

Commanders Corner

Greetings Members!

I hope all has been safe and well during this COVID-19 Pandemic. As individuals, we all must keep doing the right things to be safe. The Legion Family leadership has been meeting and working hard to get the activities on the calendar by being safe. We will continue to offer the dining in option for our food nights.

This year's Smelt Fry on April 9th, was a great success a big thanks goes to all the voluntaries that helped clean, cook, and serve. A big thanks to the students from the West Salem HS Fishing Club.

Thanks to all who attended Our 7th District American Legion Spring Conference Saturday, April 17th and huge thank you to Liz & her team for the great lunch!!

The Legion will be having the Memorial Day Program in the Village Park on May 31st starts at 1000.

Our Volunteer of the Year 2021 is Warren Moquin and Legionnaire of the Year 2021 is Douglas Schaller, congratulations to both the legionnaires.

Current needs list for our Veterans at Tomah VA:

- Clothing Items: NEW Men's Sweatpants (Small, Medium, Large); NEW Pocket t-shirts (Size Large), Tennis Shoes size 9-12, Men's underwear (Medium, Large, XL, Boxer Briefs or briefs)
- Sunglasses — hopefully Veterans will get outside with the warmer weather
- HUD-VASH— Standard bed bug proof pillowcase covers, queen size bed bug proof mattress covers, bed bug and flea laundry additive and sprays <https://www.hopkinsmedical-products.com/bags-totes/c/bed-bug-flea-spray>
- HUD-VASH— baking pans, small & Large garbage cans, pizza cutters, strainers, plastic cups, pizza pans, ice cube trays, water & Juice pitchers, Disposable Salt & Pepper Shakers (full), table top fans, bike locks, denture cream, shaving cream and razors, toilet paper
- Snacks — Little Debbie's, little Pies, oatmeal pies, rice krispie bars, Cheese balls

Our condolence goes out to the families of Ken Hiles , Ed Hemker, and John (Jack) Ebert.

I would like to wish Happy Mother's Day, enjoy this day because it's all about you!!!

Hey Legionnaires! I would like to remind you that our membership meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm.

Post Commander
Vern Tranberg

Presidents Corner

We are almost halfway through the year with the coming of May the flowers will be blooming, the grills will be firing up and we will all take some time to remember those that came before us and sacrificed so much for us to enjoy the everyday things they fought and died for. So this Memorial Day please join us at Village Park as we honor them all at Village Park and then get together at The Legion Post for a potluck and friendship. We hope to see you all there. May is Poppy Month! Your poppies have been included in the newsletter with a return envelope. Tavianna Viner is our Poppy Princess for 2020 - 2021. Our Veteran's need us more than ever again this year, so please wear your poppy with pride and continue our promise - We will never forget! Things are getting back into full swing here at the post, we sure love seeing everyone again. Remember that we hold monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at the post. This month we have the election of officers whose terms will run from June 2021 - June 2023. I have decided to run for a second term as President but would love to see others come and run for office. The slate of candidates is as follows: President - Nikki Vidal, 1st Vice - Barb Thill, 2nd Vice - Mary Schaller, Treasurer - No candidates, Chaplain - Joyce McLaughlin, Historian - Wendy Tranberg, 1st Sgt at Arms - Judy Merfeld, 2nd Sgt at Arms - Amy Moquin. If you would like to run for an officer position please let me know by Monday May 10th or come to the meeting on May 11th to state your intention as the elections will take place at the May 11th meeting. At the Past Commander/Past President Banquet Joyce McLaughlin was named Auxiliary Member of the Year - Congratulations Joyce and Thank you for all you do for our Legion Family! We appreciate you! Everyone have a wonderful May and we hope to see you at the events this month. If you haven't paid your membership for 2021 yet, please do so. If you know someone that wants to be a member bring them with you to an event. I would love to talk to them about our amazing Legion Family.

Let's live a life worth their sacrifice.

**Nikki Vidal,
Unit #51 President**

Building Committee

The Building fund back into planning mode for fundraisers to pay off the building loan. As you can see on the calendar we have a few things happening this month - We have cupcakes and flowers that we are selling for Mother's Day - Orders can be picked up at dinner Friday, May 7th, the morning of May 8th, and at The Auxiliary Breakfast on May 9th.

May 14th is Wings & Sings with the musical stylings of Kaiged Acoustical. We also are in full swing with Fish & Shrimp Night, the last Friday of every month. There are also ongoing fundraisers in the bar so swing in during an event.

We are working on quite a few upcoming events, so watch the Facebook page, website, and newsletter for some fun events.

Proceeds from last year's craft show were used to purchase some event flags to go into the flag holder on the building and at the chicken q's - they are done and will be displayed very soon to draw attention to our events.

Donations towards the building loan are always accepted and we thank everyone that has given their time and money to make our post the beautiful destination it is. Thank you to each and every one of you, we wouldn't be where we are without you and your efforts!

Nikki Vidal

SAL holds its meeting the third Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00

SAL Commander

Janes Jacobson

June Events

4-5-6 June Dairy Days/Class 65 Celebrat

7 Bingo

8 Aux Meeting 6:30

9 Ex Board or Legion 6:30

12 Graduation Party 2:00-4:00

13 Aux Breakfast 8:00-11:00

15 SAL meeting 7:00

16 Building Committee 6:30

17 40/8 6:30

18 Fish & Shrimp 5:30

20 Building Committee Breakfast

25 Fish & Shrimp 5:30

Memorial Day

The Memorial Day Service will be held in the Village Park at 10:00. There will be a potluck lunch held at the Legion Hall after the service. We hope to see you there.

Chicken Que held on May 22, 2021

Tickets for the May 22, 2021 chicken que will be available after May 2, 2021. They will be available at the Legion Hall or you may contact Mike Schaller and he will get you tickets.

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May 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 Bingo	4	5 Ex Board Mtg 6:30	6	7 Fish & Shrimp 5:30	8 Cup Cake Sale
9 Mother Day Aux Breakfast 8:00 -11:00	10 Cinco deMayo 5:30	11 Auxiliary Mtg 6:30	12 Legion Meeting 6:30	13	14 Wings/ Sings 5:30	15 Rod Staff 26th Anniversary Party 4:00
16	17	18 SAL Mtg 7:00	19 Doug. Lunch 11:00 Building Comm 6:30	20 40/8Meeting 6:30	21 Fish & Shrimp 5:30	22 Chicken Q 11:00-2:00 Park
23	24	25 WSCF 7:00	26 Blood Drive 1-6	27	28 Fish & Shrimp 5:30	29
30	31 Memorial Day Park 10:00					