



The Argonne Newsletter

March - April, 2025

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

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From the Commander

A brief update; After a long delay our new carpet and planking for the dance floor arrived at our contractor's warehouse and will be installed by the time you read this newsletter. Our new chairs come in at the completion of the carpeting and the new fresh look of our main hall will be a big improvement. Be sure to drop by and check it out, I'm sure you will be pleased.

Our Service Officer, Ryan Shockley, resigned at the end of last year to fill the Commander's position of a new online Post that is being set up. Our Second Vice, Bill Middleton, stepped up and volunteered to fill the vacancy. We are all very excited as Bill will do a fantastic job helping out Veterans when needed. Be sure to read Bill's article in the next column.

There are several social events to mention, Taco Tuesdays in January and February both were very popular with around 45 attending each. The big hit of January was Trivia with Potluck. Auxiliary member Jan Carlson, who now produces this event, had lots of fun and interesting questions for a crowd of 55 with 7 teams playing. The Potluck food was excellent. I highly recommend you attend this event. Our Annual Crab Feed took place on February 15th and as usual was a huge success, thanks to Melanie Heald who produces this event every year. Please see her article on page 2.

In addition to upcoming Taco Tuesdays, and Trivia with Potluck, there are two major social events; St. Patrick's Day Dinner hosted by the Auxiliary and a Special Monday Night Dinner on April 21, with Music performed by Barbara Cecil. This will be Barbara's third appearance at the Post, brought back by popular demand.

One last event I want to mention, on Saturday, March 22nd, we are honored to host the American Legion District 1 Meeting. It starts at 11:30 with a lunch in our main hall, then at 1:00 the Legionnaires begin their meeting in the Sherwood City Hall meeting room next door, and the Auxiliary holds their meeting at the Post. All members can attend, the Sons attend the Legion meeting, but please advise your Commander or President if you plan on attending so they can fill you in on the details.

Thank you, Phil Morton, Commander

From the Service Officer

As your new Service Officer, I would like to share with the Post members some of my duties. I will be serving as a link between our members and a representative that can file claims on behalf of veterans. I am not authorized to file any claims, only to assist in locating an accredited trained Service Officer. Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) certifies all Oregon county service officers for the Veterans Benefits Administration to provide claims representation for Oregon veterans. ODVA trains and accredits Veterans Service Officers to file defensible claims for disability based on Title 38 federal law. If you need a contact telephone number, contact me and I will provide you with one.

I can also provide various resources to members such as State and National cemeteries, nursing homes, agencies for senior citizens and other organizations that help veterans. Depending on your disability rating, the State offers a wide variety of benefits to you. I can also provide more information on who to contact if you are eligible. Contact me at wmiddleton70@yahoo.com or leave a message for me at the at Post.

Thank you,

Bill Middleton, Service Officer

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER



Don't miss this very popular dinner hosted by the Auxiliary.

Monday, March 17th. @ 5:30

Featuring Corned Beef and Cabbage, Red Potatoes, Vegetables, Soda Bread and Dessert.

Dinner is only \$15 per Person

Tickets on sale at the bar, or call the bartender and reserve a ticket.

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From the Auxiliary President

Greetings! I hope everyone has had a good start to the year! The Auxiliary has been very busy with our events like monthly Taco Tuesdays- second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. If you haven't been to one yet we hope to see you at our next one, which will be March 11th.

I'm very pleased to see new faces at our Auxiliary meetings which are held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Again, if you haven't been to one, I really encourage you to attend a meeting, where you can chat with fellow Auxiliary members and get first-hand information on all the Auxiliary's ongoing and upcoming events/activities.

We had the pleasure of having the Auxiliary Department President attend our meeting in February. President Cindy Soria drove all the way up from Grants Pass. She told us all about what's going on at the Department level and how each Unit can help support their District and Department.

Our annual crab feed was in February, another sold out event! Thank you to everyone who helped, and a HUGE thank-you to Melanie Heald for being the main organizer, without her this event wouldn't be possible. Don't forget we have our annual St. Patty's dinner on March 17th, 5pm. As always, I'm very grateful for the Auxiliary members who show up to meetings and volunteer their time to help with our events, and would always love to see new/returning faces to our monthly meetings.

Sincerely, District 1 Vice President/Unit 56 President Mikkinsy Saling

Crab Feed a Huge Success

In spite of the cold weather and snow we had our annual Crab Feed on February 15th. Thank you to our loyal customers and newcomers alike. We had a great turnout and the crab was full and fresh. Between the two seatings we sold 70 crab dinners and 15 chicken dinners. We appreciate the diners' support of the dinner and also supporting the raffle baskets fund raising. All monies go to support Veterans' causes.

It takes a great group of volunteers to make it happen and a big thanks to: Gary Walgraeve, Joe Martin, Brian Berryhill, Les Lucas, Preston Davis, Tony Richardson, Jan Carlson, Ramona Carlson, Cambree Carlson, Braxton Reitenbrah, Mikkinsy Saling, Annie Hardisty, Sue Wilson, John Fisher, and Kristi Vincent for all their hard work. I would like to give a special thank you to Gary Walgraeve for driving me down to Lincoln City on Friday to pick up all the crab.

Sincerely, Melanie Heald, Auxiliary



Serving up the Crab Dinner, L to R: Kristi Vincent, Melanie Heald, Kinsy Saling & Tony Richardson

Please join us at the Post for this special event.

**Monday Night Dinner with Music
by singer song writer Barbara Cecil
Monday, April 21st**

5:30 Chicken Dinner by SAL, just \$12.

From 6:00 to 8:00 listen, sing and dance to music by Barbara singing Rock 'n' Roll & Country from the 60's through the 80's.



TRIVIA
night

Get your Trivia Teams together and plan on attending Trivia with Potluck. Next Trivias:

Saturday March 29th and Saturday, April 26th.

Potluck Starts at 5:00 p.m.

Trivia at 6:00 p.m.

Please bring a dish to share. This is one of our most popular events.

March 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 p.m. | 6 Pizza Night 4:30 Legion Meeting 7:00 p.m. | 7 | 8 |
| 9 Daylight Saving Time Begins | 10 | 11 Taco Tuesday 5:00 p.m. SAL Meeting 6:00 p.m. | 12 | 13 Pizza Night 4:30 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 St. Patrick's Day Dinner 5:30 | 18 | 19 | 20 Pizza Night 4:30 E-Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. | 21 | 22 |
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April 2025

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

Important Legion Meeting
Thursday April 3rd, 7:00 p.m.

Post 56 E-Board has spent several months reviewing and making changes to our Bylaws. All the changes are now complete and the revised Bylaws will be voted on at the beginning of this meeting.

All Post 56 Legionnaire members are eligible to vote. If you are interested in being part of this process please attend this meeting. Please be here by 6:45 p.m. as we start promptly at 7:00

Thank you, Phil Morton

Welcome New Members
 Delaney Bantol, Richard Bitz, Lindsey Chaquette, Frank Goodwin and John Harris.

Check out our updated website.
SherwoodLegion.org.
 It's easier to use and has more information.



Save the Dates

Mar 11 Taco Tuesday
 Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day Dinner
 Mar 22 Post 56 Hosts Dist. 1 Mtg.
 Mar 29 Trivia with Potluck
 Apr 8 Taco Tuesday
 Apr 21 Mon. Night Dinner with Music
 Apr 26 Trivia with Potluck