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THE AMERICAN LEGION
The World's Largest Veterans Organization



UPCOMING MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019
Radisson Hotel, 517 Grand Canyon Drive (Meeting Room)
Dinner: 6 p.m. (at your expense) Meeting: 7 p.m.

COMMANDER NOTES (Chris Ogden) Welcome to our new Post Officers who were installed at the June meeting. The Post wants to thank Past Post Commander Kathy Boelter, Finance Officer Steve Boelter and Adjutant Don Klimpel for their hard and innovative work for the Post. Their efforts made a difference!

Member updates: We said goodbye to our Comrade, *Arnold Chandler*, a longtime Post member who passed away July 26. Bill Butler, his friend and comrade, attended his service. *Bill and Sandy Butler* are both doing great at their new place in Cottage Grove and say “hey” to you all!

Volunteers needed: We have 2 1/2 boxes of flags to hold a disposal ceremony. If you’d like to help, give me a call at (608) 256-5125.

Meeting Agenda items: Below are a few items to consider at the upcoming meeting. It’s your Post so we would like your thoughts on these:

1. A Veterans Memorial at a local cemetery;
2. A Post building;
3. Sponsoring a public bus bench with information on it for Vets

The Post Auxiliary are invited to join us for dinner after which they will retire to their meeting room.

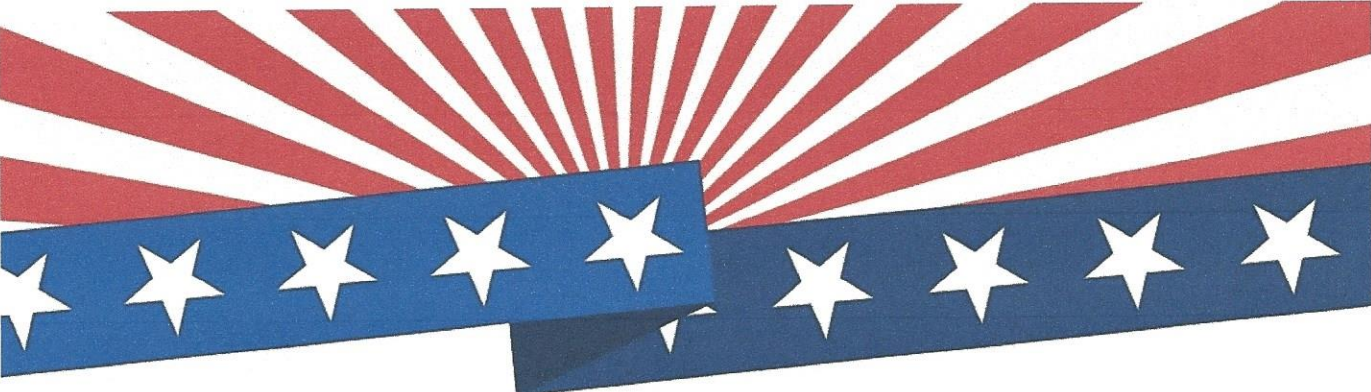
ADJUTANT NOTES (Chris Ogden) Over half of our membership is paid up! Don’t wait for your next reminder. The Legion has been working tirelessly for years to fill in the membership gap. They finally got changes to our National Charter approved by Congress. Anyone who served from December 7, 1941 to the present day honorably can join. Let’s encourage our Vet friends to join our Post. They can do it online at www.wilegion.org. Annual dues are \$38.00

Welcome to 9 new Post members who joined us this summer and new SAL Squadron members John Schmelzer, John Krull and Joe Schiro

AUXILIARY NOTES (Su Timmerman): *This summer we aided the support group for our own 115th Fighter Wing to send care packages. They are on another deployment — how many is this???*

Our 2020 dues are here. The annual fee is \$33.00 so please send into me ASAP so that I’m not having to call and bother you. Any questions, please feel free to call: (608) 513-8675. I am available to you any time. Hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meeting where we will share a meal with our Legion comrades!





The *Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019, H.R. 299*, was signed into law June 25, 2019. The American Legion-supported legislation will extend disability benefits covering medical conditions associated with Agent Orange exposure to those who served on ships off the Coast of Vietnam, known as “Blue Water” Navy veterans. A provision in H.R. 299 states: “A Veteran who during active military naval, or air service, served offshore of the Republic of Viet Nam during the period beginning on Jan. 9, 1962 and ending on May 7, 1975 will be eligible for disability compensation for presumptive conditions of herbicide exposure.”

The *LEGION Act*, recently signed, according to American Legion National Judge Advocate Kevin Bartlett, “honors the memories of those veterans while allowing other veterans from those previously undeclared eras to receive all the American Legion benefit they have earned through their service.”

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- September 11: Patriot Day
- September 20: POW/MIA Recognition Day
- October 14: Columbus Day
- October 15: Post 151 Meeting
- November 5: Election Day
- November 11: Veterans Day
- November 19: Post 151 Meeting