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**Post Meeting
Begins at NOON
on Saturday
July 9, 2016**

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“Doc Stewarts”
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their schedule visit
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Memorial Day Tribute



L-R Post 16 Commander Rick Sciapiti and Adjutant Larry Hill posted the floral wreath and Post colors at the Roseburg National Cemetery Memorial Day Tribute.

Over 300 people attended the annual event sponsored by the Douglas County Veterans Forum.

Keynote speaker was WWII Veteran Frank Moore.

Following the Tribute there was a BBQ for veterans and their families at Stewart Park. 1st Vice Commander Steve Bergadine chaired the annual BBQ event with the help of Post and family members along with the D.C. Wings of Love.

Douglas County Dedicates Hwy 101 Signs



**Persian Gulf,
Afghanistan,
and Iraq
Veterans
Memorial
Highway**

On Memorial Day Monday May 30, members of American Legion Post 62 in Reedsport dedicated the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq memorial Hwy signs. Two signs were placed along Hwy 101 in Douglas County. Pictured far left is Jerry Anderson from Roseburg who reported on the event, and 4th R-L is Post 62 Commander Kim Cady wearing a Legion cap.

Maj. Gen. Marion Carl's Uniform



Jim Barnett stopped by the Post a couple of weeks ago and showed us the Marine Corps uniform of Maj. Gen. Marion Carl. Jim

recently purchased a replacement cover that completes the uniform. Check out the WWII fighter Ace's bio [Here](#)
For online pdf only



This month it is our sad duty to report that Jack Skold has been called from our midst.

Jack served the American Legion in various offices including Post 16's Commander.

Our sincere condolences to Family and Friends of those who were called from our midst.



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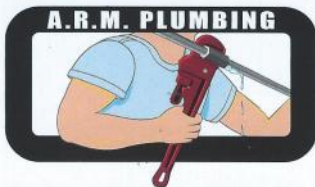
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Scouts of Service Members



(L) Bill Congleton of SOS presents the Post a certificate of appreciation.

On Saturday June 11th, those in attendance at the regular monthly meeting got to hear Bill Congleton give a report on the work that Scouts of Service Members have done.

Post 16 has as one of its primary out-reaches, to the youth of our community. The third pillar of the 4 Pillars of the American Legion is youth. We do it here at the Post with the High School Oratorical contest, Boys and Girls State, American Legion Baseball, and Scouting.

We are pleased to have received an award from SOS for financially assisting them last year.

During the meeting, a motion was given to financially support them again this year. There was a second and discussion. The motion was to give SOS \$500.00 to assist in their operational costs, uniforms, camping gear, and to help send Scouts to Camp Baker. The motion passed unanimously.

For those with internet, you can visit their Facebook page at: [SOS Scouting](#)

Legion Baseball



American Legion Baseball is off and running for this season. A visit to the Doc's Field during practice, shows the Post's new banner on the left field fence, and the dugout full of equipment.

There are plenty of games scheduled for the season and don't forget that you can watch a streaming video or listen live at 1440 the SCORE AM Radio. "Go Docs"

Why have a website

A number of years ago Adjutant Larry Hill had the vision to take the Post into the future by initiating a Post Website.

The Post's website is hosted by VistaPrint, and we pay a nominal monthly fee for the service.

As the publisher of the Newsletter, I am also the keeper of the website. It really doesn't take the time and expertise it once did because most of the work is done automatically, but it does require uploading the pictures and documents, and changing the content.

To let you all know the value of having the information available online, here are some of the numbers.

Page Count for Home Page hit since January 1: 2855 since the beginning of the page: 30287. Legion Baseball Hits since Jan 1: 758 , life-time: 6171, and finally hits on the Newsletter since its been posted: 3133.

There is no doubt this is an excellent way to disseminate information to our members, and to those showing interest in the American Legion .

Commander Rick Sciapiti

Dystini Schuster is going to Girls Nation

By Dystini Schuster



The election for Girls Nation was one that was very thorough and extensive, and I'm so glad I got to experience, had I been elected or not. The first step was a written test, which roughly 32 girls took. Only 16 moved on from that point to the impromptu speeches. As we walked in the door of the auditorium, we were handed a subject we had to speak about for three minutes. The subject was, "What would you change about Oregon?" I answered that I'd change the growing amount of standardized tests. After that, only 8 girls moved on to the Public Discussion/Forum and Press Conference. Here, we were given 30 seconds to answer the initial question and then it was open to a debate like format. Some of the questions were very complex in the fact that there was more than just one component to it, but the challenge was the best part. The top four girls were announced at the American Legion Auxiliary reception, and then we had to write a piece of legislation that we'd take to Girls Nation with us. I wrote mine about federally implemented transitional housing and services for survivors of domestic violence. I felt that if I could connect with even one girl through my passion for helping survivors, then that was better than winning.

Again, I'm so thankful to the Legion for paying for my trip to Girls State, and I'm so glad that I'll be able to represent Oregon at Girls Nation.

Post Reaches 100% Membership

We are pleased to announce that we made 100% of our membership.

First Vice-Commander Steve Bergadine reports that in actuality we made it to 100.3%.

We did not make "Goal Post", Steve says in order to reach "Goal" it has to be done by January 1. Thank you all who did finally renew your membership. We made it!

Rifle Raffle Fundraiser

Thanks to you all who purchased tickets



Henry Big Boy .38/.357 Magnum—Octagon barrel

Now we wait for the Veterans Day breakfast to find out who the winner of this year's raffle will be. See you on Friday November 11th between 7-10 AM for the drawing.
GOOD LUCK!



Mi-24 Hind in hybrid alien camouflage

In early June the annual NATO Tiger Meet was held in Zaragoza Spain.

The NATO Tiger Association was established in 1961 to establish solidarity between NATO Air Forces. There are 24 European Nations that make up the squadrons, and 10 honorary members. 7 are Squadrons from the US Air Force.

This years event best looking Aircraft Award went to the Czech Air Force's Mi-24v/Mi-35 Hind Helicopter, and the Alien paint scheme. (Above)

Flow by the 221st Attack Helicopter Squadron the Hind delivers a punch on the battlefield with the two barrel cannon in the chin, Rockets, 30mm grenade launcher, and 7.62 machine guns under the wings.



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Doug Page

What's the Scoop? Member Directory ?

By Commander Rick Sciapiti



A number of Post 16 members have questioned the validity of a recent post card they received in the mail asking them to call this number and verify your American Legion information.

For this veteran, I asked myself, "Don't they already know my member information"? With all the scams out there over the phone and the internet what is this all about.

This is nothing more than another fundraiser for the Legion and a huge profit maker for the printing company pushing this 'Member Directory'.

Over ten years ago I got the same post card in the mail from the National Eagle Scout Association. They wanted me to verify my membership information by calling the phone number on the card.

Not knowing what it was all about, I called the number and discovered they wanted around \$350.00 for me to purchase a directory of all the Eagle Scouts that belong to

the organization. I immediately told them thanks but no-thanks. I thought to myself, how much is the National Eagle Scout Association getting out of this deal. Not much I thought I bet most goes to the printer.

I'm not finished; around 5 or 6 years ago another one of those yellow cards came in the mail, some of you may have received it. This time it was from Vietnam Veterans of America. Same request, they need my updated information. I thought the same thing, they have my membership, they send me a magazine and I'm on the local chapter roster; why do they need my information updated. I'll tell you why, they want to sell me something.

Now we come to the current post card and the statement, "We need your help. Please call the 1-800 number to verify the accuracy of the data currently listed on file". Is this a legitimate Legion mailer, yes it is. Do I think it's worth the hundreds of dollars it will cost, no, but I leave it up to our members to make the decision on their own.

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Post Meeting @ Noon Saturday July 9th



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Post Open 1-3	2 Sea Cadets @ the Post
3	4 Independence Day 7 Feathers Veterans Dinner—by invitation	5	6 American Legion Post 62 7:00 PM Reedsport	7	8 Post Open 1-3 DCVF Executive Board Meeting 1200 @ Post 16	9 Post Meeting and Luncheon Noon
10	11 Post Open 1-3 American Legion Post 152 3:30pm Oakland City Hall	12 AWVA 5PM @ the Post	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 DCVF 5PM @ the post	20	21 VA Chapel NOON MOPH 4PM @ 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
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