



# The Argonne Newsletter

**September - October 2022**

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

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**President Biden Signing the historic Pact Act into law at the White House on August 10, 2022. American Legion National Commander Paul E. Dillard, a recent guest of Post 56, attended the signing (back row 2<sup>nd</sup> from the left).**

## ***Biden Signs PACT Act***

President Biden ushered in sweeping changes for millions of veterans exposed to toxic fumes by signing the PACT Act in a ceremony at the White House on Aug. 10. The bipartisan legislation — Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022 — is named in honor of an Army National Guard veteran. After deploying to Kosovo and Iraq as a combat medic with the Ohio National Guard, Robinson was diagnosed with a rare autoimmune disorder and stage 4 lung cancer. He died in May 2020. His widow, Danielle, and their young daughter, Brielle, stood next to the president when he signed the bill into law.

The legislation was spearheaded by Sens. Jon Tester, D-Mont., and Jerry Moran, R-Kan., and championed by The American Legion. The legislation will impact generations of veterans by expanding Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits and care for veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. The PACT Act is the most significant expansion of VA health-care benefits and services in more than 30 years and could impact as many as five million veterans. ([What you need to know about the PACT Act.](#))

“We can never fully thank you for your service and your sacrifice,” the president said. “Less than 1% of you risk everything to defend 99% of the population.” “As a nation we have many obligations ... and only one truly sacred obligation: to equip those we send into harm’s way and to care for them and their families when they come home.” “It’s our job as a nation to provide toxic-exposed veterans and their survivors with the care and benefits they deserve,” McDonough said. “For too long that did not happen. For too long, too many veterans who got sick while fighting for our country had to fight for their care here at home.

President Biden has made it clear those days are over. By signing the PACT Act into law, President Biden will empower VA to deliver care that millions of toxic-exposed veterans need and the benefits they and their loved ones deserve.

American Legion National Commander Paul E. Dillard was on hand for the signing and thanked the president for signing the legislation. “Millions of veterans and their families can take comfort in knowing that their government truly appreciates their service and sacrifice,” he said. “This comprehensive health-care law is the result of hard work and bipartisanship by patriotic advocates, members of Congress and American Legion Family members worldwide.”

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***Biden Signs PACT Act cont.***

Dillard also noted that American Legion service officers are available free of charge to assist veterans in navigating the VA claims process.

“I encourage all veterans who have been exposed to toxic substances while serving in the military to contact their American Legion service officers for free assistance in accessing the benefits that they have earned,” he said. “The claims process can be complicated, and American Legion service officers are happy to help.”

To learn more about the PACT Act, visit [VA.gov/PACT](http://VA.gov/PACT) or call 1-800-MY-VA-411.

*Article from American Legion National*

***From the Auxiliary President***

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer!! Our meetings will resume starting the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. (changed from 7:00 p.m.). I look forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting September 7th, 6:00 p.m. It will be my first time running the meeting as President and I’m very much looking forward to it!!! Hope to see you all there!!! Have a safe Labor Day!!

*Sincerely,  
Mikkinsy Saling, Auxiliary President*

***From the Adjutant***

We have just completed another American Legion Baseball season. Our AAA team finished 12-6, and made it into the playoffs before being eliminated. Our A team finished with an even record. These young men greatly appreciate our sponsorship, and it is also beneficial to the Sherwood High School as a summer camp for the regular season.

You have received your 2023 dues notices by now, so go ahead and mail them in or bring them to the Post.

*Thank you, Joe Martin, Adjutant*

***Veterans’ Tailgate BBQ***

The Bowmen Family Foundation & the Sherwood Elks will be hosting a “VETERANS TAILGATE BBQ” prior to the Sherwood vs McMinnville football game on Friday Oct. 7 at 5:30pm. The BBQ will be held at the Elks Lodge in Sherwood. All veterans and their families are invited to attend the BBQ as well as the SHS game against McMinnville. The event is free with a military I.D.

*Thank you, Ed Contreras, E-Board*

***Remembrance Dinner***

On Monday August 15th, a Remembrance Dinner was given to commemorate Post 56 Veterans who had passed in the last four years. The dinner, orchestrated by member Jim Edy, was well attended, and a wonderful meal was prepared and served by Brian Berryhill and the SAL team.

After the meal, Tess Kies, Auxiliary Chaplain, spoke and read the names of the Veterans, as well as other Post members, that had passed. Family members of two of the veterans, Yvonne Sheller, wife of Don Scheller and Sandy Lomison, wife of John Lomison, were both in attendance.

After Tess’s read, Sandy spoke about her husband. She said “John was a member of Post 56 until he passed away. He suffered several effects of his military service exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam and also toxins in the drinking water during his Marine Corps training at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps as a Corporal soon after his Vietnam service. Through the years, he suffered from heart disease, cancers and other illnesses due to his toxin’s exposures. He was classified as 100% disabled by the VA at the time of his death”. Sandy thanked the membership for the tribute and allowing her to speak about her husband.

The Legion will most likely hold Remembrance Dinners in the future to commemorate all Post members who passed.



**Save the Dates**

- Oct 7** Veterans BBQ- at the Sherwood Elks Lodge
- Oct 29** Halloween Costume Party
- Nov 11** Veterans Day Dinner
- Dec 17** Christmas Party
- Dec 31** New Year’s Eve Party

## September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 Labor Day	6	7 Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 p.m.	8 Mikkinsy's Pizza 4:30 Legion Meeting 7:00 p.m.	9	10
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18	19	20	21	22 Mikkinsy's Pizza 4:30 E-Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	23	24 Trivia Night & Potluck 7:00
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The Sherwood Robin Hood Festival brought lots of people to the Post making it a fun and profitable day. The Bean Bag Toss tournament was very popular.

**Trivia Is Back**

**The Last Saturday of the Month 7:00**

**No Trivia in October**

**It's a Potluck**

**Prizes for the winning teams**

*The Greatest*   
**HALLOWEEN**  
*COSTUME CONTEST Ever!*

**Come Join the Fun**

**Saturday October 29**

**Starts at 7:00**

**Dress Up As Your Favorite Character  
Costume Judging at 9:00 - Cash Prizes**

**It's a Potluck so bring your  
favorite dish to share.**

**Mikkinsy's Pizza**

**Our bartender Mikkinsy is providing Pizza  
every Thursday beginning at 4:30.**

**\$1.00 per slice**