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**Post meeting
Begins at NOON
on Saturday
April 9, 2016**

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**LEGION BASEBALL
SEASON
COMING SOON**

Awards and Recognition

Continuous membership in the Legion *By Rick Sciapiti*

Continuous membership in the American Legion is not uncommon unless you are talking about Frank Moore.

Frank Moore WWII Veteran and world renown fly fisherman celebrated 70 years of continuous American Legion Membership.

With 3 Honor Guards in full dress uniform, Dirk Kruysman, Jim Barnett and Bud Bessey and Franks wife Jeanie standing by his side; Dirk Kruysman presented Frank Moore a certificate acknowledging Frank's 70 years of American Legion membership.

The special recognition event took place at the March meeting. 10 other Post members with 40 Years or more membership were recognized by Commander Bergadine.

The following Legionnaires have 40 years or more continuous membership in the American Legion:

Robert K. Burnes 43 years
H.A. Cool JR. 68
Carl B. Croll 53
William Dewey 45
Carl S. Hubennette 46
Timothy Leitzel 43
Walter Linder 52
Frank Moore 70
Robert Rapp 48
Leland W. Svarverud 70
More pictures of the event on page 2



Post Finance Officer Dirk Kruysman in Dress Uniform congratulates Frank Moore- L-R Jeanie and Frank Moore, Dirk Kruysman, and Jim Barnett, part of the Honor Guard

Recap on School Visitation



30 Veterans showed up for the annual 'Veterans Visitation Day' at Sutherlin Middle School. Pictured on the left are all the Veterans who participated in this years event. The picture accompanied personalized letters from the students to each veteran who attended, thanking them for their service to our country.

Legion Membership Milestones



Post Finance Officer Dirk Kruysman presents Frank Moore with a framed certificate acknowledging Frank's 70 years of continuous Legion membership. Frank's wife Jeanie (left) looks on. Retired Marine First Sergeant Jim Barnett, & Bud Bessey stand at attention.



Pictures from the event provided by Post Historian Kirk Conner and 1st Vice-Commander Rick Sciapiti

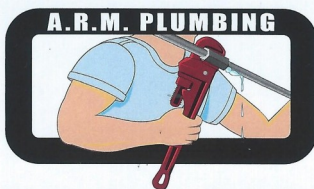
New Banner at Doc's Field

With the 2016 American Legion Baseball season on its way, the Baseball commission contacted the Post about renewing our Ad in the program and updating the fence Banner. A new updated 11 X 7.5 FT banner is now posted on the stadium field fence.

**Good Luck
Doc's !**



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From the Chapel of the 4 Chaplains

In February the Four Chaplains memorial foundation bestowed the Legion of Honor Award on Past Douglas County Veterans Forum President and Post 16 member Jim Little, and 1st Vice-Commander of the Post Rick Sciapiti.

The awards portion took place at the Post following the regular Four Chaplains Service in February.

Retired Marine Fist Sergeant Jim Barnett called Jim Little and Rick Sciapiti forward and told them to face the crowd. The citation was read for each individual by Barnett, and then presented to Little and Sciapiti the "Legion of Honor" award, and a lapel pin.

"The Legion of Honor was very much a surprise" said Little, who was quoted by Forum President John McDonald in the Vets Viewpoint. Little went on to say "It was very humbling. There are so many people in our community deserving of this recognition.

Sciapiti was quoted in the Vets Viewpoint, "I'm truly honored, It's not something I ever expected. I think of this award as something for all Veterans I work with and not just me personally".

Day at the Museum



Post 16 Member Jerry Anderson submitted this picture from the Pima Air and Space Museum in Tucson Arizona this March. Jerry and his dog are seen standing in front of a Bell UH-1M Iroquois "Huey" Helicopter. This particular Helicopter flew in Vietnam with the 174th Assault Helicopter Company out of Chu Lai. At that time the designation of the Huey was a UH-1C before getting the engine and night vision upgrade. Visit the Museum at: <http://www.pimaair.org/>

Douglas County Veterans Forum News

DCVF Adopts New Logo



Kirk Conner

For the past 7 years the Douglas County Veterans Forum used the Military Branch Logos as part of its letterhead, and on monthly calendar headers. After all we all served in one of them.

In a letter distributed last year by the Department of Defense, it stated that using the branch logos of the military services was a copyright violation. A cease and desist order was issued to all non-DOD organizations.

With the word put out at the February Forum meeting that a new design was needed, one that would be exclusive to Douglas County, Post 16's Historian Kirk Conner came up with a winning design. The image on the left was submitted by Kirk and accepted by the DCVF at the March meeting.

Vinyl stickers of the Logo will soon be available.

Oak Ave Construction



The highway 138 bypass project is moving forward. Top picture shows the removal of the old sidewalk and the Posts flag pole base. The center photo shows the completed sidewalk and new driveway. A

close up, (right) shows the flagpole base concreted into the ground in its new location.



The flag pole was moved to accommodate the installation of a new streetlight adjacent to where the pole use to sit. Construction has moved to the opposite side of the street.

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.

Vietnam Era Memorial



If you're ever driving on highway 99 in Canby Oregon, look up and keep your eye out for the UH-1 Huey and the "Vietnam Era Veterans Memorial"

There is also a Bronze statue depicting the Medal of Honor Winner Marine Pfc. Gary Martini of Portland who died rescuing the wounded at the age of 18.



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Post 16 Officers

Commander

1st Vice



Steve Bergadine



Rick Sciapiti

2nd Vice

Adjutant



Doug Page



Dale Nelson

Finance Officer

Chaplain



Dirk Kruysman



Ted Blann

Sgt. At Arms Service Officer



Mike Harper



Bud Bessey

Historian

JAG



Kirk Conner



Mike Hampton

Nominations for 2016-2017 Election in May

Officer nominations were announced on the floor at this month's meeting by the nomination committee. Commander Bergadine read the following:

For Commander: Rick Sciapiti

1st Vice-Commander Steve Bergadine.

2nd Vice-Commander: Mike Harper

Adjutant : Larry Hill

Finance Officer: Dirk Kruysman

Chaplain: Ted Blann

Sgt at Arms: *Nominee Needed*

Service Officer: Bud Bessey

Historian: Kirk Conner

JAG: Dale Nelson

This is the 2nd reading of nominations. Legionnaires' in good standing with membership up to date are eligible to run for office.

Contact the Post if you are interested in a Post position and talk to the nominating committee.



As of this date it looks like we have 4 prospects for Boys and Girls State. 3 Students from Roseburg HS and 1 Student from Glide HS.

The event is at Willamette University June 12-18th.



Food Pantry getting low

With the success of the Food Drives at Sherm's Thunderbird Market we've been able to give away boxes and boxes of non-perishable food to veterans and their families. Many of these boxes were given away around the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday season.

It is reported by our Commander Steve Bergadine and other officers that our pantry is getting low on basic items like peanut butter and canned tuna.

The officers of the Post are planning a food drive in the future to restock the Pantry.

Right now the word is that we will accept non-perishable food donations during our Monday and Friday business hours.

If you would like to donate to the food Pantry, and know that the food is going out to disadvantaged veterans only, come on by the Post and drop off the food. Please no outdated or perishable food accepted.

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| 3 | 4 Post Open 1-3 | 5 | 6 US Enters WWI 1917 American Legion Post 62 7:00 PM Reedsport | 7 | 8 Post Open 1-3 DCVF Executive Board Meeting 1200 @ Post 16 | 9 POST 16 MEETING NOON |
| 10 | 11 Post Open 1-3 American Legion Post 152 3:30pm Oakland City Hall | 12 AWVA 5PM @ Legion Post Roseburg | 13 | 14 FLEET RESERVE 328 6PM @ the Post | 15 Post Open 1-3 | 16 Sea Cadets @ the Post |
| 17 | 18 Post Open 1-3 | 19 Douglas County Veterans Forum @ the Post 5PM | 20 | 21 MOPH 4PM @ the Post Legion Post 123 6 PM Vets Hall Tri-City | 22 Post Open 1-3 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 Post Open 1-3 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Post Open 1-3 | 30  1975-Vietnam War Ends |