# **Legion Family News**

## **Official Newsletter of Hillsboro Post No. 6**

### October 2023



## **Post Commander**

We are off to a great start for Fall! Our last meeting was awesome as we were able to recognize our very own Todd Russell as the Department of Oregon's selection for "Legionnaire of the Year". This is a prestigious award only given to general members who go above and beyond. Congratulations, Todd! Get out your lederhosen and alpine hat  $\bigcirc$  This month we are hosting an Oktoberfest on Saturday, Oct 14th. Don't forget to rsvp. See flyer for details. At Hillsboro Post 6, "We've got your six".



Sheryl Loberger, Post Commander

## **Vice Commander**

I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to those who supported my nomination as legionnaire of the year, it was a great honor. I look forward to another great year at Post 6. Remember you can Be The One reach out and talk about veteran suicide.



Todd Russell, Post Vice Commander

## **Chaplain's Corner**

The Power of Words

Let me begin by welcoming everyone back from our annual two-month hiatus. I pray each of you had an enjoyable summer in spite of the extreme heat wave, we experienced a couple of weeks ago. The first meeting of our Post was on Tuesday the 5th and it was well attended. I take this as an indication that many of us have been encouraged to become more involved in the activities in some way this year. I hope that proves true! That said, in my article for the newsletter this month, I would like us to consider the power of words.



In the first book of the Bible, in Genesis chapter 1, God spoke (words) and everything came into existence. The stars, land, water, trees, plants, animals and man. With words He created. And it was all good. Later, in Genesis chapter 3, the enemy (satan) spoke (words) and, though his words were untrue, his words were powerful and thus sin entered into the world. And that was bad. Our words probably don't have the kind of power that can create a universe, but they do, none the less, have power. They can build up or tear down. Our words can speak life or death to those around us. They are like seeds planted in the hearts and minds of those we talk with during our day. And those seeds grow and eventually bear fruit. Depending on the words spoken, that fruit can be good or bad.

So may I encourage you to do something I'm trying to do myself. Upon rising each morning, I spend time thinking about, reading and then speaking God's Word. The Bible is full of encouraging words and we would be wise to use them to lift not only our own Spirits but that of others as well.

Then, upon retiring each night, I'm trying to remember the words I used during the day. Did my words build up or did they tear down? Did my words encourage someone or discourage them? Am I speaking life or death into the world around me with my words? This exercise has been a revealing experience for me and one that has helped me begin to focus on what I am saying to others and to myself. Give it a try and see what God's Word can do in your life, and may Father bless you as you undertake this exercise.

#### Blessings, Lynn Hamm Chaplain

P.S. Please contact me if you become aware of anyone facing a serious illness or perhaps the passing of a member of our Post. My phone number: 503-640-1999. If I don't answer right away, please leave me a message along with your phone number. I promise I will respond. Thank you.

## Membership

We are 10 weeks into the 2024 membership campaign, and we are currently number 1 in the district. With 142 members renewed for 2024, we are at 60% of our membership goal, which is 236.

Just a heads up. Department and National are each raising their dues amount by \$5.00. That means on July 1, 2024, the amount of dues the post sends in will go up by \$10.00. That leaves the post with \$3 out of the \$45.00 that we collect. A good way to counter this is by signing up for a Paid-Up-For-Life membership. It is easy, just open an account on My Legion and check out the Paid-Up-For-Life tab and never pay dues annually again. With a My Legion account, you can go in anytime and update your personal information. The Post may have to raise their dues a little to offset the difference. I do not see this happening right now but could be in the near future.

Don't forget, if you pay your dues by Nov. 11 th , you can receive a free dinner at the post. So become an early bird and join us for a great meal.

#### Membership Chair, Rob Liebenow

# Sons of the American Legion

Squadron #6 is currently at 65% of their 2024 membership goal. Thanks to those of you who have renewed early. Your sons are supporting 3 projects this year. The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. This foundation grants money to programs in and out of the Legion who support the well-being of our Nation's children. The Veterans and Childrens Foundation. This foundation trains our service officers and gives grants to families in need if they have children under the age of 18 living in the household. And finally, Willie Williams SAL Scholarship Fund. This



is a scholarship that I started last year to honor one of our own who gave so much to the SAL. Any paid-up member of the Oregon SAL can apply for this scholarship. It could be for college, a trade school, or an older member who is going back to school for retraining. At the present time the scholarship amount is \$1.000.

If you would like to help out, you can send a donation to the post. Make checks payable to Hillsboro Post #6, earmarked for Squadron #6. Send checks to Hillsboro American Legion, 285 W. Main St., Hillsboro, OR 97123, Attn, SAL. All donations are tax deductible.

#### Membership Chair, Rob Liebenow

# **Auxiliary News**

Hello everyone. The Fall color changes around Hillsboro are beautiful. The ice cream social hosted by the Post before the September meeting was so yummy! We had a choice of toppings and warm, straight from the oven, chocolate chip cookies. After an inspiring joint session, we had a very productive meeting. Our Unit is off to a great start and I am excited for the activities coming up.

Our Poppy Chair Debbie Ashe shared a sign-up sheet during the joint portion of the September meeting. Please see Debbie to sign up for a shift distributing Poppies at Ace Hardware on NE 25th , any Friday or Saturday

from October 20 through November 11. There are two shifts each on Friday and Saturday: 10 to 1 pm or 1 to 4 pm. All the supplies, including a small table, are stored right inside the door at Ace Hardware. Just bring a smile and your own chair.

Important reminder: If you go to Ace Hardware, please let Debbie know you are going. Once your shift is completed, put the donations into an envelope with your name, date, and total amount on the outside of the envelope, seal it, and drop it in the mail slot at the Post.

#### Tracy Peets

#### Unit President

Call to volunteer: 541-778-0115

# House Committee

House committee: Big shout out to Mike True, he finished operation bark dust and it looks spectacular, Thanks! It's time for fall post cleanup come on down and join us in October, painting, chair cleaning, north wall panel removal, gutter work. I'll provide the snacks so come on down.

# House Committee Chair,

Todd Russell

## Saturday Market

Saturday Market: The Market season is rapidly coming to a close, last day is10/28 come on down and support our commitment to Americanism and the community it's as easy as chatting with your neighbor. Hours 9-1, come get thanked for you service.

Saturday Market Chair, Todd Russell





2023 OCTOBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	<b>3</b> Post and Aux meeting 6pm	4	5 Steak or Salmon Dinner 5pm	6 Chaplain's Corner 3pm -4pm	7 Hamburger /Hot Dog 6pm Bingo Saturday Market 9am-1pm
8	9 Money Monday 6pm	<b>10</b> Rsvp due for Oktoberfest	11	12 Steak or Salmon Dinner 5pm	13 U.S. NAVY Birthday	<b>14</b> Saturday Market 9am-1pm Oktoberfest 6pm
15	16	17	18	<b>19</b> Steak or Salmon Dinner Spm	20	21 Saturday Market 9am-1pm Quilt Retreat Post Reserved
22	23	24	25	26 Steak or Salmon Dinner 5pm	27	DEC - <b>28</b> Klamath Falls Saturday Market 9am-1pm Halloween Downtown Apples 2-11
<b>29</b> DEC – Klamath Falls	30	31 <sup>E Board</sup> 6pm Halloween				

2023 NOVEMBER

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Steak or Salmon Dinner 5pm	<b>3</b> Chaplain's Corner 3pm -4pm	4 Hamburger /Hot Dog 6pm Bingo
5 Daylight savings time	6	<b>7</b> Post and Aux meeting 6pm	8	<b>9</b> Steak or Salmon Dinner 5pm	US Marine Corps Birthday	Cornell Estates 1pm Poppies @ Ace Hardware Veterans Day Open House Early Bird Dinner 6pm
12	Money Monday 6pm	14	15	<b>16</b> Steak or Salmon Dinner 5pm	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day Steak or Salmon Dinner 5pm	24	25
26	27	28 E Board 6pm	29	30 Steak or Salmon Dinner 5pm		

Let's POLKA! Join us Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for a traditional Oktoberfest

# Cost \$10

Meal includes: One brat, sauerkraut, potato salad, pretzel and a drink (choice of a German beer, soda, or bottled water) RSVP by October 10<sup>th</sup> to <u>HillsboroPostNo.6@gmail.com</u> or call 503 648-7191 and leave a message. Located at Hillsboro Post No. 6, 285 W. Main St. Hillsboro, OR 97123

## Thank you for your Donations, Support and Time







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