



1305 Tucker Rd, Hood River, Oregon 97031 • 541.308.0000 • Club Hours: Thur.- Fri. 4:00pm – 7:30pm, Sunday Potluck 11am-3pm

From Your Commander:

Post 22 really needs your participation with Club dining and Post activities in order to be active and vital. Your five officers cannot possibly carry the weight of running all programs as well as helping to keep the Club operating. We do need volunteers from all three organizations to partner together.

Veteran's Day is nearly upon us and that means free 7-10 a.m. breakfast at the Elks Lodge for all Vets, Auxiliary, & SAL members, and \$5.00 for all other guests. There will be raffles and the opportunity to renew membership at the door. The Veteran's Day Ceremony will be at Anderson's Tribute Center again, starting at 11:00 a.m.

Post 22 Will Sponsor A Free Spaghetti Feed For All Early Bird 2016 Renewals, On New Year's Day 1:00-4:00 P.M. At The Club! All You Need Is To Buy Your Drinks.

NATIONAL DUES INCREASE

A \$5 per-capita annual national dues increase was passed at the 97th National Convention in Baltimore. It takes effect Jan. 20, 2016. The new rate is projected to last 10 years without another increase.

This impacts our Post 22 much more than it appears. The current dues of \$40 allows the Local Post \$13 and \$27 is divided between Oregon Department and National. If Post 22 does not increase dues we will see our total dues income decrease by approximately 40% to \$1600 annually based upon the 2015 renewal rate.

Utility bills and insurance average about \$6,000 annually. We support two scholarships to our youth, another \$1,000. The cost of providing any other programs such as helping our Vets and aiding the needy Vets at the Veteran's Home is in addition. As you can see our income cannot keep up. The restaurant operation is not making us money yet it does provide our members a place to come, have a meal, a drink, and some fellowship with other Vets.

At the October 2015 meeting it was moved to increase our dues to \$60 a year to provide the National increase and to provide more opportunity for the local post to serve our vets. Our last dues increase was about 10 years ago. At the November Post Meeting the ratification vote on the dues increase is expected and would take effect on January 20, 2016. If you want input be there for the meeting. That means that anyone who joins or renews the 2016 dues on or before January 19, 2016 will only have to pay \$40 for the 2016 year. If you wait until January 20 or later to renew you will pay the increased rate. That is a pretty good incentive to renew now or at the Veteran's Day Breakfast on November 11.

I wish to give a special heart felt THANK YOU to the few really special people who have made tax deductible donations to help Post 22 operations. Your support means more than you'll ever know. What a great way to show your support to help us serve our veterans. If more people would follow your lead, Post 22 could provide more programs to aid and assist those who have given so much for us and our Country.

Regular Post Meetings

We have adjusted our Post Meeting times, so please come join us at Post meetings the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. right here at the Post 22 at 1305 Tucker Rd. across the street from PP&L. Your participation and your voice are needed to help Post 22 better serve our veterans and their families.

Commander Carl Casey

From 1st Vice Commander:

Know of a veteran eligible to join? Please have them contact me at 541-806-2544 for more information. We need new members! Join the team and invite your veteran friends and family to become part of the American Legion Team and get involved in assisting other veterans.

Please come in and renew your membership. We also need your DD 214, email addresses and telephone numbers. Please email or mail them to the Post, or call and leave a message (541 308-0000). If you haven't sent yours in, please consider doing so.

Thanks, 1st Vice Commander Jim Tomson



American Legion Auxiliary:

Thank you to you ladies that helped sell raffle tickets for our scholarship. Also an extra big THANK YOU to Jim and Bob for sitting with me Friday and Saturday mornings. We sold them all!

At our meeting the 7th our District 5 President Louise Carter joined us for lunch at the Charburger. District 5 Secretary Treasurer Betty Parent also was here. We had a nice talk with and from her.

The next Bulletin will probably not come out until the end of December, so everyone have a HAPPY THANKSGIVING and a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Come join us for meetings the first Wednesday of each month at noon at the Club.

Auxiliary President, Judy Osbourn

Yes I would like to donate!

Name: _____

Address: _____

I would like donate to the following funds...

\$ _____ **Helping Local Vets.**
Used for Community support of local Vets and their families needing temporary assistance.

\$ _____ **Helping Local Vet's Home.**
Used for caring and support of needing Veterans in The Dalles Veteran's Home.

\$ _____ **Helping Vet's Children Education.**
Used for support of Legion College Scholarships awarded to select high school seniors toward college education.

\$ _____ **Helping Your Local Post.**
Your dollars are used to support your local Post 22 and Club and other Post activities.

Give where it means the most to you!

Post 22 is 503e16. Our EIN is 93- 0350380
For more information a
on giving options please call the post
at 541-308-0000 or check of our website.

www.hoodriverpost22.org

Sons of the American Legion

CALLING ALL SON'S (S.A.L.)---If your Dad, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, or Son served, we would like your membership and participation. Call me if you have any questions.
Brian Steeves
(541) 490-4830

American Legion Post 22 Website at hoodriverpost22.org is a great way for you to communicate with the Post. The site is to keep you, our members updated as to what is happening at Post 22, and in our community. While at the club there is a free WIFI connection at the post for your convenience.

From 2nd Vice Commander

Don't forget to join us for NASCAR Sunday Potlucks from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.!

Vice Commander Dennis Leonard

Sons of the American Legion

Post 22 gives you the opportunity to participate serving our veterans and their families. Why not come alongside your brother and sister Legionnaires as we do projects such as the Bingo-Ice Cream Social at the Vet's Home.

We now have a New Adjutant, Michael Tabor.

We need SAL members willing to be officers, so be like Mike and volunteer your time and energy. For more information on how to get involved contact Brian Steeves at number above, call the Post, or check the Website.

From Your Club Manager

We will be CLOSED November 26th & 27th,
December 24th & 25th. Club winter hours from
November to March will be 4:00pm to 7:30pm.

We are collecting items for the Oregon Veterans' Home. Some of the items needed are: Little Debbie's snacks and cinnamon rolls, bottled water, O'Douls or Coors Cutter (non-alcoholic beer), individual flavored creamers, new electric razors (Norelco, Remington...), Polligrip, Polident, Postage Stamps (forever). Please drop items off at Post during normal business hours.

A big thank you goes out to Audrey Fisher for the decorations around the Post. It dresses the place up! Come by, check it out and have a meal.

*Don't forget the American Legion is available to rent out for **Christmas** parties and special occasions. Contact me at Post 22 for more info.*

Thank You to everyone who made the Yard Sale a success, and a special thank you to Barb Laney, Kat Huerta, Denny Leonard, Brian Steeves, and Mike Tabor.

And I want to thank you all! Leahanne

A FELLOW VETERAN NEEDS OUR HELP!

THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF "PETS FOR VETS" IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF A FOSTER FAMILY TO HELP FOSTER A COMPANION DOG FOR ONE OF OUR DISABLED VETERANS.

OK...ENOUGH FLOWERY TALK!

I NEED SOMEONE OUT THERE TO CALL ME IF YOU WOULD CONSIDER FOSTERING A DOG FOR 8-10 WEEKS, FOR A VET WITH PTS.

I CAN BE REACHED AT
(541) 490-9086 OR (541) 354-1771

STANDING BY YOUR CALL
LEGIONAIR LYNN GUENTHER