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American Legion Post 16



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Post 16 Election Results

**THE POST MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY MAY 13
AT NOON. MEAL TO
FOLLOW.
MAY 20 AT 11:00 A.M.
WE WILL HOST THE
DISTRICT 9 MEETING
AND CAUCUS. MEET
THE CANDIDATES
FOR STATE OFFICE
AND VOTE FOR DIS-
TRICT OFFICERS.**

Our congratulations go out to the newly elected officers.

As you know, at our Post meeting held on April 15th a new slate of officers was elected for the 2018 membership year. The results are as follows:

Commander — Larry Hill; 1st Vice — Dale Nelson; 2nd Vice—Doug Page;

Adjutant—Steve Bergadine; Finance Officer—Mike Harper; Chaplain—Ted Blann; Sgt. At Arms—Robert Smith;

District 9 Commander Don Adams was present to swear in the slate of candidates.

Commander Adams spoke of not give up on renewing members who are delinquent in paying their dues this year. He noted that Post 16 has more work to do and a short time in which to complete their task or reaching 100%.

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**DCVF will meet at
Post 16 on May 16th
at 5:00 p.m.**



70 Year Award to meeting on 15 April.

Post 16's Honoree, Leland Svarevrud was introduced and was presented with his certificate for 70 continuous years of membership in the American Legion. He had served in the Army-Air Corps in North Africa, Italy and England. Leland, in turn, presented to Post 16 a letter sent to his father dated 1919 from the founders of the Legion outlining their purpose, the 4 Pillars of that time and asking all veterans for their support.

He also presented a picture of his father in his WWI uniform and the envelope in from the 1919 letter.



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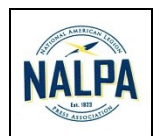
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WHAT ARE SEA CADETS?

What is the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps? An organization that was founded in 1958 by the Navy to encourage youths in nautical skills instilling respect, discipline and courage. The Sea Cadets are ages 13 to 18 while League Cadets are 10 to 13. These young people are learning military bearing in a drug, gang, alcohol and tobacco free environment.

There are over 300 units within the United States and the Roseburg Division was established in August 29, 2012. The current Commander is LT. Sandy Larson, Executive Officer is LTJG George Larson. Our wonderful volunteers are Instructor Andrew Swanson, Instructor Jim Clements, Instructor Jessica Tamm and Auxiliary Instructor Evelyn Clements.

Now, we have 8 Sea Cadets and 3 League Cadets. Most are new and will be going to training this summer. Recruits attend a Recruit Training (Boot Camp) after finishing their Basic Military Requirement Courses, then they can attend Advance Trainings to further their skills and interests. Through these trainings and correspondence courses, they can achieve a higher rank and acquire more responsibilities. We have a fine group of cadets that are eager to learn and experience the military life.

We drill the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at the Post 16.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST THE NEWSLETTER WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE TO MAIL DUE TO HIGH COSTS. THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE SENT BY EMAIL TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE GIVEN US AN ADDRESS. OTHERWISE YOU MAY GO TO THE WEBSITE AND READ IT THERE.

EXCEPTIONS TO THIS CHANGE WILL BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

Meet Steve Bergadine

Steve enlisted in the USN in July, 1965. while serving he made 4 deployments to West Pac and Viet Nam. He served on 3 surface war ships, 3 Navy fighter squadrons and 4 shore installations in a 23 year Navy career.

He was able to experience different cultures around the world. He understood the importance of a global Navy presence as well as America's role in an ever changing world.

HISTORY OF MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day and is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States. Many states have claimed that they originated the day. However Waterloo, NY was named the official birth place.

On May 5, 1868 General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic said that the 30th of May, 1868 is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land. That date was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary or any particular battle. On that day General James Garfield spoke at Arlington National Cemetery and 5,000 persons decorated the 20,000 graves of Union and Confederates buried there.

WHY You Don't Walk Between the Colors? This is Hallowed Ground Author Unknown

Between these flags that proudly fly,
Let no man dare to stand.
For here our fallen comrades lie,
A symbol yes, but mark it well.
Here let us ever humbly pause
In memory of the lads who fell
In fighting for our sacred cause.

On sea or land these buddies died.
Some lie beneath a foreign soil
In graves caressed by winds and tide.
In spots unknown to all but God,
And so this placed is hallowed ground
And shall be forever blessed.
And though it were a grassy mound
Beneath which gallant heroes rest.

Be ever watchful, legionnaire
Of those two flags which signify
That we should guard this spot with care
Where our departed comrades lie.
And if a man should dare to treat
This spot where lie our gallant brave.
He desecrates those noble dead
As though he walked upon their grave.

Comrades, this explains why you do not break the flag line at the Officers' table during meetings to hand over or reach any item. Salute the American flag and go around. Every so often this editor will find another interesting snippet about the Legion and will pass it onto you.

If you have any knowledge of something Legion that you would like to share, please contact us and we will discuss your submission.



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

This month we are remembering Anthony Del Collillo who has reported to Post Eternal. May God grant him eternal peace and rest.

For all veterans -Our sincere condolences to all the families and friends of those who were called from our midst.

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

On Monday, May 29th the annual Memorial Day Remembrance Service will be held at the VA Cemetery Annex.

The service will begin at 11:00 and will end at 12:00 (noon).

Larry Hill will read "In Flanders Field" in honor of Dirk Kruysman. He was a true patriot and supporter of veterans and veterans service organizations.

There will be a flyover by the Air National Guard, Portland Oregon.

At noon the picnic will commence at the Stewart Park Pavilion. This is a free event. Donations accepted.



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Post Fundraiser Henry Big Boy .38/.357 Rifle

As noted in our February Newsletter, Post 16 is once again holding a raffle for a Henry Big Boy .38 Spl./357 Mag. rifle.

The lever action Big Boy takes a .38 Spl. or .357 mag. ammunition, and the brass is polished to a mirror finish. It is also equipped with a 20" octagon barrel.

Second prize is a 1200 Lumen tactical flashlight. Third prize is a gun cleaning kit.

There were 800 tickets printed. There are only about 350—380 tickets remaining.

Tickets will be available at the Post during normal office hours at the post. We are open Mondays and Fridays from noon to 3:00 pm. Drop in and buy some tickets and share a cup of coffee and some sea or war stories at the same time. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Veterans Day Breakfast Saturday 11/11/2017.

Tickets will also be available at the Memorial Day Picnic in Stewart Park, 29 May beginning at noon



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