

Earl Winehart Post 96 Newsletter

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November - December 2024

FROM THE COMMANDER

The Cedars are turning brown and we're getting deeper into fall. Here at the Post, we're looking forward to the holidays!

We have a number of events coming up including the Early Bird Dinner on November 10th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

19 November will be American Legion evening at Hops & Drops in Snohomish. Watch the boards and your email for more information. If you're interested in helping out, please talk with Jim Toomey

The Post is closed for Thanksgiving please enjoy that time with your families!

Through November and December, the Post is teaming with the VFW supporting the GAR Cemetery with the Wreaths Across America project. We're working to get wreaths on 1,200 veterans' graves over to at the GAR Cemetery. Wreaths are \$17 each and donations will be accepted in the box on the counter at the Post, at the GAR Cemetery chapel, and online by using the QR code on the posters. We will also be handing out flyers around Snohomish to sell wreaths through early December. On December 14th at the GAR there will be a ceremony honoring the veterans followed by wreath laying activities. Please come out and support our veterans at the GAR.

Some newer members of the Post have been receiving letters from the Second District Commander, Jeff Williams. It appears Post 06 in Everett has disappeared without completing the paperwork required by Department and National. Jeff is looking for recent new members or transfers that might have been former members of Post 06.

Remember, the second Tuesday of every month we have our meetings. At 6:30 we have the Post Family meeting and at 7:00pm we have the Post business meeting. Please put them on your calendars and come join us!

If you have any ideas for better helping local veterans, please let me know. Text me at (425)345-9678.

Thanks, and stay safe out there.

Rich Koster
Post Commander

FROM THE SAL

With the holidays coming up the SAL is making donations to the Boys & Girls club, the Snohomish Senior Center & the Snohomish food bank. We are still accepting warm clothing donations for Hero's Cafe; this time of year, anything is appreciated.

The SAL has begun our meetings again and we encourage all SAL members to attend the 3rd Saturday of each month with the meat draw following. Hope to see you there

Thank you,
Mike Pirog
SAL commander

FROM THE AUXILIARY

Fall is here! Welcome to the new members!

We have the Early Bird Dinner coming up on Sunday, Nov. 10th for those that have already paid their dues, or you can pay them at the door the day of the dinner. Free steak dinner and 1 drink.

Please join us for the Auxiliary monthly meetings the second Saturday of each month, Nov. 9 and Dec. 14 at 1:30 PM. We can always use fresh ideas on fund raising for our veterans. Paddle wheel follows each meeting at 3 PM. Come join the fun and win some meat!

We will have a Thanksgiving basket and be selling raffle tickets. Anything you want to donate toward this would help. We will also have a basket to be raffled off at Hops and Drops on Nov. 19th. Buy a meal there between 5 -7 and the restaurant will donate a percentage to the club.

Bunco is usually the last Thursday of the month but for November that falls on Thanksgiving so it will be November 21st. December it will be the 26th.

We have donated \$500 to the Snohomish Food Bank. We are also helping with Wreaths across America selling wreaths at GAR cemetery to be laid on 1,200 veterans grave sites on December 14. We need help reaching our goal and placing the wreaths. The Auxiliary donated 30 wreaths toward this at \$17 each. Visit the website at www.garcemetery.com to donate and support this cause.

There will be a Christmas party at the club on December 14th at 5 PM. Bring a White Elephant gift to share. December 14th is going to be a very busy day.

Happy Holidays
Nancy Lemon
Auxiliary President

FROM THE RIDERS

Our babies (motorcycles) are slowly making their way into their beds for hibernation (and I am sure mine is dreaming about the next ROMP in Tombstone next year). Riders are not happy about the rain. As we wind down the year I would like to thank you for the support and the help on the road. Safety is always number 1 to us. Number 2 is being out there promoting the American Legion and our post in the community. Planning for the 2025 Snohomish Motorcycle show and the annual car show. If you know of a veteran owned and operated business, please let me know. Last year we had fantastic booths for military/veteran organizations. This year we would like to support local veteran businesses. If you know of one, leave me a note at the social room and I will contact them about the shows. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Early Bird dinner on November 10th. Until next time, be safe and enjoy your holiday season.

Barb Hoerr
Riders Director

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FROM THE SOCIAL ROOM

Holiday Reflections

As the holiday season approaches, it's a wonderful time to reflect on the year gone by and the meaningful connections we've made. This season invites us to embrace gratitude, joy, and togetherness, reminding us of the importance of community and support. Whether through festive gatherings, acts of kindness, or simply sharing a moment with loved ones, let's celebrate the spirit of the holidays. May this time inspire us to carry forward warmth and goodwill into the new year, fostering even stronger bonds within our community. Wishing everyone a joyful and peaceful holiday season!

Social Room Trustees,
Carrie Alles
Kevin Karels
Gary Harts

FROM THE PARK

The Park rentals are over for the year. If you want certain dates for next year, be sure to call Roy on the number below to get the date you want.

If you want to volunteer to help out with park projects, there is always something needing to be done. Please contact Roy.

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

FROM G.A.R. CEMETERY

Wreaths Across America

Join us on December 14, 2024, at 9 AM for our participation in the Wreaths Across America event. This poignant ceremony honors our veterans by laying wreaths on their graves, ensuring their sacrifices are remembered and respected during the holiday season.

We are calling for volunteers to assist with the wreath laying immediately following the ceremony. Your help is invaluable in making this event a success and honoring our nation's heroes. If you can join us, please arrive a bit early to receive instructions and be part of this meaningful tribute.

Additionally, you can help sponsor a wreath to be laid during the ceremony. Visit our website at www.garcemetery.com to donate and support this heartfelt cause.

Thank you for your continuous support and dedication. We look forward to seeing you and working together to maintain the dignity and honor of GAR Cemetery.

New Columbarium's Installed

We are pleased to announce the installation of new columbaria at GAR Cemetery. These additions provide a serene and respectful space for the interment of cremated remains, reflecting our ongoing commitment to offering dignified memorial options for families. We invite you to visit the cemetery and see these new structures, which enhance the tranquility and solemnity of our grounds. To purchase a Columbarium Niche, please call the GAR Office and schedule an appointment. 360-568-4090.

Sincerely,
The GAR Cemetery Team

Adjutant's Corner

Greetings!

Two events are coming up that mean college money! One is the Oratorical Competition which will be done at the Post in February. This is the Post certification of the speaker(s) before they go on to the state level on March 28-29 in Moses Lake. You can get more information about the competition here:

<https://waconstitutionalspeechcontest.org/>. Next is Evergreen Boys State or EBS (which I am an instructor for). This is a great opportunity for young men with leadership potential to spend a week building their city, county and state. The last two days of the camp they take all they have learned and run it themselves while the instructors' step back and drop into guidance mode. I have personally seen young men come in quiet, shy and not sure of themselves leave the camp with confidence and eager to get to work in their communities. The EBS will be held June 15-21 at the Warm Beach Conference Center in Stanwood. For more information here is the link: <https://evergreenboysstate.org/>. All young men who are juniors in high school can sign up and no, it is not limited to military families. We had loads of young men come in last year with no military family members at all. Best part of both programs are grants and scholarships that the kids will have for college. Every penny counts towards education.

Be safe and remember to get those dues in to participate in the Early Bird Dinner. I will be cutting off the mailing of cards before the dinner on November 10th. I will have them to hand out during the dinner hours (1-5 p.m.) and any not picked up will then be mailed out. Looking forward to seeing you.

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

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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.snomishamericanlegion.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.

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

(IF CASH BE SURE TO ASK FOR A RECIEPT)

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ANNUAL DUES RENEWAL CONTACT INFO UPDATE Date _____

How Paid:

Cash

Check # _____ Amount _____

X in one box:

Name _____ Member # _____

POST* \$55.00

Mailing

Address _____

AUX \$50.00

SAL \$45.00

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

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