



The Argonne Newsletter

January – February, 2025

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

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John Fisher

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Scott McClure

From the Commander

As I write this article it's just a few days before Christmas. Everyone is running around shopping, including myself, and the stores are packed. Costco is also very popular this time of year with people buying food and gifts. I felt like I won the lottery when I finally found a parking place. On the way home, even at this late date, I saw several cars with Christmas trees strapped to the top.

At the end of the year, I look back at what we accomplished at the Post. As reported in previous newsletters, we received four grants from the City of Sherwood. The back and side yard improvement project, including a sprinkler system, was completed with a lot of help from SAL Squadron Commander Brian Berryhill and several of his Squadron members. The new carpet and planking for the main hall and dance floor have been ordered and are scheduled for installation mid January. The new chairs have also been ordered and are timed to arrive shortly after the carpet is installed.

In addition to physical improvements to the property, we have also increased membership in all three families, TAL, SAL and the ALA. Attendance is up in many of our dinner events, Monday Night Dinner, Burger Night, Trivia, etc. and this year we had three live music events that were very popular. (cont. next column)

From the Commander (cont.)

We have many volunteers that help make our Post a special place, and I would like to acknowledge many of them. A huge Thank You to Post photographer John Fisher for taking over managing our website and Facebook accounts, for refinishing the wood tops of our 14 tables, including the large round table, for sanding and painting our two front doors, and for painting, with the help of members Sue Wilson and Joel Schaeffer the front foyer; to Melanie Heald for producing the ever popular crab feed; to Joe Martin and Gary Walgraeve for emptying the discarded American flags from our drop box; to Nick Peters for burning the discarded American flags with compassion, for spending many hours making the fantastic spaghetti sauce for our Veterans Day dinner, for producing the Hamburger Night, and for fixing almost everything with the help of Chris Garcia; to Brian Berryhill for donating over 70 plants and shrubs for our yard improvement project, for preparing many dinners, with help from his SAL team, throughout the year; to Ryan Shockley and Chris Garcia for their Color Guard duty; to Jim Edy and Tess Kies McDowell for producing the wonderful Remembrance Dinner; to Jan Carlson for decorating the Post for the Halloween party; to Darryl and Malia Jasmer for donating the prize money for the best Halloween costumes; to Scott McClure, Manager of Email Communications, for sending out the newsletters and Phil's Slides; to the Chair and Carpet Committee members Jim Edy, John Fisher, Jeanne Moffatt, and Sue Wilson for spending many hours searching out and deciding on the carpet and chairs to recommend to the E-Board; to Auxiliary President Mikkinsy Saling for producing and helping with many of the dinner events, for producing Trivia Night and with the help of her Auxiliary team hosts Taco Tuesdays, and for heading up and spending many hours producing and working The Giving Tree Program at Christmas time; to Les Lucas for helping us with our finances and for spending many hours working with the accountants to ensure our taxes are filed; to all our bartenders who serve us with a smile; and to the Legion Officers and E-Board members who make my job a little easier.

I would also like to thank the many other members not mentioned that helped out with the many events during the year.

Wishing everyone a healthy and prosperous new year. *Thank you, Phil Morton, Commander*

Super Bowl LIX

It's a Party

**Chili/Soup Cook Off
Sunday, February 9th.
Bring your special Chili or
Soup to share.**

**Be there by 2:00, judging at 3:00.
Cash Prizes.**

**Watch on our big screen.
The game kickoff is at about 3:30.**



Auxiliary Officers

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From the Auxiliary President

I'd like to thank everyone who took a tag from The Giving Tree. We were able to help 31 families this year, 26 adults and 90 children. One of our biggest turnouts yet! Most of these families were from Camp Withycombe which is a base to the National Guard, U. S. Army and Army Reserves. This wouldn't be possible without the hard work of the Auxiliary members who organized this. Thanks for your time and dedication to making this happen! I'd also like to thank the ladies who went to the Portland VA gift shop and volunteered their time helping wrap gifts, assist people shopping, and donating gift items, some even hand made themselves!!! I'm beyond grateful for our Post, those who support our Mission in helping Veterans and our community.

I'd also like to say it's been a pleasure serving all of you the last 10 years! It's bitter sweet leaving the bartending side of working at the Legion! I will still be involved with all my Auxiliary duties and might even fill in for a shift here and there, so don't fret I'll still be around!!!

I'll cherish my memories of these last 10 years and all the friendships I've made along the way!

Best wishes for all in 2025!

Sincerely,

Unit 56 Auxiliary President

District 1 Vice President

Mikkinsy Saling

Music Events Gain Popularity

We have had two music events in the past two months featuring local singer Barbara Cecil, who sings Rock N' Roll and Country from the 60's through the 80's. On November 16th we held our Pizza with Music event. Approximately 50 attended and all seemed to love the pizza at a \$1.00 a slice, and Barbara had them rocking in the hall. At one point there was a Tonga Line of about 25 dancing around the perimeter of the hall.

December 14th was our Annual Christmas Party. This was a potluck, with the Legion providing Tri-Tip cooked by Brian Berryhill. There was also our traditional Ugly Sweater Contest which was very fun. Barbara also performed at this event singing Christmas songs, with many singing along with her. About 55 members and guests attended, and the party was enjoyed by all.

Please see the insert for photos of these events. We will have music events in 2025, with Barbara and other artists. Stay tuned.

Complimentary Breakfast at The Ackerly

The Ackerly at Sherwood is a senior living care facility that has a special breakfast for all their resident Veterans, currently ten, once a month. Mike Ford, their Community Outreach Specialist, has extended an open invitation to all Post 56 Veterans to attend. The breakfast is always on the 15th of the month unless the 15th falls on a weekend, then it would be either the Friday or Monday, whichever the 15th is closest to. The breakfast begins promptly at 8:30. This is a complimentary meal, where they offer breakfast specials, or you can order off the menu.

On Monday December 16th, seven of us from Post 56 attended the Veterans Breakfast. Six resident Veterans were there and it was very fun talking with them and hearing their stories. Two of them were over 100 years old and both were in the Navy and fought in WWII in the South Pacific.

The Ackerly is located at 16827 SW Edy Rd., Sherwood. It's located in the same business area as the Providence Immediate Care facility. For planning purposes please call them at 503-217-2345 and tell the front desk you will be attending. I suggest you wear your military or Legion cap.

Thank you, Phil Morton, Commander

Crab Feed



POST 56 ANNUAL CRAB FEED

Saturday, February 15

2 Seatings – 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Price TBD – Whole Crab Dinner

Price TBD – Half Chicken Dinner

**Tickets on sale at the bar starting
Monday, January 13th.**

**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 2025

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

February 2025

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



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Welcome New Member

Steve Huffaker

Transferred to Post Everlasting

Douglas L. Thompson and Dave Winsor

Phil's Slide Show

Sign up to receive Email Delivery of Phil's Slide Show. This is the same slide show that is played on the TV above the bar. Typically, the show includes information on upcoming events, photos on recent events and other information. An updated slide show will be sent to you approximately every two weeks.

It's Easy to Sign Up

1. Go to our website:
SherwoodLegion.org
 2. On the Home page, at the far right top, click "Subscribe"
 3. Fill in the form at the bottom of the page and click "Subscribe"
- That's it. You will also automatically receive the Newsletter.

Pizza Night

Every Thursday, Starting at 4:30
 \$1.00 per slice

Check out our updated website.

SherwoodLegion.org.

It's easier to use and has more information.



Save the Dates

- Jan 14 Taco Tuesday
- Feb 9 Super Bowl Party
- Feb 11 Taco Tuesday
- Feb 15 Crab Feed
- Mar 11 Taco Tuesday
- Mar 15 St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- Mar 22 Post 56 Hosts Dist. 1 Mtg.

Pizza with Music Party November 16th



Pizza with Music Party Cooks. L-R: Jesse Chaquette, Nick Peters, Sue Wilson and Rosemary Morton.



Members and friends enjoying the pizza.



Members and friends enjoying the music.



Singer Barbara Cecil singing to the crowd.

Annual Christmas Party with Ugly Sweater Contest, Dec 14th



The Ugly Sweater Contest Contestants. L-R: Danny Drill, Mom Mikie Drill, Mystery Guest, Dianna Tanabe, Phil Morton, Jared Edinger, Sarah Larkin, Rosemary Morton and Chris Garcia.

Annual Christmas Party with Ugly Sweater Contest, Dec 14th



L-R: Mikie Drill, Danny Drill took 3rd for \$25, Dianna Tanabe took 1st for \$75 and Sarah Larkin took 2nd for \$50.

Singer Barbara Cecil singing Christmas songs.

The Christmas Giving Tree Program



Many toys and gifts for the military children, donated by Poat 56 members, the Legion, SAL and ALA.



L-R: Malia Jasmer, Rebecca Fairbanks and Jeanne Moffatt sorting and packing all the Christmas gifts for the military children.



Helping to pack all the gifts. L-R: Jeanne Moffatt, Rebecca Fairbanks, Asher Fairbanks, Mikkinsky Saling and Ardis Snyder.



Heading up the Giving Tree program, Auxiliary President Mikkinsky Saling.