Legion Family News

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Post Commander

Your Legion Needs You: Let's Build Our Community Together

Recently, I watched the documentary *Join or Die*, based on Robert D. Putnam's book, *Bowling Alone*. While the book was published some time ago (25 years), its message feels more relevant now than ever. Putnam highlights a decline in community engagement that we can no longer overlook. As times change, it's more important than ever to reconnect with one another, and that's where your American Legion Hillsboro Post 6 comes in.



As veterans, we've always been ready to answer the call. Now, your Post is inviting you—not to take up arms overseas, but to help strengthen the very fabric of our communities here at home. Today, fewer people are connecting with their neighbors or engaging with their local institutions. But at the American Legion, we have the opportunity to change that. Will you be part of the solution?

Though much of the world has changed, one thing remains clear: the value of service. By joining us in Post activities, you're not only reconnecting with fellow veterans, you're helping to make your community stronger and more united. Active communities are safer, more supportive, and better equipped to thrive. Your involvement can have a meaningful impact on both your own life and the lives of those around you.

Post Commander (cont.)

Being involved with your Post provides more than a place to gather; it offers purpose, friendship, and a sense of belonging. Studies show that those who engage socially and volunteer tend to be happier and healthier. You'll have the chance to forge lasting connections and help shape a brighter future for our community.

We've got some exciting events lined up. Our annual Crab Feed on Saturday, February 1st, is a great way to get involved. Whether you help with ticket sales, assist with the setup, or just show up to meet new friends, your presence will make a difference. Visit Lynn at the Chaplain's Corner first Friday of the month or come join us for our monthly Hamburger/Hot Dog gathering on the first Saturday of each month—it's a relaxed way to reconnect with old friends. Every effort counts—your time and energy matter.

Your Post is only as strong as its members, and together, we can make a real difference. Let's continue the legacy of service and leadership that veterans have always embodied—join us, help create a stronger community, and have fun along the way!

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

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 message along with your phone number. I promise I will respond. Thank you.

Blessings, Lynn Hamm Chaplain



TICKETS \$25 Whole CRAB \$15 Half Crab \$15 Shrimp Louie

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Tickets on sale until Jan. 30th Call 503–407–3112 or 503–648–7191 to order and send in money. Pick up tickets at the door.

Saturday, February 1, 2025

HILLSBORO POST 6

HE AMERICAN LEGION

TAKE-OUT / DINE IN 5pm – 6:30pm Meals are Crab Dinner or Shrimp Louie, salad (potato salad or coleslaw) and dinner rolls.

Hillsboro Post 6 285 W. Main St, Hillsboro, OR 97123



Vice Commander

We bid welcome to the new year with the hope of a better tomorrow. Last year was a tough one, we lost so many good friends and loved ones we honor their memory. In this new year may we all strive to provide a strong example of help and outreach to the veterans and members of our community, state and nation. We show our commitment every month through meetings, meals, bingo, fundraisers, flag distribution and retirement, veterans memorials, community outreach like Saturday Market. We do a lot of events and that requires time and commitment, a sacrifice shouldered by a dwindling



number of members. We should all be recruiting members; the answer is always "no" if you don't ask. We have many projects that take only a couple hours, step up. We need help selling crab tickets and manning the event, step up. We have Law Enforcement and Firefighter of the year in February and March, need help. Saturday Market starts in April (an important revenue source) one or two people can't shoulder the load please help.

Stepping down off the soapbox, Detective Renee Schwartz has been selected Hillsboro Law Enforcement Officer of the Year to be celebrated February 4 at 6pm, come and show your community and Post pride.

Todd Russell, Vice Commander

Memorial Service Announcement

Memorial Service for Steve Sinclair, past Post Chaplain, will be held at the Reedville Presbyterian Church located at 2785 SW 209th Ave, Aloha, OR 97003

All are welcomed. Service begins at 11am

BINGO

Saturday February 8th Hillsboro Sons of The American Legion 285 W. Main St., Hillsboro, OR 97123

Doors Open At 4:30PM Food For Purchase at 5PM Soup and a roll for \$5 (while it lasts)

> BINGO Starts at 6PM 10 Games and a Blackout \$25 PER Spot (Only 50 Spots Available)

Make Checks Payable to Hillsboro Post #6 Send To

Robert Liebenow 11505 SW Toulouse St. Wilsonville, OR 97070

American Legion Riders Chapter 6

Frost and Fury: Navigating the Winter Months with Hillsboro Post 6 ALR

Winter's Here and We're Ticked Off

Winter's got our bikes lounging around and gathering dust like they're in a contest. But hey, who says we can't keep the motorcycle flame burning while we wait? Let's dive into some frosty fun and turn that frustration into something productive.

Community and Camaraderie

We're more than just fair-weather riders. Winter doesn't change our bond. Instead of hitting the road, let's strengthen our community in other ways. Share your stories, your gripes about the cold, your plans for the next riding season.



We're in this together, even if it means meeting up indoors.

Bike Maintenance and Upgrades

Now's the time to give your bike the love it deserves. Use this downtime to:

- Maintenance Overhaul: Don't just winterize—supercharge. Clean, lube, and fine-tune every part. Make sure your ride is in perfect condition when it's time to hit the road again.
- Upgrades: Got a wish list? Install those new parts you've been eyeing. From exhaust systems to custom seats, make your bike even better.
- DIY Projects: If you've been thinking about custom paint jobs or new accessories, now's the perfect time to get hands-on. Transform your ride so it's ready to turn heads come spring.

Planning and Learning

Winter sucks, but it's a prime time for:

- Planning Future Rides: Map out your dream rides. Plan the routes, the stops, and the sights you'll see. Get every detail nailed down so you're ready to roll when the weather turns.
- Learning and Training: Attend workshops or online courses. Whether it's advanced riding techniques, first aid, or bike mechanics, make yourself a better rider. Knowledge is power.

Community Involvement

Let's also focus on making an impact:

- Charity and Volunteer Work: Even if we're not on the road, we can still make a difference. Participate in local charity drives or volunteer efforts. Show our community what it means to be an ALR Rider, even off the bike.
- Veteran Support: Winter can be tough, especially for veterans. Reach out to your fellow riders, check in, and offer support. We ride together, and we stand together, no matter the season.

Upcoming Events

Don't forget, we still have a lot going on:

- Winter Workshops and Meetups: Keep an eye out for our winter events. From maintenance clinics to indoor meetups, let's keep the spirit alive.
- Feedback and Ideas: Got ideas for events or activities? Bring them to the table. Let's make the most out of this downtime together.

Closing Remarks

Yeah, winter's a pain. But we're tough. We're Hillsboro Post 6 American Legion Riders. We don't just ride—we live and breathe motorcycles. Let's make this winter count. Stay involved, stay engaged, and get ready to tear it up when spring comes.

Thank you for being part of this community. Keep the passion alive, and let's turn this winter into something worthwhile.

Ride on!

Douglas "Wip" Wipper

Director, American Legion Riders Hillsboro Post 6

Auxiliary News

With a sad heart we report the passing of Sharon Wise on December 2, 2024. Sharon has been a member of Unit 6, Hillsboro since 2010. Her Memorial Service will be Saturday January 25 at 1pm at the Forest Grove Elks Lodge, 2810 Pacific Ave. We will be draping our Charter at our January 7th meeting to honor Sharon. In lieu of flowers, it is requested that donation be made to the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps Training Fund in the name of Sharon A, Wise (LCDR, NSCC Ret.) The USNSCC is a federally charted corporation and is a 503-c-3 entity.



Membership

Have you paid your 2025 dues yet. Our membership goal for

2025 is 52 members, we have 35 paid members. It's not too late, send them in today. There are three ways to pay. Send your check made out to ALA Unit 6 to 285 W. Main, Hillsboro, OR 97123. Go online to alaforveterans.org or call National at (317) 569-4570 have your membership number handy.

Christmas Gift Shops

The Christmas Gift Shops throughout Oregon have been a success. Our Unit supports all of them monetarily. There was a gift shop at the Portland VA where we served 294 Veterans, one at the Lebanon Veterans Home that served 75, one at the Roseburg VA facility where we served 12 and the Veterans Home in The Dallas where the final figures are not available yet. Our Unit is able to support these through our Poppy donations. Thank you for all of your support.

Linda Liebenow, Auxiliary Treasurer



LEGION HILLSBORD POST 6 RIFLE RAFFLE Fundraiser for roof replacement

AMERICAN

1 ticket for \$20 or 3 tickets for \$50 ONLY 600 TICKETS SOLD!



COLT TROOPER

M4 .223 M-LOK 16.1" BARREL 30-SHOT BLACK



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EOTECH 512

Drawing after 600 tickets are sold See a Post 6 member to purchase your tickets Visit hillsboropost6.org or (503) 648-7191

> Must be 18 years or older to enter Need not to be present to win

JANUARY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 New Year's Day	2 Steak and Salmon 5pm	3 Chaplain's Corner 3-4pm	4 Hamburger /Hot Dog 6pm Bingo
5	6 Money Monday 6pm	7 Post and Aux Meeting 6pm	8	 9 Steve Sinclair Memorial Service 11am Steak and Salmon 5pm 	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Steak and Salmon 5pm	17	18 WMA mtg 11am
19	20 MLK Day Inauguration Day	21	22	23 Steak and Salmon 5pm	24	25
26	27	28 E-Board 6pm	29 Sharon Wise Memorial Service 1 pm	30 Last day to purchase CRAB FEED Tickets	31	K

FEBRUARY 2025

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						CRAB FEED 5pm to 6:30pm
2	3	4 Police Officer of the Year Dinner Post and Aux Meeting 6pm	5	6 Steak and Salmon 5pm	7 Chaplain's Corner 3-4pm	8 BINGO SAL Fundraiser 5pm Food 6pm Game
9	10 Money Monday 6pm	11	12	13 Steak and Salmon 5pm	14 Valentine's Day	15
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Holiday Ham Recap

What an outstanding Bob's Memorial Holiday Ham Dinner! It was a deliciously unforgettable holiday ham dinner, and WOW, it was a feast to remember! [©]The maple, brown sugar ham was absolutely melt-in-your-mouth, and the mashed potatoes? We had TWO kinds—garlic butter and classic plain, both perfectly creamy and comforting. [©]

The sides were next level: brown sugar cooked carrots that hit all the sweet notes and a green bean casserole so flavorful, it had us all coming back for seconds. And the best part? It was all you could eat for just \$5!

A HUGE thank you to our amazing cook and cleanup crew for making everything run so smoothly! A Your hard work made this event a total success, and we couldn't have done it without you.

If you weren't able to make it, you really missed out! But don't worry—there will definitely be more events like this, and trust me, you won't want to miss the next one. Sto everyone who came, THANK YOU for making it such a special day. We had an incredible time, and we can't wait to do it again!



Thank you for your Donations, Support and Time

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