



The Argonne Newsletter

September - October, 2025 E-Edition

The American Legion – Argonne Post 56

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From the Commander

I hope everyone is having a great summer and you are staying cool in this hot weather. Here are the latest happenings at Post 56.

Legion Affairs: We are still the process of making revisions to our Constitution. Once the revisions are approved by the Board, it is submitted to Department of Oregon for approval and then it will be presented to the Legion membership to be voted on. We will keep you posted.

Upcoming Events: The Auxiliary's Taco Tuesday is returning starting on September 9th. Our annual, very special, Remembrance Dinner takes place on September 27th. Please refer to the article on page 2 for details. The other big events coming up are the 3rd annual Shuffleboard Tournament, Burger Night and our Halloween Costume Party. Please see the ads in this newsletter for details. Hope to see you at these events. *Thank you, Phil Morton, Commander*

Robin Hood Festival

Unlike Cruisin' Saturday, the weather for the Sherwood Robin Hood Festival was absolutely beautiful. The streets of six city blocks of Old Town Sherwood were closed off and filled with vendor's booths selling everything from food, home crafts, jewelry, clothing, face painting for the children and more. Lots of people, including families with young children, started arriving early to set up chairs along the parade route. The parade left Langers at 10:00 and ended going up 1st street right past the Post. It was a great parade and included the traditional fire engines, police cars, many floats, some pulled by tractors, lots of horses, one pulling a beautiful carriage, the Sherwood marching band, and lots of children walking and riding bikes. The parade lasted about an hour and was a lot of fun. Please see photos on the Photo Insert page.

We took advantage of the huge crowd by having our Post 56 recruiting booth set up right on the corner of 1st and Pine. It was attended by several volunteers and by the end of the day we sent about 9 people home with membership applications for the Legion Family, TAL, SAL and ALA. We actually signed up one TAL member in our back yard.

The Post was opened to the public with the bar opening at 10:00, and the Backyard Bar at 11:00. (cont. next column)

Robin Hood Festival (cont.)

The Sons, with help from the Auxiliary, did a brisk business selling hot dogs and Polish sausage dogs. Our traditional Bean Bag Toss Tournament, produced and hosted by Legion member Les Lucas, started at noon. It was a double elimination format with 8 teams, 16 players, with lots of spectators to cheer them on. Thank you, Les, for making this very popular event so successful. Please see photos and winners on the Photo Insert page.

Phil Morton, Commander

From the Service Officer

A question I often get is how to obtain a copy of a DD214. All veterans get a copy of their 214 when released from active duty. The DD214 is proof of your service. All branches use the same form with the exception of the National Guard which issues a form 22 for periods of service that don't qualify for a DD214. The 22 is a separate document that covers periods of service such as weekend drills.

The DD stands for Defense Department and provides veterans with an accurate summary of active duty service. It usually lists dates of service, any commendations or medals received and the reason for separation, and the type of discharge.

You are entitled to your record free of charge. You will need your 214 to verify military for benefits, retirement and membership in veterans' organizations like the American Legion. A spouse will also need a copy for a funeral service to receive patriotic honors.

All this being said, how do you get your copy? There are several ways to get your copy via the federal government. Go to eVetRecs website or the VA website and search for records to electronically file for one. You can also get it by mail by downloading the SF180 form and mailing it in. This method is much slower than online filing. Another method is to contact the County Service Officer for help. Remember there is no need to pay anyone to get your record.

Thank you, Bill Middleton, Service Officer

From the Auxiliary President

I hope everyone had a safe and fun summer! Our first meeting will be on September 3rd, 6pm, I hope to see you all there! Taco Tuesday will start again on September 9th 5pm, tell your friends!

Sincerely, Mikkinsy Saling

Unit 56 Auxiliary President, District 1 VP



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Post 56 Sends Two SHS Students to Law Enforcement Career Camp

Sherwood American Legion Post 56 proudly sponsored two outstanding Sherwood High School students, Ian Cummins and Andres Hernandez, to attend the 2025 Law Enforcement Career Camp (LECC), held July 27th. through August 1st. at Camp Rilea Armed Forces Training Facility in Warrenton, Oregon.

Established in 1985, the LECC gives rising high school seniors a hands-on introduction to careers in law enforcement. The camp is hosted in partnership with the Oregon State Police, Oregon State Sheriffs' Association, Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police, and the American Legion Department of Oregon.

Ian and Andres shared that the experience was inspiring, educational, and full of meaningful connections with peers and professionals alike.

Post 56 covered each student's \$350 sponsorship, and we extend a heartfelt *thank you* to **Brian Motland and Warne Scope** for their generous support in covering the students' \$50 personal contribution. Your commitment to our local youth is deeply appreciated. Please see Photo Insert. *Thank you, Jesse Chaquette, Legion Member*

About the Newsletter

I took over writing the newsletter from long time member Edd Burns in February of 2016. Edd, who transferred to Post Everlasting a few years ago, wrote and produced the newsletter for over 15 years.

My first newsletter was the March – April, 2016 edition. I created a new format, which is pretty much the same as you see today, except it was printed in black and white to save costs. Within a year the newsletter went to full color. We currently mail about 175 copies and email 200.

I've thoroughly enjoyed writing the newsletter for all these years but I've decided it's time to pass the torch to someone who would enjoy the job as much as I do. A new person could bring new life to the newsletter, new ideas, new types of articles and more.

The qualifications for producing the newsletter are simple and straight forward. They are: enjoy working on the computer, are experienced in using a Word doc program, knowledge of editing photos, and enjoy writing. I happen to use MS Word, however any desk top publishing program will also do the job, and possibly a better job.

My last newsletter will be the March – April, 2026 edition, so I am now actively searching for my replacement. The replacement could be two people, one to write and one to format the newsletter. The position is open to any TAL, SAL or ALA member. I will help train and guide you through the first couple of newsletters and be available to help on future ones.

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About the Newsletter (cont.)

If you have any interest at all please call or text me at 503-449-8831 to discuss.

Thank you,

Phil Morton, Commander

Remembrance Dinner

On Saturday September 27th, 5:30, there will be a Remembrance Dinner to commemorate Post 56 Members who have passed in the last year. Brian Berryhill and the SAL team are preparing a Traeger BBQ chicken dinner and a Tri-Tip dinner both with all the trimmings, including dessert. It's your choice if you want a little of both.

The dinner will be Free to our maximum capacity of 60 guests. Please pick up your free ticket at the bar or if you live out of town call the Post, 503-625-5889, and reserve a ticket. Donations will be appreciated.

In addition, there will a reading of the deceased, prayers and songs by singer Barbara Cecil. After the ceremonial portion of the evening Barbara will continue performing for another hour and a half. Please plan on attending this special dinner.

Thank you, Phil Morton

Post 56 Members That Have Passed Away From September 1, 2024 to August 22, 2025

Name	Born	Died	Branch
Bob Bower	4-27-1944	6-8-2025	Army
Vince Harbick	5-5-1933	unknown	Legion
Linda Henderson	2-3-1965	unknown	Auxiliary
Curtis Kell	Unknown	unknown	Legion
Tom Reynolds	1948	unknown	Army
Douglas Thompson	6-30-1937	unknown	Legion
David Winsor	5-27-1947	9-1-24	Air Force

Burger Night

Monday, October 20th, 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\$8.00

Single Burger Dinner/Cheese\$9.00

Double Burger Dinner\$10.00

Double Burger Dinner/Cheese.....\$11.00

Grilled Cheese Sandwich Dinner \$5.00

Children's Menu Just \$4.00

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

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2	3 Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 p.m.	4 Pizza Night 4:30 General Meeting 7:00 p.m.	5	6
7	8	9 Taco Tuesday 5:00 p.m. SAL Meeting 6:00 p.m.	10	11 Pizza Night 4:30	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Pizza Night 4:30 E-Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	19	20
2	22	23	24	25 Pizza Night 4:30	26	27 Remembrance Dinner 5:30
28	29	30				

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 p.m.	2 Legion Meeting 7:00 p.m. Pizza Night 4:30	3	4
5 Shuffleboard Tournament 2:00 p.m.	6	7	8	9 Pizza Night 4:30	10	11
12	13 Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day	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 Burger Night 5:00 – 6:30	21	22	23 Pizza Night 4:30	24	25 Halloween Costume Party 7:00 p.m.
26	27	28	29	30 Pizza Night 4:30	31 Sherwood Trick or Treat 3:30	



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Don't Forget Trivia with Potluck

The last Saturday of almost every month.

Watch for Save the Dates.

Get your teams together and plan on attending. Pot luck at 5, Trivia at 6.

Taco Tuesdays are Back

Beginning September 9th, 5:00.

Two Hard or Soft Shell Tacos,
\$8.00.

Or, try the very popular
Mile High Taco Salad, \$10.00.

Hosted by the Auxiliary
Proceeds Support the Girls State Program

Shuffleboard Tournament

Sunday October 5, 2:00 p.m.

Eight teams, single elimination. Medals
awarded to the top three finishes.

Sign-up sheet on Post bulletin board.
It's Free. Sign-up now for this fun event.

Welcome New Members

Legion: Brian Williams, Michael Pankratz and Barry
G. Williams.



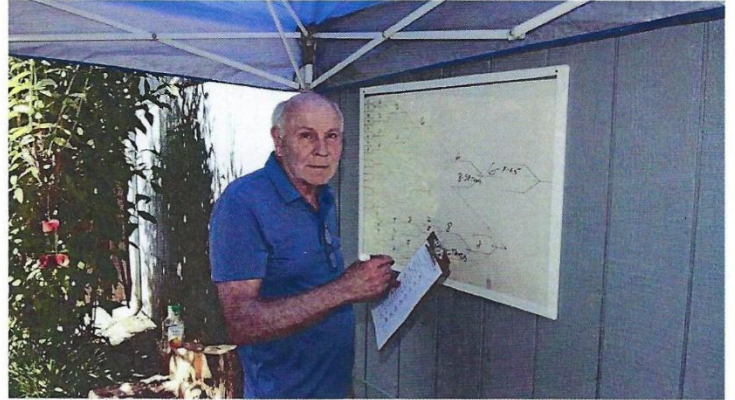
Save the Dates

Sep	9	Taco Tuesday
Sep	27	Remembrance Dinner
Oct	5	Shuffleboard Tournament
Oct	14	Taco Tuesday
Oct	20	Burger Night
Oct	25	Halloween Costume Party
Oct	31	Sherwood Trick or Treat
Nov	11	Veterans' Day Dinner
Nov	22	Pizza with Music
Dec	13	Christmas Party with Music

Robin Hood Festival



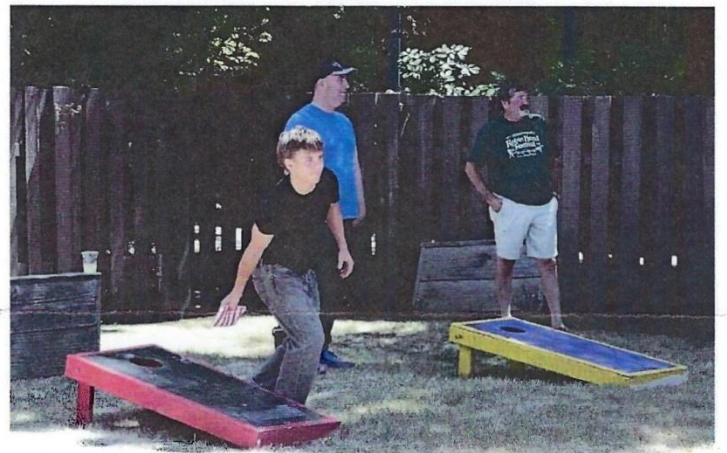
Working the Recruiting Booth L to R: Phil Morton, Nick Peters and Brian Berryhill. Not pictured, Alisha Morton, Cathi Sleight and Chris Garcia.



Les Lucas tracking the winners' and losers' brackets of our annual Bean Bag Toss Tournament. There were lots of spectators cheering on their favorite teams.



Fierce competition between the eight two-person teams created a very fun event to watch.

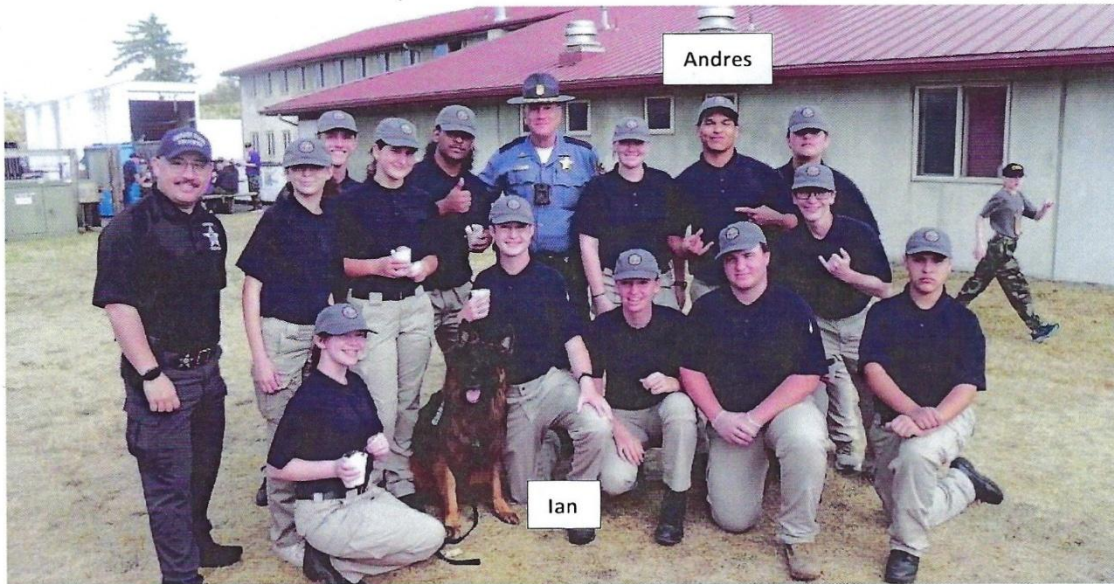


L-R: John Wester and Brian Berryhill taking 3rd place, Karl Roelle and Wayne Ritchie taking 1st place, Veryl Behrens and Eric Whitmore taking 2nd place. Congratulations everyone.



Helping the SAL run the Back Yard Grill L-R: Jody Berryhill and Linda Bradshaw selling hot dogs and polish sausages, with Gary Gibbons helping. In the background, Chief Cook, Mike Cross.

More Photos



The Law Enforcement Career Camp, July 27 through August 1, Camp Rilea, Warrenton, OR. Seven boys and six girls attended. Post 56 sponsored Ian Cummins and Andres Hernandez.



Team False Pretenses were the July Trivia Winners. L-R: Brian Perry, Tony Richardson, Larry Brown, Lynn Kelly, Brian Berryhill and Geri Perry.



Pearl Bakery Wilsonville donates their bread, left over from the Saturday Farmers Market, to our Post for our members enjoyment. Please patronize their Bakery. Visit them on [Facebook.com/PearlBakeryWilsonville](https://www.facebook.com/PearlBakeryWilsonville).



It was a great Robin Hood Festival Parade