW/MIA recognition, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The dinner was fantastic. Brian Berryhill and his team prepared a salad bar, and served Tri-Tip with sauteed mushrooms, baked potato, green bean casserole, and for dessert six flavors of yummy homemade cake, and ice cream. I want to extend a huge thank you to Brian Berryhill and his crew, Jody Berryhill, Rebecca Fairbanks, Brett Sells, Eric Whitmore, Jennifer Whitmore, and Lee Whitmore for all the hard work they put in to help make this event so successful. I had so many compliments from the National and Department guests about the food and the service and friendliness, it was wonderful to hear.

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National Commander Paul Dillard

There are many others to thank that worked hard at preparing the Post for the event. I do want to give a special thanks to Nick and Teresa Peters, Jim and Julie Edy, Gary Gibbons, Jim Watson and Rosemary Morton for all their help.

After dinner there were formal introductions of the National and Department guests. Commander Dillard then spoke, for over a half hour, speaking about all the good things the American Legion is doing for our Veterans. He mentioned that the U.S. Senate had just passed the PACT Act, previously passed by the U.S. Senate. (Continued on next page)



Commander Dillard speaking to our members



Auxiliary Officers

President
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Diane Henderson

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Open



Commander Dillard accepting Post gift from First Vice Phil Morton



Department of Oregon Larry Whittmore chatting with dinner guest Bob Bushnell

From The First Vice (cont.)

The PACT Act will provide much needed health care for millions of veterans who were exposed to contaminants emanating from open-air burn pits, atomic radiation, Agent Orange and other environmental poisons. He said it will also provide additional resources and staff to the Department of Veterans Affairs and that President Biden is expected to sign the bill in the very near future, possibly by the 4th of July.

Commander Dillard also mentioned that our veterans need and deserve much more help and asked us to get involved by writing to our Congressmen and Senators advocating various veteran causes.

The Commander told many fun and interesting stories which we all enjoyed and learned from. It was a from-the-heart wonderful talk.

After his talk I presented a memento gift from our Post to Commander Dillard and the National Commander Aide Walter Ivie. Giving a memento gift is a tradition when the National Commander visits a Post. Since Commander Dillard is a Navy man, he was given a pendant of St. Brendan, the Patron Saint of sailors and travelers. Aide Walter Ivie was given Oregon produced filberts and olive oil.

After the gifts there was social time for everyone. There was lots of good conversation and our guests did not depart for another hour.

In the end I know I will never forget the night. I again want to thank everyone so much for making the dinner successful, and making our Post proud.
Thank you, Phil Morton First Vice

Save the Date	
Jul 15-16	Sherwood Robin Hood Festival
Aug 15	Monday Night Remembrance Dinner
Aug 20	Post 56 Annual Family Picnic
Oct 29	Halloween Costume Party
Nov 11	Veterans Day Dinner
Dec 17	Christmas Party
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party

From The Second Vice

Sergeant at Arms Ken Sandquist, and I, Second Vice Commander Middleton, attended the Oregon American Legion annual conference hosted by the Aloha Post. During the meeting our Post, Argonne #56, was awarded the 100% Membership Goal certificate by the Department of Oregon American Legion. Thank you to all members who have paid their dues and to new members who have joined in the last year. And a big thank you to our Adjutant, Joe Martin, who manages membership.

Another issue that came up at the meeting was a shortfall of revenue at the State level. Our Post is in great shape and is financially solvent due to its conservative fiscal management by our outstanding Finance Office, Terry Reasor. The fund-raising request coming in the mail to members is to support the State Legion not our local Post. Remember this as you decide to donate.

Last but not least, get out and support our local Legion baseball program. We are training future college and major league players. Check the Post for the schedule.

Thank you, Bill Middleton Second Vice

From the Adjutant

My emphasis for this issue is on giving thanks to some very deserving people: Brian Berryhill and his crew of Troy Haffner, Tony Benson and Paul vonAhlefeld, who installed the new bar tops at the Post, and the new doors on the storage shed.

Phil Morton did an excellent job of planning and directing the very successful National Commander Dinner in June. Most of his work was behind the scenes, and the success of the dinner was largely due to his organizational skills.

On a sad note, our condolences to the Waller family on the passing of Orrie (Nyberg) Waller on June 21, after a long and courageous battle with MS. Her husband, Eldon (Wally) is a 53-year member of our Post.

You will be receiving Dues Notices for the 2023 Membership Year this month (July).

Thank you, Joe Martin Adjutant

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Independence Day	5	6 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 p.m.	7 Mikkinsy's Pizza 4:30 Legion Meeting 7:00 p.m.	8	9
10	11	12 SAL Meeting 6:00 p.m.	13	14 Mikkinsy's Pizza 4:30	15 Sherwood Robin Hood Festival	16 Sherwood Robin Hood Festival
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August 2022

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SAL Officers

**Squadron
Commander**
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Squadron Vice
Seth Peterson
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Finance
TBD

Adjutant
TBD

Chaplain
Kelvin Staven
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Luke Morter
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**SHERWOOD ROBIN HOOD
FESTIVAL JULY 15 & 16**

9:00 a.m. Bar Opens

11:00 a.m. Beer Garden Opens
Beer, Bloody Marys & Screwdrivers

Noon Back Yard Grill Opens
Hot Dogs \$2.00, Sausage Dogs \$5.00

Noon Legion Bean Bag Toss Tournament
\$20 per person, two people per team, free
T-shirt, & prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places.
Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.

Open to the Public

Indy Memorial 500

A Great Race!!! Our Driver, Tony Kanaan, was in the top 10 all day, and 3rd when a yellow flag came out with 4 laps to go eliminating a good shot at 1st place. It ended up a one lap race and he finished in 3rd place. Tony did very well for the Legion and had a lot of TV air time, especially towards the end of the race.



Trivia Is Back

The Last Saturday of the Month 7:00

It's a Potluck

Prizes for the winning teams

Mikkinsy's Pizza

Our bartender Mikkinsy is providing
Pizza every Thursday beginning at 4:30.
\$1.25 per slice

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The SAL Team that cooked a fantastic dinner. From L to R; Brett Sells, Rebecca Fairbanks, National Commander Paul Dillard, Jennifer Whitmore, Eric Whitmore, Lee Whitmore, Jody Berryhill and Brian Berryhill.



Second Vice Bill Middleton and his wife Margaret



Auxiliary Vice President Georgia DeLozier Meeting the National Commander Paul Dillard



National Commander's aide Walter Ivie accepting our gift from 1st Vice Phil Morton



Post members Nick and Terresa Peters with Terresa's mom Marion McTimmonds



The National Commander speaking to our members

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Post 56 Events



National Commander Paul Dillard speaking to our members with First Vice Phil Morton looking on



Department of Oregon Commander Don Weber with SAL Squadron Commander Brian Berryhill

Monday Night Remembrance Dinner, August 15, 2022 5:30

Hosted by Brian Berryhill and his SAL team

A Remembrance Dinner to commemorate our American Legion Members who have passed away during the last four years

Sherwood Post 56 Remembrance List: 2018 - 2019 - 2020 - 2021

Brennock	William D.	B. 6 Aug 1933	D. 17 Aug 2019	Army	SP3 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC
Cooper	William	B. 15 Nov 1930	D. 30 Sep 2018	Army	Served two years at Fort Ord California
Dean	Larry M.	B. 7 May 1949	D. 21 May 2020	USMC	CPL Infantry, An Hoa combat base, Vietnam
Delisle	Robert C.	B. 17 Aug 1923	D. 21 Apr 2020	Army	13th Airborne Div. WW-2 & Korean war
Fackler	Edwin J.	B. 8 Apr 1927	D. 5 Dec 2019	Navy	MoMM-3C, served on USS: LCI (L) 969 /WW-2
Hanson	Howard	B. 5 Nov 1934	D. 29 Jun 2018	Army	
Lobdell Jr.	John J.	B. 29 May 1953	D. 15 Oct 2021	USMC	CPL - discharged 1982, served in Grenada
Lomison Jr.	John G.	B. 14 Nov 1946	D. 3 Jul 2019	USMC	CPL - material supply, Da Nang airbase, Vietnam
Moad	Leroy J.	B.2 Mar 1929	D. 29 Nov 2019	Army	1st. Cavalry Div.1st Bat. Co B, Korean war
Scheller	Donald J.	B. 14 Feb 1933	D. 26 Sep 2020	Army	SGT. tank crew, Fort Irwin, Barstow, CA, Korean war
Shaw	James V.	B. 23 Aug 1923	D. 26 Nov 2019	Navy	Aviation Metallurgist, Panama during WW-2
Wagner	Phillip J.	B. Oct 1943	D. 9 Dec 2021	Navy	QM-3 / served in Vietnam
Wiedemann	Darold	B. 13 Mar 1941	D. 11 Aug 2021	Army	