



The Argonne Newsletter

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

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From the Commander

Hello members. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's Eve. I wish everyone a very healthy, happy and prosperous 2024.

It was a very busy 2023 here at the Post with four major projects tackled and completed. The new paint on the outside of the building and backyard shed looks great and the new cabinets with quartz counter tops not only look good but are very functional. The new front yard sign, see photo below, certainly is more attractive than the old one and the tag line lets people know what the building is used for. After a couple of delays, we finally got the new LED events sign mounted and we just got it running last week, see photo below. It will make posting event notices much easier than with the old sign.

I have a lot of people to thank for their hard work and dedication to the Post during 2023. First our bartenders Mikkinsy, Jean, Wayne and Courtney all do a great job, always with smiles on their faces, and many times help on events that are not part of their job responsibility. Squadron Commander Brian Berryhill and his SAL team, as always, prepared many great meals for a couple of Monday Night Dinners, the Remembrance Dinner, the Christmas Party plus the Sidewalk Café for the Sherwood Cruisin' and Robin Hood Festival. Also, a special thanks to them for repairing the shed in preparation for the new paint and hauling out many loads of debris.

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(Commander Cont.)

Auxiliary President Mikkinsy Saling and her team hosted the fantastic Crab Feed in February and the St. Patrick's Day Dinner in March. In addition, they hosted the Legion Breakfast for both the Sherwood Cruisin' and Robin Hood Festival and the monthly Taco Tuesdays. Their big event is the annual Giving Tree Christmas toy drive for Veterans' families which you can read about in Mikkinsy's article on the next page. Thank you, ladies for all your hard work. You are very much appreciated.

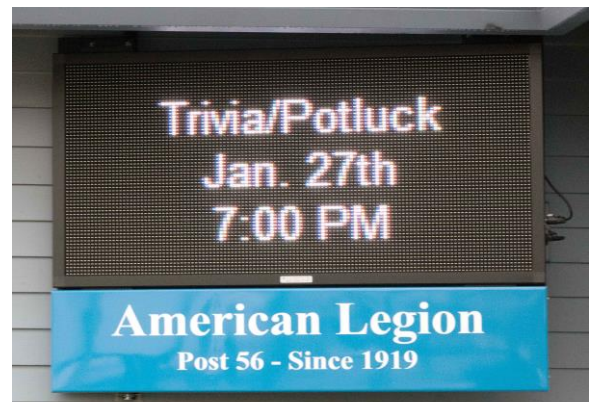
And finally, I would like to thank many Legionnaires for helping. Member John Fisher for taking all the great photos of our activities, and for helping me repair and paint during the new cabinet project, the front yard sign project and helping with choosing the paint scheme for the outside of the building. To Nick Peters and Chris Garcia for fixing almost everything around the Post and building the bracket for the new LED announcement sign and mounting to the building and Nick for cooking the fantastic Veterans' Day Spaghetti Dinner. To Bill and Margaret Middleton for their donation of a brand new gas range for our kitchen. And, to Jim Edy for burning, with compassion, the discarded American flags placed in our flag drop box. Thank you all.

In mid January we are having a "Joint Session", a meeting with the Legionnaires, SAL and Auxiliary, to decide on what future improvements to make, what new social events we want to add and what additional community service projects to participate in. I will keep you posted.

Thank you, Phil Morton, Commander



New Front Yard Sign



New LED Events Sign



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From the Auxiliary President

Welcome 2024! I hope everyone had a happy holiday. First off, I'd like to start by thanking everyone who participated in our annual Giving Tree! We had a HUGE turn out! We were able to help 84 children this year, a couple of local Sherwood families, 10 children from the Youth Village foster program and 20 families from Camp Withycombe. Not only did each family receive an abundance of toys but the Sherwood Elks Lodge kindly put together food boxes of perishable and non perishable items. I can't say enough how thankful I am for everyone's hard work in putting all this together to make it one of the most successful giving trees to date!

We will be hosting the Crab Feed Dinner February 3rd, pre selling tickets at the bar with dinner seatings at 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm. As always, we will be having Taco Tuesdays the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m., with all proceeds benefiting the Girls State program. I hope to see everyone at the monthly Trivia event I host, the last Saturday of every month at 7:00 p.m. with potluck and prizes!

With the New year here I'd love to see Auxiliary members get more involved with our Unit activities. Anyone is welcome and wanted at our monthly meetings, the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm. You don't have to be an officer to be involved! Sincerely,

Unit 56 Auxiliary President Mikkinsy Saling

CPR/AED Class

A CPR/AED training class was presented at the Post by CPR Lifeline of Portland on Saturday December 2nd. Nine members attended this important class. We host this class every two years and we hope you consider attending the next one. You may need to save a life someday.



Members Learning CPR

From the Adjutant

Membership is very important to our Post and we are always trying to retain current members and attract new ones. This year during the Sherwood Cruisin' car show we had a recruiting booth set up in front of the Post staffed by two members handing out literature and explaining to passers-by all the wonderful things we do for our members, Veterans and the community. Our efforts resulted in a couple of new members.

We also have made several improvements to the Post this last year that we hope will help bring in more new members. And, we added events such as shuffleboard and bean bag toss tournaments and plan on adding a pool tournament this year, all fun events to help increase membership.

I just received the Membership Report from the American Legion Department of Oregon which shows interesting statistics for all the Posts in Oregon. As of December 30th, the we have 140 Legionaries and 45 SAL members. The Auxiliary report shows 76 members giving the Post a total of 261 members. Our membership goal from the Department of Oregon is for the Legion 220, SAL 60 and Auxiliary 87. So, we have our work cut out for us to obtain the goals. If anyone would like to help recruiting new members, please consider joining the Membership Committee. If interested please send me an email to: nelsmartin2003@yahoo.com.

Thank you, Joe Martin, Adjutant

Crab Feed



POST 56 ANNUAL CRAB FEED

Saturday, February 3rd

2 Seatings – 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Price TBD – Whole Crab Dinner

Price TBD – Half Chicken Dinner

**Tickets on sale at the bar starting
January 5th**

**Dinners include coleslaw, corn on the cob,
garlic bread and dessert.**

Fresh, live crab is cooked in the morning and served that afternoon. Get your tickets early as this event always sells out!!

January 2024

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

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Mikkinsky's Pizza 4:30 Legion Meeting 7:00 p.m.	2	3 Crab Feed 1st Seating 4:00 2nd Seating 6:00
4	5	6	7 Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 p.m.	8 Mikkinsky's Pizza 4:30	9	10
11 Super Bowl Party Starts at 2:00	12	13 Taco Tuesday 5:00 p.m. SAL Meeting 6:00 p.m.	14 Valentines Day	15 Mikkinsky's Pizza 4:30 E-Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	16	17
18	19 Presidents' Day	20	21	22 Mikkinsky's Pizza 4:30	23	24 Trivia With Potluck 7:00 p.m.
25	26	27	28	29 Mikkinsky's Pizza 4:30		



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Super Bowl Party
Chili/Soup Cook Off
 Sunday February 11th
 Bring your special Chili or
 Soup to share. Judging at
 3:00 p.m. Cash Prizes.
 The game kickoff
 is at about 3:30.

**UPCOMING
 EVENTS**



Save the Dates

- Jan 9 Taco Tuesday
- Jan 27 Trivia With Potluck
- Feb 3 Crab Feed
- Feb 11 Super Bowl Party
- Feb 13 Taco Tuesday
- Feb 24 Trivia With Potluck

Trivia With Potluck

*Don't miss this very popular event.
 Get your Trivia Teams together and
 plan on attending Trivia / Potluck
 on the last Saturday of the month.
 Please bring a dish to share.*

**Post 56 takes pride in the work we do for Veterans and their families, and our community.
Take a look at these examples for 2023**

Sherwood Post 56 programs and activities for Veterans and their families

- Christmas – Every year we have a Giving Tree toy drive to provide toys to Veterans children. This year we were able to provide Christmas gifts for 84 children. We also teamed up with the Sherwood Elks Lodge and they provided over 55 food boxes containing perishable and non-perishable food items that all went to Veterans who needed a little help this year.
- Veterans Day Dinner – On November 11th we provided a free dinner to any Veteran and to all Post members. Their families and friends were also invited for \$7.00 each.
- Celebration of Life – Our annual special Remembrance Dinner was held on September 18 to honor Post 56 members or any Sherwood Veteran who passed in the last year.
- Veteran Services – Our Service Officer, Ryan Shockley, whose responsibilities are to help Veterans and their families find the proper support agencies for information on education, employment, housing, food banks, death benefits and them navigate through the Veteran Administration health and disability benefits. This past year he helped several Veterans' and their families.
- Events for Veterans – During the year we had many events for the enjoyment of our members and their families. Events such as the Annual Crab Feed, St. Patrick's Day, Monday Night Dinners, Annual Family Picnic, Halloween Costume party, Christmas Party, Taco Tuesdays on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, Trivia/Potluck on the last Saturday of the month and several other potlucks. We also had Shuffleboard and Bean Bag tournaments.
- CPR/AED Class – This 2-1/2 hour class was held at the Post on December 2nd and was attended by nine members.
- Helping Hands of Sherwood – In 2023 we formed a partnership with Helping Hands to provide food to needy Veterans and their families who live in our community.

Involvement with the Community

- Sherwood Legion Baseball – For many years we have sponsored two American Legion Sherwood baseball teams, a single "A" and "AAA", paying their registration and insurance for the year which in 2023 was almost \$1300.
- School Award Program – For several years we have awarded three Sherwood Middle School graduating students the American Legion Certificate of School Award. The award is for recognition of "Distinguished Achievement for Qualities of Courage, Honor, Leadership, Patriotism, Scholarship and Service". The three students are chosen by their teachers and staff. The Certificate is framed and includes a Medallion. This year it was presented by E-Board member Ed Contreras at the school's graduation ceremony.
- Girls State Program – The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program's mission is to help develop young women as future leaders grounded in patriotism and Americanism. In 2023 one Sherwood High School Junior was selected by their teachers and staff to attend the Girls State program held at Central Washington University in mid-June. The Sherwood American Legion Auxiliary fully funded the \$600 tuition.
- Sherwood High School – This year we awarded a grant of \$345 to the school's baseball program to purchase a 25 ft. flag pole and lighting. It was installed at the main baseball diamond in March by friends of the baseball program.
- Sherwood Cruisin' and Robin Hood Festival – Post 56 is open to the public for these events. The Auxiliary cooks and serves breakfast starting at 6:00 a.m. so early participants can purchase a breakfast before the event. Our Sidewalk Café, a SAL event, opens to the public at 11:00 a.m. for lunch selling hot dogs, sausage dogs and tri-tip sandwiches. These fundraising events help fund our programs.
- City of Sherwood Veterans Day Ceremony – The ceremony was held in the Sherwood Center for the Arts and we provided our Color Guard, Ryan Schockley and Chris Garcia, for the opening and closing ceremony.
- Halloween – The American Legion Auxiliary hands out candy to the children during the Sherwood businesses Trick or Treat afternoon.

Christmas 2023



The Giving Tree with lots of donated toys and other gifts for Veteran's families



L to R: Rebecca Fairbanks, Jeanne Moffit and Mikinsky Saling packing up toys, gifts and food.



Christmas Party: Ruth and Joe Martin



Christmas Party L to R: Rosemary Morton, Bill and Margaret Middleton and Phil Morton



Christmas Party: Jan Carlson, Lori Higgins and Gary Walgrave



Christmas Party L to R: Dianna, Becky, and Annie

Happy 2024