



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

From the Commander:

Everyone at Post 22 wish that 2016 will be an awesome year not only for the Post but also for all members.

REPEAT: 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.

We need volunteers to help cook, 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.

We had our special free spaghetti feed at the Club for all you members on New Year's Day and a several of you took advantage, for which we say thank you, but we had enough food for many more.

American Legion Baseball:

I was approached by Erich Harjo, head baseball coach at HRVHS about wanting to restart an American Legion Baseball Team. We met with Erich and Mel Ahrens, the team coach in November about partnering to reestablish American Legion Baseball in Hood River for the 2016 year. We have worked with Coach Ahrens to contact the appropriate persons.

Coach Ahrens met with myself and Vice Commander Jim in January with the proposed schedule, and budget. The Team, Carson Oilers, are sponsored by Carson Oil and they have received a pledge of only \$1,500 for the conservative budget estimate of \$5,600. Post 22 is pledged to also help out as much as possible. A game schedule is established and recruiting players has begun. 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.

DUES ALERT: 2016 Dues are now \$60.00 for anyone joining or renewing membership after January.

Post Finances:

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 in 2015. Your support means more than you'll ever know. This is 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.

Post 22 needs more than just dues to be able to provide services. 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, even with the dues increase. The restaurant operation is not making us money yet it does provide our members a place to come, have a meal, a drink or to and some fellowship with other Vets.

Donations are all tax deductible. If 10 members committed to support \$100 each month, or if 20 gave \$50 every month Post 22 would be nearly operating in the black. Donations are a way to help operate the Post and maintain our facilities, and provide program services to our families. I believe you get the point, so please consider contributing.

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

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.

Commander Carl Casey

From 1nd 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.

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.

Thanks, 1st Vice Commander Jim Tomson

From 2nd Vice Commander

Super Bowl Sunday! Open at 2:00pm. Please bring a dish for the pot luck.

Come join us for NASCAR on Sundays.

Vice Commander Dennis Leonard



American Legion Auxiliary:

Happy New Year! I can't believe that it's 2016 already. We drew the drawing from the scholarship raffle and the person who won was very appreciative and needed it.

We gave a \$100.00 gift certificate to a veteran having some difficulties to help him and his family for Thanksgiving. In December we gave another veteran having some difficulties a \$100.00 gift certificate for Wal-Mart and another \$100.00 gift certificate for Rosauer's to help him and his family have a Merry Christmas. We would like to thank Tricia for helping us with these projects.

On March 2nd, at our regular monthly meeting, we are going to be giving plaques to the Fire Districts in our county except Cascade Locks, to thank them for their service to our community.

A reminder of our dues from our Secretary, Membership Chairman Auxiliary Ladies of unit 22: Dues for 2016 are due. Your 2015 card has expired and for \$30.00 you can have your 2016 card. Please mail in 2016dues. Send to Unit 22, P.O. Box 1635 Hood River, OR. 97031. ATTN: Gwen Hughes, Sec. Thank you and thanks for helping our veterans. Gwen Hughes, Sec.

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

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 after on Tuesday, March 22nd at 2:00pm 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 also have a new Adjutant; Mike Tabor. Thank you Mike for stepping forward and serving. 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

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 Audry 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 parties and special occasions. Contact me at Post 22 for more info..

Check us out on Facebook.

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

