



THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY STEVENS-CHUTE POST #4 and AUXILIARY BEND, OREGON



IT'S MEETING TIME !
THURSDAY, DEC. 8, 2022
6:00—9 :00 pm

UPDATE

MEETING LOCATION
The Collective
62070 SE 27th St., Bend, OR

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 to drink other than water or soda. A small donation is encouraged to help defray costs of entree and supplies. Thanks!



and do buddy and family checks to make sure all is happy and bright.

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Look forward to seeing you at the December meeting!

Commander J W Terry

TEAM LONG ROAD IN OREGON

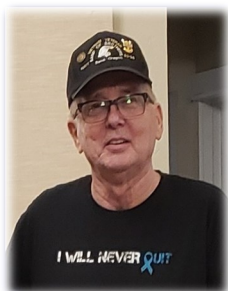
Retired Marine Sergeant Major JD Lehw is 1 of 3 Afghanistan combat Marines walking across our nation on US Hwy 20 to raise public awareness of our nation's 81,000 veterans still Missing In Action (MIA) and funds to recover more MIAs: <https://teamlongroad.com/>

If you have been following the trek across the United States by Team Long Road, you will know that they began in Boston on June 5. After five months of walking, they are now in Oregon and on the final leg of their 3,365 mile journey.

While they have only 451 miles to walk across Oregon on the Oregon Medal of Honor Highway, crossing the Cascades during winter will be a challenge.

They will be walking through Bend this weekend, and Dick Tobiason has requested that all veterans groups in Central Oregon man flaglines along US Hwy 20. Meet at the Oregon Medal of Honor Highway sign scenic turnout between Bend and Sisters. Dick will provide 200 3x5 flags to wave.

COMMANDER'S CORNER



Happy December Everyone!

We are starting one of the happiest and busiest times of year. The Auxiliary is adopting 8 families for Christmas and I hope all of Post 4 will fully support and contribute to this wonderful undertaking. It is a big

success every year, and a big Thank You to our Auxiliary.

Please keep in mind that while the holiday season is fun for most of us and our families, there are those who struggle through the holidays. Don't be afraid to reach out

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL MILITARY FAMILIES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Christmas season upon us and our Unit 4 is once again looking to help make a wonderful Christmas for some of our National Guard families that could use some help.

We have been asked to adopt 8 families in need this year, and the Post and Unit will provide funds to support this effort.

We ask that all our members donate what they can to participate. Bring a check or cash to the December 8 meeting, or mail your check payable to American Legion Auxiliary to: ALA, PO Box 7911, Bend, OR 97708.

REMEMBER OUR HOMELESS VETERANS AT CHRISTMAS

In lieu of a gift exchange between our members attending the December meeting, Unit 4 is asking each person to bring items for our homeless veterans to be distributed through COVO. Needs include gloves, socks, handwarmers, propane, and Spam canned meat.

ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

May I be one of the first to wish you all a very Blessed Christmas!

It's been a wild ride this year, and looking eagerly for a more prosperous new year.

Our membership renewal has been waning this year so far, so please send in your 2023 renewals as soon as you can. Remember, you can save a stamp and a run/walk to your mailbox by renewing online.

Thank you for all you do on the behalf of all our beloved veterans. We appreciate all of you. For God and Country,

Adjutant Vivian Shannon

MEDAL OF HONOR HIGHWAY REACHES COAST TO COAST

The Massachusetts legislature has completed its work and the bill is at the Governor's office for signature. That will complete Phase 1, the designations of all 12 state Medal of Honor Highways on US Hwy 20 between the Pacific and Atlantic

WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

Post is providing chicken enchiladas—great for a Christmas fiesta!

Members are asked to bring items to go with, i.e. chopped onion, shredded cheese, guacamole, salad, or side dish or dessert. Bring your favorite beverage.

Oceans, and the longest highway in our nation. Collectively, the 12 states honor about 60% of all 3,515 Medal of Honor recipients from all 50 states.

Phase 2 begins the moment the Governor signs the legislation: Request the US Congress to designate US Hwy 20 as National Medal of Honor Highway honoring all 3,515 Medal of Honor recipients and all future recipients from all 50 states and territories.

Post 4 member Dick Tobiason, to be credited for the success of this project, reports support at the national level of American Legion and VFW has been secured, with resolutions passed at their national 2022 conventions. Military Order of the Purple Heart and Military Officers Association of American are on record supporting federal legislation. *(Thanks to Dick Tobiason)*

NOTES FROM THE PREZ

In addition to supporting our local military families, Unit 4 members are preparing to deliver Christmas cards to resident veterans of many Bend senior living facilities.

If you have an extra supply of Christmas cards that you can donate, please bring them to the December 8 meeting. Karen Banks will be enlisting all in attendance to help sign the cards that evening.

I wish you all a Merry, safe and warm Christmas and New Year!

PS Last summer's Christmas in July was well received, so we will plan another one for the summer picnic in 2023.

Unit President Yvonne Drury



DESCHUTES MEMORIAL GARDENS TO HOLD WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CEREMONY

*REMEMBER the Fallen. . .
HONOR those who Serve. . .*

TEACH our children the value of Freedom

On December 17, 2022 at 09:00 am, Wreaths Across America will be at Deschutes Memorial Gardens to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

We are committed to ensuring the safety of our community and are not holding an indoor Wreaths Across America ceremony at our location this year. Please join us to lay veteran wreaths outdoors !

EVENTS AND OBSERVANCES

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| Dec. 1 | Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary Birthday) |
| Dec. 7 | National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day |
| Dec. 13 | US National Guard Birthday |
| Dec. 17 | National Wreaths Across America ceremonies |
| Dec. 18-26 | Hanukkah |
| Dec. 26 | Christmas Day |
| Dec. 26—Jan. 1 | Kwanzaa |
| Dec. 31 | New Years Eve |



A Merry Christmas Gift to Local Veterans

THANKING THOSE WHO SERVED

Honoring Our Local Heroes

GIFT: 300 area Veterans will be gifted with a Merry 6-7 foot Christmas Tree - A small gift, but big thank you from Rockwell American Services, Ltd.

DATE: December 4 to December 11, Noon to 5 p.m

WHERE: Pick up Tree at Fox's Tree Stand.
838 NW 5th in front of Brightside Animal Center
Redmond, Oregon

REQUIRED: - Military Discharge/Active Duty Card
- Military Spouse Current Card

Gift Given by Rockwell American Services, Ltd – A national government contractor with local offices, providing support to US troops nationally.

Contact: Questions? Contact Carolyn/carolyn@rasusa.com.



Join us Thursday, December 8 for monthly joint membership meeting!

Please contact us when we can be of assistance. We are here for you!

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