



The Argonne Newsletter

March – April, 2026 E-Edition

The American Legion – Argonne Post 56

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From the Commander

Spring begins on March 20th, and I'm looking forward to warmer days, and all the flowers and deciduous trees coming back to life. As usual, our Post has been very busy with fun events and we continue to strive to make improvements. Here is an update on what has been happening:

Internal Affairs: As mentioned in the January – February newsletter, we made some amendments to the Post Constitution. We had our first review at the February 5th General Meeting and will have the second reading at the General Meeting on March 5th and the third reading at a special General Meeting on March 19th. Please attend one of these meetings if you are interested.

We are also discussing adding two Post Officer positions. We currently have nine positions, see sidebar, and we are considering adding Past Commander and Member at Large positions. This requires a slight change in our Bylaws which will be discussed during the General Meetings on March 5th and 19th and April 2nd. Please attend one or all of these meetings if you are interested in being part of this process.

Nominations are still open for 2026-2027 Post Officers and E-Board positions. Elections will be held at the General Meeting on April 2nd. Please let me know if you are interested in a position.

Jan-Feb Events: The big news here is that in addition to our standard events Taco Tuesday, Trivia with Potluck, and our annual Crab Feed, Wayne Ritchie, one of our bartenders, and a Legion/SAL member, introduced a series of dinner events that can only be called fantastic. Wayne teamed up with SAL member Chris Yee, a great chef, and created the "Friday Supper Series". They started with an Italian Night Dinner on January 23rd, followed by Mexican Dinner Night on January 30th, and on February 6th an American Comfort Food Dinner and February 20th a Mediterranean Dinner. For this dinner the head Chef was Legion member Ryan Shockley. In between all this, on January 26th, Wayne and Chris hosted a Monday Night Dinner of Baked Alaskan Cod and Chips and Saturday February 7th, Wayne hosted the Mad Hatter Night where everyone wore crazy hats and special drinks were on sale. On Monday February 23rd, Brian Berryhill and his SAL team served up their famous Chicken Dinner. Thank you to everyone who hosted and helped with these events.

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From the Commander (cont.)

Upcoming Events: In addition to our monthly Taco Tuesday and Trivia with Potluck, Wayne and Chris are hosting the Friday Supper Asian Dinner in March and a Hawaiian Dinner also in March. And don't forget our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner always a fantastic meal hosted by the Auxiliary. Brian Berryhill and his team will also be hosting another Monday Night Dinner serving Pork Chops, Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetables, Salad and Dessert. And, a new event, on Sunday March 29th and Sunday April 26th, we are having Breakfast at the Legion, for all members and their guests. Please see ads in this newsletter for details of all these events.

It takes a lot of work for the Legion, SAL and Auxiliary to produce these events and they are always in need of additional help to prepare food, cook, serve, decorate etc. Please get involved with the Post and consider volunteering to help. Thank you.

Newsletter: As of this newsletter this is exactly the 10th year I have been producing them. As mentioned in the last three newsletters, this will be my final one. I've enjoyed the job, learned a lot and in some respects will miss writing them, but it's time for a change. We are still working on finding a replacement, and if you are interested in helping, please let me know. I will of course help in the transition to the new persons or persons who take over the job.

Closing Comments: I believe most of you know that this is my last year as your Commander. I have been the Commander for the last three terms and have enjoyed every part of the position. The elections will be held at the General Meeting on April 2, and your new Commander will begin their term after the installation of Officers in May.

It has been an honor to serve you and I very much appreciate all the support that I've had from all the members and Officers of our Legion Family, TAL, SAL and ALA. Honestly, the best part for me has been the social aspect of being the Commander and meeting lots of people, and making new friends.

I'm not going away; I will stay on the Board in some position and help out wherever I can. Thank you again.

Sincerely, Phil Morton, Commander



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From the Service Officer

One of our main goals at the Post is to maintain a safe environment for our members and their guests. With this in mind our Post will begin prohibiting firearms on Post property on March 15th. We are using ORS 166.240 which allows the Post to restrict all firearms by posting signs on the property. Yes, in Oregon, private establishments can restrict gun carry even to licensed concealed handgun holders (CHL) by posting clear signage prohibiting firearms on the premises.

As a retired law enforcement officer I can attest to the fact most shootings involve alcohol or drug use prior to the incident. We want to make sure this does not happen here by imposing this restriction. Of course, this does not apply to current law enforcement officers or officers subject to the Law Enforcement Safety Act (HR 218). Once again, the Post is doing this to make our environment safe for everyone.

*Thank you,
Bill Middleton, Service Officer*

From the Finance Officer

In 2025, the Oregon Lottery raised \$887 million for veterans' services, parks, schools and other programs. Our Post 56 net earnings for that year were \$37,266.16. Thank you to those of us who patronize our lottery games, and please support us that do.

On another subject, nominations are open for officers and E-Board members for the coming terms. I am the Adjutant (Secretary) and the Finance Officer. If anyone is interested in the Adjutant's position, feel free to put your name in the hat. The Adjutant's main responsibilities are taking minutes at the meetings, and processing membership cards. Most of the process of processing the cards is done on-line, and I am available to show you the easy steps.

Thank you, Joe Martin

Another Great Crab Feed

Once again, we had an awesome turnout for the Post 56 Annual Crab Feed. We enjoyed fresh crab and celebrated Valentine's Day as well. We appreciate all of the support for the dinner and the raffle basket fundraising. All monies go to support Veteran's causes.

It takes a lot of work and a crew of volunteers to make it happen. A big thank you to Gary Walgraeve, Joe Martin, Brian Berryhill, Les Lucas, Preston Davis, Jan Carlson, Ramona Carlson, Cambree Carlson, Kinsy Saling, Allison DeGraaf, Annie Hardisty, Sue Wilson, Becky Hicks, Peggy Luke, John Fisher and Jim Sanders.

A special thank you to Michelle Howard for the beautiful cookies – if you are in need of a baker extraordinaire, please send business her way (503-984-6291).

With gratitude – Melanie Heald, Auxiliary

TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia with Potluck

Saturday March 28th & Saturday April 25th

Potluck starts at 5:00, Trivia at 6:00

Please bring a dish to share

Friday Night Supper

Hawaiian Dinner

Teriyaki Chicken, Rice & Mac Salad

Friday, March 13th, 5:30, \$15

Wear your Hawaiian attire

Hosted by Wayne Ritchie & Chris Yee

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER



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

Tuesday, 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.

503-625-5889

New Event

Breakfast At The Legion

Sundays March 29th and April 26th

From 9:00 - 11:00

Serving Scrambled Eggs, 3 Link Sausages, Hash Browns,

Buttermilk Biscuit, OJ, and Coffee.

\$10 at the door.

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 p.m.	5 Pizza Night 4:30 Legion Meeting 7:00 p.m.	6 Friday Supper Asian Dinner	7
8	9	10 Taco Tuesday 5:00 p.m. SAL Meeting 6:00 p.m.	11	12 Pizza Night 4:30	13 Friday Supper Hawaiian Dinner	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Dinner 5:30	18	19 Pizza Night 4:30 E-Board and General Meeting 7:00 p.m.	20 First Day of Spring	21
22	23 Monday Night Dinner 5:30	24	25	26 Pizza Night 4:30	27	28 Trivia with Potluck Potluck 5:00 Trivia 6:00
29 Breakfast at the Legion 9:00	30	31				

April 2026

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			1 Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 p.m.	2 Pizza Night 4:30 Legion Meeting 7:00 p.m.	3	4
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Brian's Monday Night Dinners

Don't miss these two up coming
Monday Night Dinners hosted by
Brian Berryhill and his SAL Team.

Monday, March 23rd at 5:30 serving Pork
Chops, Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetable,
Salad and Dessert. \$15.

Monday, April 20th at 5:30. Chef's choice
for what is always a great dinner.

**Friday Night Supper
Asian Dinner**

Beef Broccoli Stir Fry
Friday, March 6th, 5:30, \$15
Hosted by Wayne Ritchie & Chris Yee

Big Shuffleboard Tournament

Sunday, April 12th, 1:45
Single Elimination and Cash Prizes for
1st, 2nd & 3rd. Signup sheet by the
bulletin board.

Welcome New Members

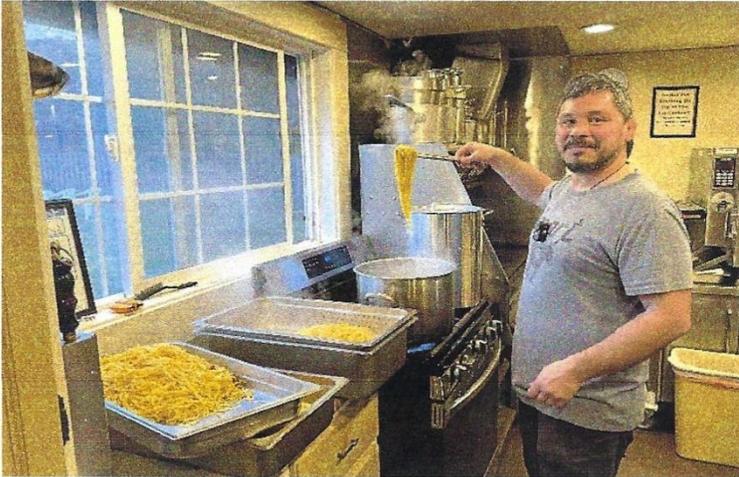
Legion: Chet Brunner and David Dunne.

Auxiliary: Gayla Christopher, Rebecca
Humphreys and Mandy Williams.

Please give them a big welcome when they
come into the Post.



- Mar 6 Friday Supper
- Mar 10 Taco Tuesday
- Mar 13 Friday Supper
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- Mar 23 Monday Night Dinner
- Mar 28 Trivia with Potluck
- Mar 29 Breakfast at the Legion
- Apr 12 Shuffleboard Tournament
- Apr 14 Taco Tuesday
- Apr 20 Monday Night Dinner
- Apr 25 Trivia with Potluck
- Apr 26 Breakfast at the Legion
- May 4 Burger Night



Friday Suppers, Jan 23 – Spaghetti Dinner.
Chef Chris Yee preparing a great meal.



Friday Suppers, Jan 23 – Spaghetti Dinner.
The Whitmore family enjoying the dinner.



Alaskan Cod Dinner, Jan 26. All the great help L-R: Eric Whitmore, Wayne Ritchie, Allison DeGraaf, Tony Richardson, Brian Berryhill, Preston Davis, Jan Carlson and Seth Peterson.



Alaskan Cod Dinner, Jan 26.
The Lucas family enjoying the dinner.



Alaskan Cod Dinner, Jan 26.
Members enjoying the dinner.



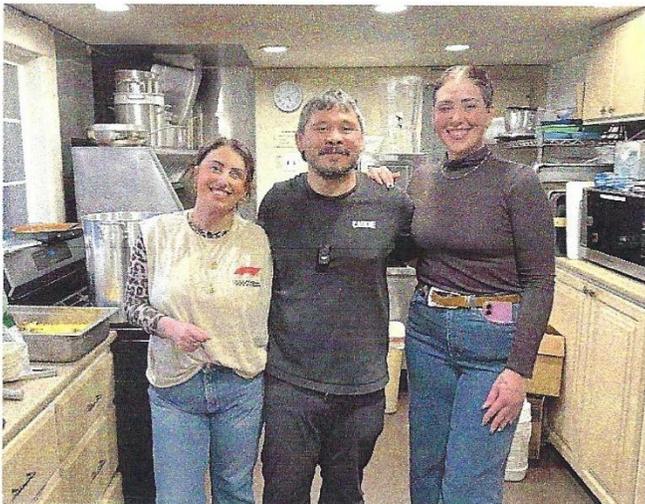
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Friday Suppers - Jan 30, Mexican Dinner.
The cooks L-R: Rachel Yee, Chef Chris Yee & Mikayla.



Friday Suppers – Jan 30, Mexican Dinner.
Members enjoying the dinner.



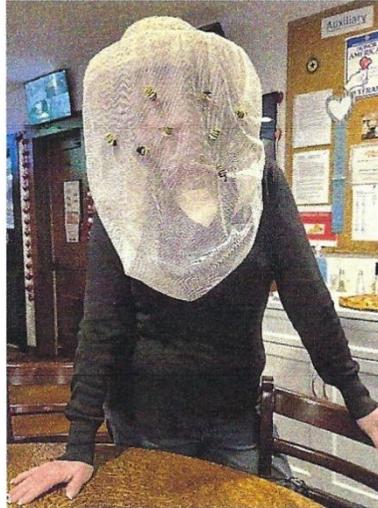
Friday Suppers – Feb 6, American Dinner.
The cooks L-R: Rachel Yee, Timm King, Chris Yee
and Allison DeGraaf.



Friday Suppers – Feb 6, American Dinner.
Members enjoying the dinner.



Host Wayne Ritchie



Jan Carlson



Jody and Brian Berryhill



L-R: Ryan Shockley, Julien Andre and Sean Rundell



L-R: Sue Wilson, John Fisher and Becky Hicks

Jan Carlson's Trivia with Potluck Night



Jan Carlson calling the questions with Sue Wilson tracking the winners of each round.



January Trivia big winners, team "Bull Mountain Brain Trust".



Melanie and Preston Davis cleaning the crab.



Cooking the crab L-R: Joe Martin, Melanie Heald and Gary Walgraev.



The Servers L-R: Allison DeGraaf, Mikinsky Saling, Peggy, Melanie Heald, and Sue Wilson. Thank you, ladies.



Very happy members enjoying the crab dinner.



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