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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

POST 180 NEWS

Hello to my fellow Legion Members. I want to take this opportunity to thank last year's officers for the Post, Auxiliary, Riders and Sons of the American Legion. Your volunteer efforts are appreciated; we can't operate the Post without your dedicated efforts. I want to thank those of you who have agreed to hold an office in the new year. When you see them, please extend your thanks too. If you haven't already volunteered and would like to help in some way, please contact one of the officers or other volunteers and let them know you are willing to take on a task. We always need someone to help weed the front planter bed, or help with a maintenance projects, etc. Whatever your talent, we can put you to work for a few hours. There are a lot of events happening, so be sure to check your newsletter calendars and/or follow us on our Facebook page.

Yours truly, Chuck Leverton, Commander

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Here we are at the end of 2023/2024. We have our elections on May 2nd, 2024 for new officers so please come and vote for our candidates. May is a busy month with Mother's Day and District 8 caucus, which is where the incoming president and vice president are nominated on May 21st at Milwaukie Post 180 at 6:30pm. This year has gone by fast but I've enjoyed all that the auxiliary has done. All our officers have done an excellent job on all events. Post, Auxiliary, Sons, and ALR came together to help with all the

events that were held at the post and what a wonderful team we belong to. The state convention is June 12th at the Mill Casino in Coos Bay. It's been so nice being your president for the 2023/2024 year we work well together and I look forward to seeing everyone when I enter the post. So proud of all we do for our veterans their families and community.

President Trudie McGriff, 180s Unit President



All breakfast sales support the Corporal Diffie Veterans Fund (a non-profit fund of the American Legion Milwaukie Post 180). The Corporal Diffie Veterans Fund was established in 2019 and provides sponsoring police agency patrol officers immediate access to funds to help veterans or their dependents with emergency assistance during times of crisis, or when experiencing the 'GAP' to services. The Corporal Diffie Veterans Fund provides assistance at the front end of the problem, curtailing the crisis and closing the gap to services by providing food, clothing, temporary shelter assistance or other basic needs until veteran resources at the Federal, State or County level can respond, approve, and provide the long-term solutions the veteran has earned and qualifies for.

The CDVF Pancake breakfast has more than just breakfast. Every teenager/adult breakfast ticket purchased has a chance to win from a large selection of awesome prizes (hand/power tools, gift baskets, collectibles, and more). All prizes donated by local businesses and friends of the Corporal Diffie Veterans Fund. Thanks to our friends at the Military Vehicle Collectors Club of Oregon, this year's breakfast will have an M3 STUART TANK in the parking lot. Don't miss the chance to see one of these bad boys up close and personal! Returning for a second year, Mr. Buckles Vietnam Veteran & POW/MIA themed HUMVEE and Strike a pose! Don't miss out on the PHOTO BOOTH with military props for the kids to put on - free photos you'll treasure for a lifetime!

Buy Tickets here: https://go.rallyup.com/cdvfbreakfast2024/Campaign/Details

Date/Time: May 18, 2024 from 9 am-1 pm

Location: Milwaukie American Legion Post 180, 2146 SE Monroe St. Milwaukie, OR 97222

What is the CDVF?

Milwaukie resident – U.S. Marine Corps Combat Veteran Samuel Diffie, served two tours in Afghanistan as a rifleman (SAW Gunner) and came from a family history of military service dating back to the birth and formation of our great country. Samuel felt a deep desire to continue that selfless tradition of service by joining the U.S. Marine Corps in his early twenties. After completing his training, Samuel was deployed to Afghanistan (1st tour) with 3/2 (3rd Battalion – 2nd Marines). He would return home from that deployment finding himself driven by an inner sense of duty and desire to mentor fellow Marines not yet exposed to the trials of war. Samuel would request and be granted transfer to 3/8 (3rd Battalion - 8th Marines) and was soon thereafter deployed back to Afghanistan with his new 3/8 family.

After completion of his honorable service overseas, Samuel moved to Oregon and settled down in the City of Milwaukie. Samuel explained his desire to live in the Northwest and his appreciation for its natural beauty stemmed from a previous fishing trip years prior. It was not uncommon for Samuel to be the first to point out the wondrous landscape and scenery that surrounds the area.

As a Combat Veteran, Samuel would experience the troublesome GAP between the need for Veteran services and their inability to quickly respond with resources and solutions. It was during such a time in June of 2017, that the Milwaukie Police and the Clackamas County Fire Department would meet Samuel. In their combined effort to help, basic needs were provided by police officers and firefighters to temporarily get Samuel by until Veteran resources could be obtained. However, additional follow up with Samuel and the V.A. revealed that resources he was eligible for could not react fast enough to resolve the medical and lodging issues he faced. It also exposed a desperate need for local emergency funds to assist Veterans facing dire circumstances. This is the acknowledged "GAP" before Veteran services can become engaged that Samuel himself hoped for future solutions to. Sadly, Samuel would unexpectedly pass in January of 2018 from natural causes related to his injuries, and was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery with full honors.

In memory of Samuel's expressed desire to close the GAP before Veteran services are available, and in response to the recognized lead times required and routinely experienced by Veterans seeking assistance at the Federal, State, and County levels, the Milwaukie American Legion Post 180 partnered with the Milwaukie Police Department's Veterans Resource Team to establish the "Cpl. Diffie Veterans Fund". One-hundred percent of fundraising profits and donations received go directly towards helping local Veterans in need, by bridging the troublesome GAP until assistance and solutions can be procured through existing Federal, State, County, or other Veteran resources.

S.A.L. SQUADRON MESSAGE:



Greetings American Legion Family!

Let's talk membership numbers! Squadron 180 is only 12 members away from hitting our goal. That's great! Let's keep working on getting our friends renewed who haven't yet. We currently have 112 of our 124 membership goal. That goal was set one member higher than what we had last year. Thank you to all the members who have already renewed.

I want to congratulate anyone running for office, as it's a big deal just to get nominated. I want to wish all the victors good luck in their upcoming positions.

With this being my last newsletter article I want to thank a couple of people who I could not have done what I have done in this organization without. First off, I want to thank LJ. Thank you for being there when I need help with an event or just a friend to talk to. Secondly, I want to thank Ward. Thank you for all you have done not only for me but for the American Legion family as a whole if it wasn't for your help I don't know where I would be at today.

Lastly, I want to just thank all the members for everything you've done. There are so many of you out there who have supported me and the Sons of The American Legion in so many ways. **THANK YOU!**

Marc Chaney, Squadron Commander



National Poppy Day May 24, 2024

Poppy Day is celebrated in countries around the world. The American Legion Family brought National Poppy Day to the United States by asking Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day, as National Poppy Day. On the Friday before Memorial Day, wear a red poppy to honor the fallen and support the living who have worn our nation's uniform.



The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World

War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms.

Led by the American Legion Auxiliary, each year members of The American Legion Family distribute poppies with a request that the person receiving the flower make a donation to support the future of veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families with medical and financial needs.

Just a note from the 180 Auxiliary Poppy Committee. We will be at the Milwaukie Safeway on King Road, Saturday May 18th and Sunday May 19th 10am-2pm. We will also have a table at the Corporal Diffie Veterans fundraiser on May the 18th.

Please stop by either location, say hello and get your Poppy!!

Thank you for your support.

Patti Webb and Judy Craig, Auxiliary 180 Poppy Committee.

"Let's Ride"



Wanted to thank all of you who have been down, enjoying the meals like Teri's Monday Dinners, Family Breakfasts, Taco Squad Taco Tuesdays, Padres and Bob's Wing Wednesday, Thursday Night Bartenders Choice, and of course our periodic Friday Night Dinners. On that same note huge shout out to all those who have coordinated all the events and functions as well as the volunteers who help make it happen. Our Post 2nd Vice Sharon needs to be acknowledged for all her tireless work of lounge operations, keeping entertainment in the mix, whether its Karaoke, Live bands or our seasonal special events.

On March 26 our annual spring ALR fundraiser ended Sold tickets for a chance to win Blazer tickets (donated by Mike Harryman) and of course our popular Wagon "Contents" (also put together by the Riders) Yours and others participation raised \$775 and a chunk of those proceeds went to the Post Service Officers fund. The winners of the ALR Spring Fundraisers were Susan Wonderly for the Wagon and Dona Wagner for the Blazer Tickets.

May 18th is the annual CPL Diffie fundraising breakfast. Please consider coming down to support the event. We can also use donations for drawing Baskets, if you know of any corporate organization who would be interested in supporting this great cause please give them my contact information. See the bigger details about the event on page 2 of this newsletter.

On May 20th a few of our riders will join a bigger group (led by Post 10 and 75) and assist in escorting the "Wall of Honor" to Ontario, where Idaho Riders will take over as it makes its way to New Mexico. June 19-20 is another opportunity to take part in a nationwide escort of "One Flag to 50 States" the Patriot Tour. Like last year, we will accept the flag from Eugene Post 83 and escort it to Pasco, WA Post 34. John Blum was identified to be our flag barer.

ALR is sponsoring Clackamas High Schools Softball Fundraiser on May 11th. It will be a Spaghetti Dinner, immediately after, a Texas Holden Tournament coupled with a Silent Auction for several high dollar items. The event is open to all comers. I encourage those who might be interested in participating, to bring your friends and come on down have some fun with a chance to win. Helping our community youth be successful now, will benefit us all in the future. Please see page 8 for more details.

Finally, wanted to give a shout out to Kristi Redford for all on her tireless efforts for the Kids Easter Egg hunt and party. We estimated close to 300-400 kids of all ages. It could not have been pulled off without the countless numbers of volunteers from all 4 of our Post families.

Please consider coming down and supporting these events and help get us back to the days of high event attendance, fun and laughs (remember "with more we soar").

Mike Lueck, ALR Director and Post 1st Vice Commander





For the most recent and up to date information, check out American Legion Post 180 Milwaukie Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/ ALPost180MilwaukieOR



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LEGION MAY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			Wing Wednesday 5:30-7:00pm	Post/Aux Mtgs 6:30pm Bartender Special		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Blood Drive
BINGO 2-4pm	Teri's Special Burger, Salad & Dessert 5:30-7pm HAPPY HOUR Monday	TACO TUESDAY 5:30-7:00pm	Honor Guard Meeting 6:30pm	AL Riders Mtg 6:30pm Bartender Special	Karaoke 7-10pm	8:30 am -1 pm Clackamas HS Softball Fundraiser 5 pm - UC
Mother's Day 12	13	14	15	16	17	Armed Forces 18
Breakfast 9:00am-Noon BINGO 2-4pm	Teri's Special Burger, Salad & Dessert 5:30-7pm HAPPY HOUR Monday		Wing Wednesday 5:30-7:00 pm	SAL Mtg & Aux Volunteer Mtg 6:30pm Bartender Special	Pork Chop Dinner 5:30-7:30 pm Nikki Jones Live Music 6:30-9:30pm	CPL Diffie Pancake Fundraiser Breakfast 9am-1:00pm
19 BINGO 2-4pm	Teri's Special Burger, Salad & Dessert 5:30-7pm HAPPY HOUR Monday	District 8 Caucus 6:30pm (No Taco Tuesday)	22	23 Bartender Special	24 Karaoke 7-10pm	25
26 Breakfast 9:00am-Noon BINGO 2-4pm	Memorial Day 27 Teri's Special Burger, Salad & Dessert 5:30-7pm HAPPY HOUR Monday	28	Wing Wednesday 5:30-7:00pm	30 Post E Board Mtg 6:30 pm Bartender Special	31	

LEGION JUNE 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						Blood Drive 8am-1pm Bill's Meatloaf Dinner 5:30-7:00 pm
2	3	4	5	D- Day 6	7	8
BINGO	Teri's Special Burger, Salad & Dessert 5:30-7pm	TACO		Post/Aux Mtgs 6:30pm	Newsletter articles due!	Installation of Officers 1pm
2-4pm	HAPPY HOUR Monday	5:30-7:00pm		Bartender Special	Karaoke 7-10pm	
9 Breakfast 9:00am-Noon	Teri's Special Burger, Salad & Dessert 5:30-7pm	11	1 2 Honor Guard Mtg 6:30pm	13 AL Riders Mtg 6:30pm	US Flag Day 14 Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	15
BINGO 2-4pm	HAPPY HOUR Monday		Wing Wednesday 5:30-7:00pm	Bartender Special	Lloyd Jones Live Music: 6:30-9:30pm	
Father's Day 16 BINGO 2-4pm	Teri's Special Burger, Salad & Dessert 5:30-7pm HAPPY HOUR Monday	TACO TUESDAY 5:30-7:00pm	Juneteenth 19	20 SAL Mtg & Aux Volunteer Mtg 6:30pm Bartender Special	21 SAL McLegion Pork Sandwiches 5:30-7pm Karaoke 7-10pm	22
Breakfast 9:00am-Noon BINGO 2-4pm 30 BINGO 2-4pm	Teri's Special Burger, Salad & Dessert 5:30-7pm HAPPY HOUR Monday	25	Wing Wednesday 5:30-7:00pm	Post E-board 6:30pm Bartender Special	28	29

From the Pulpit:

It's 12 April 2024 as I write this article, and how times flies. Spring is here awaiting June 20th (Longest Day of the Year) for Summer to officially start. The months of May and June are so full of things to do. Family get togethers, Reunions, BBQ's, picnics, going to the coast, and just enjoying the weather. But in the Military there are also things to remember for the common good. In May the 10th remembers Military Spouses appreciation Day, the 12th is Mothers Day, the 18th is Armed Forces Day, then Memorial Day occurs with groups and troops placing flags on all veterans graves from 24-26 at many National, and Pioneer cemeteries through out our area (Our Scout Troops, T-144 and T5144 will be placing flags at Willamette National Cemetery the 24th with a large ceremony at the outside amphitheater at 6 PM and they are asking for help, call Joe Keller at 503-702-9657 if you can help). I will be praying for good weather.

In June things also begin to develop to keep us busy. The 6th of June is the Anniversary of World War Two (a learning lesson to all ages). Then there's a fun one named National Donut Day followed by the 14th, which has several meaning and activities related to them all. The 14th brings us Flag Day, the United States Army Birthday, 249 years of service to the nation, and the last Oregon's Birthday (165 years old founded in 1859-33rd State in the Union, 9th largest, 27th populist state). The 16th is Fathers Day, a newer holiday is the 19th, for Juneteenth, once again the 20th is the beginning of Summer, and on the 27th it is National PSTD Awareness Day. Now if you look them all up you will find a celebration being planned some where and a reason for that. In the mean time do not forget the American Legion Post for we like to see you come to our functions, ceremonies, and get togethers too. We also like to see more volunteers to help at those events, plus help our veterans in need.

The one thing I would like to ask that during the times mentioned above, remember to thank God for the day, getting home and enjoying the day itself. It is always nice to remember our servicemen and servicewomen overseas, along our borders, training and stationed at many military centers, and flying over us each day and night to thank them and ask God for helping them and watching over them. Remember to always love your Family, your Neighbor, your friend, yourself, and the Lord in every thing you do.

Enjoy your summer, be well and safe. God bless you all.

Chaplain Jerry Craig

The Post Honor Guard needs your help.

The Post Honor Guard is seeing an increase in requests for assistance at business, other openings for Color Guard, as well as funerals for Military Honors programs. This is not only for veterans of all services, but for the community overall. Most activities are during the week or in the evening, but some on weekends.

We can help with the uniforms, if needed. We provide the training needed. **WE NEED YOU!** contact **Jerry Craig,** (503-723-9988) for additional information.









Join us for a night of fun!

SPAGHETTI DINNER_& POKER TOURNAMENT

Hosted by: Clackamas Softball Booster Club

Saturday, May 11

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ALL AGES



Friday June 16th 6:30-9:30pm

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ALL SCHEDULED EVENTS LISTED ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE:

MAY

5/3 Karaoke 7-10 pm
5/11 Blood Drive 8:00 am-1:00 pm
5/11 Clackamas HS Softball Fundraiser 5:00 pm
Spaghetti Dinner and Texas Holdem Tournament 7 pm
5/17 Live Music Nikki Jones Band 6:30-9:30 pm
Jennifer's Pork Chop Dinner 5:30-7 pm
5/19 CDL Diffic Danacks Brookfast Fundraiser Com 1 pm

5/18 CPL Diffie Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser 9am-1pm **5/31** Karaoke 7-10 pm

JUNE

6/1 Blood Drive 8:00 am-1:00 pm Bill's Meatloaf Dinner 5:30-7 pm **6/7** Karaoke 7-10 pm

6/14 Lloyd Jones 6:30-9:30pm Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner 5:30-7:30 PM

6/21 SAL McLegion Pork Sandwiches 5:30-7pm Karaoke 7-10 pm

Ongoing meals at Post 180:

Please spread the word and bring a friend down!

Mondays: Teri's Special
May and June.- Burgers, salad & Dessert
5:30-7pm every Monday

Tuesdays: Taco Tuesday
5:30-7:00pm
*Every other Tuesday, but not May 21st

Wednesday: Chicken Wings 5:30pm-7:00pm *Every other Wednesday, see calendar

Thursdays: Bartender Special

Sunday: Breakfast 9:00am-Noon *Every other Sunday, see calendar

We are always looking for volunteers and cooks. Volunteers make our meals possible. Sign up sheets are under the white board by the kitchen.

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Size	Single	Year (6)	Single	Year (6)	
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3.0"x2.67"	\$ 15.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 22.50	\$ 112.50	
4"x5.25"	\$ 20.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 175.00	
8"x5.25"	\$ 40.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 300.00	

2022-2023 Auxiliary Officers

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Chaplain: Kathy Cleveland (503) 348-4607

Historian: Vacant

Month

January

March

Executive Board: Judy Craig, Judy Muehe, Kathy Williams

MEETING Dates and Times

Post and Auxiliary Meetings on the 1st Thursday of each month:

May 2nd & June 6th @ 6:30PM

ALR Meetings on the 2nd Thursday each month

May 9th & June13th @ 6:30PM

S.A.L. & AUX Volunteer Meeting on the 3rd Thursday each month:

May 16th & June 20th @ 6:30PM

Post E-Board Meetings Last Thursday each month.

May 30th & June 27th @ 6:30 PM

Honor Guard Meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month

May 8th & June 12th @ 6:30pm

Donate Blood Reservations Required



8:00am-1pm



May 11th June 1st July 6th August 3rd September 7th October 5th November 2nd December 7th

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