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**Post Meeting
Begins at NOON
on Saturday
June 11, 2016**

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LEGION BASEBALL Opening

**Monday June 13
Doc's vs
Portland Barbers
@ Liberty HS 5PM

**HOME OPENER
Wednesday June 15
Doc's vs Grants Pass
Legion Field 6PM**



Living History Day

Roseburg High School Hosts the Annual Event



Over 30 Veterans participated in this years 'Living History Day' at Roseburg High School. The annual event at the High School bring students and veterans together for a close encounter on military history. Students got the opportunity to hear stories first hand from veterans who served from WWII to the current time, and in all branches of the service. There was even a WWII "Rosie the Riveter" who participated this year.

If you are interested in participating in next years event, contact our Post Finance officer and event coordinator Dirk Kruysman.

American Legion Baseball 2016 Season Opens

Doctor Stewart American Legion Baseball had tryouts for the 2016 season on Sunday May 22nd. First home game is June 15th.

Going to press without a team roster , we still know that the season schedule is out there and that there will soon be a link to 541Radio.com The Score. You'll be able to hear the games live and follow the Doc's season at Brooke Comm.

For those with Facebook, you can get the latest information on the Doc's page at: <https://www.facebook.com/docsbaseball/?fref=nf>

Post Building gets a Lighting Upgrade

Oregon Energy Trust Helps with Grant

For the past number of years the florescent lighting ballasts have systematically failed, and the tubes continue to burn out.

With ballasts becoming obsolete, and with some investigation into the viability of upgrading to LED lighting, the executive board put a bid out to two local electrical contractors. With the Post being used on an average of more than 40 hours a week, and qualifying for a Grant; we're pleased to announce that Better Way Electric will be doing the upgrade to LED lighting in both meeting rooms, the kitchen and the offices.

After an Oregon Energy Trust rebate, the cost of the project will be around \$1,600. The annual savings is estimated to be around \$500. With better and more efficient lighting, there will be a return on the investment in a little over 3 years.



Light Emitting Diode

Final 2 Offices filled

The two final officer positions were filled at the Post's May meeting.

We're pleased to announce that Bud Bessey was elected as Service Officer and Bob Smith elected as Sergeant at Arms.

We want to thank Bud and Bob for stepping up to assume their positions for the upcoming year.



Bessey Smith

Diamond Lake Fishing

Wed. June 15th 7AM-2PM marks the 4th annual Diamond N Vets event at Diamond Lake.

All veterans have to do is find transportation up and back from Diamond lake and have a current fishing license. Licenses will be available for purchase at the Diamond Lake resort.

Following the fishing, a free BBQ will be provided at the Lodge. With space limited call Dick Kreger at 541-670-1384 or Ken Rice at 541-520-5514 to secure a spot on a boat. If you are willing to use your boat for the event, let Dick or Ken know.



The Officers of the Post thought it would be fitting to incorporate a monthly section honoring those members who have been called from our mist and have gone to report to Post Everlasting.

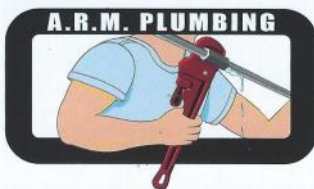
This month it is our sad duty to report that Rasmon Wiestock and Donald Roy have been called from our mist.

We would also like to pay honor to a longtime American Legion Auxiliary member and wife of one of our former Commanders Vivian Nelson. Dale's wife Vivian was called to Post Everlasting on Sunday May 16th.

Our sincere condolences to all the families and friends of those who were called from our mist.

When checking on, or filing a VA Claim, Note the New VSO Hours of Operation.

DOUGLAS COUNTY VETERAN SERVICES
 Every Monday, 10am - New Claim sign-up
 Mondays, 1pm-4pm - Walk-in
 Tuesday thru Thursday, 8:30am-4pm - By appointment only
 Friday - Closed
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 (800) 224-1619 x4219 Douglas County Courthouse
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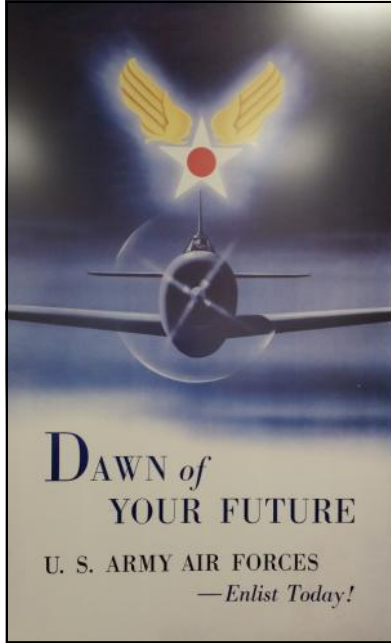
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Two vintage recruiting posters from WWII Era.

Military Humor



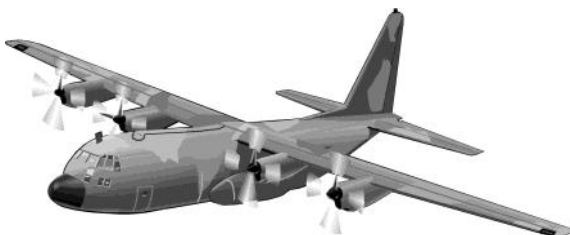
A C-130 was lumbering along when a cocky F-16 flashed by. The jet jockey decided to show off.

The fighter jock told the C-130 pilot, 'watch this!' and promptly went into a barrel roll followed by a steep climb.

He then finished with a sonic boom as he broke the sound barrier. The F-16 pilot asked the C-130 pilot what he thought of that. The C-130 pilot said, 'that was impressive, but watch this!' The C-130 droned along for about 5 minutes and then the C-130 pilot came back on and said: 'What did you think of that?'

Puzzled, the F-16 pilot asked, 'What the heck did you do?'

The C-130 pilot chuckled. 'I stood up, stretched my legs, walked to the back, took a bathroom break, then got a cup of coffee and a cinnamon roll.'



WWII Veterans Named Grand Marshals

The Douglas County Veterans Day parade Committee have named WWII Veterans and them alone as Grand Marshals for this years Douglas County Veterans Day Parade. "Oregon's Greatest Veterans Day Parade" will be held in downtown Roseburg on Friday November 11th at 1100 AM.

The theme for this years parade is *"Honoring our Veterans of the Greatest Generation"*.

The Parade committee is looking for volunteers, if are willing to help, the committee meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 3PM in the Veterans Service Office conference room.

Police Officer Memorial Ceremony



Law enforcement officers from local agencies stand in front of the Douglas County Courthouse on Tuesday May 17th for the annual Police Officer Memorial Day ceremony.

Around one hundred people showed up to pay honor to the thousands of law enforce officers who have been killed in the line of duty. Another 200 officers, first responders and elected officials stood beside the other citizens honoring those who have paid the ultimate price for maintaining our safety here in our country.

Douglas County Sherriff John Hanlin said that "he was proud to stand along side our valiant officers, family members as we salute those who we are missing today".

On October 1, 1962 President John Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Post Hosts ODVA



Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs Woman's Veterans Coordinator Elizabeth Estabrooks addresses Veterans and community partners at a recent meeting on Woman Veterans issues at the Post.

Quarterly Memorial Service



One of the years largest crowds gathered at the Roseburg National Cemetery to pay honor and respect to veterans who did not get proper military honors funeral.

Jim Little read the names of the deceased veterans who were processed through the National Cemetery. 8 bells were rung by the Oregon Women Veterans Association, a three gun volley and taps from the VFW Dist. 12 Honor Guard, and Amazing Grace performed by Piper Heidi Woods. Dirk Kruysman read words honoring those who put on the uniform of the United States of America. The folding of coffin flag was performed by the Oregon National Guard. The US Flag was presented to US Senator Ron Wyden's Veterans Representative Molly McCarthy Skundrick.

Rifle Raffle Fundraiser



This time it's a Henry Big Boy .38/.357 Magnum—Octagon barrel



Tickets are available at the Post Monday's and Friday's from Noon to 3. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Veterans Day Breakfast on November 11th. Need not be present to win.

Flag Donated



The United States Submarine Veterans Incorporated (USSVI) donated an organization flag to the Post. The flag is hanging on the wall in the South meeting room and joins other flags that are on display.

The flag was presented to Post 16 officers during the April Douglas County Veterans Forum meeting from USSVI President Chuck Pratt.

Thank You USSVI Veterans !



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Larry Hill

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Dirk Kruysman

Chaplain



Ted Blann

Sgt. At Arms Service Officer



Bob Smith



Bud Bessey

Historian



Kirk Conner

JAG



Doug Page

Meeting Attendance

Where were you? At our last monthly meeting, the Post officers outnumbered the members in attendance. Apathy and passivity are running rampant across the board in the Department. All American Legion posts rely on active membership to sustain, grow and preserve their posts. Active members are the life blood of the organization. Some feel that paying their dues is sufficient – not really.

The average attendance at regular post meetings in the Department runs between 3 and 5% of the paid up membership. Posts having attendance at or above the 10% level are fortunate. 10% attendance at Post 16 is approximately 28 members. 5% is 14 members.

There are 672 hours in a 30 day month. Our meetings run less than an hour followed a luncheon. So one hour or less travel time and the meeting would be 2 hours a month out of your schedule for the Legion. Need transportation? Call us at the post for assistance. We will be waiting to see you next month. Try it you'll like it.

Adjutant Larry Hill



The Post announced last month that we are sponsoring 4 Boys and 2 Girls to this years Boys and Girls State. We are pleased to let our Post members know that we added one more Girl and one more Boy. Totaling 5 Boys and 3 Girls.

We added Dystini Schuster, Junior from RHS to the roster with Sophia Garcia, and McKenzie Vogel.

We also added Caleb Poteet from RHS with his fellow Juniors Benjamin Swanson and Camron Wright, along with Jacob Maynes from Glide HS, and Ryan Daniels from Douglas HS.

Applications are closed at Post 16. Any other student interested in attending will be added to an alternate list.

Plan on attending our September Post meeting and hear first hand from the students as they share their experiences at Girls and Boys State.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> American Legion Post 62 7:00 PM Reedsport	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> Post Open 1-3	<i>4</i> Sea Cadets @ the Post
<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> D-Day 1944 Post Open 1-3	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> FLEET RESERVE 328 6PM @ the Post	<i>10</i> Post Open 1-3 DCVF Executive Board Meeting 1200 @ Post 16	<i>11</i> POST 16 MEETING AND LUNCHEON @ NOON
<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> Post Open 1-3 American Legion Post 152 3:30pm Oakland City Hall	<i>14</i> Flag Day AWVA 5PM @ the Post US ARMY Birthday	<i>15</i> DOC'S OPENER 6PM Legion field Diamond N Vets fishing 7AM-2PM	<i>16</i> MOPH 4PM @ the Post Legion Post 123 6 PM Vets Hall Tri-City	<i>17</i> Post Open 1-3	<i>18</i> Sea Cadets @ the Post
<i>19</i> FATHER'S DAY Fathers Day	<i>20</i> Post Open 1-3	<i>21</i> Douglas County Veterans Forum @ the Post 5PM	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> Post Open 1-3	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> Post Open 1-3	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>		

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