Legion Family News

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Post Commander

Celebrating American Legion History and Commitment.

March is a reminder of our purpose—to continue advocating for those who served, while also providing support to our active-duty service members, veterans, and their families.

This month, we celebrate the American Legion's Birthday. Founded on March 15, 1919, the American Legion was established as a voice for veterans, committed to advocating for their needs, and ensuring that their sacrifices would not be forgotten. The American Legion's four pillars—

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth—
remain just as important today. As we look back at our history, it's essential that we stay true to our mission while adapting to the changing needs of our fellow veterans.

We will be initiating all new Legion family members at the Birthday Dinner. Make sure to RSVP and welcome our new members.

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

Sheryl Loberger
Post Commander





Police Officer of the Year

Congratulations to Detective Renee Schwartz – 2025 Police Officer of the Year!
We are thrilled to announce that Detective Renee Schwartz has been named the 2025 Police
Officer of the Year by Hillsboro Post 6, The American Legion! After more than 26 years of
dedicated service with the Hillsboro Police Department, Detective Schwartz's unwavering
commitment to public safety and her tireless advocacy for victims of child abuse has left a
lasting and meaningful impact on our community.

Detective Schwartz's work has touched the lives of many, providing hope and justice to those in need. Though she has retired from active duty, we are grateful that she will continue to serve as a representative for the Hillsboro Police Department at the Family Justice Center of Washington County, where her compassion and experience will continue to support vulnerable individuals in our community. Please join us in congratulating **Detective Schwartz** on this well-deserved honor and thanking her for her extraordinary service.



Chaplain's Corner

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Proverbs 4:23 says "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." NIV

As I was reading my Bible the other day and this verse got me to thinking. Usually what you guard is what you value. So lets see, I guard my health by making good choices in what I eat (well, most of the time!). I guard our garden by fertilizing and weeding it because we value the produce it provides. I guard my home with locks on the door and a security system because it is, materially speaking, the most valuable thing we own.



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So what about my heart? Do I value what flows from it? The Bible says "Above all else" to value your heart. That makes it pretty important, at least for those who believe in God. So may I encourage you to take stock of what you value and perhaps consider paying more attention to your heart and what comes from it concerning your priorities and activities in this life?

May your day be blessed, 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 message along with your phone number. I promise I will respond. Thank you.

Veterans Virtual Hangout – coming your way!

The **Veterans' Virtual Hangout** is here, and we're calling all Post 6 members to join! Whether it's to reconnect, share a laugh, or dive into some great stories, this is your chance to be part of something special. Don't miss out on this opportunity to engage with your

Legion family. Keep an eye out

for the Zoom link via email—it's coming soon!

Wednesdays
March 12th 3pm – 4pm
April 9th 3pm – 4pm

Auxiliary News

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Well, here it is the middle of February already, snow is on the ground and warmer weather is right around the corner, we hope.

I hope you all stayed warm and healthy this last cold spell. We had a great time at our last meeting night, along with the Post we celebrated the Police Officer of the Year with a great lasagna dinner. The Auxiliary brought desserts and stuffed



animals. It just so happened that the honoree is the officer that handles cases with children, so she was appreciative of all the animals. There were plenty of desserts to take back to the station also.

There was a lot of information discussed at the joint meeting, and you really need to look at the calendar and mark the dates for all the planned activities being held in the next couple of months. You can find some of the information in the minutes that will be coming out before our next meeting.

We were looking at things in March, June, and into August, like Legion Birthday dinner, Flag Day activities and even the Garlic festival. I want to remind some of you that anytime you have a couple of hours on a Saturday you could sit at the Post booth during Saturday Market April thru September.

Watch for Lindas' announcement of the Birthday dinner.

It was good to meet with our Department President Cindy Soria who was a guest at our last meeting she had lots to tell us. Hope to see you at the next meeting where we will celebrate The Fire Fighter of the Year, we are to bring desserts and animals again.

Joanne Ostlund Unit Secretary





Thursday Special – Steak or Salmon Dinner

Steak or Salmon dinners are held on Thursday nights starting at 5pm.

A suggested donation of \$15. Dessert is provided.



Sons of The American Legion

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If you were not at our Feb. 8th BINGO night, you missed a great time. We had 23 people come out to play and we made \$343.25. Plan to make This an annual event.

Membership is still at 30, which makes us 125% of our goal. We just have 2 left on the roster that have not renewed for 2025.

Our next meeting will be March 27th at 6PM. Hope to see many of you there.



Robert D. Liebenow
Commander Squadron #6



RIFLE RAFFLE

Fundraiser for roof replacement

1 ticket for \$20 or 3 tickets for \$50 only 600 tickets sold!



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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

2025 MARCH

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| | | | | | | Hamburger / Hot Dog 6pm Bingo |
| 2 | 3 | Firefighter of the Year Dinner Post and Aux Meeting 6pm | 5 | Steak and Salmon 5pm | Chaplain's Corner 3-4pm | 8 |
| Daylight Savings Time | Money Monday 6pm | 11 | 12 Veteran Virtual Hangout 3-4pm | Steak and Salmon 5pm | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | Post Open 5pm – 8pm | 18 | 19 | Steak and Salmon 5pm | Newsletter articles due | District Mtg Sherwood Birthday Dinner 6pm |
| 23 | 24 | Post E-board 6pm | 26 | Steak and Salmon 5pm | 28 | 29 Post Open 5pm – 8pm |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |

APRIL 2025

| SUN | | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | | Post and Aux Meeting 6pm | | Steak and Salmon 5pm | Chaplain's Corner 3-4pm | Hamburger / Hot Dog 6pm Bingo |
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | | | Veteran Virtual Hangout 3-4pm | Steak and Salmon 5pm | Post Open 5pm – 8pm | |
| | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| | | Money Monday 6pm | Craft Night 6pm | | Steak and Salmon 5pm | Newsletter articles due | |
| , | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Easter | | | | | Steak and Salmon 5pm | | Legion Family Fun Day/ Cornhole Tournament |
| | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| | | | Post E-board 6pm | | | | |
| | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |

Historical March Events

1. The Battle of Iwo Jima (March 1945)

While not exactly a "lucky" story, the
Battle of Iwo Jima, fought during March 1945 in
World War II, had some fortunate aspects for the
U.S. forces. The successful capture of the island
provided a crucial base for Allied forces in the
Pacific. The famous image of the U.S. Marines
raising the flag on Mount Suribachi was taken
on March 23, 1945. This victory was a major
morale boost and a strategic turning point, though



it came at a high cost. Despite the heavy casualties, the victory ensured that American bombers would have a safer landing spot and a closer base for their operations against Japan.

2. The "Lucky" Shot of the USS Princeton (March 1945)

In the same month as the Iwo Jima battle, there was a rather "lucky" incident involving the USS *Princeton* during the Battle of Leyte Gulf in the Philippines. On March 19, 1945, a kamikaze attack hit the USS *Princeton*, but due to the quick actions of the crew and the ship's defenses, the ship survived and was saved from total destruction. Many sailors on the ship considered their survival to be a lucky escape, as a direct hit could have sunk the vessel. The ship's ability to continue its service after such an attack was seen as a miracle by some.

March 25 was established by Congress as National Medal of Honor Day to "foster public appreciation and recognition of Medal of Honor recipients." There are 3,547 recipients who have received the Medal of Honor since the Civil War.









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