



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



IT'S MEETING TIME !
THURSDAY, JAN. 12, 2023
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!



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Happy 2023 everyone!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday filled with a lot of fun with family and friends. My apologies for the short notice on canceling last month's meeting, I promise to work on that. I would like to thank everyone involved in helping with making Christmas a good one for the five families we were able to help this year. Once again a big Thank You to the Auxiliary for leading the charge. The families received a holiday food box gift certificate, toy gifts and gift cards. Thanks Karen and Katie.

Also, 209 Christmas cards and letters were delivered to veterans in 12 retirement homes. Thanks Katie. A terrific start to our new year. Looking forward to even more fun this year. Thanks everyone and Happy New Year!

Commander J W Terry

TEAM LONG ROAD FINISHES THEIR CROSS COUNTRY WALK

After a short weather delay over the Santiam Pass, Team Long Road reached their final destination in Newport, Oregon.

The "Team Long Road" Marines walked on the 3,365 mile "Medal of Honor Highway Across America" on US Hwy 20. While they passed through Central Oregon, Sgt Maj (Ret) Justin "JD" Lehew, Sgt Maj (Ret) Coleman "Rocky" Kinzer and SSgt Ray "Shino" Shinohara were welcomed by about 40 veterans and patriots at the Medal of Honor Hwy sign between Tumalo and Sisters.

WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

The Post is providing Vivian's fantastic chicken enchiladas!

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.

Central Oregon donors raised \$2,100 to help their non-profit History Flight, Inc., locate, recover, identify and return more MIA remains to families.

Over the last 20 years History Flight has recovered 380 MIA remains with 130 returned to families. *(Thanks to Dick Tobiason)*



POST EVERLASTING

Gene Montalbano passed away on December 27 at the age of 94. He was a very proud Marine who served on active duty for two years and then in the Reserves for 25 years, retiring at the rank of Major.

He worked for the Federal Government for 40 years, as an FBI Agent and Director of Security for the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory in Schenectady, New York.

Post 4 Past Commander Jeff Lightburn said, "Gene was a key member of our Post 4 team that revitalized the Post back in 2004-2008, where they went from being an inactive Post to one that had close to 200 members. Gene served as Post Finance Officer for several years."

Gene is survived by his wife, Marcia, of 67 years and his three children, six grandchildren and families.

Besides American Legion, Gene was a parishioner of St. Francis Catholic Church and a member of the Central Oregon Military Officers Association of America and the Marine Corps League. He was also active in volunteering at the Family Kitchen, the Tower Theatre and Kids Center.

A Funeral Mass in his memory was held January 6 at the St. Francis Historic Church in downtown Bend. In lieu of Flowers, the Montalbano family requests that any donations be made to Central Oregon Veterans Outreach (COVO), 61510 S. Hwy. 97, Suite 100, Bend, OR, 97702, www.covo-us.org.

NOTES FROM THE PREZ

Greetings again from sunny (?) Arizona. If it makes you feel better when you are shoveling snow, we have had 15% lower temps here along with rain, mud, and a few sinking trucks, cars and motorhomes at the RV park! I buried a flip-flop, but we were okay.

Due to bad weather the December dinner meeting was cancelled. Vivian had her enchiladas ready to cook, so she served them to everyone at COVO the next day, who loved them. She's making another batch for this meeting, so be sure to attend and not miss out on some good cold-weather fare.

I am very proud of the Post and Unit members who worked hard to help make a happy Christmas for several local National Guard families. Thank you to all who participated.

My heartfelt condolences to Unit 4 member Marcia Montalbano and family in the loss of her husband and our good friend, Gene.

Unit President Yvonne Drury

CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, as we embark upon this new year, give us strength to live a good life of service to You, our Country, and especially to those who have served our Country.

Please help us foster Your teaching of peace and love for our fellow mankind, our community, state and nation. Keep in the forefront of our hearts all of our service men and women who are now in harms way. May they find strength in your presence in their lives.

Let us honor our departed comrades who fought the good fight to defend the Constitution of the United States. Lord grant us your grace. Amen

Unit Chaplain, Bonnie Wilkins

ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! Thank you for all those who have renewed this last month.

I want to remind everyone that there are 3 ways to renew, and that's by check, money order sent to our Post Office box, or going

online on the Legion's website. Thank you
Hope to see you Jan. 12th at our meeting.

Adjutant Vivian Shanno



QUILT RAFFLE TICKET SALES

Remember we decided that we would like to fund the purchase of Gold Star and Blue Star Families By-way markers for Greenwood Cemetery.

Bring any proceeds to the January meeting, and pick up more tickets if you are able to sell more.



Update on the By-way markers we purchased for Deschutes Memorial Gardens: the order was submitted last fall and the markers are expected to arrive this spring. We have requested a dedication date in mid-May just before Memorial Day.

Unless You've Been a Soldier

by Clive Sanders

Unless you've been a soldier,
You just won't understand.
The things that we have seen and done,
In the service of our land.
We were trained to live in combat,
And to deal with dreadful sights,
That shouldn't be seen by anyone
And keep you awake at nights.

We don't discuss the wounds we have,
To the body or the mind.
We just put our hurts behind us,
And turn our memories blind.
We are proud we served our country,
But remember those we lost.
For the freedom that you have today,
They paid the awful cost.

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RED SHIRT FRIDAY

(RED—Remembering Everyone Deployed)

Wear a red shirt on Fridays to show support of our service men and women

Join us Thursday, January 12 for monthly joint membership meeting!

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

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