



FUNDRAISER EVENT:

The American Legion Auxiliary is hosting an after work wine tasting fundraiser that benefits the veteran and active military service communities across the State of Oregon. The American Legion Auxiliary is working to provide capacity building tools and programs that answer the emergent needs of our local military families.

Stars and STRIPES will expose the local business and professional community to Oregon's hidden treasures of our local wine industry. Although settlers in the Oregon Territory planted grapes as early as the 1840's, Wine production as a significant industry has only just become a reality as late as the 1960's. Oregon's winery existence has grown immensely in the last 50 years, increasing from 34 bonded wineries in 1980 to approximately 314 in 2005, two of which have been recognized in international wine competitions. In 2005 Oregon sold an excess of 1.6 million cases of Oregon vintages.

We will be featuring some of our local wineries on the American Legion Auxiliary Oregon website inviting our viewers and supporters to plan a trip to experience Oregon Wine at its finest. We will also be auctioning some of our finest wines during the event, allowing our supporters to give to a great cause while getting an opportunity to enjoy some of Oregon's finest export product.

All proceeds will benefit the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps Emergency Fund and family support programs, created to support the emergency needs of local Oregon and Southwest Washington Deployed, Active and Veteran service members and their families.