

## Earl Winehart Post 96 Newsletter

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January - February 2025

### FROM THE COMMANDER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

November and December flew by spending time with friends and our Post-family. Thanksgiving was replete with thoughts of gratitude for our Post family and our beloved country. Over the last year, we had some good times and some bad times. The unsettling times lead us to new levels of real growth.

In December the Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery was able to get over 800 wreaths donated for our 1,200 veteran's graves. On December 14 the GAR held a ceremony to recognize volunteers and introduce Wreaths Across America; after the ceremony people from the Snohomish area laid the wreaths on the veterans' grave sites. Watching the Scouts place the wreaths, step back, and read the veterans' names and service information convinces me more and more that the future of America is in good hands.

Our first year supporting Wreaths Across America was good. Stay tuned to the Post e-mails and newsletters for information about Wreaths Across America - 2025. Our goal for 2025 will be to get a wreath on every GAR veteran's grave.

As we swing into January, we will slow down a bit to recognize our country's new administration and celebrate a hallmark of our democracy, a peaceful transition of power.

January also brings us the ramp up to Super Bowl LIX. The games will be on in the social room, and we can have some fun with a couple of Sunday Potlucks from January 11th to the 29th. A warmup for the Post Party on Super Bowl Sunday, February 9th.

As we move through the early part of this year we will begin planning for Memorial Day, Independence Day, right through Labor Day and into Veterans Day. Please watch your e-mails for notices of planning meetings in support of these holidays. If you have any questions or comments we're putting a commander's suggestion box at the Post in the entrance area. If you have a more immediate concern, you can reach me at (425) 345 - 9678. I do work a 40-hour week so leaving a message and texting me to alert me about the message is probably the best way to get me to respond quickly.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Rich Koster  
Post Commander

### FROM THE SAL

Happy holidays everyone, hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year to all.

The SAL made 3 holiday donations this year to the boys & girls club, senior center and the Snohomish food bank. All were greatly appreciated.

The SAL Meetings are on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 2 PM with meat draw and lunch following. Need to have more SAL members participate so come on out & support your club.

Thank you,  
Mike Pirog  
SAL commander

### FROM THE AUXILIARY

Hope everyone had a great holiday and is ready for the new year!

We had a great turnout for our first Wreaths across America. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped to lay over 800 wreaths.

A fun Christmas party was held on December 14th with Cortney and Dicey hosting, a great time was had by all. Money was raised for gift cards that were distributed to the local high schools for those in need. A total of \$900! Thank you to all who donated/participated.

We have Auxiliary meetings January 11 and February 8 at 1:30 PM followed at 3 PM by paddlewheel (meat draw) and lunch. Please come join us to see what is in store for this year.

Bunco is always the last Thursday of the month, January 30th and February 27th. \$5 buy in and bring a dish to share! We get loud and have a lot of fun.

The Auxiliary is putting on a **Valentine's Day dinner February 14**. Details are still in work, but the initial plan is for a

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spaghetti dinner! The Post will be open for you to bring a non-member significant other. More details to come.

Nancy Lemon  
Auxiliary President

### **FROM THE RIDERS**

Happy New Year everyone! Not much is going on with the riders right now. Motorcycles are snug in their garages getting their hibernation time in, waiting for warmer temperatures. We have our Road Captain doing his thing working on routes and events for the upcoming season. Paddle wheel is the fourth (4th) Saturday of the month at 3:00 p.m. with an amazing lunch. Come on down and join us. Also, consider joining our support team if you do not have a motorcycle. You can ride with us in your car, carry snacks or water bottles, and see the area as we do. Our usual first run is the Camano Island loop which is gorgeous in the spring. We also have the swag cabinet that we maintain and extra hands making the goodies in there are also welcome. Until next newsletter, be safe and stay warm.

Barb Hoerr  
Riders Director

### **FROM THE SOCIAL ROOM**

Happy New Year!

We wish all of you a joyful, prosperous, and fulfilling New Year! As we step into this exciting new chapter, we're thrilled to share that the year ahead is packed with amazing activities and events designed to bring our community closer together.

From lively social gatherings to new programs and opportunities to connect, there's something for everyone to look forward to in 2025. Let's make this year one to remember, filled with friendship, fun, and meaningful moments.

Here's to embracing new beginnings and creating wonderful memories together. Cheers to a fantastic year ahead!

Social Room Trustees,  
Carrie Alles  
Kevin Karels

Gary Harts

### **FROM THE PARK**

American Legion Park is available for rental. Please call 360-294-4892 to make a reservation. We extend our gratitude to Jeff for his dedicated service as a park trustee and welcome Cliff as our newest trustee.

Park Rental Phone  
Roy – 360-294-4892  
Chuck Gilbert, Nick Flack & Cliff Colon  
Park Trustees

### **FROM G.A.R. CEMETERY**

#### **Thank You for a Successful Wreaths Across America Event**

This year's Wreaths Across America event was a great success! Thanks to our community, volunteers, and sponsors, we honored our veterans with wreaths in a touching tribute. The turnout was inspiring and deeply appreciated.

#### **Wreath Pickup Day**

Join us to pick up wreaths on Wednesday, January 10th, at 1 PM. Your help keeps our cemetery beautiful and ready for future events. All are welcome!

#### **New Website Design**

Our new website design highlights G.A.R. Cemetery's rich history and offers easy navigation for visitors and researchers. Visit us at [www.garcemetery.com](http://www.garcemetery.com)

#### **Stay Connected**

Follow us on social media and sign up for our newsletter for the latest updates. Thank you for supporting G.A.R. Cemetery as we honor history and our veterans. See you on January 10th!

Sincerely,  
The GAR Cemetery Team

### **Adjutant's Corner**

Hi all!

As of last update from department, we are over 77% on our target for renewals and new members. That is amazing and I thank you so very much for helping get this far. We still have a way to go to reach the 100% membership target so if you haven't renewed yet, please do so before you expire

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on February 1st. Payments can be mailed with the slip that national sends to the post, dropped off at the post or paid online at [www.mylegion.org](http://www.mylegion.org). Setting up an account is easy and allows you to also update your information so that you can continue to get your Legion magazine if you move. Of course, if you send your information to me at the Post, I can also do that and update the post roster so that you can continue to get the newsletters and post meeting minutes if you are a post member. Be safe always.

Barb Hoerr  
Post 96 Adjutant

**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:**

To reduce operating costs the American Legion Department of Washington has moved to electronic distribution of their newspaper. The Post is following their lead. Please drop a line to the Post with your email address and we will get you onto the next distribution. Paper copies are available at the Post social room.

Thank you and we hope to see you at the Post!

<https://www.snohomishamericanlegion.org/> - Sign up today for the post website to stay in the know with events and happenings in the post. It's free and full of great information.

<https://mylegion.org/> - This website is for National to renew your dues or to become a Paid Up for Life (PUFL) member. PUFL can be done with a one-time payment or broken into 12 monthly installments.

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**THE 2025 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CYCLE HAS STARTED!**

**RENEW EARLY AND ENJOY THE EARLYBIRD STEAK DINNER FOR FREE!**

YOU CAN RENEW ONLINE WITH A CREDIT CARD & YOUR MEMBER # AT

[WWW.LEGION.ORG](http://WWW.LEGION.ORG)

**OR**

USE THE FORM BELOW AND MAIL A \$55 CHECK TO THE POST

**OR**

USE THE FORM BELOW DROP OFF \$55 CASH OR CHECK AT THE POST

(IF CASH BE SURE TO ASK FOR A RECIEPT)

**American Legion Earl Winehart Post 96, ATTN Adjutant**

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HELP US KEEP YOU CONNECTED! We update contact information for District, State and National Legion offices annually.