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SUNDAY BREAKFAST DEBUTS AT POST 56



Our first two Sunday breakfasts were a great success. Thank you to everyone who came out—we're excited to continue this new tradition at the Post. We look forward to seeing you at our next breakfast on May 31—mark your calendar and join us!

AROUND THE POST

LEGION

The Post has been busy with strong attendance at recent events and a great start to the season. We've also added a new dartboard—be sure to check it out next time you're in!



SAL

Monday Night Dinners continue to be a favorite, with great food and strong turnout thanks to Brian Berryhill and the SAL team. Be sure to stop in and support these monthly dinners.



AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary continues to host Taco Tuesday each month to fund Girls' State. In 2025, we sponsored two juniors through the American Legion Auxiliary program, fully covering their \$600 tuition.



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FROM THE PAST COMMANDER

Wow! You may have noticed our newsletter has a fresh new look. A big thank you to ALA member Allison DeGraaf for stepping in as editor and bringing this updated format to life. We hope you're enjoying the new layout, highlights, and added content. Have feedback or ideas for future editions? We'd love to hear from you—email Allison at allisond.bcba@gmail.com.

In early April, elections were held for Legion Officers for the 2026–2027 term. Please join us in congratulating Joe Martin on his new role as Commander, along with the full Board stepping into leadership this year. See the full list below. Thank you to all who serve our Post in these important roles.

Phil Morton

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

WAYNE RITCHIE – U.S. NAVY

Wayne is a U.S. Navy veteran and an active member of both the Legion and SAL. His father, Ken, also served in the Navy, continuing a proud family tradition of service.



Wayne & Easton (grandson)

Originally from Southern California, Wayne has been part of the Sherwood community for over 20 years. He enjoys serving the Post in more ways than one—you can often find him behind the bar on Friday and Saturday evenings as part of the bartending team.

Wayne has also helped host a number of popular events, including Friday Night Suppers and Monday Night Dinners, bringing great food and strong community turnout to the Post.

IN LOVING MEMORY



Theresa “Tess” Kies McDowell.

We remember and honor Tess, a valued member of our Auxiliary and Post 56 community. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her and appreciated for her warmth, generosity, and dedication.

FROM THE SERVICE OFFICER

Recently, I decided to volunteer at the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum in McMinnville to help maintain our aviation history. Many of our post members are Air Force veterans and may be interested in viewing the vintage airplanes on display in the museum. Of course, the highlight of the museum is the Howard Hughes Spruce Goose, built to be used in WW2—but did you know it is made out of 95% birch wood and only flew once?

The museum has numerous helicopters used in many conflicts, including Blackhawks and Hueys. Also on display are the SR-71 Blackbird, the F-117 Stealth Fighter, and the A-10 Warthog, and many more. Everything from vintage aircraft to modern-day aircraft is represented, with over 150 aircraft on display. The museum is open from 9 AM to 5 PM every day and costs \$21 for veterans and senior citizens, with current active service members free. The Spruce Goose Cockpit Tour is an additional fee. I will be happy to give anyone a personal tour if they would like—just let me know.

William Middleton

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★ 2026 - 2027 ★
POST 56 OFFICERS

POSITION	NAME
Commander	Joe Martin
1st Vice	Nick Peters
2nd Vice	Chris Garcia
Adjutant	Nick Peters
Finance Officer	Joe Martin
Chaplain	Syl Gibbons
Historian	John Fisher
Service Officer	Bill Middleton
Sgt. At Arms	Ken Sandquist
Member at Large	Wayne Ritchie
Past Commander	Philip Morton
E-Board	Gary Gibbons
E-Board	Jim Edy
E-Board	Ed Contreras

MAY 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Burger Night 5PM	5 <i>Cinco de Mayo</i>	6 Auxiliary Meeting 6PM	7 Pizza Night 4:30 Legion Meeting 7PM	8	9
10 <i>Mothers' Day</i>	11	12 Taco Tuesday 5PM SAL Meeting 6PM	13	14 Pizza Night 4:30	15	16
17	18 Mon. Night Dinner 5:30	19	20	21 Pizza Night 4:30 E-Board Meeting 7PM	22	23 Cornhole Classic 12PM Seafood Boil 5PM
24	25 <i>Memorial Day</i>	26	27	28 Pizza Night 4:30	29	30 Trivia w/ Potluck Potluck 5PM Trivia 6PM
31 Breakfast @ Legion 9AM						

JUNE 2026

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	1	2	3 Auxiliary Meeting 6PM	4 Pizza Night 4:30 Legion Meeting 7PM	5	6
7	8	9 SAL Meeting 6PM	10	11 Pizza Night 4:30	12	13
14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15	16	17	18 Pizza Night 4:30 Legion Meeting 7PM	19	20
21 <i>Fathers' Day</i>	22	23	24	25 Pizza Night 4:30	26	27 Trivia w/ Potluck Potluck 5PM Trivia 6PM
28	29 Burger Night 5PM	30	● Legion ● SAL ● Auxiliary ● Joint Event			

Monday, May 4 & June 29. Burger Night 5:00-6:30. 1/3 lb burger with all the fixings on a sesame bun, beer-battered fries, and ice cream with chocolate or caramel—just \$8. Upgrade options available (cheese, double, and more). Kids 12 & under: Burger or grilled cheese meal for \$5, includes fries and ice cream. Hosted by the Legion Burger Team

Tuesday, May 12. Taco Tuesday 5:00. Two hard or soft shell tacos \$8. Mile High Taco Salad \$10. Hosted by the ALA. All proceeds support the Girls State Program.

Monday, May 18. Monday Night Dinner 5:30. Chicken Dinner with Potatoes, Vegetables, Salad and Dessert. Hosted by Brian Berryhill and the SAL Team. \$15. Tickets on Sale at the Bar.

Saturday, May 30 & June 27. Trivia with Potluck. Get your teams together for one of our most popular events. Potluck starts at 5:00 and Trivia at 6:00. Please bring a dish to share.

Saturday, May 23. Cornhole Classic Tournament, Round 1 Crowdaddy Kickoff. Tournament - \$20/team - 12 PM - Seafood Boil to follow (additional charge) - Register at the Post or contact Wayne Ritchie 310-780-3456

Sunday, May 31. Breakfast at the Legion, from 9:00 - 11:00. Serving Scrambled Eggs, 3 Link Sausages, Hash Browns, Buttermilk Biscuit, OJ, and Coffee. \$10 at the door.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



We loved celebrating Legion member Chad Russell's son, Sonny, turning 11 here at the Post. Sonny has grown up around the Legion, and it's been so special watching him over the years. Moments like this are a great reminder that this place really is a second home for so many families.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Legion: Charles Bradford, Greg Copperwheat, William Grubb, Roland Nuetzman, Jeff Simon, Jim Verdick, David Tate, Jim Rudig

SAL: Ethan Ritchie, Jose Dorado, Tim Fischer



For March Trivia Night, team "Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me" took home the win—congratulations!



In April, "False Pretenses" claimed the top spot. Thanks to everyone who came out to play and made both nights a great success!



April brought some friendly competition to the Post with our shuffleboard tournament! Great turnout, lots of laughs, and just the right amount of rivalry. Congrats to our winners—pictured here!

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