

# AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY POST 43



301 Fir St, La Grande, OR 97850 **Open 3-8pm** 541-963-5141

**September-October 2021**



## News from the Post Commander- David Matott

Fellow Legionnaires, The Post has remained open for the past couple of months. We appreciate those that have been coming in and supporting the club and burger nights. We have been able keep to our head above water financially so far thanks to the help from our membership.

We do need volunteers willing to help with burgers nights and Bingo. We want to thank those that have been helping currently but we need a few more that can help.

We are starting to plan for the Veterans Day Parade on Thursday, November 11. We will need volunteers to help with barricades and staging.

Plans have been put in place for a *Prime Rib Dinner on New Year's Eve* with *live music by Terry Lamont!!* We know it's early but don't forget to mark your calendar!!

It should be a good night from 5-9pm. **David Matott, Post Commander**



## News from the Post Adjutant – Bobbie Dalglish

**2022 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** *LEGION MEMBERSHIP RUNS FROM JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> TO DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> --*

*AFTER JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, YOUR CARD IS INVALID.*

### WHY IS RENEWING NOW IMPORTANT

1. YOUR DUES PARTIALLY FUND LEGION PROGRAMS ON THE NATIONAL, DEPARTMENT & POST LEVELS.
2. YOUR DUES FUND OUR POST BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, THE PURCHASE OF FLAGS FOR THE POST AND GRANDVIEW CEMETARY.
3. MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS ARE IMPORTANT WHEN THE AMERICAN LEGION CAUCASUS CONGRESS ON IMPORTANT VETERAN ISSUES, SUCH AS BEING INSTRUMENTAL IN ALLOWING ALL VETERANS, NO MATTER WHEN THEY SERVED, TO JOIN THE AMERICAN LEGION.
4. YOU WILL NOT FORGET TO PAY LATER AND WILL DECREASE THE NUMBER OF RENEWAL NOTICES.

ANY QUESTIONS?? CONTACT AL MASTRUDE -- 541-805-1913 -- [almastrude@gmail.com](mailto:almastrude@gmail.com)



**YOU ARE SPECIAL**

**Renew by mail at AL Post #43, P.O. Box 55, La Grande OR 97850 or on the computer at [Mylegion.org/renew](http://Mylegion.org/renew)**

The newsletter has the Officers of the Post, SAL, and Auxiliary. We are here to help you. **Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard, you all make up the family of Post #43. You are all special!**

**Bobbie Dalgliesh- 541-805-9695**



## **News from Auxiliary Unit 43 President – Kathi Karnowski**

Welcome back to the start of another year with The American Legion Family! Our Unit met in July & August to get business taken care of so we can start the new year. We have completed our audit and it was signed off by the Audit Committee. The Budget Committee presented the new budget in July, and it was accepted by the membership at the August meeting. Our standing rules say we meet in July & August, and we will go dark (no meeting) in January & February. This worked out well last year and we will continue until our needs change.

I would like to thank Diane Harrison for being our Treasurer the past 7 years and for everything else she has contributed to our unit's success. Our new Secretary/Treasurer is Sharon Haefer, who has been our secretary previously. So far, Sharon has stepped right up like she has been doing this her whole life. Thank you for taking on these important positions.

Below you will see your slate of new officers who have made a commitment to keep our unit running and help our Veterans. ***If you as a member, ever want to volunteer, please contact one of us.*** We are all older and slowing down, so we could really use some help. The more people helping, the more we can do. Even if you commit to just one thing a year, it helps.

***Celebrate La Grande is September 9th at Max Square,*** and our unit will have a table for information on membership and what we do. If you would like to come down and visit with people and promote membership, contact Hazel Alexis, Cathy Schwebke, or myself.

Maggie & Terry LaMont will be putting on their annual ***Lasagna dinner on September 18<sup>th</sup>,*** so please support this dinner.

Our **Fall Bazaar will be October 23rd** and we have had a good response (thank you Jan Koegler for chairing this). If you like to cook and want to have a special dinner, that can be arranged!

***I would like to ask any member, who would like to be an officer in the future, contact me, as you can shadow a person and learn what needs to be done. Any of you can do it and it can be fun. Any officer is willing to mentor you, you just need to ask.***



### **YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

**Membership Report** – *Renewal notices from National will be coming out in September but you can renew now. I have cards and can process you. If you want to use a credit card, call National at 317-569-4570 or if you have access to the website, you can do it online.*

*Let me know if you renew with National so I can send your card out.*

***Dues are still \$40, (ALA, P.O. Box 1652, La Grande) for the year and if you renew before Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, we will draw one person to get their 2023 dues paid by the unit. Renewing early also lets you eat free at the Spaghetti lunch after the Veterans Day Parade on November 11.***

*I highly encourage you to all renew now so you don't forget it later. After September 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will process new members for the 2022 year so if you know of someone wanting to join, send them to me or another officer.*

*Let us try to build our numbers back up from the loss we've seen from members passing away and people losing interest. By you just being a member, helps Veterans in the long run. Thank you to those who have renewed, and we have a couple people waiting to join in September.*

***We send our love and thoughts to Dorothy Trice who is recovering from surgery.***

Thank you and stay well, ***Kathi Karnowski, Auxiliary President Unit 43***



**COVID won't go away, and all our events are subject to change due to that.**



If you don't have email, you might want to check with the Post before a dinner and such, to make sure it hasn't been cancelled.

*From Newsletter Editor—Sharon Haefer*

*If you are not receiving the newsletter by the first week of every other month*

*Sept, Nov, Jan, March, May (none for July, Aug) please notify me at 541-*

*910-3005 or e-mail [shaefer62@gmail.com](mailto:shaefer62@gmail.com) with your correct e-mail or mailing address.*

*Do you have news you want our Legion Family to know in the upcoming months? Contact me and we will get it in the newsletter, if possible.*



2021-2022 Post 43 Officers			
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Brandon Craig		Secretary
Zach Bean		Adjutant

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**September is Suicide Prevention Month**

Suicide Affects Everyone.  
Connect and #BeThere.  
You matter. Let a loved one know they matter by reaching out.

Suicide Prevention Line:  
1-800-273-8255, Press 1 for Veterans.



# EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar



**Take-Out is available for Burgers and all Dinners**  
**541-963-5141**



September 7 , 14 , 21 , 28 Burger Nite 5-7pm



October 5 12 , 19 26 Burger Nite 5-7pm

Burger Nites and Dinners will be planned according to the current COVID limitations



## SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 PATRIOTS DAY

### NEVER FORGET



September 18 **Lasagna Dinner \$15 5-7pm**

October 9 **Chicken-Fried Chicken Dinner \$15 5-7pm**

October 23 **ALA Bazaar & Bake Sale in Annex 9am-2pm**

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 our fallen heroes.  
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