

Legion Family News

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Post Commander

As we reflect on this month's 103rd Birthday of The American Legion and our own Post's birthday, I recently was asked what is the American Legion. The American Legion is the largest veteran's organization in the US. It is dedicated to God and Country. It is the pursuit of better veteran benefits and involvement in government (from the past G.I. Bill and on). We are actively involved in our community and youth education. We build comradery through social and charitable activities.

The follow up question is what does The American Legion offer to you?

First off, it only has as much to offer as you are willing to receive. You have a voice in protecting veteran benefits, involvement in community, youth education and Americanism, a monthly magazine (and now a Monday Briefing E-Newsletter - keeping you more informed <https://www.legion.org/newsletters>), rights and privileges to all Posts throughout the US, and a community of veterans and supporters, to name a few.

This month, The American Legion's focus is on community service. Scholarships and other youth opportunity applications are now open see below for more details. More activities and events are being added to our Post calendar. I encourage you to see what is happening and help build our veteran community.

We still need additional volunteers for the Poker Run. The next Planning Committee meeting is March 10th at 6pm.

Sheryl Loberger,
Commander



Chaplain's Corner

Good morning to all of you. I pray this finds all of you celebrating the gift of life that our heavenly Father has bestowed upon us.

As I sit down to try and write these few words of encouragement, the sun is beginning to shine and it looks like it's going to be a beautiful day. Thank you, God, for the beauty of Your creation. While I was reading my Bible this morning I came across a scripture that caught my attention. In the New Living Translation of Isaiah 60:22 it says in the later part of the verse, "At the right time,

I, the Lord, will make it happen." That got me to thinking about some of the events in my life. Often, I get tense and sometimes even upset when things don't go just as I think they should. (My car won't start, someone is late to a meeting, etc.) You know what I'm talking about!

I am praying this little verse will help me remember that I am not in charge of everything that's going on in my world. God is, and He has everything under control! Little things that don't go my way often turn out to be His intervention in my life, sparing me from potential difficulty. Like not being in an accident because I was delayed from leaving when I had planned to.

So perhaps the next time things aren't going just the way you think they should, may I encourage you to pause for a moment and remember Isaiah 60:22 and Who is actually in control.

Blessings,

**Lynn Hamm,
Chaplain**

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

Our membership renewal as of February 11 th , is 204. That is 85% of our goal of 240. You might think that membership is just a numbers game, and you are right. But without the numbers [you and me] we would not have an American Legion. Your membership means a lot to the veterans that The American Legion helps nationwide. If you have used your G.I. Bill, thank The American Legion, for it was their members that wrote it and lobbied for its passage on Capitol Hill. Please think twice before dropping your membership.



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

Paid Member for Life (PUFL) Never Be Late again!

Becoming a paid up for life member is easy. Join the ranks of the paid up for life [PUFL] members and never worry about paying dues again. You can make one lump payment or pay over a 12-month period. See the chart below.

AGE 18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90+
\$1,535	\$1,399	\$1,229	\$1,025	\$815	\$599	\$429	\$329

Volunteers

As a non-profit organization, we rely on volunteers to maintain our post home and work our programs. We have several projects coming up in the next several months and could use some help. If our members would help out at one event a year, it would make our programs stronger.

Watch the newsletter for upcoming events. Some might only take a few hours. You can contact Commander Loberger or Rob Liebenow. See contact information in this publication.



Cub Scout Pack 195

Congratulations!

Cub Scout Pack 195 received the Gold Journey to Excellence for 2021.



Saturday Market

Greetings to all spring is rapidly approaching signaling the start of Saturday Market season, I will be heading up our booth this year. The season kicks off on 4/23 and runs through the end of October, a total of 28 days, hours remain 9am-1pm. Our presence in the community reminds the public of our existence and mission, helps fulfill our Americanism pillar and provides an important revenue stream to the Post and Auxiliary. A sign-up sheet is placed at post please review it and help out, it's low key and easy to do. I look forward to seeing you all.

Todd Russell 503-407-3112 todd.russell24@gmail.com

Firefighter of the Year Dinner

March 8 th, we will honor Brent Wellington, our

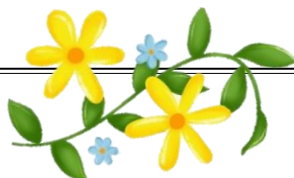
Firefighter of the Year, with a dinner at 6:30pm.

Please plan to join us and stay for the meeting to follow.



Initiation March 19th

March 19th, we will be initiating our new members. If you have not been initiated and would like to, please contact Rob at 503-826-5877 by March 14th. Initiation will follow dinner. See separate article for dinner information.



CONGRATULATIONS!

**Hillsboro Firefighter of The Year
and
The American Legion
Department of Oregon
Firefighter of the Year**



Captain Brent Wellington

Firefighter of The Year (con.'t)

Captain Brent Wellington was selected as Hillsboro Firefighter of the Year for 2021. Brent is a third-generation firefighter and a second-generation firefighter at Hillsboro Fire and Rescue.

Brent began his career in November of 2001 as a firefighter/EMT basic. In mid-2000, he earned his EMT-intermediate license that expanded his scope of practice to provide care in emergency medical situations. In 2005, he was assigned to work on an aerial fire truck where he initiated and managed the department's rope rescue program. In 2013, Brent was promoted to lieutenant and to captain in 2021.

Among his many contributions to the department, he served on the department's awards committee since its inception in 2011 and is currently its chairperson. He is an active contributor to the department's fire training group that helps identify, develop, and implement

training to the department. From the beginning of the technical rescue program, he has been an active member and discipline leader as a subject matter expert.

Beyond his service to the community members in the City of Hillsboro, Brent's care and compassion reached a global scale. In 2003, he traveled to Honduras and spent six weeks building projects for an orphanage. Brent was recognized and awarded a Distinguished Unit Commendation by the Hillsboro Fire and Rescue for his participation in a technical rescue incident and his service deployment for Hurricane Katrina. He has received seven lifesaver awards throughout his distinguished career. In 2011, he was among a team from Hillsboro Fire and Rescue to travel with Medical Teams International to Cambodia to provide emergency medical services training to nurses and doctors-the first of many training trips the department partnered with MTI. In 2016, Brent spent time in Kenya, to provide technical rescue training to rescuers there.

Brent also won The American Legion Department of Oregon Firefighter of the Year. Brent is married to his wife Dena, and they have two sons, Cohen, and Easton.

Robert D. Liebenow



Auxiliary President

We hope you are having a wonderful 2022 so far! A special thank you to all of you who have been able to come out for taco nights, candy grams, etc. and support the Auxiliary's fundraising efforts, we appreciate you. The Auxiliary would love to see more of our members at meetings, every second Tuesday of the month at 6:00. Additionally, if you are ever looking for fun events to help out at, please reach out to your fellow members for details on upcoming events that could use more hands. We are always happy to have more volunteers helping out, and it makes it possible for us to do more as a group!



Please join us in celebrating the American Legion at their annual Birthday dinner, and new member initiation ceremony, March 18th at 6:00pm. The cost will be \$10.00 for a meatloaf and mashed potato dinner. Our new member initiates and their guest will receive an invitation to eat free, so we hope to see you all there!

Sierra Butler
Auxiliary President

Coffee Chats – Stop on by



Coffee chats! You are all welcomed to stop on by for our Legion Family Coffee Chats on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.





HILLSBORO POST NO. 6
THE AMERICAN LEGION



VETERANS MEMORIAL
POKER RUN



ALL VEHICLES WELCOMED

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2022

TO REGISTER ONLINE AND DETAILS VISIT OUR WEBSITE

[HTTPS://HILLSBOROPOST6.ORG/](https://hillsboropost6.org/)

\$20 PER HAND
DAY OF EVENT REGISTRATION \$20 (CASH ONLY)
9AM - 3PM START AT THE VETERANS GATEWAY AND
END AT HILLSBORO POST NO. 6



PRIZES, Food and Fun!

Veterans Strengthening America

For more information email HillsboroPostNo.6@gmail.com or call 503-357-0357



March 2022

Community Service Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 E-board 6pm	2 Open House Coffee Chat 10am-12pm	3 Navy Reserve Birthday	4	5 Post clean-up 1-4pm Hamburger /Hot Dog 6pm Bingo Seabee Birthday
6	7 Money Monday 6pm	8 Firefighter of the Year Dinner Post Mtg 6:30pm Aux Mtg 6:30pm	9	10 Poker Run Planning Committee 6pm	11	12 District 1 meeting Oratorical- Dept. Level
13	14	15 The American Legion's Birthday	16 Open House Coffee Chat 10am-12pm	17  Newsletter articles due	18	19 Post 6 Birthday Party Dinner 6pm
20	21 Memorial Planning Committee 6pm	22	23	24	25 After Hours At the Post 6pm Medal of Honor Day	26 Chess Tournament Time TBD
27	28	29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day	30	31		

April 2022

CHILDREN &
YOUTH
MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Post clean-up 1-4pm Hamburger /Hot Dog 6pm Bingo
3	4 Planning Committee Memorial / Poker Run 6pm	5 E-board 6pm	6 Open House Coffee Chat 10am-12pm	7	8 School Award Applications Due!	9
10	11 Money Monday 6pm	12 Post Mtg 6pm Aux Mtg 6pm	13	14 Air Force Reserve Birthday	15 Newsletter articles due	16 Dinner TBD
17	18 Planning Committee Robotics Tournament 6pm	19	20 Open House Coffee Chat 10am-12pm	21	22	23 Army Reserve Birthday Quilt Retreat- Post Reserved
24	25	26	27	28	29 After Hours At the Post 6pm	30

Scholarships and Youth Opportunities

Boys State and Girls State have been announced. They will be in person, June 12 – 18th at Western Oregon University for high school Juniors. Information and Applications are online <https://orlegion.org/programs/boys-state/> and <https://www.alaoregon.org/girls-state-2/girls-state/>



Legacy Scholarship

The American Legion's Legacy Scholarship provides college funding to children of post-9/11 veterans who died on active duty, or those who have a combined VA disability rating of 50 percent or greater. Apply January 1 to April 1.

<https://www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy>

Legion Baseball

We recently were able to purchase new Legion Baseball patches for our team the Barbers in preparation for this upcoming season. Play Ball!



School Award Medal Program

Do you know a senior attending one of our local high schools? Encourage them to apply for the School Awards Medal Program. Application information and the application are included in this newsletter as well as on our Post website. They are due to the Post on April 8th. Please share this information.



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 four Seniors will be selected within the Hillsboro School District 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 a local high school within the Hillsboro School District.
- 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 8, 2022, to The American Legion Hillsboro Post 6, 285 W Main St, Hillsboro, OR 97123

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





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First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ School _____

Parent / Guardian Name _____

(required even if student is 18 or over)

Phone _____ Email _____

Identify your six qualities that define character: courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service.

Thank you for your Donations and Support

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Crops Family



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