

Legion Family News

Official Newsletter of Hillsboro Post No. 6

December 2023



Post Commander

Season Greetings to our American Legion Family!

As we reflect on this year filled with changes and transitions, we're reminded of the incredible strength within our Legion community. Take a minute to look over the newsletter and see where you can help build, support and grow our Legion Family.

Did you know your dedication can have an even greater impact? Many employers offer matching funds for volunteer hours – even if you are retired! Your contributions can directly support our Children and Youth Programs at Post 6.

Look into platforms like Benevity, used by companies such as Intel, LAM, and Nike.

Search for “The Oregon American Legion Foundation” to submit your volunteer hours. Your effort will help fund students for Law Enforcement Careers Camp, Boys State, and more! Every hour logged ensures Post 6 receives the vital funds it deserves.

Our December newsletter from the Oregon Department is now available, packed with valuable updates on state-level activities. Check it out on [OREGON LEGIONNAIRE – The American Legion \(orlegion.org\)](https://orlegion.org)

Join us for “Money Monday” on December 11 at 6pm. Let's discuss various options for Post funds and maximize our resources. Bring your researched ideas and suggestions to contribute to this important decision-making process.

While we celebrate our achievements, we also recognize the void left by passing of cherished members. They remain an integral part of our Legion Family, and their spirit continues to inspire us.

At Hillsboro Post 6, “We've got your six”.

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Sheryl Loberger,
Post Commander



Chaplain's Corner

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.

Blessings,
Lynn Hamm
Chaplain



Vice Commander / House Committee Chair

I believe we all stand on the shoulders of those who have come before, those who showed us the way, demonstrated the commitment, duty, honor. We retain the memories and process the emotions as we continue our journey to Post Everlasting.

Recent losses have amplified our need for post members to step up and help with upcoming events. The Post needs folks to help with cooking, setup and cleanup. We are looking help with Bob's ham dinner, police and firefighter of the year February and March, crab feed/Jan, garlic festival/Aug. We are an all-volunteer organization we can only provide services if people volunteer otherwise, we must scale back or cut events.

House committee: Big thanks to Mike True for the paint and labor to refresh the paint in the Auxiliary bathrooms, they look great. Thanks to Lynn and Doug transporting and destroying flags in our ongoing operation, always looking for help here. Thanks to Rob and Linda for cooking at the early bird dinner, fantastic.

Good of the Legion: don't forget your Bag of Flags they contain 3x5 nylon, poly cotton, banner/sleeve flags. If you see a friend, neighbor or business with a damaged or faded flag gift them one we can process the old one. We are the Legion.

Todd Russell,
Post Vice Commander



Membership

As of this writing, our membership is at 167. We must do a lot better in retaining our current members. Those of you who are not renewing, please think about how much good your membership does, especially when it comes to the youth of our community.

I do not know why our members join and then do not renew. They will not return phone calls, texts, or letters. For those of you who care about our post and the work that we do, I thank you.

For the size of our city, our membership should be four or five hundred members, not two hundred.



***Membership Chair,
Robert D. Liebenow***

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Squadron Commander



The squadron's membership is at 21, we are just two members short of reaching our membership goal for 2024. We have four members that have not renewed and knowing our membership, I feel that they may not, so we need to recruit two new members to reach our goal of 23. We do have one new member who will be signing up after the 1 st of the year, leaving us one shot of goal.

We are planning a big fundraiser hopefully in March. More on that in our January newsletter.

Wishing everyone the best for the Christmas Season.



Auxiliary News

Happy Holidays to you!

This is such a magical time of year. Heartfelt wishes for a wonderful holiday season to you and your family and friends. November was very busy with poppy distribution at Ace Hardware, our Early Bird Dinner, and then Thanksgiving.



A big Thank You to everyone who help out with the Early Bird dinner and to those who came out and enjoyed dinner with us. A big thank you to Rob and Linda for cooking the yummy food, Kathy Jones for the table setups, Todd for helping welcome everyone and serving dinner alongside myself and Rob, and to the Post members for doing the cleanup. We do work great as a Legion Family Team!

I also want to say a big Thank You to the Post Members and Auxiliary Members who helped distribute poppies at Ace Hardware to honor Veterans for the weekends leading up to and including Veterans Day! We received \$628.54 donations over four weekends.

On a somber note, I wanted to share that we lost Debra Ashe November 3 rd. Joanne Ostlund helped her daughters after Debra's passing and invited them to Hamburger/ Hot Dog / Bingo on the 4 th. We were very glad they came. During our November meeting, we draped our Charter in honor of Debra.

Carole Hockenbarger was diagnosed with a glioblastoma tumor and passed away November 18th. Her husband Jim and daughter Karen Peterson were with her, and we all send our love and prayers to them in this difficult time. Services will be in the Spring.

Please join us for Bob's Memorial Dinner on December 9 th at 6 pm; RSVP or sign up by December 4 th. It is sure to be another delicious meal. If you haven't already sent in your membership renewal, the Memorial Dinner is a great time to do that.

Tracy Peets
Unit President

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Unit President

Call to volunteer: 541-778-0115



Bob's Holiday Ham Dinner

Bob's Memorial

Join us
Saturday,
December 9th
at 6pm
for a delicious
Holiday Ham meal.
Cost is \$5 per person.

White Elephant Gift
Exchange (optional)
Bring a wrapped gift.
Gently used,
handmade, or
purchased for
under \$5



RSVP is required.

Call (503)648-7191 or

email HillsboroPostNo.6@gmail.com

Hillsboro Post 6, The American Legion
285 W. Main St. Hillsboro, OR 97123

2023 DECEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Chaplain's Corner 3pm -4pm	2 Hamburger /Hot Dog 6pm Bingo
3	4 RSVP Due for Ham Dinner	5 Post and Aux meeting 6pm	6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Steak or Salmon Dinner 5pm	8	9 Bob's Memorial Ham Dinner 6pm
10	11 Post Finances discussion Money Monday 6pm	12	13 US National Guard Birthday	14 Steak or Salmon Dinner 5pm	15	16 WMA meeting 1:30pm Post reserved
17	18	19	20 US Space Force Birthday	21 Steak or Salmon Dinner 5pm	22	23
24	25 Christmas	26 E Board 6pm TBD	27	28 Steak or Salmon Dinner 5pm	29	30
31 New Year's Eve Party 3pm						

Let's
Celebrate!
2024



JOIN US FOR BOARD GAMES AND TRIVIA
AND SO MUCH MORE, AS WE RING IN
THE NEW YEAR OF 2024!

RSVP HILLSBOROPOSTNO.6@GMAIL.COM OR SIGN UP AT THE POST

DECEMBER 31 AT 3PM

HILLSBORO POST 6, THE AMERICAN LEGION
285 WEST MAIN STREET, HILLSBORO, OR 97123

2024 JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 Chaplain's Corner 3pm -4pm	6 Hamburger /Hot Dog 6pm Bingo
7	8 Money Monday 6pm	9 Post and Aux meeting 6pm	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 DEC Virtual
21 DEC Virtual	22	23	24	25	26	27 Crab Feed 5pm TBD
28	29	30 E Board 6pm	31	 <p>BE THE ONE</p> <p>TO ASK VETERANS IN YOUR LIFE HOW THEY ARE DOING.</p> <p>TO LISTEN WHEN A VETERAN NEEDS TO TALK.</p> <p>TO REACH OUT WHEN A VETERAN IS STRUGGLING.</p>		

The American Legion Hillsboro Post No. 6

CRAB FEED



Late January or Early February 2024

Our Favorite Fundraiser will be back!

TICKETS will be on sale soon and announced in early January!

\$25 WHOLE CRAB

\$15 HALF CRAB

\$15 SHRIMP LOUIE

**TAKE-OUT /
DINE IN**

5pm – 6:30pm

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

Hillsboro Post No. 6
285 W Main St,
Hillsboro, OR 97123



The Scouts made felt ornaments to share with our members! Stop by the Post to pick up.

U.S. Flag folding with Cub Scout Pack 195.



Calling All Crafters!

Join the Craft Bazaar!

Are you a crafty person who loves to make and sell your own handmade products? Do you want to showcase your creativity and talent to a wider audience? If yes, then you are invited to join the Spring Craft Bazaar, a fun and festive event where you can display and sell your crafts to the local community.

The Craft Bazaar will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hillsboro Post 6, located at 285 W. Main St, Hillsboro, OR 97123. The event is open to the public and admission is free.

As a vendor, you will get a 6 ft. (\$30) or 8 ft (\$35) table. No electricity, event is inside. Table and chairs provided.

To register please email HillsboroUnit6Bazaar@gmail.com . Spaces are limited, so don't delay. Once you register, you will receive a confirmation email with more details and instructions.

Questions? (707) 496-2390 Karen

We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Craft Bazaar!



SATURDAY, MARCH 9

from 10:00 am - 4 pm

**AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY UNIT #6**

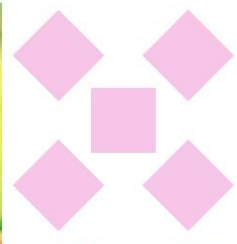
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SPRING CRAFT BAZAAR



National Commander on PLUS Act

Dear American Legion Family Members and Friends,

Let me say this in the clearest terms possible: Veterans should feel safe and confident when filing for claims, knowing that no matter who they choose for representation, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has reviewed, approved and accredited that party.

That is why The American Legion opposes the PLUS (Preserving Lawful Utilization of Services for Veterans) Act. If enacted, the PLUS Act would transition our system of securing benefits for disabled veterans to an unregulated profit-driven industry.

Currently, there are unaccredited third parties that present themselves to veterans as legitimate claims service companies to assist veterans in obtaining their earned benefits. The PLUS Act aims to legalize these companies by allowing automatic accreditation after 90 days regardless of whether VA has completed its verification process. The VA-accreditation program exists to ensure that veterans and their family members receive appropriate representation on their VA benefits claims. The American Legion wants to hold bad actors accountable, not give them a free pass to prey on veterans.

Our team is working hard to protect all veterans from the PLUS Act. In September 2023, The American Legion sent a letter of opposition to the congressional representatives sponsoring the Plus Act and I personally voiced our opposition during my congressional visits just last month.

However, there is legislation that would help veterans elude the clutches of bad actors. In an effort to protect our nation's veterans, The American Legion supports the Governing Unaccredited Representatives Defrauding (GUARD) VA Benefits Act. The legislation would reinstate criminal penalties for unaccredited claim representatives who charge unauthorized fees while assisting veterans with filing a claim for VA disability compensation benefits.

The American Legion continues to muster support to protect all veterans and their families from claims sharks. [Join us in telling Congress to support the GUARD Act.](#)

For God and Country,



Daniel J. Seehafer
American Legion National Commander



Thank you for your Donations, Support and Time



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