



# The Argonne Newsletter

**July - August, 2023 E-Edition**

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

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### **Historian**

Chris Garcia

### **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***

On Thursday May 4th elections were held and I am honored to have been elected your new Commander for the 2023 -2024 term. The elections brought in two newcomers to our group, Nick Peters was elected First Vice and Chris Garcia as Historian. Both of these gentlemen have already been very involved in the Legion, fixing a plumbing issue, repairing the shuffleboard score board, and making other minor repairs, plus they are both on the Burger Night Team. The other Officers and E-Board positions were filled by the incumbents as shown on the side bar on the left. Congratulations to all.

In the next year I plan on continuing to have Joint Sessions, (Special E-Board meetings that include the SAL and Auxiliary) to plan upcoming and new events and to plan on making improvements to our building. I'm a strong believer that working together will result in better outcomes for anything we tackle.

All of our activities during Cruisin', the Auxiliary's breakfast and the SAL's Sidewalk Café were very successful. A sincere thank you to all the volunteers that made this possible.

Also, our recruiting booth brought in a few new members. Thank you, Cathi Sleight and Ed Contreras, for working the booth.

*Thank you, Phil Morton, Commander*

## ***Exciting Improvements for Post 56***

In March, Auxiliary Secretary Rebecca Fairbanks made us aware of potential grant money available from the City of Sherwood that is awarded annually to non-profit organizations within the City. The program is called the Community Enhancement Program Grant, which monies are provided through a partnership between the City of Sherwood and Metro. We decided on four property enhancement projects to apply for. It was a race for time as the four grant proposals had to be submitted by April 18th.

All submitted grants were reviewed by the City and a special Committee Meeting, open to the public, was held on June 6th at 6:00 p.m. I attended the meeting in which the City Counselors and Metro District Councilor Rosenthal discussed all grant requests.

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## ***Exciting Improvements (cont.)***

There was a total of ten grant proposals, four of which were ours.

At the end of the meeting all eleven grant proposals were approved by a unanimous vote. Our four proposals are designated as a Community Enhancement Project.

The total amount that we are receiving for our four proposals is **\$24,312**. Here is how they break down:

(1) **Front Yard Sign Replacement** \$550. The new sign will certainly be an improvement over our old sign.

(2) **Events Sign Replacement** \$4,185. This is replacing our front outdoor corner sign with a combination of a static sign with our name and an electronic digital sign that we can easily change the event names with a keyboard. This will be an attractive sign and more functional than our current one.

(3) **Paint Outside of Main Building and Shed** \$9,600. The building needs new paint and will look great when completed. The color to be determined.

(4) **Kitchen Storage & Food Serving Project** \$9,977. This is a set of cabinets and a counter top that will be located in the main hall, mounted against the kitchen wall, that will run from the left of the women's restroom to where the sliding curtain meets the kitchen wall. The new cabinets include drawers and storage cabinets with a quartz counter top. This will give us much needed storage space allowing us to move many of the non-kitchen items such as cleaning supplies and dining supplies that will in turn free up kitchen space for pots, pans, cooking supplies and food. The new counter top, which sits on the cabinets will give us a permanent counter to serve the many buffet type food events we have throughout the year.

We are all very excited that our grant requests were approved and would like to sincerely thank the City of Sherwood and Metro for their support. All the projects are scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. Now the work begins.

*Thank you, Phil Morton, Commander.*



**Auxiliary Officers**

**President**

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Georgia DeLozier  
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**Sgt at Arms**

Diane Henderson

**Historian**

Jeanne Moffatt

**From the Auxiliary President**

Our annual car show breakfast was a huge hit this year, we sold out before 9AM! Breakfast wouldn't be possible without all the hard work from those who volunteered so THANKYOU!!!

There will be no Trivia in July or August and will return in September along with the Auxiliary meetings. Have a fun and safe summer. Sincerely,  
Unit 56 Auxiliary President Mikkinsy Saling



**Cruisin' Breakfast Team**

Back Row L to R: Annie, Ardis, Becky, Shirley  
Front Row L to R: Stacy, Charee and Jeanne  
(More photos on the insert page)

**From the SAL Commander**

We had another great turnout for this year's Sidewalk Grill during Cruisin' with lots of people buying Hot Dog, Sausage Dogs and Tri-Tip Sandwiches. I want to thank everyone that worked so hard to make the event so successful.

There will be a Legion Bean Bag Toss Tournament during the Robin Hood Festival on Saturday July 15. The tournament was a big success last year and I'm sure it will be even better this year. See the ad at the right for all the details. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.



Lots of People Lined Up to Purchase Great Food from SAL's Sidewalk Grill.  
(More photos on the insert page)

**Post 56 Presents School Awards**

Every year Post 56 presents the American Legion School Award to three Graduating Sherwood Middle School students. The three students are chosen by their teachers and staff. The award is a framed certificate that reads in part "In recognition of high qualities of Courage, Honor, Leadership, Patriotism, Scholarship and Service". The award also includes an American Legion School Award medallion.

The graduation ceremony was held on June 13, at the school's football stadium. Post 56 Legion member Ed Contreras presented the award along with the school's Principal. Congratulations to students Brady Edinger, Merrill Humphrey and Alberto Ocampo.



L to R: Brady Edinger, Merrill Humphrey, Ed Contreras and Alberto Ocampo

**Sherwood Robin Hood Festival at the Legion Saturday July 15th**

**Saturday at the Legion**

**9:00 a.m.** Bar Opens.

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

**11:00 a.m.** Back Yard Grill Opens  
Serving Hamburgers and Chips for just \$7.00

**11:00 a.m.** Legion Bean Bag Toss Tournament

No entry fees. Two people per team, Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.

**Open to the Public**

## July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6 Mikkinsy's Pizza 4:30 Legion Meeting 7:00 p.m.	7	8
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20	21	22	23	24 Mikkinsy's Pizza 4:30	25	26 Post 56 Annual Family Picnic
27	28	29	30	31 Mikkinsy's Pizza 4:30		

# July – August 2023 Newsletter Insert

## ***Rededication of Sherwood Veterans Memorial***

Saturday June 3rd was a beautiful sunny day, perfect for the Rededication of the Sherwood Veterans' Memorial located in the Veterans' Memorial Park in oldtown Sherwood. Just a few days prior, the contractors had completed a major upgrade. The upgrade included enlarging the Memorial, semi-circled by new brick pavers, three new flag poles to fly the American, POW/MIA (Prisoner Of War/Missing In Action) and the State of Oregon flags. Also added are two vertical monuments that bear large brass emblems of the six branches of service, Army, Navy, Marines, Airforce, Coast Guard and the recently formed Space Force.

The ceremony started promptly at 11:00 a.m. with an estimate of over one hundred attending including many Sherwood Police Officers, TVF&R firefighters, and American Legion Post 56 members. It began with Post 56 Color Guard member Ryan Schockley presenting the colors and then leading the audience in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Then Sherwood Police Chaplain Wilson Parish said a very nice prayer specific to Veterans. The City of Sherwood Mayor, Tim Rosener, then made the formal dedication. He made a very passionate and moving speech about the importance of the Memorial to the Sherwood community to recognize and honor all past and current Veterans' who fought for our country. A big round of applause followed.



**Upgraded Sherwood Veterans' Memorial**

The American Legion Department of Oregon Commander Larry Whitmore then spoke saying what the Memorial meant to Veterans and reminding us not to forget the POW's and MIA's. Post 56 Commander Phil Morton then spoke to the audience thanking the Mayor and City staff for all the hard work required to make the beautiful upgrades to the Memorial a reality. He then announced that the Legion was providing free hot dogs, chips, and bottled water, and cookies provided by the City, in the Veterans' Park immediately following the ceremony.

The audience lined up for the hot dogs and we served over sixty-five in the following hour. We had a popup canopy set up with literature about the American Legion, the Sons of the American and the Woman's American Legion Auxiliary. The City also had a popup canopy with information on how to purchase a brick paver inscribed with the name of a Veteran. All in all it was a great day.

I would like to extend a big thank you to Legion member Jim Edy who helped cook the hot dogs, SAL member Tony Richardson who helped cart all the food and supplies to the park and served hot dogs, Mikinsky Saling for serving hot dogs, and to Tess Kies McDowell for working the Legion information booth. I would also like to thank Kristen Switzer, City of Sherwood Community Service director, who produced the event.

The memorial upgrades were almost five years in the making, with grant funding issues, and many design meetings with City officials, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Post 56 members Bill Middleton, Commander at the time, and Ed Contreras E-Board member who gave input from a Legion perspective, and the landscape architect. Also, COVID slowed everything down. Finally in March of 2021 grant money from the Oregon Parks and Recreation was awarded and in June of 2022 the final design was approved and the project went out for bid. The project was finished just days before the rededication.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Mayor, Tim Rosener, and all the city staff, especially Kristen Switzer, who headed up the project, and to Bill Middleton and Ed Contreras for all their hard work in making the improvements to the Memorial possible. The Memorial looks fantastic.  
*Thank you, Phil Morton, Commander*

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**Post 56 Color Guard Ryan Shockley**



**Sherwood Mayor Tim Rosener**



**American Legion Department of Oregon Commander Larry Whitmore**



**Audience Listening to Speeches**



**The Legion and City's Booths**



**Tony Richardson, Mikinsky Saling and Phil Morton**



**Working the Legion Recruiting Booth  
Phil Morton and Cathi Sleight**



**Tony Richardson, Rebecca Fairbanks and Charee**



**SAL Group Having Fun Cooking at the Sidewalk Grill**



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Finance  
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Adjutant  
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**Save the Dates**

- Jul 14-15** Sherwood Robin Hood Festival
- Aug 26** Post 56 Annual Family Picnic
- Sep 11** Remembrance Dinner
- Oct 28** Halloween Costume Party
- Nov 11** Veterans Day Dinner
- Dec 17** Christmas Party

**Legion Car Finishes 4th in Indy 500**

It was a great race and Alex Palou was in the top 3 for half the race and then he was bumped in the pits which sent him back to 20th. He worked his way back and with a two lap shoot out at the end, he came in 4th. A great day for the Legion car.



**STRONGER TOGETHER**

**Mikkinsy's Pizza**

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