



1305 Tucker Rd, Hood River, Oregon 97031 • 541.308.0000 • Club Hours: Thur.- Fri. 4:00pm – 8:00pm, Sunday Potluck 11am-3pm

From Your Commander:

Summer is well underway and everyone is busy and as a result we have run longer between bulletins that we had hoped.

2017 Officers:

Carl Casey	Commander
Jim Tomson	1 st Vice Commander
Dennis Leonard	2 nd Vice Commander
Lorie Saito	Adjutant
Steve Thomas	Sgt-At-Arms
Robert Losli	Chaplain
2 Exec. Committee Members - Still Vacant	

American Legion Baseball:

American Legion Baseball Team, The Carson Oilers are up and running this year. Mel Ahrens, the team coach is doing a great job with these youngsters.

This is an opportunity for Post 22 to get reconnected with our community by encouraging and supporting our youth. The Post could really use your support and financial assistance to enable this program to get off the ground.

Club Operations Help Needed:

We apologize for being closed unexpectedly, but when Leahanne gets sick, or something unexpected happens, we do not have any backup. We still need volunteers to help cook, bartend, and wait tables for dinner on Thursdays and Fridays, if we are to continue operating the restaurant. We are open to serve you and without your faithful partnership and participation at dinner, we'll have to keep examining the restaurant viability.

ALERT: Post 22 has a New Adjutant, Lorie Saito has come on board and is already processing some 2016 as well as early 2017 Renewals. Remember Dues are now \$60.00 for anyone joining or renewing membership. Again I apologize for the perceived inconvenience of this, but even with the dues increase, the dues that Post 22 keeps is

insufficient to pay the utilities for our Post Building, let alone run any programs. **Any member who feels they cannot afford the \$60 for the upcoming 2017 year please contact me and we will see what we can do to keep you as a member in good standing.**

Post Finances:

In 2016 we have received some tax deductible donations to help Post 22 operations, for which we are very grateful, yet we are not covering expenses. Post 22 fiscal report for 2014-2015 showed total income for Post 22 and the Club at \$64,657, while total expenses were \$75,379. Running the Club and doing the few programs we did last year Post 22 was \$10,722 in the red, which comes out of our CD reserves.

Post 22 utility bills, maintenance, and insurance, \$9,758. Professional fees for book keeping, \$1,745. 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. Your support means more than you'll ever know. Post 22 needs your support to help us serve our veterans.

Donations Are All Tax Deductible: If 12 members committed to support \$100 each month, or if 24 gave \$50 every month Post 22 would be nearly operating in the black. We have nearly 180 members and if every member donated just \$5.00 (the cost of a stop at Starbucks or McDonalds) once a month we would about break even. I can think of no easier way to help operate the Post, maintain our facilities, and provide program services to our families. I believe you, our partners, so please consider contributing.

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.

Because of summer break, our next regular Post Meeting will be September 13, at 5:00 p.m. The main purpose of this meeting will be to determine the viability of operating the Club and maintain our building. We will be holding an executive meeting at a time prior to the post meeting so that the executive committee has a better understanding of the financial picture.

It appears that even with the increase of dues, we will need continued regular donations to function as we currently do and yet we would like to do more.

Commander Carl Casey

From the 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. Does anybody read this?

Listen up! 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.

1st Vice Commander Jim Tomson

From the 2nd Vice Commander

Our Annual Picnic will be Saturday, August 27 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks and beer provided. Members please bring side dishes and desserts.

NASCAR Sundays 11:00 a.m. We will be having other events and work days as the weather improves.

2nd Vice Commander Dennis Leonard



American Legion Auxiliary:

Thank you everyone who made our Poppy sales such a big success this year. We will be able to help our veterans that need a little help.

We will not have a meeting now until September 7th. Then our meetings will again meet on the first Wednesday of each month. Bring your lunch and join at noon at the club. Would love to see you there.

Have a great summer and will see you again in September.

Auxiliary President, Judy Osbourn



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

Sons of the American Legion

Who doesn't like ice cream and Bingo? We are doing Bingo with ice cream social on Friday August 19, 2:00 at the Vet's Home in The Dalles. Any member of our Legion family is welcome to come over and help some old folks play bingo.

We could use 2 more volunteers to fill offices (1st Vice Commander and Sargent at Arms).

Department wants us to have 4 officers to be legitimate, so anyone who wants to serve please call me, Brian Steeves at 541 490-4830. I can guarantee you there won't be too much work.

From Your Club Manager

Club hours have returned to Summer hours, 4 p.m.-8:00 p.m. If you have any Menu ideas, please let me know!

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.

Don't forget the American Legion is available to rent out for special occasions. Contact me at Post 22 for more info. I want to thank you all!

Thanks Leahanne

Yes I would like to donate!

Name: _____

Address: _____

I would like donate to the following funds...

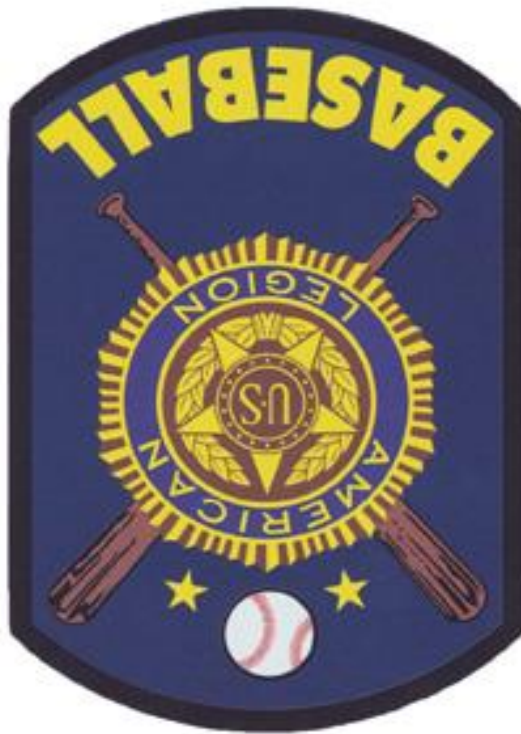
- \$ _____ **Helping Local Vets.**
Used for Community support of local Vets and their families needing temporary assistance.
- \$ _____ **Helping Local Vet's Home.**
Used for caring and support of needing Veterans in The Dalles Veteran's Home.
- \$ _____ **Helping Vet's Children Education.**
Used for 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!



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