

# Legion Family News

Official Newsletter of Hillsboro Post No. 6

March 2021



## Post Commander

I hope all of you are well. If you are in need of help, contact our Chaplain Lynn Hamm or the Post.

The February meeting had 8 at the Post and 4 online. The March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting is planned to be at 6:00 pm with more capacity for in Post attendance. We will continue to provide online or teleconference for those who chose not to come to the Post.

The Auxiliary will be giving the Post a Birthday Cake to celebrate our 102nd Birthday at 6:00 pm before the meeting. I would like all of the members of our Legion formally to have some, but we haven't been able to share cake virtually yet.

The calendar for March and beyond:

March 6<sup>th</sup> we are planning a Spaghetti Take-out and eat in. 5:30 -7:00 pm. The spaghetti dinner will include breadsticks and green salad for \$7. Reservations requested by March 5<sup>th</sup> – call me at 503-647-2937

March 9<sup>th</sup> is our regular meeting with Birthday Cake before. This meeting we accept nominations for the elected offices of the Post. This process will continue with nominations in April and Elections in May. Please appreciate the additional service to the Post and the American Legion that the volunteers at all levels do.

March 20<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) Taco Take-out. Our Feb 20<sup>th</sup> event went well, and we will continue to plan for these dinners.

Also, on the long-range calendar May 31st Memorial Day Activities Planning has started now. Your help in planning and participation is appreciated and contact



Sheryl to volunteer. For all events we will try to give additional info by webpage <https://hillsboropost6.org/> or email prior to the event.

To all members of the American Legion Family:

If I could give an order: Please take some time to read The Oregon Legionnaire cover to cover. This is your publication that the Department of Oregon. The American Legion is now publishing monthly online. A direct link is

<https://orlegion.org/media/oregon-legionnaire/> This publication has been much improved to cover our purpose, progress, function, procedures, history, current events, and accomplishments of the American Legion locally and around the great state of Oregon. Especially starting with the February issue from which I quote Cory Brockman, Oratorical Chairman:

*“This past year, events occurring both nationally and globally provided additional lessons to our youth related to the impacts of the coronavirus and political activism and includes their observations of activities demonstrated by adults reacting to both of those impacts, be it positive or negative.*

*As Legionnaires, we strive continue being positive role models within our communities and among our youth. And, it is through such efforts we move forward, safely, in conducting our department-level contest.”*

On a lighter note: I heard on TV trying to sell solar powered emergency power systems that you could order online and have shipped by truck from Texas or Idaho, let us see? No power for TV, no power for internet, no power for banking, now I-84 shipping. No PGE for hookup, no son! Are we prepared for the big one: No power, no bridges, no government west of I-5. Maybe they will have an emergency committee meeting a few weeks after studying the reports of the event?

I lost a brother, a friend, a confidant.

That is what Walt Kennedy is to me. I met Walt in 1976 and we worked together building a prune harvester which took 600-700 hours that spring and summer. From then on, we had many projects to build together. In 1996, the spotted owl took my job, and we built several things for Hillsboro Post 6. Walt was an active member there and I figured if the American Legion was like Walt it was good for me. He was dedicated to our Family.

I encourage our Family members to be a good example to those that have joined or are prospective members of our organization.

The song that applies at this time to me is *“... Toast to the ones that are here, Toast to the ones that are not. Toast to the ones we love.”*

And Jesus said, do this in remembrance of me. Rest in Peace Walt! A life well lived.

**Bob Gnos,  
Commander**

## Chaplain's Corner



Chaplains Corner - March 2021

Once again it is my sad duty to report that a long-time member of our Post, Walter R. Kennedy has been promoted to Post Everlasting. Walt passed on Friday February 5, 2021 at about 5pm in the evening. Walt was born on October 8, 1931 in Canton, MS. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Anne Kennedy of Gaston, Oregon. Though they had no children together, Anne told me Walt always claimed her four children, from a previous marriage, as his own. They have 4 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Walt was a member of the United States Army. He served as a medic in Korea and an engineer in the states from 1949 until completing his career as a staff sergeant in 1959. Walt chose to become a medic while serving in Korea because he decided he didn't want to carry a rifle. Walt was awarded the Silver Star for saving the life of a wounded soldier and manning that soldier's machine gun all night against the North Koreans. Interestingly, Walt was also what is known as an "Atomic Veteran" having been present during 5 different above-ground nuclear bomb tests. Walt was a PUFL (paid up for life) member of the American Legion.

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.

# Vice Commander

Spring is almost here! Several activities and events are in the works and we could use your help to plan. Join us for our meeting on Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to find out how you can get involved.

Do you know a senior attending one of our local high schools? Encourage them to apply for the School Awards Medal Program. Applications are on our Post website. They are due to the Post on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Sheryl Loberger,  
Vice Commander**



THE AMERICAN LEGION  
**SCHOOL AWARD  
MEDAL PROGRAM**

COURAGE • HONOR • SCHOLARSHIP  
LEADERSHIP • SERVICE • PATRIOTISM



## The American Legion School Award Medal Program for High School Seniors

### Objectives of the American Legion School Award Medal Program:

Place emphasis on the development of the qualities of  
**COURAGE, HONOR, LEADERSHIP, PATRIOTISM, SCHOLARSHIP, and SERVICE.**  
Developing ideals of Americanism among young people making them  
citizens of the highest type.

Give recognition through the award of American Legion School Award Medals to the boy or girl who are deemed most worthy of the high qualities of citizenship and of true Americanism.

The Award Medal represents the educational symbolism of the School Award Medal Program and associates it with The American Legion and its purposes. The medal is applicable for award to either boys or girls in the graduating class of senior high schools.

Up to one senior will be selected from Century, Glencoe, Hillsboro, and Liberty High Schools each year to receive special recognition.

Each awardee receives a \$100, a certificate and a medal with the six qualities listed on the face of the medal, as the back bears the Marine Corps motto, "Semper Fidelis" ("always faithful").

### Requirements:

- Must be a Senior in good standing attending one of the four local high schools - Century, Glencoe, Hillsboro, or Liberty
- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Complete Application identifying your six qualities that define character: courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service.
- Applications are due on April 13, 2021 to The American Legion Hillsboro Post 6, 285 W Main St, Hillsboro, OR 97123

For assistance contact : HillsboroPostNo.6@gmail.com or (503) 648-7191  
Website: <http://hillsboropost6.org>



## Membership Report

As of February 16<sup>th</sup>, our membership stands at 221. We have a ways to go and there is about 40 members who have not renewed for 2021. We need your help in maintaining our growth and our voice on Capital Hill. We are here for veteran's rights and if we as veterans, do not do it who will? Let's show some veteran pride and renew today. As I always say, "if you are having financial difficulties let us know and we may be able to help with your dues".

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***



The members of Post #6 would like to welcome the following new members to our post.

Robert Inman, Edward Martens, Neil Brumbaugh, Janson Newby, Donald Coons, Todd Russell, and Lawrence Winnett. Welcome and we look forward to meeting you at one of our meetings or events.



## Crab Feed



We had a successful crab feed thanks to the following volunteers: New member Todd Russell and his wife Sheri, Rob and Linda Liebenow and Bob Gnos. We served 72 guests in an hour. The crab was fresh and delicious. The shrimp louis were great, and we were exhausted by the time we cleaned up and went home. We will do it all again next year and look forward to seeing you all again.



## Auxiliary President



### 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, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Please pre-order if possible. To pre-order you can call 253-341-1395 or 503-826-5877.

## Legion Baseball

Baseball! The 2021 Post 6 Barbers AAA team needs our support! Coach Joe Duran tells me that the team has lost 2 of its 4 business sponsors this season due to economic conditions. Businesses are having a hard time staying afloat and funding for the team is suffering. He has asked for help from the Post to pay the teams registration fee of \$600 and any other financial support we can muster to help with insurance and the cost of uniforms. The team is wearing uniforms that were purchased in 2011 and they are wearing thin. There is also an issue with Ron Tonkin field. They will not be providing use of their facility this season and the team will need to find alternate fields for games that were scheduled for that site. Joe said the school district will rent their fields for \$100/hour and it costs \$150 for umpires. A three-hour game will run a minimum of \$450.00.

You can support the team with your generous donations by sending a check to the Post, noting 2021 Baseball in the memo line. Coach Joe plans on attending the next Post meeting on March 9 to seek support and answer your questions. Please give this important program consideration. Our youth need us to help in these trying times!

Athletic Committee

David Bogner - Chair



# Law Officer of the Year




Congratulations to the  
American Legion  
2020  
Law Officer of the Year  
Officer James Schoeffler





# MARCH 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 E Board 6pm	3 Robotics 6pm	4	5	6 Robotics 10 am
7	8	9 Legion Mtg 6pm Auxiliary meeting 6 pm	10 Robotics 6pm	11	12	13 Hillsboro Post 6 Birthday
14	15	16	17	18 Newsletter Articles Due	19	20 Taco Take-Out Meal 5pm - 6:30pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## Test Your Knowledge - March

1. What was the first branch of service that allowed women to enlist in a non-nursing capacity? Navy (March 19, 1917)
2. Who is the “father of West Point” Sylvanus Thayer
3. What course of engineering and profession did he promote? Civil engineering
4. Aerodynamics for the Air Force F-117 were discovered from what? Bumblebees flight
5. What percentage of Americans are qualified for military service ages 17-23? 28% or 1 in 4
6. What does a “cutter” mean? Coast Guard terms a vessel longer than 65 feet long
7. Who is a Hollywood Marine? Marines who attended MCRD San Diego

## Trivia - Answers

1. **What does USO stand for? United Service Organizations**
2. **What date is the USO’s birthday? February 4th**
3. **What president founded the organization? President Franklin D. Roosevelt**
4. **What day will the Coast Guard Ethos be recited on to celebrate the Coast Guard Reserve birthday? February 19th**
5. **5.at does Semper Paratus mean? Always ready**
6. **What week is the National Salute to Veteran Patients? Sunday, February 14 to Saturday, February 20, 2021**
7. **The top three states “with the highest percentage” of veterans overall in 2017 were:**
  - a. **Alaska, Maine, Montana**
8. **Bonus: Astronomer Clyde Tombaugh discovers**

**Pluto on what date? February 18, 1930**

*Rachel Loberger,  
Jr. Auxiliary*



## 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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