

Earl Winehart Post 96 Newsletter

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FROM THE COMMANDER

As a 75-year-old Commander it was time for me to move on, so I did not run for another term, unlike the old men, Biden or Trump. Rich Koster is younger with a sharp mind, and I am confident he will be an excellent Commander with new ideas to move us into the future.

For the 2 & 1/2 years as your Commander we have seen substantial improvements to our balance sheets, contracts and memberships. We now have a well-run Cemetery, Social Room and Park which we can all be proud of. We have improved or replaced our water heater, electrical panel, septic system, downstairs drain, installed new water pipes at our park and recently painted the inside of our park cabana. We created a priority list for building improvements. We signed a contract to have the front of our building painted which will occur this summer.

All this being said, we own a very old building which is in need of lots of upgrades. Our funds are better but are still limited with the amount of work that needs to be done. We need volunteers as projects come along. I was pleased to see the number of volunteers we had recently to clear the weeds around the building.

Many thanks to the Post, Sons, Auxiliary, Riders, bartenders and Diane Eden for making our Post a fun place to go. As we work together our club will only get better.

Darrell Miller
Post Commander

FROM THE SAL

Happy Independence Day! The 4th is right around the corner.

SAL meetings are on hold till September, but we still have the meat draw every 3rd Saturday. Come on in and win some meat and enjoy lunch with friends.

Looking forward to the picnic on August 11th. Hope to have a good turnout.

Wishing everyone a fun and safe summer.

SAL Commander
Mike Pirog

FROM THE AUXILIARY

Summer is finally here, let's enjoy it and support the club's upcoming events.

The Auxiliary is putting together a picnic themed basket to be raffled off at this year's picnic on August 11. Included will

be all the summer essentials for a great picnic. The Picnic starts at 11 am at American Legion Park on Three Lakes Rd. Bring your family for a day of raffles, games, horse races and food. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs provided, bring a side to share.

We could use your help selling hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn and goodies during the Kla-Ha-Ya days car show on July 21st.

Eagles Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary are having a combined garage sale at the Eagles club on August 2-4. To reserve a table, call Nancy Lemon on 360-525-8838.

Come join us for Bunco the last Thursday of each month. \$5 buy in and bring a dish to share. Invite your neighbors for a fun time.

No Auxiliary meetings until September.

Nancy Lemon
Auxiliary President

FROM THE RIDERS

Since the last newsletter the Riders put on a pretty good show at the motorcycle show. We had booths from different veteran related organizations and the National Guard in Marysville even provided two brand new vehicles to display in the parking lot. Not sure how we are going to top this next year, but we are sure going to try!

In June, the Riders did a run to Port Townsend to visit the VA facility out there. Many thanks to the Auxiliary for the lap blankets that they donated. The riders were able to pass them out to the patients and they were very happy to receive them. I love it when family works together.

Remember, you don't have to have a motorcycle to join the Riders. We are always looking for support members as well to join us on runs with water and such and to join in the fun for paddle wheels. Riders paddle wheel is every fourth Saturday of the month at 3:00 p.m. Come on down for a delicious lunch and have some fun seeing friends, old and new.

Barb Hoerr
Riders Director

FROM THE SOCIAL ROOM

21 April in keeping with the dignity of the 98th anniversary of the birth of her Royal Majesty Elizabeth II, Courtney and Dicey held a brunch, a pajama brunch. The pictures says it ALL. Dignity, nothing but pure dignity. Okay I'm pretty sure

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people were still recovering from the Mimosas and bloody Mary's.



The social room has been humming along and we had our first membership drive coinciding with the sky Valley motorcycle show on 19 May.

In June we helped celebrate Dicey's birthday. Happy birthday and thank you for all you do. There will be a 4th of July party on the 3rd of July at 5:30. Come join the fun. As we cruise into summer, we look forward to seeing you at the Social Room, come in for drink and a chat. We will keep the beer cold and the company warm.

Veterans, Community, Camaraderie.
The Social Room Trustees,
Rich, Steve & Kevin

FROM THE PARK

We have been working hard getting the park in shape for summer. Thank you to everyone that helped. The big maple tree is finally down and was pretty rotten in the middle. Most of the downed tree is cleaned up but we need a bigger saw and then can finish the job.

For reservations, the park phone number is below. We have a fire pit and wood to burn if you would like to sit by the fire and relax.

Volunteers are always needed and appreciated, especially with the park cleanup.

This year our annual picnic will be on August 11. Bring your favorite side dish and join us for a fun day.

Park Rental Phone

Roy – 360-294-4892

Chuck Gilbert, Nick Flack & Jeff Rodi

Park Trustees

FROM G.A.R. CEMETERY

Our heartfelt thanks go to all who joined or helped with this year's successful Memorial Day events at the Cemetery. Additionally, we're excited to take part in Wreaths Across America this December; details on volunteering and donations will follow soon. Thanks to our new zero turn mower, the Cemetery grounds are being maintained beautifully—quite necessary for the rapid grass growth in the PNW. A special shoutout to Flower World for their generous \$15,000 donation to G.A.R. Cemetery veterans—rest assured; we will transparently manage these funds. Also, check out our new ad on FM107.3 promoting our website and cemetery mapping software. We appreciate your support, and you are welcome to come visit G.A.R. Cemetery any time.

Daryl Girus
Manager at G.A.R Cemetery

Adjutant's Corner

Well, another year has come and gone. Filled with good and bad news but we made it through. Thanks to you, the outstanding members, Post 96 was able to obtain 100.52% membership goal for 2024. Thank you so much for making this happen. YOU are the reason we have a Post, and your renewals were greatly appreciated not just by me but all of us.

I have been emailing out the meeting minutes since January. When you renew your membership, you will notice the little letter I put in with your card has a form on the back of it. Please save this letter! This is for you to send information updates into the Post. You can also email the Post at snomishpost96@hotmail.com or drop the form off at the Post. I update this information not just in my roster but with National as well, so all correspondence gets to you (including the snazzy magazine). We are in the process of streamlining the way I email the meeting minutes and the meeting minutes will be posted to the website as well. Remember, you must register with your membership number.

Thank you for your support of our Post!
Barb Hoerr
Adjutant

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From the Resource Officer

As you may have heard, the American Legion has cut off volunteer service officers at the post. Yup, that includes me. They have made us “resource officers”. I am looking for a few volunteers to help me create a resource book at a minimum for our community. The book would contain all resources we can find to help our veterans, military and their family in times of need, be it housing, food, and more. Your contribution to helping our community is most welcome. If you are interested, you can email me at snohomishpost96@hotmail.com. Once we have a group assembled, we can start meeting and sharing ideas and information to make this happen.

Barb Hoerr
Resource Officer

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!

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<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

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

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