

# Legion Family News

Official Newsletter of Hillsboro Post No. 6

February 2021



## Post Commander

Welcome to Post No. 6, Hillsboro, Oregon. We have several new members signed up to be with us, several committed for lifetime service.

As we all know our times are a changing and we have to be flexible and adapt as required. This makes planning ahead a challenge. One of our sources as financial support has slowed because the county workers who rent our parking spaces are now working from home. We have a chance to make up some of this income by participating in our annual crab feed, which is take out this year. If you get this newsletter



by January 25<sup>th</sup>, you can still order a dinner or dinners for your family. (see the flyer in the newsletter)

Other activities now scheduled Taco Nite, Money Monday, Valentine's Day, Police Officer of the Year, (which will be a presentation at the Police Dept office), District Blood Drive Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day Activities – which will include a service video, 5K run, pancake breakfast and an auction.

Let Rob Liebenow know your email address so you can receive updates on things happening at the Post.

To all members of the Post, we have gotten thru this past year by making phone calls to our buddies and expressing our interest in each other. These next months we have the opportunity to talk to our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. They would usually be in school being taught by our teachers' ideas,



values, and morals. We now have the time to pass on to the next generation our story of life, service, and circumstances. The influences that made us committed to the principals of justice, freedom, and democracy. These are not just words but morals that we have fought and died for. Let our children know the real history, your history.

**Bob Gnos,  
Post Commander**

## Vice Commander

Our next general meeting is Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be in person at the Post with social distancing AND online with either virtual or call-in options starting at 6pm. It is a great way to find out what your local Post is planning and how you can get involved. Stay informed nationally with the Legion's podcasts at <https://www.legion.org/tangoalphalima>



**Sheryl Loberger,  
Vice Commander**



## Article (Excerpt from Aviation History)

The following is an excerpt from Aviation History magazine, January 2021 issue:  
(Dennis R Jenkins is the author of Box X-15. Burt Rutan is and aerospace engineer.)

*Jenkins quotes North American engineer Harrison Storms from an early meeting about the X-15, noting he must have had a crystal ball: "(T)here is a very fine line between stopping progress and being reckless....The answer, in my opinion, is what I refer to as 'thoughtful courage.' If you don't have that, you will very easily fall into the habit of 'fearful safety' and end up with a very long and tedious-type solution at the hands of some committee. This can very well end up giving a test program a disease commonly referred to as 'cancelitis' which results in little or no progress."*

*As for Rutan, in the same 2006 interview he predicted, "Within 25 years, virtual reality meetings will be essentially transparent to being there in person." Nice try, Burt, but you should have gone with 15 years for that one - with the pandemic's help, we're already there.*

## Chaplain's Corner



Chaplains Corner - February 2021

I am saddened to report that our brother in arms Donald H. Kurth has been promoted to Post Everlasting.

Don passed on Tuesday January 12, 2021. He is survived by his wife of nearly 40 years, Diana Jane Kurth of Hillsboro, Oregon.

Don was a member of the United States Air Force for 13 years serving from 1979 to 1992. He earned the rank of Staff Sergeant. He served a jet engine mechanic. He was stationed in England, South Carolina, and South Dakota.

Don's body will be interred at Fir Lawn Memorial Park Hillsboro, OR. As of this writing the date of his memorial service has yet to be determined. I will inform everyone via this newsletter once I have that information.

Blessings, Lynn

P.S. please contact me if you become aware of anyone facing a serious 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 along with your phone number.

I promise I will respond. Thank you.



## Membership Report

We are slowly working our way toward our goal of 265. As of this writing, we are at 210 renewed or transferred members. That is 79% and we need to be at 80% by Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>. We just need two more renewals by that date. We like to blame COVID-19 for a lot of things this past year and I think it has taken a toll on membership, but when I look back over the years, we are just about where we are this time of year. Yes, it is hard to get out and recruit new members, we just need the members that we do have to renew, and we will be ok. As I have always said, if you are having financial difficulties, let me know and we may be able to help with your membership dues. You can reach me at 503-826-5877, if I am not home, leave a message. I would like to welcome our newest members, John Lydall and Conrad Propp. Remember, even though we have changed the way we do our meetings, work our programs, and do projects, we are still here and working. We just need to hang in there and things will get back to the way they were. As veterans, you know that the work must and will go on. Stay safe and remember, we are here for you.



***Robert D. Liebenow***  
***Chairman***

## Money Monday

Money Monday is Back!

Monday, 1800 hours, 8 February 2021 at our post. After a crazy 2020, we will examine investing from the past year and look at the future. I invite anyone interested to come and join us. We are very casual and will gladly answer any questions. Our primary focus is stocks and mutual funds. Our tools include ValueLine, Morningstar, Meta- Stock and Schwab. We would love to learn what tools you use for investing. Get out from your house arrest and join us back at your Post!

***Doug Lund***



## Auxiliary President

Hello Members,

It's already February! This month will have some fun and tasty events. First, we hope to see you in the meeting. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 9th, at 6pm. Although we aren't able to have a virtual attendance, we have been able to have attendance via speaker phone. If you want to call and to attend via speaker phone, please give me a call at 253-341-1395. I will be making a list of people. To be called during the meeting. It's not ideal but it has been working. We will be looking good into doing a straight conference call option. Details to come.



This is the meeting when we normally have the Police Officers come to the post to honor the Hillsboro Police Officer of the Year. Due to Covid, we will instead be providing baked goods to them, at the station, on 10<sup>th</sup>. Bob has confirmed that they are able to accept homemade baked goods from us. If you would like to make or buy cookies or some other baked good, to be delivered to the officers, please have it delivered to the Post on Monday February 8 by 6pm.



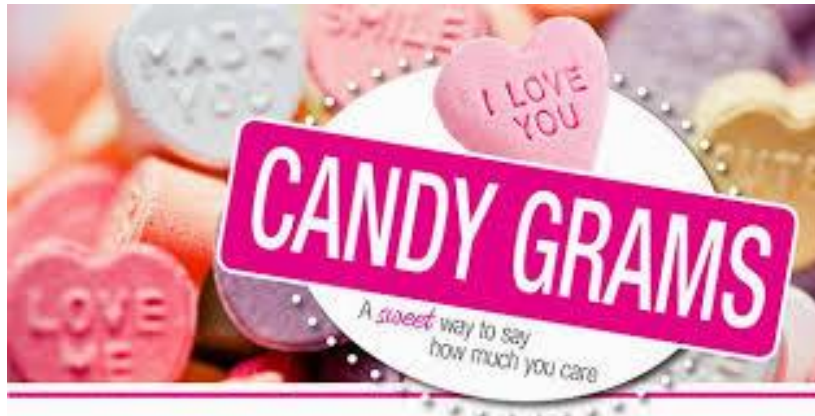
### Taco Take-Out

The Auxiliary will be having a Taco Take-Out Meal. It will be 2 tacos with a side of beans or taco salad. The cost is \$7. It will be available from 5-6:30pm on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Please pre-order if possible. To pre-order you can call 253-341-1395 or 503-826-5877.

## Auxiliary President (con't)

### FIRST ANNUAL CANDY GRAMS!

What are you doing, for your friends or significant others, for Valentine's Day? Here's a great idea!!...Send them a Candy Gram. The Auxiliary will be selling Candy Grams this year. There are 1 for \$5 or 2 for \$8. It will be a small bag of candy, with your choice of one of the three following messages. 1. Be Mine. 2. I Love You. 3. Happy Valentine's Day. They can be picked up at the post or delivered within a 5-mile radius of the Post. This is a fun way to wish your family, friends or that special someone Happy Valentine's Day and to let them know that you are thinking of them. To place your order, or for more details, call 253-341-1395 or 503-826-5877.



### Planning Ahead

The Auxiliary is planning to hold a first annual silent auction. It will be held on Memorial Day. Please feel free to volunteer your time or donate an item/s to be auctioned. We'd love to see you at the next meeting to further discuss the details.

God Bless.

**Michelle Bulter**

**Auxiliary President**



# Four Chaplains Day

There are several publications available on The American Legion website. Here is an excerpt of the story of the Four Chaplains. For more information visit <https://www.legion.org/publications/244937/four-chaplains-day>

## The story

Early on Feb. 3, 1943, an enemy torpedo struck the Army transport *Dorchester* as it carried 902 officers and enlisted men, Navy armed guard, merchant seamen and civilian workers in the North Atlantic. The Coast Guard cutter escorts *Comanche* and *Escanaba* rescued 230 men.

As *Dorchester* took on water, four Army chaplains – Lt. George L. Fox (Methodist), Lt. Alexander D. Goode (Jewish), Lt. John P. Washington (Roman Catholic), and Lt. Clark V. Poling (Dutch Reformed) – calmed frightened soldiers, aided the wounded and guided the disoriented toward safety.

On deck, they opened a storage locker and began distributing life jackets. When there were no more available, the chaplains removed their life jackets and gave them to four young men. "It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven," said John Ladd, a survivor.

As the ship went down, men in rafts saw the four chaplains, arms linked and braced against the slanting deck, singing hymns and praying.

Congress attempted to confer the Medal of Honor on the chaplains but was prevented by strict requirements of heroism under fire. It authorized a one-time posthumous Special Medal for Heroism, awarded by President Eisenhower in 1961; it was intended to have the same weight and importance as the Medal of Honor.

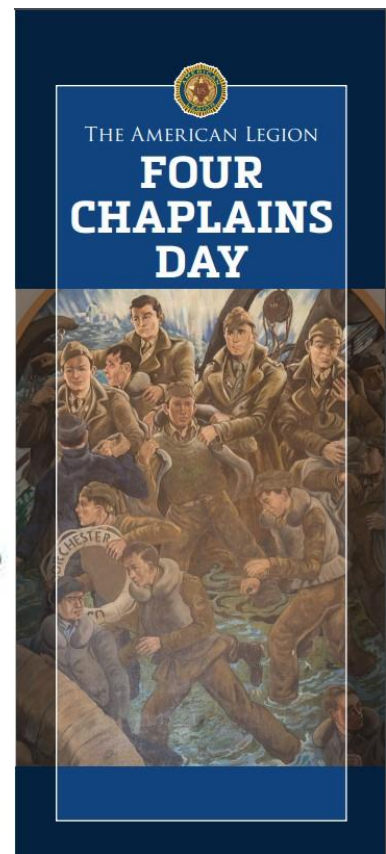
## How we remember them

Every year, American Legion posts nationwide commemorate the selfless acts of the Four Chaplains on or near Feb. 3, designated Four Chaplains Day by Congress in 1948. Through interfaith services, memorial ceremonies and other solemn events, members of the American Legion Family lead their communities in honoring the

chaplains and 668 other men who died when *Dorchester* sank.

Founded in 1951, the Chapel of Four Chaplains in Philadelphia encourages and supports these observances, and recognizes selfless service to community, nation and humanity through its Legion of Honor award program.

*Rachel Loberger,  
Jr. Auxiliary*



## Test Your Knowledge - February

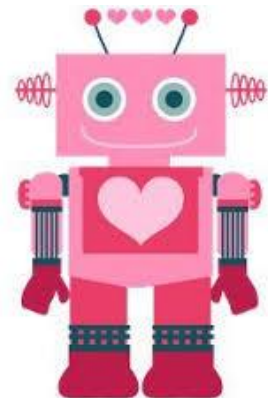
1. What does USO stand for?
2. What date is the USO's birthday?
3. What president founded the organization?
4. What day will the Coast Guard Ethos be recited on to celebrate the Coast Guard Reserve birthday?
5. ***"I am a Coast Guardsman.  
I serve the people of the United States.  
I will protect them.  
I will defend them.  
I will save them.  
I am their shield.  
For them I am Semper Paratus  
I am proud to be a Coast Guardsman.  
We are the United States Coast Guard."***



What does Semper Paratus mean?

6. What week is the National Salute to Veteran Patients?
7. The top three states "with the highest percentage" of veterans overall in 2017 were:
8. Bonus: Astronomer Clyde Tombaugh discovers Pluto on what date?

*Rachel Loberger,  
Jr. Auxiliary*





**The American Legion Hillsboro Post No. 6**

# CRAB FEED



**Saturday, January 30, 2021**

## TICKETS

**\$20 CRAB**

**\$15 Shrimp Louie**

Tickets on sale until  
Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>

Call Bob 503-647-2937 or  
Rob 503-826-5877 to order  
and send in money.

Pick up tickets at the door.

## TAKE-OUT ONLY

**5pm – 6:30pm**

Meals are Crab or Shrimp  
Louie, salad (potato salad  
or coleslaw) dinner rolls  
and napkins.

Hillsboro Post No. 6  
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## January Trivia - Answers

1. Jan 15, 1943 – The world's largest office building, The Pentagon, is dedicated in Arlington, Virginia.
2. Jan 16, 1991 – The Coalition Forces go to war with Iraq, beginning the Gulf War (U.S. Time)
3. Jan 27, 1951 – Cold War: Nuclear testing at the Nevada Test Site begins with a one-kiloton bomb dropped on Frenchman Flat.
4. Jan 28, 1915 – An act of the U.S. Congress creates the U.S. Coast Guard as a branch of the United States Armed Forces to fight contraband trade and aid distressed vessels at sea.
5. Jan 03, 1945 – WW2: Admiral Chester W Nimitz is placed in command of all U.S. Naval forces in preparation for planned assaults against Iwo Jima, Okinawa and Japan
6. Jan 07, 1960 – The Polaris missile is test launched.
7. Jan 08, 1815 – War of 1812: Battle of New Orleans – A rag-tag army under Andrew Jackson defeats the British on the fields of Chalmette in the Battle of New Orleans.
8. Jan 09, 1861 – Civil War: The "Star of the West" incident occurs near Charleston, South Carolina. It is considered by some historians to be the "First Shots of the American Civil War".
9. Jan 10, 1920 – WWI: The Treaty of Versailles takes effect, officially ending World War I.

**Rachel Loberger,  
Jr. Auxiliary**



# FEBRUARY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 E Board 6pm	3	4	5	6
7	8 Money Monday 6pm	9 Legion Mtg 6pm Auxiliary meeting 6 pm	10	11	12	13
14 Happy Valentine's Day Candy Grams	15 District Blood Drive	16	17	18 Newsletter Articles Due	19	20 Taco Take-Out Meal 5pm - 6:30pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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## Thank you for your Donations and Support

The following folks/Company have made donations:

Lynn Hamm - General Fund

Bruce Dixon - Flags

AMMCON CORP - Flags

Jim Brown - Flags

Mary Purell - Building

Auxiliary - Building

Bob Gnos - Baseball



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