

Earl Winehart Post 96 Newsletter

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March-April 2025

FROM THE COMMANDER

As we enter March, spring is around the corner (20 March), pitchers and catchers reported last month, preseason games are under way, and the post is moving into planning for the new administrative year starting in July.

Have you ever thought you might like to help run the post—really make a difference? Elections are coming up in June. We will have Park, GAR, and social room positions coming open as well as some Post Officers. We would like to get you involved and if you have an interest, please contact me at Commander@snohomishlegion96.org or 425-345-9678.

The turnout for the Post Family meeting attendance has been dwindling so the Executive Committee voted to make the meetings quarterly. That means the next Family meeting will be on 8 April 2025, and there will be no regularly scheduled summer Family meeting - we are on hiatus for June, July, and August.

Courtney and Dicey continue to amaze! Next January and February plan to attend the Conference championships and the Super Bowl at the Post. The games and companionship can't be BEAT. (Bring hearing protection.) They will back in March on Saturday the 15th for a St. Patrick's Day party.

For God and Country
Rich

FROM THE SAL

Well, it's almost springtime and only a few more months of SAL meetings. We would really like to see more attendance at our meetings on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Come in and give us some ideas of what you would like the SAL to participate in this summer. All suggestions are welcome, so come support your SAL. We will still be having meat draw every 3rd Saturday at 3 PM, so join in and win some meat. Hope to see ya there!

Mike Pirog
SAL commander

FROM THE AUXILIARY

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Valentines Day dinner. The spaghetti was delicious thanks to Myrna Starrett and the club looked amazing. Everyone had a great time.

Our monthly meeting in March is the 8th at 1:30 with paddlewheel following at 3 PM.

Our monthly meeting in April is the 12th at 1:30 with paddlewheel following at 3 PM.

Bunco is March 27th at 6:30 PM. \$5 buy in. Bring a friend and bring a dish to share.

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We have reached 100% Auxiliary membership for the year! YaY!! All because of our dedicated and valuable members. Keep up the good work.

We are also collecting warm weather clothing for the cold weather shelters. Please bring in coats, hats, gloves and socks that are gently used and place them in the bin by the door.

We have 2 members who have had recent surgeries and need your prayers for continued healing, Lisa Handlos and Mandy Loranc. If you know of any Auxiliary members that need assistance, please contact Nancy Lemon at 360-525-8838 or Karen Black at 425-760-9051.

In April we are having our yearly bake sale during the Easter parade on the 19th. Please sign up to bring goodies to sell as this money goes towards our high school scholarships. We will also have our annual Easter egg hunt at the park starting at 1PM after the parade. We could use help stuffing and hiding eggs and general set up and support for both events.

Nancy Lemon
Auxiliary President

FROM THE RIDERS

As the clock ticks, so does our anticipation of riding season and showing off the American Legion Post 96. Road captain, Easy Ed, has already declared the first run will be the Camano Island loop to warm us up and work out our winter kinks (and blow dust out of the carbs). Until then, there will be local gatherings and our Paddle Wheels on the fourth Saturday of the month at 3:00 p.m. Come on down and join in the fun and games and meet some new and old friends. If you wish to join us on the rides, consider joining as support if you don't have a motorcycle. We enjoy new friends and new ideas for trips around our beautiful state.

Barb Hoerr
Riders Director

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FROM THE SOCIAL ROOM

Welcome Spring, Legion Family!

As the seasons change and warmer days return, we're reminded of the renewal and camaraderie that makes our Legion family so special. Spring is a time for new beginnings, fresh opportunities, and strengthening the bonds of friendship and service.

Whether you're stopping by to catch up with friends, support our veterans, or enjoy one of our upcoming events, we're grateful for each and every one of you. Let's embrace the season with laughter, kindness, and the shared spirit of community that defines the American Legion.

Here's to brighter days, good company, and another great season together!

See you in the social room!
Your Social Room Trustees,
Carrie, Gary and Kevin

FROM THE PARK

Ed Rains and Darrell Miller are now Park Trustees. There is an open position for a 3rd Park trustee. A Park Trustee is required to be a veteran and Post member. Our preference is someone who is willing to do some hard physical work at the park and participate in the 4 monthly, Saturday, Meat Draws the Park is responsible for. In addition, Park Trustees are expected to attend monthly Park meetings and participate in Park improvements and decision making. Please talk with Ed Rains, Darrell Miller or Commander Rich Koster if you are interested in becoming a Park a Trustee.

We have a prioritized list of projects for Park Improvements including rebuilding the horseshoe pits, installing a new electrical power line, purchasing a replacement lawn mower, replacing gutters on the cabana and planting trees to name a few. We will need help and will be looking for volunteers for some of these projects.

For Park reservations go to the America Legion Post 96 website and click on "Park" or call Roy Watson.

Park Rental Phone
Roy – 360-294-4892
Darrel Miller, Ed Raines
Park Trustees

FROM GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC CEMETERY

We are excited to announce our Civil War Veteran weekly highlight! Every week, we will feature a story of the Civil War veterans who are buried at the G.A.R. Cemetery. These stories include information about their military units, family histories, and personal lives, offering a glimpse into the lives of those who served. We encourage you to take a moment to read these fascinating stories, which can be found on our website and Facebook page. Please visit www.garcemetery.com for more information.

We recently held our Wreaths Across America wreath pickup day, which was a great success. It took approximately two hours to collect all the wreaths across the cemetery, and we want to extend a thank you to everyone who participated.

Over the last couple of months, we've also been working hard to enhance the cemetery's beauty by planting shrubs and trees throughout the grounds. A special thank you goes out to Nancy Lemon for her generous donation of trees from her "hookups" in the tree nursery business.

Sincerely,
The G.A.R. Cemetery Team

Adjutant's Corner

As of February 21st, we are at 96.03% of membership goal that is given to us by Department. That is quite an accomplishment and shows the dedication our veterans have in our humble post. As the weather gets warmer, we will be looking for our members to join in post projects and ideas for community involvement. We cannot succeed in the community without it and our post has great members and minds that we can and should tap into. Do you have a special skill or occupation that would help the post and its fellow members? I do double duty as resource officer and trying to compile a book of necessities for our veteran community as well as showcase business owners within our post. Just email me your info at adjutant@snohomishlegion96.org and I can add you. Thank you for getting us this far and please keep it coming. We are so close to 100% and it is all because of YOU.

Barb Hoerr
Post 96 Adjutant

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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.

www.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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