



# The Argonne Newsletter

**May - Jun, 2025 E-Edition**

**The American Legion – Argonne Post 56**

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The Post Opens: Mon-Sat 3:30 and Sunday 1:30

## Legion Officers

### **Commander**

Phil Morton  
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### **First Vice**

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### **Finance**

Joe Martin  
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### **Chaplain**

Syl Gibbons  
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### **Service Officer**

Bill Middleton  
503-816-0549

### **Sgt. at Arms**

Ken Sandquist  
503-625-7569

### **Historian**

Vacant

### **E-Board**

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

Gary Gibbons  
Jim Edy  
Ed Contreras

### **Legion Photographer**

John Fisher  
503-502-7579

### **Manager of Website and Facebook**

John Fisher

### **Manager of Email Communications**

Scott McClure

## ***From the Commander***

**Updates:** Our new carpet is installed, our new chairs are in, and we have another 60" diameter round table to sit at, thanks to a donation by Legion member John Fisher, and two new bar height round tables with new stools. Please see the Photo Insert for before and after photos. Everyone loves the new look and it makes our hall look so much bigger. Next on the list is to spruce up the kitchen.

**Upcoming Events:** In May we have Burger Night on Monday the 5th, Taco Tuesday on the 13th, and Trivia with Potluck on Saturday the 31st. Also, the day before Memorial Day we place small American Flags on the Veterans' head stones at the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Sherwood and the Middleton Pioneer Cemetery also in Sherwood. In June our big event of the year is the Sherwood Cruisin'. This is one of only two days a year our Post is open to the Public. Then on the last Saturdays of May and June is our ever popular Trivia with Potluck.

**Internal Affairs:** On Saturday, March 22nd, we hosted a District 1 meeting. District 1 is made up of 15 Posts: Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Astoria, St. Helens, Tillamook, Sherwood, Clatskanie, Banks, Seaside, Aloha, Vernonia, Beaverton, Nehalem, Tigard and Cannon Beach. Approximately 40 guests attended, comprised of Legionnaires and Auxiliary. It all started with lunch at 11:30, serving deli sandwiches, potato salad, chips and cookies. At 12:45 the Legionnaires moved over to City Hall, the court room, to conduct their meeting and the Auxiliary conducted their meeting at the Post. District 1 Commander Wendy Berger presided over the Legion meeting. It was a very interesting meeting, learning a lot from all the other Posts' reports. Please see photos on the Photo Insert.

The Executive Committee has been working on revising our Bylaws for several months. It is a requirement of Department of Oregon that Bylaws be reviewed annually and revised if needed. Ours had not been revised for several years so it was time. We made several very good improvements. After a final review by Department, it was approved at our April 3rd E-Board meeting. If you would like an electronic copy, please send me an email at [philofar@hughes.net](mailto:philofar@hughes.net). (cont. on next column)

## ***Internal Affairs (cont.)***

The process of electing Officers for the next term begins with nominations in February, continuing through the first General Meeting in April. At the April 3rd meeting final nominations were made and a vote was taken. Your Officers for the 2025-2026 term are as shown on the sidebar on this page. Congratulations Officers, and thank you for volunteering your time for this very important function.

That's the latest. Hope everyone has a great spring.

*Thank you, Phil Morton, Commander*

## ***From the Service Officer***

**How do you schedule a burial for a Veteran or family member at a National Cemetery?**

You can apply in advance to see if you are eligible for burial in a VA cemetery. It is best to have a pre-need letter that confirms eligibility. Fill out the pre-need eligibility form 40-10007 which is available online at the VA website. Then when the need arises all you need to do is have your funeral director call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 800-535-1117 to request a burial. You don't need anything else except to prepare your family for the funeral. It will save you a lot of time and effort for your family in this time of grief.

If you don't have a decision letter you can still arrange to be buried at a National Cemetery. You will need a copy of your DD214 or if you were National Guard, you will need a copy of your Form 22. On the [va.gov](http://va.gov) website there is a list of forms that can be used to verify your service time.

If you need further assistance, you can call the Willamette Cemetery at 503-273-5250. They are very helpful and can answer any questions you have.

*Thank you, Bill Middleton, Service Officer*

**Don't miss Trivia with Potluck**  
**Saturday, May 31st, 5:00 Potluck, 6:00 Trivia**  
**Saturday, June 28th, 5:00 Potluck, 6:00 Trivia**



**Auxiliary Officers**

**President**

Mikkinsy Saling  
503-747-9441

**Vice President**

Rebecca Fairbanks  
503-267-5511

**Secretary**

Malia Jasmer  
503-575-0466

**Treasurer**

Jeanne Moffatt  
503-896-7409

**Chaplain**

Tess Kies  
McDowell  
503-516-7114

**Sgt at Arms**

Jessie Kratchman

**Our National Commander**



**James LaCoursiere**

An Air Force veteran, James A. LaCoursiere, Jr. has been a longtime field representative for the Department of Connecticut's Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund, which financially assists Veterans and families in need.

LaCoursiere has held many leadership positions at The American Legion post, department (state) and national levels. He is a member of American Legion Post 91 in Moosup, Conn. He has also served as a National Vice Commander, Connecticut State Commander, and chairman of the national Legislative Commission.

LaCoursiere is married to his wife, Lisa, and has two children (Patrick and Meghan), and three stepchildren (Jason, Kaylene and the late Johnathan).

Born to a military family in Honolulu, Hawaii, LaCoursiere attended Montville High School where he played junior varsity football, varsity football and varsity track.

As National Commander, LaCoursiere is strongly committed to raising awareness for The American Legion's **Be the One** mission to prevent Veteran suicide. (from national)

**Volunteers Needed for the Post Recruiting Booth During Cruisin'**

Again this year, we will have a recruiting booth (pop-up canopy) set up in front of our building during the Cruisin', Saturday June 21st. Over the last 3 or 4 years of the Cruisin' the booth has been very successful, recruiting several new members for the Legion, SAL and Auxiliary. (cont. on next column)

**Volunteers Needed (cont.)**

We really need volunteers to staff the booth to hand out literature, and tell potential members all the wonderful things we do to support Veterans, their families and the Sherwood community.

The booth will open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 3:00 p.m. The goal is to have two people in the booth for each of the one hour shifts. If you can help out, please call or text me at 503-449-8831, or email me at [philofar@hughes.net](mailto:philofar@hughes.net).

Thank you, Phil Morton, Commander

**Veterans' Alzheimer's Disease Study**

About: Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) is conducting a Veterans' Alzheimer's Disease Blood Initiative Study, sponsored by The Department of Defense. Researchers hope to learn if blood tests can be a reliable and accurate way to detect and diagnose Alzheimer's disease in Veterans at early or preclinical stages. This study will compare PET scans to blood test results.

Eligibility to Participate: Must be a Veteran, age 50 and older, diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment or mild dementia, and have a reliable study partner.

What to Expect: Visits to OHSU for: blood draw, PET scan, MRI, brief medical check-up, and answer survey questions about medical, social and military history.

Compensation: \$100 with up to \$100 reimbursed for travel.

More Information: If you are interested and would like more information please contact the study coordinator Jennifer Marcoe at email: [marcoe@ohsu.edu](mailto:marcoe@ohsu.edu) or phone: 503-494-1329

**Burger Night**

**Monday, May 5th, 5:00 to 6:30**

- 1/3 lb. Burger on a Sesame Seed Bun and you put on all the fixings. Includes Beer Battered Fries & Three Flavors of Ice Cream with Chocolate & Butterscotch Toppings
- Standard Burger Dinner .....\$7.00
- Single Burger Dinner/Cheese .....\$8.00
- Double Burger Dinner .....\$9.00
- Double Burger Dinner/Cheese.....\$10.00
- Grilled Cheese Sandwich Dinner ..... \$5.00

**Children's Menu Just \$3.00**

12 years old and younger  
Choice of Standard Burger Dinner or Grilled Cheese Sandwich Dinner  
Includes Fries, and Ice Cream  
**Don't Miss this very fun event**  
By The Legion Burger Team



**Saturday June 21st  
At the Legion**

- 6:00 a.m. Cruisin' Breakfast:** Serving Biscuits and Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, OJ, and Coffee, Only \$15.00
- 7:00 a.m. Bar Opens**
- 11:00 a.m. Sidewalk Grill:** Serving Hot Dogs, Polish Dogs, and Tri-Tip Sandwiches
- 11:00 a.m. Backyard Bar Opens**

**Don't miss this very fun event.  
Open to the Public**

## May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Pizza Night 4:30 Legion Meeting 7:00 p.m.	2	3
4	5 Burger Night	6	7 Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 p.m.	8 Pizza Night 4:30	9	10
11 Mothers' Day	12	13 Taco Tuesday 5:00 p.m. SAL Meeting 6:00 p.m.	14	15 Pizza Night 4:30 E-Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	16	17 Armed Forces Day
18	19	20	21	22 Pizza Night 4:30	23 Poppy Booth in front of the Post Noon - 3:00	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29 Pizza Night 4:30	30	31 Trivia with Potluck Potluck 5:00 Trivia 6:00

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**SAL Officers Squadron**

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**First Vice**  
Seth Peterson  
503-530-6699

**Second Vice**  
Jared Edinger  
503-519-3378

**Finance**  
Gary Walgraeve  
503-709-2021

**Adjutant**  
Preston Davis  
619-715-1517

**Chaplain**  
Kelvin Staven  
503-539-4511

**Sgt. at Arms**  
Luke Morter  
971-979-2019

**Service Officer**  
Tony Richardson  
503-330-1659

**Historian**  
Allen Bower  
503-880-0511

MEMORIAL DAY  
REMEMBER AND HONOR

*May 26th - Memorial Day is for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.*

**The Auxiliary will have a booth in front of the Legion building handing out poppies on Friday May 23rd from 1-3 in celebration of National Poppy Day.**

Poppy Day is celebrated in countries around the world. The American Legion Family brought National Poppy Day® to the United States by asking Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day, as National Poppy Day.

**Welcome New Members**

**Auxiliary:** Alisha Sleight Layman, Julie Edy, Rose Biondo, Michele Howard, Anne Olson, Linda Nelson and Ashley Garcia.

**Sal:** Justice Saling, Keith Work



**Save the Dates**

**May 5 Burger Night**  
**May 13 Taco Tuesday**  
**May 31 Trivia with Potluck**  
**Jun 21 Sherwood Cruisin'**  
**Jun 28 Trivia with Potluck**  
**Jul 19 Robin Hood Festival**  
**Jul 26 Trivia with Potluck**  
**Aug 23 Annual Family Picnic**  
**Aug 30 Trivia with Potluck**  
**Sep 9 Taco Tuesday**  
**Sep 27 Remembrance Dinner**

# New Carpet, Dance Floor and Chairs Project



Before



After



Before



After

The following is a list of all the volunteers that made this project possible: Becky Hicks, Bill Middleton, Chris Garcia, Chris Gomez, Doug Staph, Jeanne Moffatt, Jim Edy, Joe Martin, John Fisher, Les Lucas, Maureen Lucas, Miller Staph, Nick Peters, Phil Morton, Scott McClure, and Sue Wilson. *Thank you volunteers for all your hard work to make these projects, a Complete Success.*

## St. Patrick's Day Dinner – Over 55 Members and Guests Attended



All decorated ready for the big crowd



Ready to eat corned beef and cabbage

## District 1 Legion Meeting at the Sherwood City Hall, March 22



Opening Ceremonies

## Trivia with Potluck -March 29 with 10 Teams and 70 people



Jan Carlson reading the questions, and  
Becky Hicks tracking the answers



Everyone concentrating on winning



Everyone having lots of fun



A great evening with fantastic potluck food