

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY POST 43



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May-June 2021



News from the Post Commander- David Matott

Fellow Legionnaires,
Spring is upon us as we continue open for business.
We have begun planning for the return to a full **Avenue of Flags, complete with ceremony, May 28 -31**.
We will need many volunteers to make it a success.



We are also planning to again do a **Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 14th**. This will be a joint effort with the Union VFW High Valley Post.

Terry LaMont started playing music again at Burger nights on April 13. Come out and enjoy a Legion burger and music by Terry.

We are looking forward to seeing more members enjoying the post activities as spring weather progresses.

David Matott, Post Commander



News from the Post Adjutant – Bobbie Dalgliesh

Country music, Burger night, Bingo, Feeds, Pool, and the Bar are all the places we were able to gather at post #43. The virus put a stop to all of these. Your dues would be a big help keeping us afloat. There are two ways to pay your dues, \$45.00.



By mail at AL Post #43, P.O. Box 55, La Grande OR 97850 or on the computer at Mylegion.org/renew

The newsletter has the Officers of the Post, SAL, and Auxiliary.
They 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 – Maggie LaMont

It is so good to be home and back to the Auxiliary business.

May is Poppy Month a time to honor all who have died in their service to our Country. "In Flanders Field" is a poem by John McCrae from World War I and is what the Poppies distribution is based upon. It can be found on the internet if you have not read it. **Poppy distribution dates are May 20th to May 22nd between Safeway and Grocery Outlet and May 29th at Bi-Mart.** Margy Tucker has the sign-up sheet for working tables. She will be at the Legion. Please volunteer to help as all the donations are used to help Veterans.



June is Girls State month. If you have a daughter or granddaughter who is a Junior in high school, she is eligible to participate. Due to COVID it will be a *Virtual Conference on June 14 & 15.* Cost is \$100 and the girls will get a package with everything they need. Please contact Joan Smith if you have a candidate.

A reminder that the La Grande Unit 43 Auxiliary will meet during July and August. The meeting dates are the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The meeting time is 6:30pm at the Post. There is a social hour at 5:30pm. Please come and check us out if you are a new member or thinking about helping with the Auxiliary activities.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer as it is just around the corner. If you have any questions, you can reach me by phone at 541-910-9771 or email at mlamont97850@yahoo.com.

Maggie LaMont, Auxiliary President Unit 43, District 6 President



News from Auxiliary Unit 43 Vice President –Kathi Karnowski

Every year we are losing 5 to 7 members and we cannot get people to join. We are losing members to assisted living and memory issues. None of us believe



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in pressuring members to renew and when we call or send a letter, it is a reminder. If you do not wish to renew, please just let us know that you do not want to remain a member, as we do not like reminding you any more than you like us bothering you. We stand at 106 paid members with a goal of 132. Even if all the members

who said they are sending in dues, we will still be short of our goal, due to deaths. We want you to honor your loved ones, but only if you want to. **Dues are \$40, ALA, P.O. Box 1652, La Grande.**

Golf Report: The Jerry Gibson Memorial: Golf "Fore" A Vet is in full swing and will happen this year. If you would like to be a sponsor and honor a loved one or have a business, let us know. We have one person needing one on a team so if you need one to fill yours, let us know. Cost is \$85 per person or \$340 per team. Small signs are \$100, and a Major Sponsor Banner is \$500. We just heard from Justin Rock of, Rock and Sons Tire & Auto Repair, that they will be a Major, sign and team sponsor this year. **Thank you, Justin!** Money raised from this Event goes towards, *Divide Camp, The Transplant Unit, The Dalles Veterans Home Gift Shop and Emergency Veterans funds locally.*



Thank you, to all that support this Event! We will have our Putting Contest with wine & beer prizes, \$10,000 Hole in One on #7, lunch, and silent auction items. We will not have raffle prizes this year, due to the impact COVID has had on businesses. We hope to have a few **Silent Auction Items**, we will accept new items.

We have a driving range spot open for \$200, if anyone would like to sponsor.

COVID is still stopping us from delivering snacks to the VA Clinic and we do not know when we will be able to take things up there. **COVID-19 restrictions will dictate what we can do but we want to go forward this year**

Thank you, Kathi Karnowski, Dept President, Auxiliary Unit 43 VP, Membership Chairman, Director of GFAV

All Post 43 & Unit 43 Members:

We are in sincere need of volunteers to distribute poppies this May. Last year, due to COVID-19 we were unable to celebrate poppies.

This year we will hand out poppies on **May 20-21-22 at Safeway and Grocery Outlet.** Most shifts are 2 hours, beginning at 9am until 6pm. **Bi-Mart on May 29**
We will need to follow any COVID-19 protocol in effect at that time.

Please call **Margy Tucker**, Poppy Chairman, at **541-963-9321**, to help fill this need for Poppy distribution volunteers.

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 shaefer62@gmail.com or Bobbie Dalgliesh at bobbie.dalg@gmail.com with your correct e-mail or mailing address.



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Have you ever noticed that in every group of friends, the shortest one is usually the craziest.

2020-2021 Sons of Legionnaires Post 43 Officers		
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Brandon Craig		Secretary
Zach Bean		Adjutant





EVENTS

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



May 4  , 11  , 18  , 25  Burger Nite 5-7pm

June 1  , 8  , 15  , 22  , 29  Burger Nite 5-7pm



Burger Nites and Dinners will be planned according to the current COVID-19 limitations

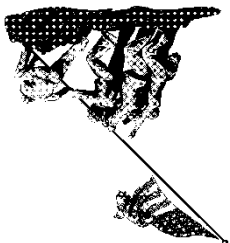
May 20-22 Poppy Days-Safeway & Grocery Outlet May 29-Bi-Mart
May 28-30 Ave of Flags Preparations

May 31 Memorial Day

June 5 Golf 'FORE' a VET, Buffalo Peak Golf Course, Union 9am

June 14 Flag Retirement Ceremony

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