



What are the

4 PILLARS *of the* AMERICAN LEGION

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VETERANS DEFENSE
AMERICANISM YOUTH

The American Legion is the most active veterans organization in striving to protect benefits earned by all veterans through honorable military service. The American Legion continues to fight for the full repeal of the Disabled Veterans Tax (sometimes called "Concurrent Receipt"), a strong veterans health care system and a strong quality of life for U.S. military members and their families.



PILLAR I: VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

For more than 90 years, The American Legion has acted as the nation's leading advocate for proper health care, economic opportunity and legal benefits for U.S. military veterans. The Legion was instrumental in the creation of the Veterans Administration in 1930, and an ardent supporter of its elevation to cabinet status when it became the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1989. The relationship between VA and The American Legion continues to evolve today.

THE AMERICAN LEGION'S NATIONAL-SECURITY POSITION IS MULTIFACETED

KEY ASPECTS INCLUDE:

1. A well-funded, well-equipped and well-trained military.
2. Awareness and surveillance of rogue nations, terrorist groups and global threats to U.S. security around the world.
3. Support for the Department of Homeland Security and urging protection of U.S. borders, ports and other points of access.
4. Comprehensive disaster preparedness.
5. Decent quality of life for troops and their families – active-duty and reserve components alike – that includes reasonable compensation, benefits, health care, child care and family-support programs; and an efficient and compassionate healing and transition program for wounded and ill warriors.



PILLAR II: NATIONAL SECURITY

The National Security Division of The American Legion represents the organization's positions on national defense, homeland security and quality of life for our service members and their families. Since its inception, The American Legion has steadfastly supported a strong national defense. The American Legion closely monitors issues that are most relevant to our nation's vital security interests. The American Legion works closely with each branch of the U.S. Armed Forces in an effort to stay well informed about issues that affect our troops and our military families. As such, The American Legion continues to make troop strength and military quality of life a top priority.

6. Matters such as transition to civilian life and using the VA health-care system, TRI-CARE or TRICARE For Life also fall within the realm of national security. The American Legion represents military members during the medical-discharge process and assists in their pursuit of education benefits, employment counseling, training and health care.
7. The American Legion works as an advocate for an improved disability-evaluation system within the Department of Defense by providing counseling, guidance and representation for service members through the proceedings of the medical-evaluation and physical-evaluation boards. Staff regularly meets with military personnel one-on-one and in group settings to alert them about the resources and opportunities available as they prepare to return home.



PILLAR III: AMERICANISM

Many cultural, moral and patriotic values have come under serious attack in the United States in recent years. Prayer has been removed from schools. The U.S. flag is no longer protected from anarchists. Boy Scouts of America faces serious legal duels in the communities it serves. The institution of marriage is under siege. Immigration laws are defied. References to God have been challenged on U.S. currency, in the Pledge of Allegiance and in the public square, all by a minority of voices whose vision for America is far different from that of our Founding Fathers. Our nation's very identity is at stake as more and more values are driven toward extinction. As an organization dedicated to God and country, with a membership of military veterans that takes deep pride in the U.S. flag and all it means, The American Legion has always been a stalwart champion of patriotism, morality and citizenship. Upon the pillar of Americanism is The American Legion's devotion to law and order, the raising of wholesome youth, respectful observance of patriotic holidays and remembrances, education and law-abiding citizenship.

Gorge Veteran Social Group

Socialize with Other Veterans at this Family Friendly Event!

Where: Hood River Elks Club #1507

304 Cascade Ave, Hood River OR 97031

When: February 12th, 2019, Time: 6 PM (1800 hrs.)



PILLAR IV: CHILDREN & YOUTH

The American Legion's Commission on Children & Youth manages a pillar of service guided by three main objectives: to strengthen the family unit, to support quality organizations that provide services for children and youth, and to provide communities with well-rounded programs that meet the physical, educational, emotional and spiritual needs of young people. The commission works to provide hope for children who face health, safety, discipline or home-life challenges, and provides opportunities for young people to succeed. The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation provides more than \$500,000 in grants each year to nonprofit organizations that work to improve the lives of young people. These grants have aided organ-donor campaigns, supported efforts to help military children cope with deployment or the loss of a parent, and funded projects that increased public awareness of Huntington's disease, autism, Reye's syndrome, meningitis, spina bifida, diabetes, cancer and other conditions.

Let's Get Together!

Have a beer, a burger, and meet like-minded veterans from all over the Columbia Gorge. Find other veterans that have the same hobbies or were in the same branch. A mental health provider and local veteran services will also be on site if you have any questions that need answers.



HOOD RIVER POST 22 IS ALIVE AND WELL!

Yes, we sold our post building, but Post 22 is still active and requesting your continued support.

The Post restaurant never was self-sustaining, and drained the Post's reserves to nearly depletion.

Thanks to increased dues and donations, we managed to keep the restaurant open with paid staff. After closing the Club, dues alone were insufficient to maintain the utilities on the Post building and when donation ceased, the Executive Committee decided that by selling the building the Post could invest the proceeds to insure operations of American Legion Programs.

6 SIMPLE WAYS TO HELP HOOD RIVER POST 22

1. Renew your membership as soon as possible to support your Post.
2. Get involved, come to meetings, and find out how you can help. Second Thursday each month at the Eagles Lodge at 2290 Tucker Rd. at 5:00 p.m.
3. Encourage fellow Vets to join the American Legion.
4. Programs are funded through fundraising and your generous donations, which are tax deductible.



We are looking at ways to safely investing funds to help provide services to our Vets, and the families.

Currently Post meeting occur the 2nd Thursday each month at 5:00 p.m., at the Eagles lodge as they have been gracious enough to allow us a place to meet.

The Post telephone number transfers to the Commander's Cell Phone, so someone still is available.

Post 22 needs the continued support of all members to renew their membership, and we need members to step up and help Your Post to realign itself with the Four Pillars of the American Legion, to help and assist our Vet's and their Families.

HOW CAN I HELP?

5. Contact us to find out more about the nightly meals served at the Eagles Lodge, as well as possible membership.
6. If you're not a Vet yourself but your father or grandfather was, you are eligible to join the Sons of the American Legion. Talk with us.

**CONTACT POST 22 TODAY AT
(541) 308-0000 TO LEARN MORE!**

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