



North Eugene / Santa Clara Post 83



AMERICAN LEGION POST 83

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Breast Cancer Awareness Month

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER

It's been a hectic couple of months since our new group of officers were sworn in, and I wanted to take a moment to recognize what makes our post great. Conventions, fund-raisers, repair of the post, and memorial events, collaborations with others in the community, and festivals we have helped sponsor, there has been a constant buzz in our little building. For all those who are giving of their time and energy to make Post 83 as great as it is I thank you. The efforts that have been made by all involved are what makes our post what it is. We don't all have the time we would like to have and finding things that we want to get involved with can be difficult. I'm putting it out to all of the Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, Sons, and Riders, if you have the ability to

become involved even for one event your presence would be welcome.

Isolation is a problem among Veterans, we have a hard time fitting into the civilian world after spending time in an almost exclusively military one. Coming together with others who have the same values of service and community and volunteering when able is a great way to improve your outlook and give back to our post. Our calendar of events is really getting filled and with the holiday season just around the corner be on the lookout for the Christmas Tree sales volunteer sign up to begin. This is a time and labor-intensive event and spreading the help out across the post. To those who have been volunteering already I want to say thank you and know that this place wouldn't be as great as we are without you.

Events at the post are always happening, and I see that Texas Hold 'em is back on the calendar for Fridays in the lounge, Trunk or Treat starts at 4:30 pm on Halloween (FRIDAY this year!), and our monthly fish fry happens on the 17th. There are very few days where we don't have something going on so check the post calendar for events. The annual Stars and Stripes Dinner Gala is once again at the Eugene Vets Club on the 24th. That only happens once a year and you don't want to miss it.

William Vollmer

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



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HAPPY HALLOWEEN AT
AMERICAN LEGION POST 83



OCTOBER 31
4:00PM TO 6:00PM

3650 RIVER ROAD,
EUGENE, OR 97404
FOR DETAILS PHONE:
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COOKIES FOR THE TROOPS

**SUBMIT NAME TO THE
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Dues Are Now \$45

RENEW NOW!

Post 83 9/11 Memorial Service.



SONS OF THE

AMERICAN LEGION



Bill Filley
Squadron Commander

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

IT'S NOT THE PRICE YOU PAY FOR MEMBERSHIP...
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Linn County Oregon Veterans Day Parade
Date: Nov 11 2025 Time: 11:10 am - 2:30 pm Location: Albany

5 Questions

- What does your depression **feel** like?
- What do **others** do that makes it **worse**?
- What do **others** do that makes it **better**?
- What do **you** do that makes it **worse**?
- What do **you** do that makes it **better**?

BE THE ONE

FREE CONCERT IN THE PARK
OCTOBER 4TH 2025 - 4PM - 730PM
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New Building Update

I'm thrilled to share that our team has been invited to present to Senator Manning and his Committee on Emergency and Veterans Affairs at the State Capital Tuesday September 30th. This is a meaningful opportunity to advocate for financial support toward our building project, and we're hopeful that this presentation will help connect us with resources we need to continue to move forward.

While we're still waiting on the final Civil Engineering plans to be able to submit our Historic Land Use application, we've made significant progress behind the scenes. The process has reminded me just how much coordination and patience is required when dealing with city and county codes—but we're committed and moving steadily ahead.

The Stars & Stripes Gala, our biggest event of the year is just around the corner! Thanks to incredible community support, we've officially sold out all table sponsorships. We're deeply grateful to our partners and supporters who make this possible,

and we're looking forward to an inspiring and successful fundraiser.

If you'd like to contribute to the silent auction—or know a business that would like to showcase their brand—we'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to Sheila or me. We kindly ask that donated items be valued at \$150 or more. Although any smaller items, could be combined as we'll be creating themed baskets to maximize their impact.

Thank you for your continued support—it truly makes all the difference!

Monica

- To our Gala Sponsors, Thank You!**
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Ad Fee Donations Due December 31st.

Just a reminder Donation Fees for 2026 Ads are due in by this December. If you would like your Ad in next year's Newsletter, please pay by dropping a check in the white box in the lounge, give it to the bartender, or mail it to the Post. Make Note on the check "For Newsletter Ad". Provide Ad you would like or we will help develop it for you. "Thank You" for your continued support." Newsletter Editor; Hal Fletcher

Post 83 Newsletter Advertising Rate Sheet

Rates

Business Card: \$50/year
One-quarter page: \$100/year
One-half page: \$175/year
Full page: \$325/year

Business Card size is the smallest size available.

Yearly agreements and payments are due January 1st each year.

Our readership is currently over 350 Post Members and Community Supporters.

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Anniversary of the Beirut Marine Corps Barracks Bombing

On October 23, 1983, Hizballah killed 241 U.S. military personnel, including 220 Marines, 18 sailors, and three soldiers in a terrorist bombing of the Marine Corps barracks in Beirut, Lebanon. Minutes later, a second suicide bomber killed 58 French paratroopers. Six innocent Lebanese civilians also lost their lives. The abhorrent and shocking attack on the Beirut barracks remains to this day the single deadliest day for the U.S. Marine Corps since the Battle of Iwo Jima.

Today, forty-two years later, we mourn those service members of the Multinational Force in Lebanon lost in both attacks and we honor their legacy. We think of their families and friends, who continue to feel the painful absence of loved ones.

As we reflect on this day, and in light of the ongoing challenges in Lebanon and the region, we should all want a brighter future for Lebanon, the Lebanese people, and the broader Middle East.

Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation by George Washington: "If You Cough, Sneeze, Sigh, or Yawn, do it not Loud but Privately; and Speak not in your Yawning, but put Your handkerchief or Hand before your face and turn aside."



Thankyou Lutz Crew for trimming our trees out back and hauling all the brush off.

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American Legion Post 83 OCTOBER EVENTS

GAME NIGHT EVERY WEDNESDAY IN OCTOBER

FIRE PIT FRIDAYS ARE BACK! 

TEXAS HOLD'EM  **OCTOBER 10TH & 17TH 5PM – 9PM**

Fish Fry "Third Friday" 
October 17th - 4pm – 7pm

 **VRB BREAKFAST SUNDAY**
OCTOBER 19TH, 9 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

SUNDAY FUNDAY BUILDING FUND RAISER, IN LOUNGE
BINGO  **OCTOBER 19TH, 2:30PM**

STARS & STRIPES Dinner Gala
Eugene Vets Club, October 24th @ 6pm

Trunk or Treat  **OCTOBER 31ST 4:30 TO 6:30**
CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED!

POST 83 HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY, BRING FINGER FOOD
PRIZES & MUSIC BY THE SURVIVORS, OCTOBER 31, 8PM-12PM 

Meetings, Meals, and Observances

Meetings

- SAL: October 2, 6:30pm
- E-Board: October, 9:30pm
- Entertainment: October 21, 5:30pm
- Auxiliary: October 21, 7:00pm
- 40/8: October 15, 6:30pm
- New Building: October 16, 5:30pm
- Post General: October 16, 7:00pm
- Riders: October 23, 6:30pm

Meals

- Fish Fry: **Third Friday** October. 17, 4 – 7pm
- VRB Breakfast: October 19, 9am to Noon

Military Observances

- Breast Cancer Awareness Month: October
- Columbus Day: October 13
- U.S. Navy (USN) Birthday: October 13
- Day of the Deployed: October 26
- Navy Day: October 27



The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veteran's organization. Focusing on service to veterans, service members and communities, the Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States. If you have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941 and have been honorably discharged or are still serving - you are eligible for membership in The American Legion! Because eligibility dates remain open, all active-duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible to join The American Legion at this time, until the date of the end of hostilities as determined by the government of the United States.



In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace, and security. Membership is open to all women and spouses of active/veteran military of the United States who have a direct relative who has served (mother, father, grandmother/father, sibling, spouse, etc.) who has served in the U.S Military.



Sons of the American Legion support The American Legion in promoting a wide variety of programs. Sons assist their posts in activities such as Veterans programs, Veterans Administration home and hospital volunteerism, Children Youth projects and fundraising, and the Child Welfare Foundation. Members have volunteered over 1.3 million hours to date in Veterans Hospitals throughout the country and raised over 2.5 million dollars that have gone directly to VA hospitals and VA homes for a variety of items including TVs, radios, medical equipment, and clothing for the patients. Sons are male descendants of men who have served in the military.



American Legion Riders chapters are well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, veteran's homes, severely wounded servicemembers and scholarships. Currently, over 110,000 American Legion Riders meet in over 2,000 chapters in every domestic department and in at least three foreign countries. All members of The American Legion Riders shall be current members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion.



ALA Junior members volunteer with other girls in their age group in many engaging activities: • Learning about patriotism and how to show respect for the American flag. Distributing poppies and raising awareness, especially on Memorial Day and Veterans Day, so our veterans know we care about them • Practicing leadership by organizing service projects • Earning service patches while learning about ALA programs • Demonstrating responsibility for future. Juniors is a program of the American Legion Auxiliary.



***For information about joining one of our family groups,
please send an email to:***

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Veterans Resources
SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED



The Trauma Healing Project: 541-687-9447 / <https://healingattention.org/> We envision a vibrant and connected community where anyone impacted by violence, abuse or other trauma receives the support and attention they need to fully recover and to reach their highest potential. We work with community members, professionals, and organizations to raise awareness and to identify, develop, support, and promote many options for healing and for preventing trauma.

Community Supported Shelters: 541-683-0836 / <https://communitysupportedshelters.org/> Fostering opportunities for community development, and safe, functional shelter for those experiencing homelessness. CSS is leading the way on shelter options for individuals experiencing homelessness. They build sturdy Conestoga Hut shelters that are pleasing to the eye, create caring and collaborative communities, and provide extensive support that empowers clients to stabilize and rebuild their lives. You can view their most recent newsletter here: https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Read-The-Latest-From-Community-Supported-Shelters.html?soid=1113181372072&aid=AgesJua4_3g

Senior & Disability Services (Lane Co.): 541-682-3353 / <https://www.lcog.org/sdslane> S&DS has a program manager dedicated to helping veterans in our community to understand and receive benefits they need (not just VA) such as help with meals, doctor visits, money management services, housing, etc. Clients will be interviewed both via phone and in-person when possible.

Returning Veterans Project RVP serves Veterans in Oregon and SW Washington: 503-954-2259
<https://returningveterans.org/news/news/support-for-our-afghanistan-veterans/783/>

Recent events in Afghanistan serve as a poignant reminder that for untold numbers of these veterans and family members, the lifelong battle for physical and mental health is just beginning. Many current and former service members are struggling to process their service and experiences in the Afghanistan theater, and beyond, considering the U.S. withdrawal. Questions about the meaning of their service and sacrifices, and those of their fellow service members, are very normal, but very real and often very difficult to contend with.

Vets4Warriors: 855-838-8255 / <https://www.vets4warriors.com/>

Vets4Warriors is a one-of-a-kind 24/7 peer support network. Originally supported by the National Guard Bureau and the U.S. Department of Defense, today Vets4Warriors operates independently of the U.S. military, complementing official government resources available to service members and veterans. We are committed to ensuring that all veterans, service members, their families, and caregivers always have direct and immediate access to a peer who understands their life experiences and the challenges they face, and can provide support whenever they confront an issue, wherever they are in the world.

Lane County St. Vincent de Paul: 541-687-5820

<https://www.svdp.us/what-we-do/affordable-housing/supportive-services-veteran-families/>

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) is a program at St. Vincent de Paul which connects Veterans experiencing homelessness and those at risk of homelessness with the resources they need to become or remain permanently housed. Sponsored by a grant from the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), SSVF provides financial assistance and case management services to help Veterans navigate and overcome barriers to housing and to support their housing stability.

The Eugene Mission: 541-344-3251 / <https://www.eugenemission.org/>

We are not a homeless shelter in the traditional sense. While we certainly provide our guests with food and shelter – and do so with an abundance of God’s love – the Eugene Mission’s goal is to provide holistic long-term solutions that lead to the long-term wellness of our guests in Eugene/Springfield.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF LANE AND SOUTH COAST COUNTIES / ALASKA: (541) 338-4521 <https://goodwill-oregon.org/veteranservices/> Often the most difficult hurdle for applicants to obtain a copy of their DD-214, but we are able to guide them on how to get it. Once they are determined eligible, they can access a wide range of benefits, training and career counseling that can support them in reaching the stability of being ready to work. We refer to and work closely with the SSVF (Supportive Services for Veterans and Families) at St. Vincent DePaul for veteran housing.