



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

## STEVENS-CHUTE POST #4 & AUXILIARY

### BEND, OREGON



**IT'S MEETING TIME!**  
**Tuesday, April 2, 2019**



**MEETING PLACE**  
**62070 SE 27th Street**  
**"The Collective"**

Before each meeting, dinner starts at 6 pm, and Post and Auxiliary meetings follow about 6:30 pm. We enjoy the company of veterans and hope you'll join us. It doesn't matter where you served in the military, only that you served honorably during a wartime period. Spouses are always welcome.

**Our Dinner:** The post provides the entrée, and this month Cdr. Keegan is preparing tortillas, meat and refried beans for a taco bar. Members and guests are encouraged to bring, taco fixings or dessert to go with the entrée. Sugar free items needed as well. BYOB if you want other than water or soda. A \$3 minimum donation is encouraged to help defray costs of main dish and supplies. Thanks!



### TACO NIGHT!

*Join us at this meeting Tuesday, April 2 for tacos! Shells, meat and re-fried beans will be provided. Please bring the "fixings", i.e., shredded*

*cheese or lettuce, chopped tomatoes, guacamole, chips or dessert! Maybe there will be some margaritas!!!*

### COMMANDER'S CORNER

With April upon us, it is election time for your officers for the up coming 2019-20 Legion year, we will be having nominations at our April meeting. The elected positions are: Commander, Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Sargent at Arms, Chaplain, Service Officer, and Historian. Please consider filling one of valuable positions.

Our S3DA club is transitioning from indoor archery tournaments to outdoor 3D animal tournaments. It is a really busy time of year for archery, as an example Louis and I will be traveling to tournaments for the next 4 weekends beginning in Klamath Falls on March 30<sup>th</sup>. The kids are doing very well and progressing faster than expected. Wiley Long and Louis Hodges won 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in their class at the Oregon Bowhunters state indoor tournament, Isabella Turco won 2<sup>nd</sup> in her class, and Sadie Turco won 1<sup>st</sup> in her class. 4 of the six kids who took part from our club finished on the podium.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.  
*Commander Keegan Hodges*

### NOTES FROM THE PREZ

Auxiliary members, so far this year has been so confusing. Thanks to the weather. But I do believe we are finally in the clear. Last month 5 of us ventured out for the meeting, I mean between Legion and Auxiliary 5 total. But it was horrible weather that night also. So with Spring comes promises for brighter things.

Our National President for Auxiliary will be here in town on April 1st for dinner. We are so excited about this. It will be at the Phoenix would love to have you come. We need to give her a nice Bend welcome. We are very lucky to have her in Central Oregon. Call Yvonne for your reservation.

So I hope to see you all and maybe some new prospective members on Tuesday April 2. Be safe. Remember our goal to assist Veterans and their families.  
*President Katie Terry*

### DINNER WITH THE NATIONAL ALA PRESIDENT MONDAY, APRIL 1 HERE IN BEND

National ALA President Kathy Dungan will be our guest for dinner at The Phoenix Restaurant, this coming Monday, April 1, at 5 p.m.

Post 4 and Unit 4 members are encouraged to join us for dinner and meet President Dungan. Her visit to Oregon includes only Bend, and points east through Prineville, John Day, Burns and Ontario. Please call Yvonne today to make your reservation! 541-390-4231.

### MEMBERSHIP STATS

Post Adjutant Vivian Shannon reports there have been no new renewals and the Post is currently holding at 82.1% of goal for 2018-19 year.

Auxiliary membership chairman, Yvonne Drury, reports that Unit 4 is at 94.7% of goal, just needing two more renewals and/or new members to make our 100% goal.

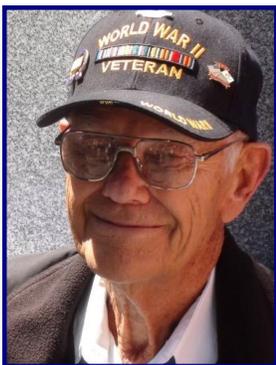
Please invite a friend to a meeting, or offer to drive a member who may need a ride and may not have renewed his or her membership yet. Personal invitations may be all someone needs to feel like we appreciate his or her presence.

## A SHORT HISTORY ON U.S ARMY'S 3RD ARMY

*As most of you know Post 4 member and Medal of Honor Recipient Bob Maxwell served under a number of Generals but the most famous was George Patton. These are some stats regarding the success of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Army.*

The Third United States Army was first activated as a formation during the First World War on November 7, 1918, at Chaumont, France, when the General Headquarters of the American Expeditionary Forces issued General Order 198 organizing the Third Army and announcing its headquarters staff.

From May 1941 until February 1943, the Third Army was commanded by Lieutenant General Walter Krueger. General Krueger made the Third Army the best training army in the United States. From February 1943 until end of 1943, Third Army was commanded by Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges. During this period it was primarily a gigantic training army comprised of hundreds of units from small detachments to full corps. Movement of troops overseas started slowly. But in July and August of 1943, the alert orders flooded the Headquarters in increasing numbers. By 30 December 1943, Third Army had moved to ports, for direct shipment overseas, a grand total of 208,566 officers and men, including five divisions.



Robert Maxwell

On 31 December 1943, the Third Army was transferred to combat army status and at 0830 the next morning came the telephone call for which they had waited so long. Third Army's readiness date was 15 February. It was to leave at authorized strength plus a CIC detachment of three officers and 13 enlisted men. By 15 January the entire headquarters was POM (prepared for overseas movement) to the last man and the advance detachment comprised of 13 officers and 26 enlisted men, left for the port. Upon disembarking from the Ile de France, they were met by their new commander.

Under the command of Lieutenant General George S. Patton, Jr., the Third Army participated in eight major operations and gave new meaning to "hard charging, hard hitting, mobile warfare." The Third Army's swift and tenacious drive into and through France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Austria contributed immeasurably to the destruction of the Nazi war machine of Adolph Hitler's Germany.

The Third Army liberated or captured 81,522 square miles of territory. An estimated 12,000 cities, towns, and communities were liberated or captured, including 27 cities of more than 50,000 in population. Third Army captured 765,483 prisoners of war. 515,205 of the enemy surrendered during the last week of the war to make a total of 1,280,688 POW's processed. The enemy lost an estimated 1,280,688 captured, 144,500 killed, and 386,200 wounded, adding up to 1,811,388. By comparison, the Third Army suffered 16,596 killed, 96,241 wounded, and 26,809 missing in action for a total of 139,646 casualties. (Source National Archives)

*Thanks to Robert Dent, Oregon State Police, Retired, and personal friend of Mr. Maxwell.*

*Join us Tues.day, April 2 for TACOS and meetings!*

*We welcome and need your participation and fellowship.*

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