

# AMERICAN LEGION BAY AREA POST & UNIT & SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION 34 APRIL-JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY, STATE & NATION



## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

Hello Comrades. We have some major news to share with you all. As of February 1<sup>st</sup>, we have been notified by the airport that we must vacate the building by the end of the year because they plan to demolish it. This comes as a shock to us all since we have been in that building for nearly 70 years, and to have such little consideration to our organization just seems disrespectful. What we need from you all to come to the next meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in March at 7 pm in order to discuss what we are going to do and what our options are. We will definitely need able bodies throughout the year to help pack things up and move them out of the building and into storage for the time being. In the meantime, we still have some other business that will be coming soon. March 13<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating the Legion's birthday at 6 pm with happy hour being 5 pm. The post will cover all cost's so all members and their families are welcome to attend. If able, please RSVP by calling 541-808-1306 or email [tgnickel90@gmail.com](mailto:tgnickel90@gmail.com) so we can get an accurate head count for the caterer. We hope to see you there!

God Bless,

Tyler Nickel, Semper Fi  
Commander, Bay Area Post 34



## POST 34 OFFICERS

Commander: Tyler Nickel  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Eric Stallings  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Albert Collins  
Adjutant: Jackie Collision  
Finance Officer: Kevin Owens  
Historian: Steve Thompson  
Chaplain: Becky Rice  
Service Officer: Vacant  
Sgt-At-Arms: Vacant  
Judge Advocate: Paul Trueax

## UNIT 34 OFFICERS

President: Lois McPherson  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Carolyn Billman  
Secretary: Frankie Trask  
Treasurer: Marie Martin  
Chaplain: Theresa Peterson  
Sgt-at Arms: Krisann Owens

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION 34 OFFICERS

Commander: Vacant  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Jericho Bingham  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Zach Martin  
Adjutant/Finance Officer: Kevin Owens  
Historian: Tim Martin  
Chaplain: Bruce Martin  
Sgt-At-Arms: Kyle Martin

## LEGION ABBREVIATIONS:

For those who don't know or are new to the organization:

TAL-The American Legion  
SAL-Sons of the American Legion  
ALA-American Legion Auxiliary  
ALR-American Legion Riders  
DEC-Department Executive Meeting

ANNUAL BIRTHDAY DINNER:

APRIL-JUNE 2021

The American Legion Bay Area Post 34 Annual Birthday Dinner will be held for the last time in our current building and is scheduled for March 13, 2021. Social Hour begins at 5pm and Dinner will be served at 6pm. This event is open to all members and their guests. The American Legion Department of Oregon Commander Steve Adams, American Legion Auxiliary Department of Oregon President Kathi Karnowski and Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Oregon Commander Carl Pawlik will all be in attendance. It will be a fun evening and will be catered at NO CHARGE for all to enjoy. Yes, there will be no charge for this dinner as a Welcome Back for all of us as we return to working the missions of our American Legion Family. For reservations contact Post 34 Adjutant Jackie Collison at 541-756-1160 or Unit 34 Treasurer Marie Martin at 541-756-5314.

#### VA CLINIC COFFEE SERVICE:

Our coffee service is on hold until we get through the COVID-19.

#### ADJUTANT MESSAGE:

Membership is going a little slow. I. Would ask if you haven't paid your 2021 dues please do so. I know you get tired of hearing about membership but without it we would have no post. Remember you can pay online using a credit card if this helps. I would like to welcome a transfer from Idaho and new member David Lord to our post.



Jackie Collison, PDC  
Adjutant

#### CHILI COOKOFF:

We are continuing to plan for this event to happen, but no date has been set at this time.

#### DISTRICT 9 MEETING:

The TAL and ALA are planning on having their District 9 Meetings on March 6, 2021 in Reedsport at the Senior Center, 460 Winchester Ave., Reedsport, OR 97467. We will have joint training at 10am with lunch at 12pm and meeting to follow. For more information contact either District 9 Commander Kevin Owens or President Krisann Owens at 541-756-2390.

#### OUR BUILDING IS GOING TO BE DEMOLISHED:

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I hope everybody is staying safe We all are looking forward to getting back too normal, or close to it. Covid sure has taken away so much of our freedom. We also miss having our meetings and helping our Vets when needed. Thank you, Vets, for your service. As for Covid, I think we are seeing a light at the end of the tunnel. Hope to see you all soon. I would like to recognize our Vice President of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 34 member Carolyn Billman. She is another one to always lend a helping hand. And of course, she's there to fill in for the President when she is not there. Thanks Carolyn. Carolyn is a mother and grandmother. She has been a member for 18 years and her past offices include Unit President, Unit Vice President and District 9 President. She has been in charge of the Craft and Bake Sale and did a great job. Also, she has taken care of the VA Clinic Coffee Service making sure they have supplies. She heads a PDS group that has helped a lot of people and also, she has a job. She is a busy member. So again, we say thank you Carolyn Billman. So, all stay safe. Hope to see you all soon.

Lois McPherson  
President, Bay Area Unit #34

#### REGULAR MEETINGS:

The regular meetings of our Post 34 and Unit 34 are on the first Monday of each month at 7pm. Hamburgers and hot dogs or something special will be available for purchase from 5:45pm to 6:30pm. It's great to not have to cook on a meeting night. So, come on out and enjoy some friendship and camaraderie. For more information contact Post Adjutant Jackie Collison at 541-756-1160.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

The Coos Count Airport District has informed us that they intend to tear down our American Legion Post 34 Building in December 2021. It is time for ALL OF OUR MEMBERS to rally behind our future. We are in the process of working with the Airport District to see what options we have. BUT we need the input and support from our membership, both Legion and Auxiliary to decide if we even have a future here. The very few have been carrying the weight of this Post and Unit for several years now and they cannot make the forthcoming decisions alone. With whatever the future holds, this decision needs to be made together. Because of Covid-19 we've been restricted from holding meetings which also keeps us from fundraising. Our community does depend on us for a number of things especially our Boys and Girls State Programs that have sponsored hundreds of boys and girls from North Bend HS and Marshfield HS to the program. Not to mention the amount of items and money we've donated to local food banks and other organizations programs. We've been here for the USCG when their funding was cut off during the Government Shutdown. We've been here when a detachment of US Navy and US Coast Guard Personnel in Bahrain would have had no Christmas if we hadn't stepped in and sent Christmas care packages to each member of that unit. We've sent care packages overseas to soldiers stationed in Iraq as well as here at home. We've supported the fence that surrounds the Pioneer Cemetery by Marshfield HS, our local grammar schools with American Flag Programs, Poppy Essay and Poster Contests and our Post 34 presenting the colors at school Patriotic programs such as for Veterans Day. We also most importantly provide Honor Guard support for Veteran Funerals at both Sunset and Ocean View Cemeteries. We also supply the crosses for Memorial Day at each Cemetery. Wherever we are needed we are there and now we may lose the one thing that means the world to us, our Post home. We've been in this building for more than 60 years. Lots of history with this Post and Unit, including being where we plan our future projects, programs and store the items that we use to support those programs and our community. The American Legion Family has done some amazing and great things since our Founding in 1919 and the time has come to step up and make a difference in our future. We've got lots of work ahead of us with the building, but we still need to serve the mission of The American Legion no matter our circumstances. The work continues. We are planning to hold our meeting on the first Monday in March 2021 (if we are no longer under Extreme Risk). If we cannot hold the meeting or if you cannot attend, please contact Building Manager, Kevin Owens at 541-297-1899 for more information on what is happening or how you can help.

- March 1 TAL-ALA-SAL Meeting 7:00pm
- March 6 District 9 Meeting Reedsport Senior Center 10:00pm
- March 13 American Legion Birthday Dinner 5:00pm
- March 13 DAV Meeting 1:00pm
- March 22 40-8 Meeting 3:00pm
- April 5 TAL-ALA-SAL Meeting 7:00pm
- April 10-11 DEC La Pine Post 45
- April 10 DAV Meeting 1:00pm
- April 24-25 Grande Cheminot Klamath Falls
- April 26 40-8 Meeting 3:00pm
- May 1 District 9 Meeting Bay Area Post 34 11:00am
- May 3 TAL-ALA-SAL Meeting 7:00pm
- May 8 DAV Meeting 1:00pm
- May 24 40-8 Meeting 3:00pm
- May 31 Memorial Day
- June 7 TAL-ALA-SAL Meeting 7:00pm
- June 12 DAV Meeting 1:00pm
- June 23-26 Department Convention seven Feathers Casino & Hotel
- June 28 40-8 Meeting 3:00pm
- July 5 TAL-ALA-SAL Meeting 7:00pm
- July 10 40-8 Meeting 3:00pm

#### CRAFT & BAKE SALE:

We will have a Craft and Bake Sale hopefully in July. Our contribution to "Christmas in July". Be prepared for baked and or crafty items for us to sell at this event. We will all hands-on deck for this to be successful. More information to come.

#### COVID-19:

Due to Coos County being in Extreme Risk restrictions, we've had to cancel January and February's meetings. We hope to hold our regular meetings on the first Monday in March pending our restrictions. This also affects our event planning.

*AMERICAN LEGION  
BAY AREA POST 34  
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*TERRY LYNN FOODS FUNRAISER FOR POST:*

*The Post has been having a fundraiser to help support our programs. We are asking for our Legion Family to check it out and make a purchase, the items are very good, and you are supporting your Post, Unit and Sons. I have provided the website to purchase items. Great way to save time and money for those needed Christmas Gifts.*

<https://bayareapost34.terrilynn.com>

*DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE MEETING:*

*The Department of Oregon Executive Committees will meet on April 10-11, 2021 at La Pine Post 45. For more information contact District 9 Commander Kevin or District 9 President Krisann Owens at 541-756-2390.*

*FACEBOOK:*

*Bay Area Post and Unit 34 have Facebook Pages and we try to share everything that involves our Post and Unit but also local, national and international information that is interesting and does involve the history of our organizations as well as interest for the individual members. We will share information on the current building situation, meetings as well. I know many HATE Facebook, but it is a platform we can communicate with everyone on.*

*Please check us out at:*

*American Legion Post 34-Bay Area*

*Post 34 Facebook page*

*Ala34OR*

*Unit 34 Facebook page*

*We promise to share ONLY information as stated as above and we DO NOT share your information with anyone or any entity. If you are concerned about anything having to do with this subject, please message either the Legion or Auxiliary through the Messenger App.*

