

Legion Family News

Official Newsletter of Hillsboro Post No. 6

September 2020



Fall –the Season of Change and Eagles



September is back to school and the start of pumpkin spice. For the Post, it is a season of change. Please see the important notice about future newsletters. We also would like to especially recognize Teresa Hammond as the Auxiliary President and Tim Pierce as our Post Commander for their volunteer efforts having served in their respected positions. Thank you!!

This summer was busy. We hosted two Eagle projects and continued our participation at the Hillsboro Saturday Market. Continue to read this edition - there is lots of good information inside!

Sheryl Loberger, Vice Commander

Important Notification – We are going DIGITAL!

Post 6 will no longer send out hard copies of the monthly newsletter. I would like to thank the past volunteers for their efforts in editing, printing, folding, and mailing each edition.

How do I receive my newsletter, you may ask?

- We will be sending out a digital copy right to your email inbox!
- There will be a few hard copies to read at the Post.
- Each edition is posted on our website <https://hillsboropost6.org/>

We do not want to leave anyone out. We are offering a Tech 101 for those that may need assistance on how to view the newsletter online or how to log onto a device for a conference call. Please email hillsboropostno.6@gmail.com or call the Post (503) 648-7191 and leave a message. We will have time slots for in-person, phone call, or virtual.

Sheryl Loberger

Chaplain's Corner

Greetings to each of you reading this. I find myself wondering how all of you are holding up during this "COVID -19 pandemic"? I pray none of you have been infected or suffered anything other than the inconvenience of having to stay indoors and wear a mask when out in public! As for my family and I, it has been a long slow grind and I am really starting to get a bit tired of it all.



During this 'stay at home time' my wife and I have watched a lot more television than we usually do. Mostly it's been Hallmark movies because we subscribe to the Hallmark channel and we like happy endings! We watched a really good one the other night about a man who had been separated from a girlfriend several years earlier because of a hurricane. They lost touch having been relocated to different parts of the country. He kept watching and waiting for her to come back by returning each week to the place they had agreed to meet once the crisis that separated them was over. With the help of the stars of the show, the folks in the dead letter office, she was found, and they were ultimately reunited! My wife and I both laughed and cried. It was a great movie with a happy ending!

The story got me to thinking about the love our Father in heaven has for each one of us. I think some of us may have gotten lost or perhaps become estranged from our heavenly Father. Maybe we've made choices that have caused us to feel removed from a sense of His love and all-encompassing presence in our lives. All during this time He has continued waiting for us to come home and be reunited with Him. So maybe now, while many of us have the extra time on our hands, we should reconsider our relationship with Him and choose to work on restoring that relationship if we've become separated.

May His blessings be with you all,
Lynn Hamm, Chaplain

P.S. please contact me if you become aware of any illness or the passing of a member of our Post. My phone number is listed on this newsletter and if I don't answer right away, please leave a message. I promise I will respond. Thank you.

Membership Report

Membership for 2021 is coming in very slowly. We have 136 renewals and should be closer to 150. I know that 14 does not seem like a big number but in the world of membership that is a lot. I understand that a lot of people are out of work and I expect them to take care of their families first. Please do not forget about your continued membership in The American Legion. As I have said many times before, paying your dues online is about the easiest way to renew. You can register your credit card and they will automatically renew you every July 1st. If only half of you signed up a new member, we could grow and continue to help less fortunate veterans and their families. Stay safe and I look forward to hearing from you soon.



Robert D. Liebenow,
Chairman

Son's of The American Legion

In 2020, we were the first squadron to reach 100% of our membership. In fact, we ended up at 130%, let us keep it going and sign up new members and make that 100% or more again this year. We are the sons of veterans and we are here to support The American Legion. If you have a son or grandson that you would like to see be part of us, let me know. Even you, as a veteran can join the Son's if your father or grandfather is a veteran.

Robert D. Liebenow

Covid -19

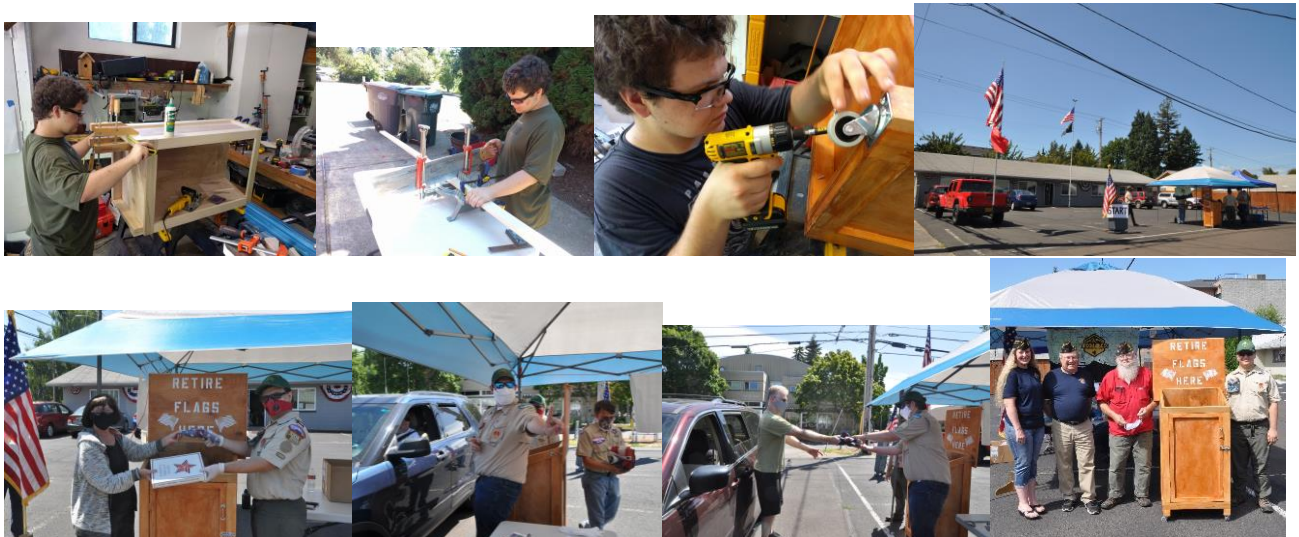
Though the pandemic has slowed us down, we are still trying to be active. We are still at the Farmer's Market in Hillsboro on Saturdays. We are looking at ways to continue our meetings, we are aloud to have up to 25 members per meeting and we usually have 15 to 18 so no problem there. We will be holding some functions; it just depends on what we can do and what type of events we can put together. Hang in there, we are not going away and with your help we will continue to get stronger.

Robert D. Liebenow

Eagle Project – Flag retirement / Podium



In August, Patrick Wood from Troop 240, completed his Eagle project for Post 6. He built a flag retirement container with a dual purpose of being able to use as a mobile podium for outdoor ceremonies. In addition, Patrick organized a flag retirement event at the Post. It was a great turn out with many people stopping by to dispose of their flags. The podium will be on display at the Post if you would like to stop by and admire the craftsmanship. Great job, Patrick!



Auxiliary President

Welcome All,

We have certainly had a different Spring and Summer this year. With most events being cancelled or held remotely, it's been difficult to stay in touch. I hope this finds you all healthy and safe.

After this issue, the newsletter will only be sent electronically. What this means is that we need to make sure that we have your email address on file. If you usually receive a paper copy, please make sure to contact us with your email information. Thanks!

As some of you know, I am stepping down as your Auxiliary President. It has been an honor to have served you this past year and appreciate all your help! My Vice President, Michelle Butler will be stepping in as your new Auxiliary President. She has been such a help to me, and you will be in good hands. Please Welcome her and give her your support. I know you will!

Thank you for supporting our Veterans!

Always,

Teresa Hammond

Auxiliary President Unit #6



Patriot Day – September 11th



We Will Never Forget

Patriot Day is referred to as National Day of Service and Remembrance. It is observed every September 11th in honor of the individuals who lost their lives as a result of terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

In accordance with President Donald Trump and the U.S. **Flag** Code, American and state **flags** at all public and state buildings will be lowered to half-staff until sunset on Wednesday, **Sept. 11** in observance of Patriot Day.

Americans are called on to observe Patriot Day each September 11th with a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 AM Eastern Daylight Time or 5:46am in Hillsboro, OR.

Rachel Loberger, Jr. Auxiliary

September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13	14	15 Veterans Day Planning 6pm	16	17	18	19 Saturday Market Aux. Meeting 10am
20	21	22 1 st day of Fall	23	24	25	26 Saturday Market
27	28	29 Veterans Day Planning 6pm	30	Due to COVID -19, etc. all activities are subject to change.		

OCTOBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6 EBoard 6pm	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 General Meeting 6pm	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Veterans Day Planning 6pm	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween Treats TBD Downtown

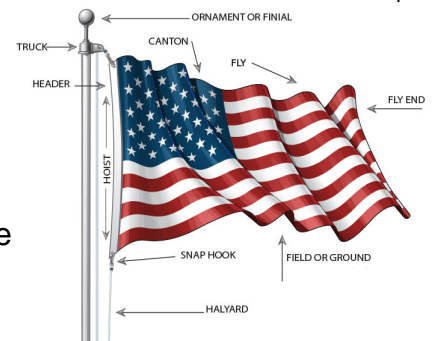
Eagle Project – Shadow Boxes



Four shadow boxes were constructed this summer by Sean Raetz from Troop 240. His Eagle Scout project was to provide boxes for our medal displays with the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines. The boxes will be hung in the lounge area. Awesome job, Sean!

U.S. Flag – Test your knowledge answers

1. United States Army 2. President Harry Truman 3. Tri-cornered hat, the kind worn by George Washington and other soldiers who served in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. 4. Ohio 5. Sunrise to sunset 6. The exact shades of blue and red are numbers 80075 and 80180 in the Standard Color Card of America published by the Color Association of the United States. 7. U.S. flag must have the union up and to the right 8. Public Law 94-344 9. No. Section 7m of the Flag Code 10. See picture



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September is National Preparedness Month

Stay safe. Here in Oregon, it could not come at a better time. COVID and wildfires have demonstrated how important it is to be prepared. There are several great websites with lists <https://www.ready.gov/september> as well as the publication *Disaster Preparedness and Response for the American Legion*. (below is an excerpt)

Disaster Kits Recommended by Department of Homeland Security When preparing for a possible emergency situation, it's best to think first about the basics of survival: fresh water, food, clean air, and warmth.

Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
 - Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
 - Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
 - Flashlight and extra batteries
 - First aid kit
 - Whistle to signal for help
 - Prescription medications and glasses
 - Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
 - Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
 - Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
 - Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
 - Local maps
- Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
 - Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
 - Cash or traveler's checks and change
 - Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from www.ready.gov
 - Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person (consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate)
 - Complete change of clothing including a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, and sturdy shoes (consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate)
 - Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper. In an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water (do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners)
 - Fire Extinguisher
 - Matches in a waterproof container
 - Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
 - Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
 - Paper and pencil
 - Books, games, puzzles, or other activities for household members

Additional Kit Items to Meet Specific Household Needs:

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet(s)

Disaster kits are available commercially from a variety of sources but can be assembled easily from household supplies or locally available materials.

Every home and business should have at least one kit of sufficient size for every member of the family or employees. Publicizing the importance of having a kit ready should be a major objective for every Legion post across the country



Volunteer Matching Program

Are you a current or retired employee of Intel?

Please consider volunteering with Hillsboro Post 6. Your matched contributions will help fund and expand our Children and Youth Programs such as Boys State, the School Awards program, etc. We are listed in Benevity under THE OREGON AMERICAN LEGION FOUNDATION as “Hillsboro Post 6”.

Meetings – all bases covered!



In person - with social distancing, **virtually** - with screen sharing on the big tv, and over the **phone**, are multiple options to attend our general meetings! Our next Post meeting is Tuesday, October 13th at 6pm. We will “see” you there!

Emergency Evacuation List

to help when you need to grab and go

EMERGENCY EVACUATION – ITEMS TO GATHER

No. of vehicles _____ Drivers _____ Trailers _____ Motorcycles _____

15-minute warning:

1. Wallet, purse, keys, glasses
2. Cell phone(s), charger(s)
3. Emergency cash, credit card
4. Pets, carriers, leashes, meds
5. Clothes, shoes, hats for season
6. Hearing aids, medications
7. Flashlights, extra batteries
8. Safety deposit box key(s)
9. Checkbooks, bills to pay
10. _____
11. _____

1-hour warning:

1. Take or safeguard guns, ammo
2. Ice cooler w/ice, food, drinks
3. Genealogy records, files
4. 3 days food, special diet items
5. Gloves, dust mask for smoke
6. Paper plates, cups, utensils
7. School items, homework, pen, pencil, books, calculator, paper
8. Licenses, vehicle titles, deeds
9. Insurance, financial, medical data; Wills, Powers of Atty.
10. Personal property list, photos & appraisals, documentation
11. _____
12. _____

30-minute warning:

- (The above, plus):
1. Pillows, sleeping bags, blankets
 2. Address book, phone list
 3. Jewelry & most-valuable personal possessions
 4. Personal hygiene items
 5. Other meds, supplements
 6. First aid kit, medical items
 7. Pet food, dishes, bedding, litter
 8. Children's items, toys, books
 9. Battery radio, extra batteries
 10. Toilet paper, hand wipes, soap
 11. Clothing for 3 days, shoes
 12. Computer, monitor, laptop
 13. Gal. jugs of drinking water
 14. _____
 15. _____

2-hour+ warning:

1. Albums, photos, home videos
2. Albums, photos, home videos
3. Family photos on display
4. Military decorations, records, mementoes, plaques
5. Luggage (packed)
6. Valuable items, cameras
7. Heirlooms, art, collections
8. Primary cosmetics
9. Secondary vehicles, RV
10. Camping equipment, tent
11. Journals, diaries, letters
12. _____

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