



THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

STEVENS-CHUTE POST #4 and AUXILIARY

BEND, OREGON



IT'S MEETING TIME AGAIN!
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022
6:00 pm NEW DAY!

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!



TIME TO REMEMBER AND HONOR OUR FALLEN COMDRADS

While your Memorial Day weekend might be packed with family fun and summer activities—we're big fans of a night of backyard camping or a classic backyard barbecue—we also think it's important to pause the festivities in remembrance of the real meaning and history of Memorial Day.

While we're pausing to honor the military personnel who've sacrificed their lives for our freedom, it's also a good time to note that some of our Armed Forces have been serving in some capacity while battling for the health of our nation during the Covid-19 pandemic. From military doctors and nurses, members of the Armed Forces helping with vaccine distributions, and those who don't have the option to work from home during the global health crisis, we're grateful for their courage and service.
(Countryliving.com)

NEW NIGHT FOR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Members and executive boards present at the April 12 meeting agreed to change the monthly general membership meetings to the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Several members had mentioned they had conflicts on Tuesdays and requested that the meeting night be changed, if possible.

We sincerely hope that this will allow more members to be in attendance every month.

POST 4 WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome several new members who recently transferred in to Post 4:

Richard Jenkins, US Marine Corps, Vietnam
 Aaron Rasheed, US Marine Corps, Gulf War
 James Scholtes, US Navy, Gulf War
 Dennis Strachota, US Army, Vietnam

We hope to meet you in person soon.

We were able to meet two more new Post 4 members who transferred in and attended the April meeting:

Jeff Mayernik, US Air Force 1981—1992
 Mark Walls, US Army 2005-2008, National Guard 2008-2012.

We hope you enjoyed our company and will come back to future meetings and events.

COMMANDER'S CORNER



I would like to thank everyone that was able to attend our combined meeting and dinner. It was a lot of fun seeing everyone in person and being able to laugh, joke and share stories.

I think we all are looking forward to having an exciting year and enjoy

each other's company. We have nominations and elections coming up and I hope we are all thinking about that. *Commander J W Terry*

COVO "SALUTE TO VETERANS" GOLF TOURNAMENT SET FOR JUNE 11 AT BLACK BUTTE RANCH



Registration is now open to join the fun and raise funds for Central Oregon Veterans Outreach. Sign up individually or as a team for this annual event. Lots of food, fun, prizes and some great golf at a great course!

If you are not a golfer but would like to help sponsor the event and advertise your business as well, there are plenty of opportunities.

For more information and to register go to www.covo-us.org.

EVENTS AND OBSERVANCES

May 1, 2022 – Silver Star Banner Day – Per Congressional resolution, it is an "Official Day to honor wounded, ill, and injured Veterans".

May 6, 2022 – Military Spouse Appreciation Day – This date recognizes the service and sacrifices of military spouses.

May 7, 2022—District 5 caucus meetings, Madras.

May 12, 2022—Stevens-Chute Post 4 and Auxiliary combined meeting. 6 pm potluck dinner; 6:30 pm meeting, The Collective, 62070 SE 27th St, Bend.

May 13, 2022 – Children of Fallen Patriots Day – A day to honor the children left behind by the brave men and women who gave their lives while defending our freedom.

May 21, 2022 – Armed Forces Day Observed on the third Saturday every May, this is a day dedicated to paying tribute to men and women currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

May 30, 2022 – Memorial Day A solemn occasion to honor the men and women who died while serving in the military.

June 11, 2022—COVO "Salute to Veterans" golf tournament, Black Butte Ranch, 8:30 am.

June 22-25 Department of Oregon convention, Aloha, OR.

POST 4 ADJUTANT RECEIVES APPRECIATION

Post 4 Adjutant Vivian Shannon received a certificate of appreciation from District 5 Commander Lance Trowbridge at the recent Post 4 April meeting. Per Trowbridge, "Vivian worked hard to make 100 percent for the goal of 141 members. Plus several new members were added from transfers. Vivian wrote letters to members, made phone calls and generally rallied the troops. She deserved the Certificate of Appreciation."



Post 4 Past Commander and Post Financial Officer Denny Drury also wishes to commend and thank Vivian for taking on extra duties to help out while he spent the winter in Arizona.

NOTES FROM THE PREZ

WOW!, What a joy to be with our fellow Post and Auxiliary members at the April meeting! We are hopeful that we can continue to be together and actively work on our mission for our veterans once again.

With the ALA year-end coming up, I submitted an impact report for our Unit, and girls, I have to say I am VERY proud of our efforts on behalf of our veterans this year (in spite of every adversity). Here are some numbers that may surprise you!

Service to our Veterans: 843 hours, \$9,168, which included 800 hours quilt making by Susan Jorgensen for Quilts of Honor, and \$7,280 from 100+ Woman Who Care donating to Central Oregon Veterans Village. The rest of the hours and dollars came from our members at the poppy drive, our Red Cross Blood drives, plus \$750 donated at Christmastime to buy gift cards to be used by our local National Guard families for gifts and food. Thank you all for your time and energy!

It is the time of year to nominate and elect new officers. Please consider taking an office this year to support your Auxiliary. Don't be afraid—we are here to support you! We would love to include your new ideas for the betterment of our organization.

Auxiliary President Yvonne Drury

CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, this is the month we honor and pay our respects to our fallen comrades especially those who gave their all in battle to preserve our Constitution and our Country.



We ask also that You watch over the veterans of this land, comfort our ill and wounded comrades who languish in hospitals or homes. Lighten their burdens, relieve their sufferings and pain and restore to them the blessings of health again.

May those who receive our poppies reflect on those service men and women who dies to protect their freedoms. Amen
Unit Chaplain Bonnie Wilkins



SHE'S THE 2022 PIONEER QUEEN!

*Congratulations, Shirley,
Unit 4 is proud of you!*

Unit 4 Charter Member Shirley Kilpatrick was recently selected to be the 2022 Deschutes Pioneer Queen, an honor bestowed by the Deschutes Pioneer Association in Central Oregon.

Shirley will represent the Pioneer Association in events around Central Oregon including multiple parades.

Born in Terrebonne in 1930, she grew up in Bend. An avid bowler, a popular neighborhood hairdresser and an expert at driving a taxi cab in inclement weather, she has seen Bend grow over the decades from a small, rural agricultural community to what it is today.
(from The Bulletin 4-11-2022)

MEDAL OF HONOR HIGHWAY GAINS TWO MORE STATES

Illinois and Ohio have just designated their state Medal of Honor Highways joining 8 other states for a total of 10 states. That leaves New York and Massachusetts to complete the 12 state, 5 year project.

New York plans to designate its Medal of Honor highway before the Legislature adjourns on June 2.

Massachusetts is working hard to finish its designation. Together, New York and Massachusetts account for 1,073 MOH recipients and the last 16% of the MOH Highway across America.

C.O. VETERANS VILLAGE UPDATE

Central Oregon Veterans Village. Last 5 cabins were approved by City of Bend. Driveway gates have been installed. Stairways at the community building have been installed by Heart of Oregon. Major items left to finish: install walkways between stairways and asphalt paths, relocate flag rock, install 7 flagpoles, install soffits and donor plaques, grading, install greenhouse and landscaping. Ten former homeless vets are in residence. Two have already graduated and COVO is interviewing more prospective residents. *(Thanks to Dick Tobiason)*

CREATIVE EFFORTS WORK TO SERVE OUR VETERANS

American Legion Auxiliary members across the country continue to demonstrate helpful ways to serve our nation's veterans, military, and their families. Alley-White Unit 52 in Mountain Home, Ark., started a food pantry at its post home to help make a difference for veterans in the community.

At Stevens-Chute, we don't have a physical post home to offer a food pantry, but donations to Central Oregon Veterans Outreach (COVO) of food, warm clothing, camping supplies, propane, tarps, etc., will greatly serve our veterans through COVO's organization.

Please keep them in mind with your cash donations and items to help our veterans and families who need support.

Link to Legionnaire Magazine

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

Join us Thursday, May 12 at The Collective for our meeting!

Please contact us when we can be of assistance.

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