

## Earl Winehart Post 96 Newsletter

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September-October 2024

### FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello there. I'm Rich and I'm a volunteer workaholic. These illnesses and your votes have made me Post Commander. I'm new to this commander stuff and learning as I go along. Essentially, my vision is to begin to expand into our mission serving veterans, children, and our community, while supporting Darrell's mission of keeping the Post running and solvent. The Post needs to expand a little, change a bit, and grow into our very best examples of Americans. The best is within our reach. We can make it happen with our efforts. As you well know even the smallest change can feel as if it is a large task without support from friends and we need the help of the whole Earl Winehart American Legion family to make it work. We need your help.

As we start Post meetings in September we will be experimenting with a new meeting concept. We are including the Earl Winehart American Legion family in the first half hour of our meeting then moving to Post meeting. We are also moving the start time of the meeting to 6:30 PM (18:30) so people with family obligations or working in Seattle will be able to attend. The Post meeting will begin at 7:00PM (19:00). The September meeting will also be the annual meeting of the Post and will discuss some of the ongoing programs and the actions that have been completed over the past year. We also intend to fill the open Historian position and an opening on the Social Room Board of Trustees. Anyone interested in helping, please speak to any Post Officer and come to the September meeting to be nominated.

On Friday September 6th and Monday September 9th (not over the weekend) workers are scheduled to be painting the front of the building. Entrance to the Post will be via the side (or back) door. Signs will be posted.

The Post Picnic will be on September 15th at the Park. Buy your raffle tickets from our bartenders or on the day of the picnic at the park. All the Baskets are on display in the Social Room.

One of National American Legion programs that the Executive Committee has spoken about is Halloween safety for our community children. With that in mind, we will be exploring taking part in the Snohomish Halloween extravaganza as a Trunk or Treat station.

Please look to your email for further updates and short notice opportunities. I look forward to seeing you at the post meetings on September 10th and October 8th.

For God and Country  
Richard Koster  
Commander Post 96.

### FROM THE SAL

Well, our summer is coming to an end hope everyone had a great summer.

Be sure to come and enjoy our picnic on Sunday, Sept. 15. Should be lots of fun.

The SAL meetings will be starting up again on Saturday, Sept. 21 so please come and participate and hang out for the meat draw afterwards.

See you then.

SAL Commander  
Mike Pirog

### FROM THE AUXILIARY

Summer is coming to an end, and it has been a busy one at the Legion with Bunco every month, Paddle Wheel and Raffle items for our upcoming picnic. The picnic is Sunday, September 15th, 12-5 PM at our Park on Three Lakes and South Machias roads. Bring a side dish and your family & friends. It's a great way to celebrate the end of summer and have a fun Sunday. Lots of games, raffles, hot dogs & hamburgers provided.

We had a shared garage sale with the Snohomish Eagles and are donating over \$450 to the Snohomish School lunch program. Thank you everyone who helped and came to the 3-day garage sale.

Our next paddle wheel and first auxiliary meeting is September 14th and October 12th at 1:30 and 3 PM. Please come and help with some fund raising and enjoy a chance to win some meat and have a nice lunch too.

There is a car show in town on September 29th and the auxiliary is going to sell hotdogs & more that Sunday. Please let us know if you can help.

Bunco is September 26th and October 31st at 6:30. \$5 buy in and bring a dish to share. Lots of fun and you might win some money.

We are collecting Halloween candy to hand out for the Downtown Trick or Treat night starting at 4 PM on October 31st.

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Come watch the Seahawks first game on September 8th at 1 PM.

Condolences to the families of Timmie Hoskin and Gwen Parker. Both passed in the last few months.

Nancy Lemon  
Auxiliary President

### **FROM THE RIDERS**

Well, it has been a fun summer but where did it go? The Riders hosted a Veterans-Ville in the Post parking lot for the motorcycle show and planning has started for next year. We did a run out to the Port Orchard veterans center, carrying lap blankets for the Auxiliary, which were greatly appreciated out there. We look forward to doing that run again. Some Riders participated in the ROMP 2024 (Ride on Military Pride) event up in Bellingham. That was a great event, and we were able to see old friends from all over the western region that came in to join in the runs and fun, as well as meeting new friends. Runs included a ride up Mount Baker to Artistic Point, Chuckanut Drive (which we circled around Whatcom Lake, gorgeous) and the Peace Arch/Blaine run, which is always a hit with the beautiful scenery. We also enjoyed the time we spent with our Post Family doing activities in the Social Room. As we close out the riding season, winterize the bikes, and start planning for next year, we want to thank everyone for the support and love you have shown us. We look forward to seeing you at our Meat Draws on the fourth Saturday of every month at 3:00 p.m. and enjoy a delicious lunch and enjoy one another's company. These Riders work hard for the Post, providing a rolling PR statement. Come join us, we look forward to having you there.

Barb Hoerr  
Riders Director

### **FROM THE SOCIAL ROOM**

We're excited to announce the return of Thursday Night Football, kicking off on September 5th! Join us in the Social Room every Thursday night as we gather to watch the games on our big screen. It's the perfect opportunity to connect with fellow members, enjoy some snacks and cheer on your favorite team! Whether you're a die-hard fan or just looking for a fun evening out, Thursday Night Football in the Social Room is the place to be.

As the fall season continues, mark your calendars for our annual Halloween Party on November 1st. It's going to be a Spooktacular evening filled with fun, food and festivities. Come dressed in your best costume and bring your favorite spooky food to share. We'll have music, games, and plenty of fun to make this a night to remember.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our regular events (Monday Night Ace of Diamonds or Saturday Meat Draw), one of our upcoming special events or just to hang out with friends, the Social Room is the place to be this fall!

Your Social Room Trustees,  
Carrie, Rich and Kevin

### **FROM THE PARK**

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

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

This year, G.A.R. Cemetery will be participating in Wreaths Across America. This is a great opportunity to raise funds for the American Legion Post 96, memorialize our veterans and to pay tribute to our veterans at the G.A.R. Cemetery on Saturday, 14th of December from 10AM – 12PM. We will keep you posted in the next few weeks as to when we start this project so standby.

We are requesting volunteers to help us with data entry, as we have loads of historical data to preserve from our cemetery that dates to 1898, this would be a "self-paced, work from home" volunteer position. If you love history and would like to help with this worthy project, we would greatly appreciate it. Please contact the Cemetery office for more information.

For more fascinating informative history, scroll on over to our Cemetery Facebook page for videos of volunteer superstar Jay Heike cleaning headstones and sharing cemetery stories at the G.A.R. Just go to Facebook and search for GAR Cemetery to view.

For updates and to get involved, please visit our website at [www.garcemetery.com](http://www.garcemetery.com) and sign up for our email updates.

Daryl Girnus  
Manager at G.A.R Cemetery

### **Adjutant's Corner**

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A HUGE “Thank You” to all our members! This year we were able to close out the 2024 membership drive at 101% renewal rate. While it doesn’t sound like much it was a crowning achievement for our Post. Every year we are given a membership goal which is for a combination of renewals and new members. As mentioned, we exceeded the goal, and it could not have been done without you. Three awards are presented every year for this goal. The first was for reaching 100% by December 31st, which is a National Commander’s Award. This is usually why we push on the renewals and new member drives before our Early Bird, to try to reach this one. Second, is another National Commander Award for Post, Auxiliary, and SAL to reach 100% by the end of February. Yup, a very lofty goal, but we saw a few of those handed out during State Convention in July. Third is the Department award (a certificate) for the 100% by the end of May. That is the one we achieved and again, many thanks for making this one possible for us. If you wish to renew online, go to the [www.mylegion.org](http://www.mylegion.org) site, set up your account and you can renew there. Not only can you renew for the upcoming year, but you can also elect to do a three-year renewal, saving you from bills for a while (and the adjutant’s nagging). Planning for Early Bird will be starting soon so if you can get your renewals in, I would truly appreciate it.

Thank you for your support of our Post!

Barb Hoerr

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.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.

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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**

**1201 First St, Snohomish, WA 98290**

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How Paid:

Cash

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

X in one box:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

POST\* \$55.00

Mailing

Address \_\_\_\_\_

AUX \$50.00

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SAL \$45.00

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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