

American Legion
Grant Hodge Post 17
111 ½ West Main Street
Centralia, WA 98531

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
CENTRALIA, WA.
PERMIT #7

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Issue: May 2023

Outpost

AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2022-2023

Commander	Bob Clark
1 st Vice Commander	Roger Towers
2 nd Vice Commander	Kevin Anderson
Adjutant	Kim Shires
Finance Officer	Jessie Horton
Chaplain	Mike Webb
Sergeant at Arms	Robyn Olson

AUXILIARY

President	Ann Shirer
Vice President	Glennda Thomas
Secretary	Chris Anderson
Treasurer	Judy Carter
Chaplain	Linda Patraca
Sergeant at Arms	Mary Justice
Membership	Judy Steele
	Kim Ronnell

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS 2022-2023

Director	Steve Deuel
Assistant Director	Dennis Geiger
Secretary	Paul Stray
Treasurer	Dave Shook
Road Captain	Craig Bower
Safety Officer	Bob Johnson
Chaplain	Geoff Moore
Sergeant at Arms	Dennis Geiger

Club Hours

Monday – Friday
2 pm to 8 or 9 pm*
Saturday: 1 pm to 8 or 9 pm*
Sunday: 1 pm to 7 pm
Holiday hours may vary
Phone: (360) 736-3755

**Subject to early closing due to lack of patronage*

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION 2022-2023

Commander	Dave Stezaker
1 st Vice Commander	Gordon Spencer
2 nd Vice Commander	Ron Feist
Adjutant	Chris Thomas
Finance Officer	Chris Thomas
Chaplain	Wayne Ferris
Squadron Advisors	Bob Terrell
	Bob Clark

LOUNGE BOARD

Al Gray, 1 year
Ray Denman, 2 years
Pat Althausser, 3 years
Steve Baker, 4 years
Andy Althausser, 5 years

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bob Terrell Steve Hatfield

Rolly Badavinac

Commander's Corner

On April 12th many Legionnaires received an email titled "Special Message from the National Department Advisory Committee Chairman PNC Tom Bock". So, what does that mean for the Department of Washington, the posts, and the Legionnaires within the Department?

The Department is essentially on a pause until the National's Department Advisory Committee (NDAC) can ensure that everything is being performed to the standard we all expect. There will be no Department Executive Committee (DEC) meetings until the DEC is reconstituted at the Department Convention in July, and thus Department Officers will not perform any official duties until such time as NDAC has finished our evaluation.

During this period of probation, NDAC will oversee every facet and decision of the Department. They were in Lacey from April 16th through the 20th to assess the state of the Department and figure out the next steps.

For those of you who spend most of your time doing Post-level programs, you will see no changes. District Commanders will continue to provide leadership and guidance to their District, and work as a gatekeeper for issues that Department would traditionally handle. All issues will be brought to the NDAC for now.

The NDAC is working on getting the Department back to a place where it can continue our mission of Strengthening America and serving both our veterans and the community at large.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me at clark9587@gmail.com or the Department Advisory Team via email at DeptOfWa@legion.org.

Bob Clark, Commander

Auxiliary Message

Hope all had a Happy Easter. The bake sale was a big hit. The Easter Bunnies were happy!

The potato bar was great. Thanks to all who attended and also took part in the cakewalk. Easter Bunny will show up again next year.

Ann Shirer, Auxiliary President

SAL Update

The SAL is gearing up for its 2nd Annual Backpack Drive. SAL is looking to triple the number of school supplies/backpacks that were given out last year!

A garage sale will be held May 19 (and possibly the 20th) at Kim's house again this year. Donations of any items you no longer want or need are greatly welcomed. One man's trash is another's diamond!! Please contact Kim at adjutant@granthodgepost17.org, 469-735-1364, or in-person to arrange times to drop items off.

Donation boxes for school supplies have also been set out at the post if you would like to donate supplies.

Note: Due to Memorial Day weekend, the regularly scheduled SAL meeting has been moved to May 20 at 2 pm. We would love to see our SAL members attend!

Chris Thomas, Adjutant, SAL

FROM THE DESK OF VFW POST 2200 COMMANDER

We have surpassed our membership goals but still strive to enlist more members

In some of our activities, we have been visiting the veterans at Sharon Care and have delivered 11 lap quilts to Veterans at Chehalis West.

Please come visit us on meeting nights, 1900 on the second Tuesday of each and every month.

Looking forward to the visits.

Roger Towers, VFW Post 2200 Commander

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE



Our annual service with the Veterans Museum is always a wonderful event to honor our fallen service members. If you would like to participate in the event please contact the adjutant.

FAMILY KARAOKE



Karaoke isn't just for adults!
Kids like to belt out their favorite songs too!



Pinky will be our DJ for family karaoke! We love Pinky!

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

It's time for all mothers to come out, relax, and get treated! Let someone else make breakfast!

Sharon Care and Twin Cities Center Visits

Join our Veterans on either of our two monthly visits. The Sharon Care Center on the second Tuesday and the Twin Cities Senior Center on the third Wednesday of the month. Both meet at the centers at 10:30 am.

SAL GARAGE SALE

It's that time of year again! Bring any items you can donate to the adjutant's house. All proceeds go to school supplies for our community families!

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO



Every Monday night from 5-7 PM*

\$\$ CASH PAYOUTS \$\$

Food will be available for purchase.

*not available May 29 due to Memorial Day

PITCH TOURNAMENT

Sunday, May 21

1:00 pm

Check-in at 12:30

\$20.00 per player

GOOD EATIN' IN POST 17

Steak nights are always a big hit! You have the option of a steak dinner for \$15 or salmon for \$12. Reservations required. Call the post to save your steak today!

4 Guys Burger Night is the first Friday of every month and always good eatin'!

Don't forget on Wednesdays the kitchen is usually open.

YUM!



FACEBOOK



To see what's current at the Post and get notification of our upcoming events, please like and follow Grant Hodge Post 17, @granthodgepost17.

If you have an event to post, or information you want to share with everyone please email all details and pictures to Kim at adjutant@granthodgepost17.org.

Outpost

If you would like to contribute an article to the outpost please bring it to the post or email the adjutant by the 20th of the month. This is your newsletter. We need articles to keep it interesting and worthwhile.

----May Birthdays----

Martin Althausser, Michael Blatt, Steven Buzzard, Dawn Blatt, Phredd Bogar, Timothy Collier, Lenora Gelder, Deborah Hanson, Laurie Larson, Carol Mower, Nancy Parker, Claudia Peake, Charles Rector, Kim Ronnell, Bruce Rorrel, Marcelo Saldana, James Sims, Lucinda Smith, Richard Spence, Linda Stephens, Lanna Straka, Patsy Tosland, Melissa White, Carol Widmer

----May Anniversaries----

John & Patty Dennehy
John & Thelma Keesee
Gary & Rose LeBaron
Gary & Melissa White

If you had a birthday or anniversary and it's not listed here, we apologize. Please email it to the adjutant at adjutant@granthodgepost17.org. Thanks.



MAY 2023

POST 17

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Lounge Board Meeting 4 pm BINGO 5 p to 7 pm Pack 9301 Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	Executive Board Meeting 7 pm	Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm	Auxiliary Mtg 6 pm Legion Mtg 7 pm	4 Guys Burger Night 6 pm TX Hold'em 6 pm	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	BINGO 5 pm to 7 pm	Sharon Care Center 10:30 am VFW Meeting 7 pm	Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm Honor Guard 6:30 pm	ALR Meeting 5 pm	TX Hold'em 6 pm	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mother's Day Brunch 11 am	BINGO 5 pm to 7 pm		Twin Cities Senior Center 10:30 am Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm	Joint Planning Meeting 6 pm	SAL Back Pack Drive Garage Sale 9 am TX Hold'em 6 pm	SAL Meeting 2 pm Steak Night* 6 pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Pitch Tournament 1 pm Family Karaoke 3 pm	BINGO 5 pm to 7 pm Marine Corps League Mtg 7 pm		Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm Honor Guard 6:30 pm	ALR Meeting 6 PM	TX Hold'em 6 pm	
28	29	30	31	Kitchen is open Tuesdays from 3 pm to 6 pm and Wednesdays during Liquor Raffle. *Call the post to reserve your steak or salmon meal. (360) 736-3755		
	Memorial Day Service 10:30 am	Executive Board Meeting 7 pm	Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm			