



The Argonne Newsletter

July - August, 2025 E-Edition

The American Legion – Argonne Post 56

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

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Vacant

E-Board

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

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Jim Edy
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Manager of Website and Facebook

John Fisher

Manager of Email Communications

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From the Commander

Updates: It took us a while to find the perfect commercial refrigerator to fit the kitchen space and we finally found one at Home Depot. It was primarily funded by a grant obtained from the City of Sherwood, in conjunction with Metro, that we received mid last year. The refrigerator replaces the existing side by side refrigerator freezer that we had. The new one has almost 5 cu. ft. more food storage, and it has a smaller foot print which now allows us to swing the door into the kitchen instead out into the main room. The cabinets above the existing refrigerator had to be moved up over 6" to accommodate the taller refrigerator. Thank you to Nick Peters and Chris Garcia for performing this task, and picking up the refrigerator from Home Depot and getting it installed. Also thank you to Sue Wilson for transferring all the food from old to new. The old freezer/refrigerator was placed in the shed for overflow and special events. Please see photos on the insert page.

Legion Affairs: I attended my first American Legion Department of Oregon Convention held at the Salem Convention Center from June 18th through the 21st. My wife Rosemary, an ALA member, accompanied me and our Sgt. at Arms Kenny Sandquist and ALA member Georgia DeLozier also attended. Kenny and I attended many meetings and a break out committee meeting while the ladies went to their ALA meetings. A lot of business took place, way too much to detail here, however the Department Bylaws updates was discussed and voted on and there was an election of Officers for the 2025-2026 term.

Our new Department Commander is Renne Ohler. Renne is well qualified serving in the Army and the Air force for a total of 30 years retiring as a Senior Master Sergeant, a career Military Personnel Superintendent. She has 14 years of leadership in the American Legion, serving last year as Department of Oregon 1st Vice Commander. She also is the 1st Vice Commander-Adjutant-Finance Officer of Sheridan Post 75, and is a Life Member of the VFW. Congratulations Renne.

I learned a lot during the three days we were there, and met many nice people, many who were Commanders of other Posts. I plan to attend the convention next year.

From the Commander (cont.)

Upcoming Events: Mark your calendar for the big retirement party for bartender Jean Allen on Sunday, July 13th. It's a potluck, so please bring a dish to share. Then our next big event is during the Robin Hood Festival. Our Post is open to the public and the Bar opens at 9:00 a.m. Weather permitting, the Beer Garden opens at 11:00, and at 11:30 Brian Berryhill and his SAL team will have the Back Yard Grill open selling Hot Dogs and Polish Sausage Dogs. Also, at 12:00 there is our annual Bean Bag Toss Tournament hosted by member Les Lucas. Please see ad on the back page. Trivia with Potluck returns on July 26th and August 30th and then on August 23rd there is our Annual Family Picnic. Please see the ad on the back page for details. Hope to see many of you at these events.

Regards, Phil Morton, Commander

From the Service Officer

Are you eligible to receive VA disability compensation? The rules have changed so you might now be eligible. What you need to do is contact an accredited Veteran Service Officer (VSO) to provide claim representation. It is recommended that you don't hire an outside attorney because it is not necessary. The accredited VSO will help in filing a claim for disability benefits in Oregon. It is free and confidential. The VSO will help you file a claim proving eligibility using legal, military and medical evidence. To find a VSO In Washington County you can call 503-846-3060, Yamhill County call 503-434-7503, Clackamas County 503-650-5631, and Multnomah 503-988-8387.

Thank you, Bill Middleton, Service Officer

The Passing of a Good Friend

Bob Bower, owner of Clancy's Bar & Restaurant in old town Sherwood, passed away on June 8, 2025 at the age of 81. Bob was a long time member of Post 56 and he has always been a great friend, helping us out of a jam when we needed it.

He was very friendly to everyone and had a knack of remembering people's names. A Celebration of Life was held at our Post on Saturday June 28 with a huge crowd of approximately 175. Bob will be missed. Our condolences to the Bower Family.

The Family asks that you to consider donating to your favorite charity in Bob's name.



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Longtime Bartender Jean Allen Retired After Over 37 years of Dedicated Service



Jean Allen, our long time bartender of over 37 years, decided it was time to retire, so she chose Sunday, May 25th as her last day as a Post 56 bartender. I recently had the pleasure of interviewing Jean and here is what she had to say about her life at the Legion.

"I grew up in Sherwood and now live on the 9 acres, in Sherwood, that I purchased in 1972. This is the location of our family business, Cedar Creek Nursery, and recently we celebrated 53 years in business.

I began my bartending career working at the Klines Bar and Restaurant in Sherwood, located in an area that was called Six Corners. It was owned by the Klines family and the restaurant name was later changed to The Peddler. The Klines were very nice people and everyone called them Pop and Mom. I worked for them for many years and eventually became Bar Manager. When Mom died everything began to change and eventually the business was sold to Bill McCormick of McCormick and Schmicks fame. Bill hired a couple to run the operation and soon after the wife came to me to talk about my new hours. I said no thanks and gave my two weeks' notice and went home to work in the nursery.

One day in 1988, not long after I left the restaurant, I was out working in the nursery with dirt in my hands when Harry Godel, the Bar Manager of the Legion, stopped by to see me. He asked if I would come and bartend at the Legion, and I immediately said yes. That was the start of my Legion journey.

I've been an ALA member longer than working at the Legion. I joined through my dad, Don Allen, a World War II Veteran. To me the Legion is not just a job. The people I have met over the years are good friends, like family. I watched some of the members grow up and even baby sat a few of them. I might be retiring but the Legion still will be a part of me forever. Actually, I could probably write a book with all the stories about the Legion, and it would be quite a story."

I'm sure we will still see Jean at the Legion hanging out with friends. I will certainly miss all the yummy food she would bring in on Sundays, especially her homemade lasagna. Thank you, Jean, for your friendship and all your years of dedicated service.

There will be a big Retirement Party for Jean on Sunday, July 13th at 1:30. It's a potluck so please bring a dish to share.

Cruisin' in the Rain

In my 15 years of being a Post 56 member, I've never seen the amount of rain on Cruisin' day as we did this year. The cars began arriving in the Old Town streets shortly after 5:30 a.m. to an overcast morning, but around 9:00 the rains came hard and never stopped until late afternoon. The rain kept a lot of cars from showing up. I estimate only 125 cars were on display compared to the normal, on a dry day, of 450 to 600.

The Auxiliary ladies began prepping and setting the tables for the Cruisin' breakfast starting at 4:30 and the doors opened to the public at 6:00. Normally they sell over 100 meals, and this year they sold 45 meals, which netted them a small profit, plus as they do every year they comped 8 Sherwood Police Officers. Members of the Breakfast Team were: Stacy Bent, Vicky Braly, Melanie Heald, Becky Hicks, Lynette Pasco, Jeanne Moffatt, Ardis Snyder, Olivia Wengert and Sue Wilson. Thank you ladies for all your hard work.

Son's Squadron Commander Brian Berryhill and his team opened the Side Walk Café at 11 with several pop-up tents to protect them from the rain. Business was dismal and by 1:30 they closed up shop. Thank you to the team: Brian and Jody Berryhill, Brendon Davis, Preston Davis, Tim Nester, Tony Richardson and Lee Whitmore. Thank you for all your hard work.

We set up our Recruiting Booth early and opened at 9. The wind was blowing and it was cold but we still managed to talk to a fair number of people and in the end, we have a potential of 6 new members, some SAL and some Legion. I want to thank the members who helped me set up, work the booth and tear down. They were: Ed Contreras, Chris Garcia, Bill Middleton, Alisha Morton, Rosemary Morton, Nick Peters and Cathi Sleight.

By 2:00, all the cars had pulled up stakes and headed home. We will try again next year.

Thank you, Phil Morton, Commander

Post 56 Annual Family Picnic

***Come Join Us for All the Good Food and
Fun and open play Bean Bag Toss.***

Date: Saturday, August 23rd, 3:00 p.m.

Where: Post 56 Back Yard

What to Bring: A dish to share

Post Provides: BBQ Tri-Tip Sandwiches

***It's Free to Members and
their families***

July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Pizza Night 4:30	4 Independence Day We are open	5
6	7	8 SAL Meeting 6:00 p.m.	9	10 Pizza Night 4:30	11	12
13 Bartender Jean Allen Retirement Party 1:30	14	15	16	17 Pizza Night 4:30 General Meeting 7:00 p.m.	18	19 Robin Hood Festival
20	21	22	23	24 Pizza Night 4:30	25	26 Trivia with Potluck Potluck 5:00 Trivia 6:00
27	28	29	30	31 Pizza Night 4:30		

August 2025

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Transferred to Post Everlasting

Bob Bower, Tom Renolds and
Lindia Henderson

**Sherwood Robin Hood
Festival at the Legion
Saturday July 19th**

Saturday at the Legion

9:00 a.m. Bar Opens.

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

11:30 a.m. Back Yard Grill Opens
Serving Hot Dogs \$4.00 and Polish
Sausage Dogs for just \$6.00

12:00 noon
Legion Bean Bag Toss Tournament
No entry fees. Two people per team,
Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Sign-
up sheets are on the bulletin board.

**Backyard Events Based on
Weather Permitting**

Open to the Public

Welcome New Members

Legion: Ronald Faircloth Jr., Steve Nelson, Cher
Guritz, Sarah Laylo, Randy Laylo, Alan Arceneaux,
Jason Schwabel, Rob Cochran, and Daniel Knight.

Auxiliary: Mary Bush, Sue Harris and Nicole Jenkins



Save the Dates

Jul	13	Jean Allen Retirement Party
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
Oct	5	Shuffleboard Tournament
Oct	14	Taco Tuesday
Oct	20	Burger Night

Cruisin' 2025



**Phil Morton and Breakfast Ticket Seller
Georgia DeLozier**



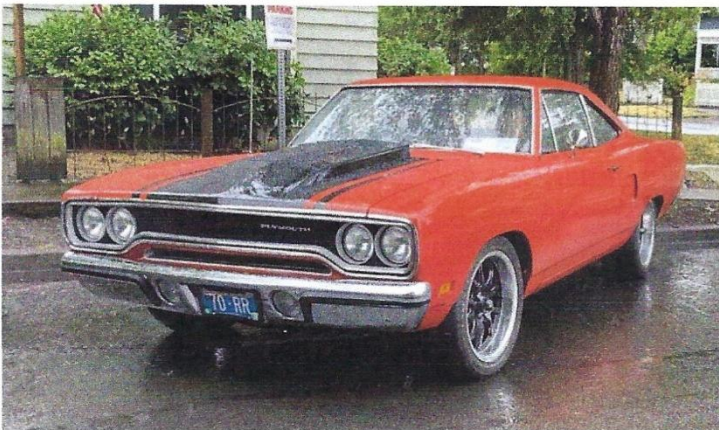
**The SAL Team Cooking in the Rain. L-R: Brendon Davis,
Preston Davis, Tim Nester, Jody and Brian Berryhill.
Not Pictured, Lee Whitmore and Tony Richardson.**



**Working the Recruiting Booth L-R: Alisha
Morton, Cathi Sleight and Rosemary Morton**



**Working the Recruiting Booth L-R: Ed Contreras, Chris
Garcia and Nick Peters. Not Pictured Bill Middleton**

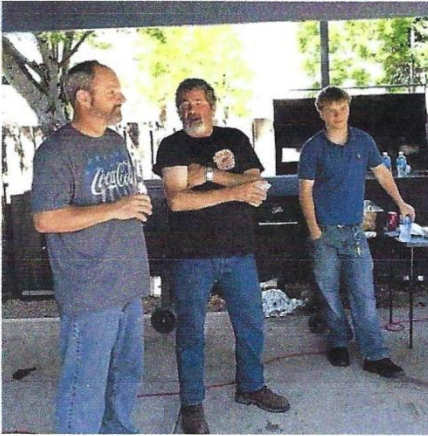


**1970 Plymouth Road Runner
Took Best of Show Award**



**1946 Chevy Pickup
Took Cruisers Choice Award**

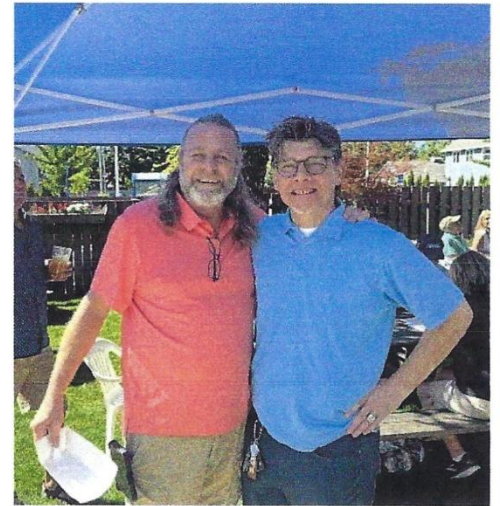
Celebration of Life for Bob Bower



Preparing all the food. L-R: Eric Whitmore, Brian Berryhill and Brendon Davis. Not pictured: Tim Nester, Tony Richardson, Calvin Stevens and many others.



Preparing salads for the event. L-R: Jan Carlson and Jody Berryhill. Not pictured Rebecca Fairbanks and Kathy Hunt. Many others helped to set up, prepare food, and clean up afterwards.



L-R: Darryl Jasmer and Bob's son Alan Bower. Our condolences to you and your family Alan.



An estimated 175 attended Bob's Celebration of Life.

Thanks to Brian Berryhill and the SAL, Legion and the Auxiliary members that all came together to make this a great celebration of Bob's life and his service to the Sherwood Community.

The American Legion Post hosted the dinner with help from Clancy's, the Sherwood Elks, and other Sherwood Organizations, with tables and chairs provided by the Performing Arts Center and St. Francis Catholic Church.

This was one of the largest events in Post history and we should be proud to serve our community for such a special person.

The Refrigerator Project Now Complete



Before



After



ALA Member Sue Wilson throwing out old food while transferring food from old to new refrigerator