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Hillsboro Fire Fighter of the Year



The Post hosted the annual City of Hillsboro, Fire Fighter of the Year Award dinner on March 10. The event honors the fire fighter, chosen by their peers, who exhibits exemplary performance of duty in the practice of their profession. Pictured above is the attending crew who took time out from their ready status to attend.

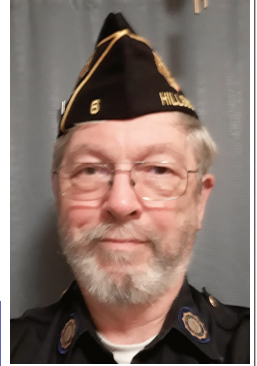


Chief David Downey, right, presents the award to Chad Farber, the City of Hillsboro, 2019 Fire Fighter of the Year. Hats off to our First Responders! We appreciate all you do.

Commander's Corner

By Tim Pierce, Commander

We have cancelled all meetings and dinners due to the COVID-19 virus to help protect our membership. As we go through this time in the history of the United States, it is important for all of us to follow the recommendations of the CDC and President to effectively defeat this virus in a short period of time. The longer the virus remains undefeated the more people will be infected and the more businesses and individuals will suffer economic problems, sickness and even death. Let's all join together to help everyone understand how serious this virus is and the need to defeat it as soon as possible. Talk to your families and friends when you get a chance, about following the guidelines, at the same time keeping yourself and your loved ones safe. Take care.



Chaplain's Corner

By Lynn Hamm, Chaplain

Greetings, I pray this finds each of you well and in the best health possible. Since our last newsletter the COVID-19 virus has had a serious impact on all of our daily lives. Many, if not most of us in American Legion Post # 6 are in at least one of the vulnerable groups (over 60) and many of us are also battling other serious health challenges. So let me try to share some comforting thoughts with you this month.

I spend a lot of time reading my Bible each day and contemplating the words I find there. It is filled with encouraging thoughts of faith and trust in our Supreme Commander and His eternal provisions for us all. As a child of God, I believe life here is temporary and that our purpose here is to prepare us for eternal life. I find great comfort in His words found in Isaiah 41:10:

“Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.”

And in Jeremiah 29:11: “For I know the plans I have for you says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”

May these thoughts encourage you and may I suggest you too spend some time reading your Bible and being comforted by God's words of love found within.

By the way, if you don't have a Bible and need or just want one, please contact me and I will see that you get one.

Blessings, Lynn



Auxiliary President

By Teresa Hammond, Auxiliary President Unit 6,

Hi All, I hope that this newsletter finds you safe and healthy. These are trying times which can remind us how grateful we are for the little things in life. Remember to stay in contact with those who might not be able to get out much, or at all. We can still pick up the phone to stay in touch and let others know they are not alone. Although we are suspending all dinners and meetings due to current health restrictions, you can still pay your dues online or by mail. We are still planning on distributing poppies in May, if possible, so if you would like to volunteer to hand them out you can email me at teresahcat@gmail.com. I can get back to you with available time slots. Please pray for people to get through this and on to happier times. Especially pray for those who are in the Veteran hospitals who have done so much for us. Be safe and take care. Always, Teresa Hammond Auxiliary President Unit 6, Hillsboro teresahcat@gmail.com 503-929-3075 Please leave a Message.

Nominations Open for Post Officers

It's always easier when someone does it for you. At least, that's been my experience. Maybe that's why I don't seem to have time to go fishing, hunting, shooting, camping or any of a hundred other things I'd rather be doing instead of sitting here, trying to come up with a compelling reason to get you to volunteer for office in your Post. No matter what you may be thinking, your presents is critical to the continued health of the American Legion. It all starts here, at the Post level.

Won't you please consider supporting the principles of Americanism, Patriotism and Community Service that the American Legion encourages. Each of us is a valuable member of the organization. Our obligation to our country did not stop with our discharge from active service. There was no expiration on our oath. You young guys and gals need to step up before us old geezers croak and take our knowledge to the grave. At least volunteer to help out! I could use someone to assist me in the Adjutant's position from time to time and that includes writing articles for this newsletter! There's still quite a lot to do to bring the Post facility up to date too. We need you!

Nominations are open for all offices; Commander, Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Chaplain, Sgt.-at-Arms and Member at large for the 3 year E-board term. I've been Adjutant since 2014 and although I enjoy it more times than not, it is a good idea to find a replacement. It ain't easy, especially when you wear several hats. -Ed.

The Adjutant's Desk

By David Bogner, Adjutant

Here we go! I hope everybody has stocked up with masks, gloves, goggles, soap, bleach, water, food, fuel, hand sanitizer, **toilet paper**, cash and ammunition! Buckle up, we're in for the long haul! Seriously, this is unprecedented in its severity. Even the 2009 H1N1 flu virus wasn't this nasty. This is scary stuff, but if we heed the advice we are getting from CDC we should come out of this with our scalps still attached.

As far as **Post business**, Commander Tim and I have tested **Free Conference Call**, an application that can run on your desk top, lap top, phone or tablet that allows users to participate in a group conference call, both audio and video are available. Audio participation only requires a microphone. Most all devices today have mics and cameras. Desk tops, like my Linux office machine, need external mics and cameras. The video part requires a fast internet connection which most of us should have already and it takes a lot more bandwidth at the FCC server. We were experiencing drop outs due to server limitations in our test. The application also has a text chat feature so you can send connected text messages to other members during the session.

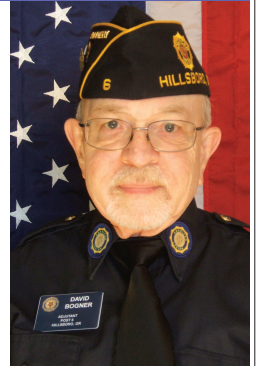
While this is planned to temporarily take the place of 'in-person' meetings, it requires your participation. There is also a telephone dial-in feature so members without computer/device capabilities can still participate via telephone.

You will receive information by e-mail or a phone call regarding setting this up on your device prior to the next e-board meeting, April 7. It's not difficult and is mostly "plug and play". This is still experimental as far as our Post is concerned, but it has been in use for quite some time in the business world. Welcome to the 21st Century!

While Post meetings and activities are on hold, business operation goes on with daily mail call and telephone monitoring visits in the afternoons. I'm usually at the Post at 15:00 every day to take care of things. Finance Officer Bill has been there too. He's currently taking care of our IRS Tax filing which I heard this morning, 3/20, has been extended for 90 days by Pres. Trump and his team.

Buddy Check e-mail and phone calls were done last week, 3/14, for our WWII and Korean War members. It was good to be able to talk with some of you and I hope those who received e-mail know that we are thinking of them. E-mail isn't as personal as a phone call, we know, but it is efficient. If any of our members need help, Post leadership is ready and willing to assist them. Chaplain Hamm reports that he has mailed Buddy Check letters to the same groups who don't have listed e-mail or phone numbers in our database. Thanks to Lynn for this activity and for others who helped with phone calls. Let's not forget to check on them again and to check on our neighbors and families too.

We are monitoring the health situation closely. At this time, all events are on hold until further notice. Stay tuned and be safe.



Membership Report

By Robert D. Liebenow, Chairman

Our membership stands at 223. We are behind this same time last year. Why? I do not know. We have enough members who have not renewed for 2020, that if they all renewed, we would be close to 300 members. With a population of over 100 thousand people in Hillsboro, we should have a membership over 500. Come to just one meeting and see what we do. Volunteer to help at just one function. Surely you can afford to give us a few hours a year. Please help us remain a part of the Hillsboro community, PLEASE RENEW TODAY.



Why Did You Join?

I joined because a friend asked me too. I did not know much about The American Legion, except it was a veteran's organization. As I started to attend meetings, I learned how the organization helped veterans and their families. We have members that walk the halls of congress and present our agenda to our senators and representatives. We wrote the G.I. Bill; it was because of The American Legion that we have a VA system. We support and sponsor boy scouts and cub scouts, we sponsor American Legion baseball, boys state, a high school oratorical contest, law cadet career camp and a grade school flag program.

I do not understand why so many of our members join for 1 year and never renew their membership. There must be a reason why you joined in the first place. 90% of you never attend a meeting or a post function. We do not ask you to attend meetings, only that you give us what time you can. Your membership is **IMPORTANT** to us. Without you we cannot run our programs or help our veterans. Without you The American Legion would not exist. Then who would see to it that our veterans received the help they need? If you think that congress would see that our veterans are taken care of without The American Legion and other veterans' organizations like us, you are completely wrong. So, **WHY DID YOU JOIN THE AMERICAN LEGION.** Please renew today so we can continue our mission.

Your Article Should Be Here!

ADVOCACY



Legionnaires and members of Congress stand on the steps of the Capitol with letters and petitions in support of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944. The Legion created what became known as the GI Bill, enabling millions of veterans to live the American dream.

We changed the course of history.

The American Legion wrote the original GI Bill.
 From the *Greatest Generation* to the *Latest Generation*,
 we still advocate for our military, for our veterans and for a strong America.

Today, we're taking point for America's future.



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