



# THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

## STEVENS-CHUTE POST #4 and AUXILIARY

### BEND, OREGON



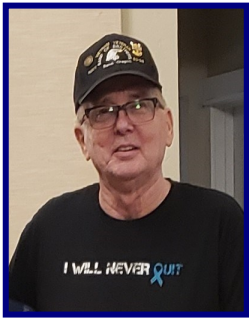
**IT'S MEETING TIME AGAIN!**  
**TUESDAY, APR. 12, 6:00 pm**

**UPDATE**

**MEETING PLACE**  
**THE COLLECTIVE**  
**62070 SE 27th Street, Bend**

**OUR IN-PERSON MEETING PROCEDURE:** Before the meeting, social time and potluck 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. Families are always welcome. **BYOB** if you want something other than water or soda. A small donation is encouraged to help defray costs of refreshments and supplies. Thanks!

### POST 4 WELCOMES BACK JW TERRY AS COMMANDER



Stevens-Chute Post 4 is happy to have 30-year Navy veteran JW Terry filling in the last few months of this year as Post Commander. He has had the duty in past years, and brings good sense and good humor to our meetings.

As Executive Director of Central Oregon Veterans Outreach, JW's plate is very full, but his dedication to American Legion is appreciated by Post 4 and Auxiliary members.

### LUNCH WITH NATIONAL COMMANDER CANDIDATE



Post 4 and Auxiliary members have the opportunity to meet and discuss veteran issues with candidate for American Legion National Commander, Daniel Seehafer at Jake's Diner on Friday, April 1, at 12:30 p.m.

This will be a great time to show your support for our Post and be able to share your thoughts and ask questions.

Lunch is no-host, so attendees will order and pay for their meals.

A group of Department of Oregon officers and board will accompany Seehafer for the event.

To learn more about Candidate Seehafer, see bio on page 3 of this newsletter.

**Please call Cdr. JW Terry at 541-350-0314 to let him know you plan to attend.**

### APRIL MEETING WILL BE IN-PERSON AT THE COLLECTIVE

Cdr. Terry has moved the April meeting to the second Tuesday, April 12.

This will be our first in-person combined meeting since June 2021, and we are excited to be back together! And we hope to see you there.

### COMMANDER'S CORNER

I hope everyone is surviving moving the clocks forward an hour.

After almost two years of being separated and meeting only on Zoom, we can finally get back together. We will hold our first in-person meeting on the 12th of April ( Yvonne's Birthday ).

We also have an opportunity to have lunch with a prospective National Commander and some State Officers at Jakes Diner for lunch at 12:30 Friday, April 1st (not a joke). All Post 4 members and members of the Auxiliary and their spouses are invited.  
*Commander J W Terry*

### USE CAUTION ON SOCIAL MEDIA

As an organization created to care for our military and veterans, we feel it's our duty to ask that you don't violate OPSEC (operations security) in your social media posts while the unrest in Europe continues to unfold. Social posts that refer to troop movement — like details on a military unit's location, personnel names, ranks, or other IDs, and especially dates, times of flight arrivals, and departures — have the potential to critically and negatively affect our deploying military. We're right there with you in supporting servicemembers heading overseas, but please make sure you're not posting content that could harm them.

Unfortunately, we can't control what external media sources post ... but we can make the right decision

to not share. (From American Legion Auxiliary March 2022 Enews)

## NOTES FROM THE PREZ

Spring is coming on nicely (in between snowy days) and its time to think about how we want to serve our veterans, their families and our community during the kinder weather months.

We are looking forward to our April in-person meeting and spending time together to bring our ideas of how to make our Auxiliary more purposeful. Being together also gives us a chance to invite our family and friends to visit a meeting and see if they would like to join us in our mission.

We must prepare for National Poppy Day on May 27, and decide how we are going to distribute poppies. Last year's Covid "Drive By" worked wonderfully, but this year we can be more interactive with the public without health concerns.

April is also time to nominate new officers and board members to be voted on in June. You all have good ideas to share. Why not give our Unit a year as an officer and board member to put those ideas to work? We are all here to assist you and will look forward to your leadership.

*Auxiliary President Yvonne Drury*

## CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, we are grateful for the arrival of Spring and the renewal of your creations. We are thankful for the founding of The American Legion and the service our organization has provided to our fellow Americans. May we continue the programs and service we have pledged to undertake.

We ask you to keep watch over our service men and women who are in harms way. Give them your strength to fulfill their mission of protecting us and defending The Constitution of the United States. We honor our departed comrades and are thankful for their sacrifice. Thank you for bring us together in fellowship. Let us live in peace and in love and charity with our neighbors. Amen

## MORE ABOUT DANIEL SEEHAFFER

Daniel Seehafer is a native of Merrill, WI. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Ministry from Concordia University, Mequon, WI and a Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN.

Daniel was commissioned as a Naval Officer in March of 1995, and enrolled in the Navy Chaplaincy program. His service time as a chaplain candidate in the Navy enabled him to spend time not only with the Navy personnel (San Diego, CA, Newport, RI,

Everett, WA, USS Paul F. Foster), but also with the Marine Corps (Camp Pendleton, CA). He will always cherish the time spent in uniform.

In August of 1997, he came to Horicon, WI, and was installed as the Assistant Pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School. October 2000, he accepted the position of Administrative Pastor at St. Stephen, where he is currently serving.

As his uniform changed throughout the years, his service to God and Country certainly have not--holding numerous positions within the American Legion throughout his 17 year membership. From "JUST" being "ASKED," he joined Post 157, Horicon, WI, became a "Paid Up For Life Member" and was overwhelmingly elected as their Post Adjutant. From this first leadership position, Mr. Seehafer eventually became Post, County and District Commander (currently holding). He also was the State Chaplain of WI (2006), the National Chaplain (2010-2011) and a recent graduate (2012) of the American Legion College.

Besides holding various committee positions within the American Legion, Seehafer is also a member of ANAVICUS, Past Commander's Club (WI), S.A.L, and still finds the time to be very active within his community--as he was recognized as the "Legionnaire of the Year" in 2009 (County/District levels).

Daniel is married to his wife Denise. They have two children, Jacob (8) and Emma (4), and reside in the town of Beaver Dam. (from American Legion.org)

## GRANT SUPPORTS CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROJECT

The American Legion Auxiliary has received an American Legion Child Welfare Foundation grant for a project conceived by the national ALA Children & Youth Committee.

The funds will enable the Auxiliary to purchase branded sling backpacks and starter supplies (ALA coloring books and crayons) to be distributed to each department. Departments will then acquire additional items, host an event to stuff the donated supplies, and then distribute to identified outlets where children will benefit.

The goal of this project:

To put The American Legion Family in front of youth throughout the country

To further instill in them The American Legion Family values represented in the coloring books

Teach them about the importance of the poppy and safety tips for Halloween

All ALA departments will receive a minimum of 20 backpacks to distribute during their Children & Youth events, with any additional packs available to distribute at national events.

**Link to Legionnaire Magazine**

<https://orlegion.org/media/oregon-legionnaire/>

## EVENTS AND OBSERVANCES

**Month of the Military Child April 1** - recognizes the unique challenges children in military families face — such as long separations and frequent moves — and honors their service to the military community.

**Gold Star Spouses Day, April 5** – honors military spouses who have lost a partner in the service of our country.

**Air Force Reserve Birthday, April 14** – Founded in 1948, the Air Force Reserve supports the Air Force mission to defend the United States through the control and exploitation of air and space.

**Army Reserve Birthday, April 23** – Established in 1908, the Army Reserve includes civilian soldiers who continue to maintain their operational skills and can be called up for active duty. They account for 20% of the Army's organized units.

## MILITARY HUMOR

### *"AIRFORCE AND THE WIFE"*

You've all heard of the Air Force's ultra-high-security, super-secret base in Nevada, known simply as Area 51?

Well, late one afternoon, the Air Force folks out at Area 51 were very surprised to see a Cessna landing at their "secret" base. They immediately impounded the aircraft and hauled the pilot into an interrogation room.

The pilot's story was that he took off from Vegas, got lost, and spotted the base just as he was about to run out of fuel. The Air Force started a full FBI background check on the pilot and held him overnight during the investigation.

By the next day, they were finally convinced that the



pilot really was lost and wasn't a spy. They gassed up his airplane, gave him a terrifying "you-did-not-see-a-base" briefing, complete with threats of spending the rest of his life in prison, told him Vegas was that-a-way on such-and-such a heading, and sent him on his way.

The day after that though, to the total disbelief of the Air Force, the same Cessna showed up again. Once again, the MP's surrounded the plane, only this time there were two people in the plane.

The same pilot jumped out and said, "Do anything you want to me, but my wife is in the plane and you have to tell her where I was last night!"

*(From SANDBOXX.com)*



*Remember the Central Oregon Veterans Village is now up and running with veterans living in their new transitional housing.*

*Please keep them in mind when you have donations of goods or cash. Deliver both to Central Oregon Veterans Outreach at 61510 S. Hwy 97, #100, Bend, for distribution.*

*Join us Tuesday, April 5 at The Collective for our meeting!*

*Please contact us when we can be of assistance.*

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