

Earle B Stewart American Legion Post 16



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May 2014

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Post Meeting
Saturday May 10th
Meeting begins at
Noon
Luncheon served

The Post is open
every Monday and
Friday from 1-3 PM



**MEMORIAL
DAY
TRIBUTE
MONDAY
MAY 26TH
1100
ROSEBURG
NATIONAL
CEMETERY
(annex)**

Post Election Results for 2014-2015



Commander Michael Null

On Saturday April 12, Earle B Stewart Post 16 held annual elections for the 2014-15 term.

Past Commander Dale Nelson led the proceedings with the slate of officers being nominated, the nominations being closed and the nominees being elected in one motion and vote. There were no offices that had more than one candidate running for the position. Congratulations to all the new officers.

The full slate of new officers can be seen on page five.



Dr. Stewart's Baseball

The Doc's home opener will be on Friday June 13th at 6pm. The Doc's will be hosting the Portland Barbers at Legion Field.

For the complete schedule visit the Post's Website @
AmericanLegionBaseball

Phoenix VA had secret patient list over 40 veterans died, denied services

In a statement released Thursday April 24th, American Legion National Commander Daniel M. Dellinger said if the allegations are true, the secret list in Phoenix "is one of the most abhorrent acts ever committed in VA history."

Dellinger is sending a team of American Legion experts to Phoenix next month to give local veterans a chance to discuss the quality of their VA health care.

"We're going to find out what happened in Phoenix," he added. "We are going to find out who was responsible for this secret list and if they are still working for VA. These preventable deaths keep mounting, and yet we see not a single VA manager being held accountable. The American Legion will work with Congress and the VA Central Office to find out exactly what has been happening, and why," Dellinger said. "It is not sufficient for VA to simply say it's going to try to do better next time, without holding people accountable."



According to [former Phoenix VA Dr. Sam Foote], the elaborate scheme in Phoenix involved shredding evidence to hide the long list of veterans waiting for appointments and care. Officials at the VA, Foote says, instructed their staff to not actually make doctor's appointments for veterans within the computer system.

Instead, Foote says, when a veteran comes in seeking an appointment, "they enter information into the computer and do a screen capture hard copy printout. They then do not save what was put into the computer so there's no record that you were ever here," he said.

According to Foote, the information was gathered on the secret electronic list and then the information that would show when veterans first began waiting for an appointment was actually destroyed.

"That hard copy, if you will, that has the patient demographic information is then taken and placed onto a secret electronic waiting list, and then the data that is on that paper is shredded," Foote said. A National outcry and investigation is called for by elected officials and veteran groups.

Living History Day 2014 @ RHS

The annual Living History Day at Roseburg High School is scheduled for Friday May 23rd .

History Instructor Gwen Bartlett and Vice-Principal Larry Rich are once again promoting this years event, with help from the Douglas County Veterans Forum.

Living History Day is one of those rare opportunities for Veterans to share their



Display of Military memorabilia at Living History Day

military experiences with the younger generation. While many of the students are in the midst of studying about the United States involvement in World Wars and conflicts, for them to hear first hand eyewitness accounts of military experiences during those periods of US History will add greatly to the lessons.

Military service in theaters of War is not a prerequisite for attendance. Many veterans served during the Cold War and never left the continental United States. Every veteran no matter where they served or traveled has an unique experience to share with the students. The majority of the students have no idea about the specialties and the training that goes into becoming a Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine or Mariner.

Those who have attended in the past will receive notification and a confirmation in the mail with an RSVP. Lunch will be served. For those interested in attending, call the Post or Dirk Kruysman @541.673.6341 and leave a message with your name, Branch, years of service , address and phone number.

Camp M Snack Drive



Coming off a successful 2013 Snack Food and bottled water drive , Earle B Stewart Post 16 will hold another snack food drive for Camp Millennium at

Sherm's Thunderbird Market on Friday June 6th. Camp M offers support for children who are going through treatment for cancer., and gives them the opportunity to attend summer camp.

The Post could use some volunteers at the store, and help delivering the goods to the Camp M store. Let the Post know if you are available. Leave a message on the answering machine or come by the Post on open days.

Veterans Food Drive

Mark your calendars for September 18th and October 17th. Post 16 will be out at Sherm's once again this year collecting food for disadvantaged Veterans and their families. Volunteers are needed to help fill the food barrels, stand and greet the community, and transport the food to the Post so it can be sorted.

Contact the Post and make arrangements to volunteer.

Oregon WWII Memorial Dedication

**Friday June 6th 1PM on the
grounds of the Oregon State
Capitol.**



Post Adjutant Steve Bergadine (R) is seen after presenting Legionnaire Dodie Blessing (L) with an award of excellent service from the Douglas County Veterans Forum. Dodie was the past Vice-President of the DCVF and a former President. Dodie has provided years of service to veterans, and has been an example of the mission of the Douglas County Veterans Forum, "Veterans Serving Veterans" Congratulations Dodie from Post 16, and thank you for your years of service.

The **ROW OF WARRIORS** is on display at the Post. Come on by and take a look at the work that has been done to equip and dress the mannequins.



Dianne's Deli on Diamond Lake Blvd.

Free Coffee with Breakfast for any Veteran, Monday-Wednesday only.

Applebee's
10% off for veterans if you are wearing a cap or jacket showing you are a veteran

Dan Colony
 General Manager



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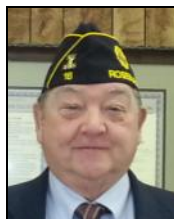


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1st Vice



Mike Null

Doug Page

2nd Vice

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Dale Nelson Steve Bergadine

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Chaplain



Dirk Kruysman Ted Blann

Sgt. At Arms Service Offi-



Mike Harper

Bud Bessey

Historian

JAG



Kirk Conner

Mike Hamp-

New Officers for 2014-15

Congratulations!

Become a Paid Up
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The American
Legion

Pres. John F. Kennedy—American Legion Member

Website Info

Visit the Post Website for meeting information. The minutes, finance report, and past Newsletters are all archived on the web-site.

Be sure to sign-up for the E-EDITION of the Newsletter by emailing: EarleBStewartPost16@msn.com Give your name and request the Newsletter. You will be removed from the postal mailing.

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Sea Cadets

US Naval Sea Cadet program has resumed.

The Cadets will be drilling two Saturdays a month. They will be helping with this years Memorial Day Tribute at the National Cemetery.

For More information call the Post office M or F 1-3.

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 is Saturday May 10th @ Noon**



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