

American Legion Post 83

ADA Accessible Facility for our Veterans

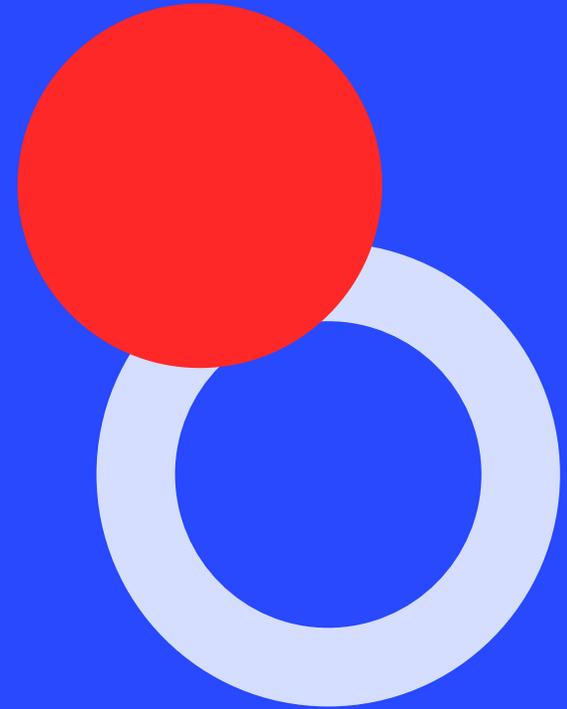


American Legion Representation:

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The American Legion's mission is to enhance the well-being of veterans, their families, the military, and communities through mutual helpfulness. We strive to support veterans in various ways, including advocating for their rights, providing services, and fostering a sense of community.



Current Facility

Historic
Farmhouse
located at 3650
River Road –
Eugene on 3
acres of beautiful
land



Current Membership



250 American Legion Post Members

4 WWII Era

15 Korean Era

148 Vietnam Era

13 Lebanon – Grenada Era

18 Persian Gulf Era

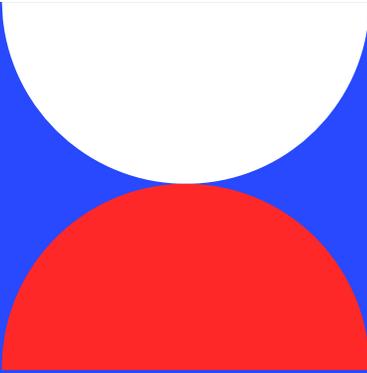
52 Other Conflict Era

246 Sons of American Legion & American Legion Auxiliary Members

American Legion Post 83: Who we are & What we do!

- Flag lines
 - Memorial Services
 - South Willamette Valley Honor Flight
 - Veterans Legacy
 - Lane County Stand down
 - Lebanon Veterans Hospital
 - Wreaths Across America
 - Patriotism in schools
- And so much more!





Current Problems

Many of our local Veterans face barriers to accessing services due to mobility limitations and the lack of ADA-compliant infrastructure in our current facility.

1 in 4 Veterans in our region lives with a service-connected disability.

Our current building lacks ramps, accessible restrooms, and automatic doors.

This limits social connection, participation in programs and creates safety risks.



Project Overview



We propose the construction of a 5,000 sq. ft. ADA-compliant building that includes:

- Single Level facility on existing property
- Wheelchair-accessible entrances and hallways
- ADA-compliant restrooms and commercial kitchen facilities
- Accessible parking and drop-off zones
- A multi-purpose room for therapy, workshops, and community events

Goal: Ensure equitable access to services for all Veterans.

Objectives:

- - Complete construction by Q1 2027
- - Increase Veteran participation in programs by 40%
- - Create daily access for camaraderie
- - Host 50+ accessible events annually



Increased capacity to serve Veterans

Improved mental health and social connection through accessible programs

Increased volunteer engagement and community partnerships

Long-term cost savings through energy-efficient, modern design

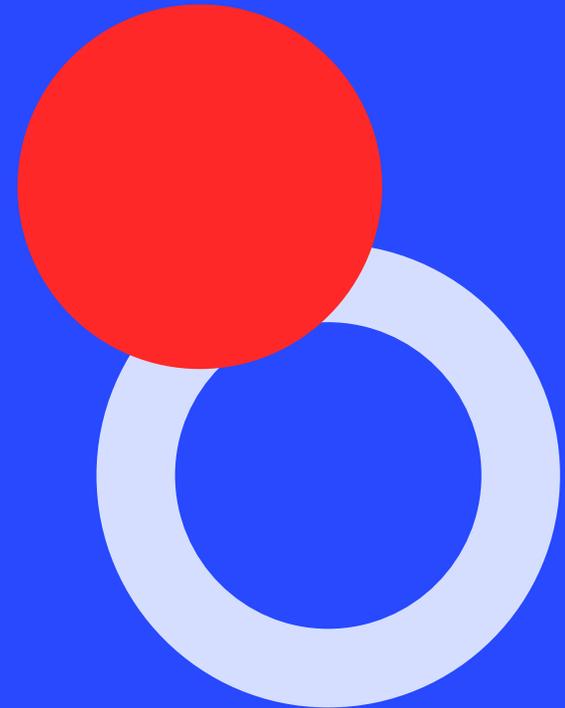


Total Project Cost: \$2.1 million

- Construction: \$1,700,000
- ADA Fixtures & Equipment: \$200,000
- Permits & Professional Fees: \$100,000
- Contingency: \$100,000

Funding

- Internal Fundraising to date: \$225,000
- In-kind Contributions: \$400,000
- Private Donor Potential: \$200,000

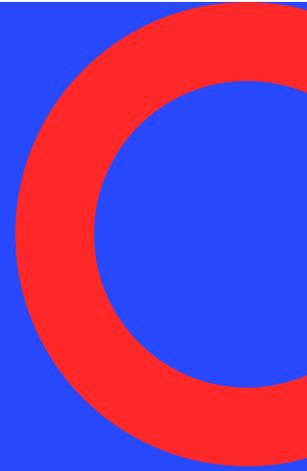


Timeline-Finances Permitting

Design & Permitting: July–December 2025

Construction Start: January 2026

Completion & Opening: January 2027



GOAL

We are seeking funding to construct an ADA-accessible facility that will serve Veterans with mobility challenges in Eugene and surrounding areas.

This capital project will ensure that all Veterans—regardless of physical ability—can access vital services, programs, and community support in a safe, inclusive environment.



We respectfully request your partnership to help bring this vital project to life. Your support will directly fund ADA-compliant construction and ensure that no Veteran is left behind due to physical barriers.



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Questions?

Call to Action



Join us in honoring our Veterans by building a space that welcomes all. Your investment will create lasting change and ensure dignity, access, and community for generations to come.

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