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Post website

**Post Meeting
Begins at NOON
on Saturday
October 8th**

**Luncheon to
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Post Finance Officer Dirk Kruysman

IN MEMORIAM

On Saturday August 27 Post 16's long time Finance Officer Dirk Kruysman took his final breath, he succumbed to a heart attack.

A longtime fixture at the American Legion, Dirk Kruysman was a Veterans Veteran. Born in Holland and surviving the Nazi occupation during WWII, Dirk and his siblings migrated to the United States after the War. Dirk who was always grateful of the US and allied forces for liberating his homeland gave back by serving in the US Army. He retired as a CW-4 serving in the Oregon National Guard. Dirk had deployments to the Persian Gulf and to Korea.

Dirk was also known for his vision in local veterans issues being the catalyst for the Douglas County Veterans Forum. He served on the Board of Directors of the DCVF and was their finance officer. He also served on the Veterans Day Parade Committee as their finance officer, and sat on the Veterans Advisory Committee for Douglas County as a citizen advisor to the CVSO.

Dirk could be seen weekly with the District 12 VFW Honor Guard, providing full military honors to deceased veterans at the National Cemetery. He also planned the annual "Living History Day" at RHS and at Sutherlin Middle school.



Dirk Kruysman is pictured in the finance office at the Post. Dirk kept the financial records for many organizations. His loss is going to be felt for a long time.

It didn't stop with those three organizations, the American Legion, DCVF, and Honor Guard; Dirk was also involved with the Oregon National Guard Relief Fund, a trustee at VFW 2468, along with helping out with the finances of the Fleet Reserve, and US Naval Sea Cadets. Dirk also helped the local "D.C. Wings of Love" set up their non-profit service organization.

All these organizations have been scrambling to find replacements for their organizations. Dirk was also a volunteer and drove a meals route for "Meals on Wheels".

Our friend and fellow Legionnaire CW-4 (Ret) Dirk P. Kruysman is going to be missed.

Post to go Under 24 Hour Surveillance

With increased after hours violation of the no trespassing posted on the building, the executive board approved the purchase of an 8 camera hi-definition/UV surveillance system. Following the approval to purchase the system, many of those present at the meeting donated enough funds to purchase the system outright.

With evidence of used hypodermic needles found on the roof of the building, and that transients are using the garbage can to get on the roof, another executive meeting was called for the purchase of a chained link fence to be installed on the lower roof of the storage room.

Affordable Fencing and Deck of Roseburg was the winning bid for the repair of the building fascia, and added to the bid a chained link fence with three strands of barbed wire to prevent access to the main roof. A locked gate will facilitate repairs and service to our HVAC systems on the roof.

An added bonus to hiring Affordable Fencing was that owner Brian O'Connell said that he would install a 40 foot long chained link fence along back side of the parking lot at no-charge. This fence will block off anyone trying to cut across our lot from points downtown to the edge of the riverside park.

The video camera system will leave no area uncovered, and the system will allow outdoor cameras to be viewed by way of the Post website. With port-forwarding capabilities anyone who opens the link on our website, (in the near future) will be able to watch the outside perimeter of our building. More information to come on this topic.



This month it is our sad duty to report that the following Legionnaires have been called from our mist to Post Everlasting.

Dirk Kruysman, Michael Hendricks, Richard Thrush, David Smith, Labrie Ritchie, and Leslie Stinnett.

May God have mercy on them, and may God bless and keep watch over their families.

Remembering Mike Hendricks

Longtime Chairman for the Veterans Day Parade Committee Michael Hendricks passed away on August 15. Mike who retired from the VA Roseburg a few years ago facilitated PTSD groups in the Roseburg VA Mental Health department and supervised the substance abuse department.

Mike a Legionnaire, was also the Chairman for the Veterans Advisory Committee that is the citizen based group that oversees the County Veterans Service Office.

Mike was an avid fisherman, often took veterans on fishing trips on local waters in his boat. We send our sincere condolences to his wife Patty and Mike's children.

DANIEL E. DILLMAN Across the street from the Post

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5 "Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver, and the other is gold."



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

(541) 440-4219

1036 SE Douglas Ave, Room 8

(800) 224-1619 x4219

Douglas County Courthouse

Fax: (541) 440-6166

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Meetings Held 2nd Thursday 1300 @ Dianne's Deli

For information call: 541.863.3144

Douglas County Veterans Memorial

Bronze plaques get a facelift

The Douglas County Veterans Memorial was rebuilt in 2010 by a grant from the Oregon State parks and recreation department. The \$12,000.00 project included adding bronze plaques from the Gulf War, Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, and upgrading the Vietnam War plaque. Broken rock was replaced and re-grouted.

Six years later and many days of harsh environmental conditions deteriorated the finish on the cast bronze plaques.

With the condition of the Memorial being pointed out to Douglas County, they allowed the refinishing process to take place under the guidance of County facilities director Kevin Potter.

All 7 plaques have been refinished in time for fall weather and the addition of John Musgrove to the Vietnam War plaque.

Musgrove was one of Douglas County's first Vietnam War casualties. His name was left off the Vietnam plaque because even though he had gone to schools

in Sutherlin, after a reenlistment, his home of record showed Lane County Oregon.

An official name unveiling ceremony may take place in the future. His name will be placed on the Vietnam War plaque soon.



L- Refinished OIF/OEF plaque, R-Refinished WWII Plaque. Above- DC Veterans Memorial

Veterans Food Drive at Sherm's

The annual Veterans Food Drive will be held on Saturday October 1 at Sherm's Thunderbird Market.

With the food pantry at the Post getting low, the holiday season around the corner, the need for re-stocking became a Post priority.

The Post Food Panty got a boost last spring when the FRA donated the food they collected to the pantry.

The Pantry is open Monday and Friday from 1:00-3:00 - ID REQ.



POW/MIA Flag



The Post "Missing Man table" is now complimented with an official POW/MIA Flag.

The project took off when Jim Barnett and his wife Anne asked the question, "Do you have a POW/MIA flag at the Post?" The answer was no.

That offer to donate a flag was quickly followed by George Larson a Post member and leader with the US Naval Sea Cadets. George said that he had a flag pole to donate.

With a flag, a pole, all the Post needed to do was to approve the purchase of a spade spear point for the top of the pole, and a pole stand.

With some final adjustments with flag clips, drilling and mounting, the flag now sits as a permanent feature in the main meeting room next to the POW table.

The table and the flag were used for the VA's annual Former POW and MIA recognition day event on Friday September 16th.

National Commander Hails from Oregon

National Commander Charles E. Schmidt from Burns, OR Post 63 enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1965 and earned various medals and a Bronze Star before retiring in 1993. Commander Schmidt lives in Hines, OR with his wife Linda.

His Air Force assignments took him to Oregon, California, Montana, Nebraska, Colorado, England, Germany, Philippines and Vietnam, according to a press release. He has been active at every level of the American Legion and was



National Commander Charles Schmidt

elected national commander at the 98th Annual Convention in Cincinnati OH on September 1.

Post Survey Update

The leadership at the Post wish to thank all those members who took the time to complete the Post Survey.

At last count, just under 50% of the membership surveyed returned their post-paid cards.

One other thing of importance was that we were able to update our master Post

roster with current addresses, phone and emails.

For those of you who submitted new or updated emails, the electronic full color version of the Newsletter will be sent. This will save the Post in bulk mailing charges.

A full report on the survey is due out next month.



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Post 16 Officers

Commander

1st Vice



Rick Sciapiti



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2nd Vice

Adjutant



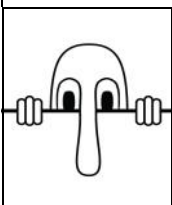
Mike Harper



Larry Hill

Finance Officer

Chaplain



Ted Blann

Sgt. At Arms

Service Officer



Bob Smith



Bud Bessey

Historian

JAG



Kirk Conner



Doug Page

Boys and Girls State Awards

Students shared their experiences at the September meeting



Pictured L-R Commander Rick Sciapiti, Ryan Daniels, Jacob Maynes, Caleb Poteet, McKenzie Vogel, Benamine Swanson, Dystini Schuster and Adjutant Larry Hill. The students are pictured holding their citizenship and participation certificates awarded by the Post.

With a packed house at the September meeting, Post members got to hear first hand about the experiences of our sponsored Boys and Girls State participants.

As an added part of the program Dystini Schuster one of the Girls State sponsees, shared about her trip to Girls Nation in Washington DC.



Pictured is the wreath that was purchased by Post 16 members and displayed at Dirk's funeral at the Roseburg National Cemetery.

VA Roseburg Healthcare System has announced that

there will be
WALK-IN HOURS
For Flu Shots

Monday thru Friday
October, November, December
0800-1130
1300-1530



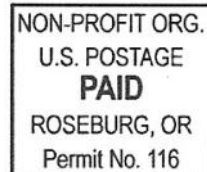
Rifle Raffle Fundraiser

Don't Forget



The winning ticket will be drawn at the Veterans Day Breakfast on November 11th.
Need not be present to win.

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October 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 District Meeting @ Post 123 Vets Food Drive Sherm's Sea Cadets @ the Post
2	3 Post Open 1-3	4	5 American Legion Post 62 7:30 PM Senior Center Reedsport	6	7 Post Open 1-3	8 Post Meeting NOON
9	10 Columbus Day Post Open 1-3 American Legion Post 152 3:30pm Oakland City Hall	11 AWVA 5PM @ the Post	12	13 US Navy 1775 	14 Post Open 1-3	15 Sea Cadets @ the Post
16	17 Post Open 1-3	18 Douglas County Veterans Forum 5:00PM @ the Post	19 Battle of Yorktown- Cornwallis surrenders - 1781 	20 MOPH 539 4PM @ Post 16 Roseburg Legion Post 123 6 PM Vets Mem. Hall Tri-City Quarterly Chapel Remembrance VARHS Auditorium-NOON	21 Post Open 1-3	22
23	24 Post Open 1-3	25	26	27	28 Post Open 1-3	29
30	31 Post Open 1-3 Halloween 					

Open with Scissors

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