

Earle B Stewart American Legion Post 16



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July 2014

www.roseburglegionpost16.org/

Post Meeting
Saturday July 12
Meeting begins at
Noon
Luncheon served

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

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Dr. Stewart's Baseball



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Veterans Against Cancer Camp Millennium Snack & Water Drive



Commander Mike Null (center) and 1st Vice-Commander Doug Page (R) passing out flyers. Dale and Vivian Nelson are seated in the background

Earle B Stewart American Legion Post 16 held the annual Camp Millennium snack food drive on Friday June 6th at Sherm's Thunderbird Market. We collected snack foods and bottled water for local kids who are fighting cancer, and who will be attending this year's summer camp, 'Camp Millennium'.

While many in our Post attended the Oregon WWII Memorial dedication in Salem, Commander Mike Null, his wife

Sharon, a friend of theirs Marcia, Adjutant Steve Bergadine and his wife Linda, 1st Vice-Commander Doug Page, 2nd Vice-Commander Dale Nelson and his wife Vivian spent the day handing out 1000 flyers asking for specific donations.

With the generosity of our community and the help of those who volunteered, we were able to provide much of the needed snacks and water that will be used for this year's camp.

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Camp M Fact Sheet

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Camp Millennium is a week filled with fun for kids who spend too much time in hospitals and clinics because of cancer. It is a time to be themselves, and to share in a variety of summer camp activities such as hiking, fishing, archery, swimming, arts and crafts, horseback riding, and many other surprises. The goal of this weeklong adventure is to provide these children with a camping experience, which can be extended into their everyday lives.

Who Attends:

Camp Millennium is for children from 5-16 years of age who are dealing with a cancer diagnosis. Children from all over the state of Oregon apply each year through physicians, self-referral and support groups. The parents then complete and submit the applications to the camp office for approval. Campers are accepted on a first come first served basis, although spaces are held for newly diagnosed children.

Staffing:

Camp Millennium is a member of the Children's Oncology Camping Association and is overseen and directed by an Administrative Council. The Council and sub-committees meet several times a month throughout the year to plan, organize and implement the program. Individuals, including a full time medical staff, support staff and camp counselors, volunteer their time each year at Camp Millennium. Camp counselors are ready to show these children a great time as well as provide friendship and love. Counselors are mature individuals with a special zest for life. Our volunteers come from all over Oregon and many other states across the country. Staff must be at least nineteen years old and pass a background check.

Cost:

Camp Millennium is FREE for all campers. Families are never charged or solicited. Our cost for camp is approximately \$800.00 per camper.

Funding:

Camp Millennium is a 501c3 non-profit organization, I.D. #47-0881224. We are funded by donations from individuals, businesses, and organizations. Cash donations and camp supplies are welcome. A donation of \$8000 sponsors an entire cabin which houses 10 campers, or an \$800 donation will allow one child to attend camp. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. All donations are restricted to the support of the Camp Millennium program. Checks and money orders can be made payable to Camp Millennium, 2876 Diamond Lake Blvd. Roseburg, OR 97470

FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING CAMP MILLENNIUM OR HOW YOU CAN HELP CONTACT THE OFFICE IN ROSEBURG AT 541-677-0600

Merchant History

By Nelson Cauble

Did you know.....When Pearl Harbor was attacked on December 7, 1941 The first American merchant ship sunk by the Japanese, was not in the harbor ? She was the S.S. *Cynthia Olson*, a 2,140-ton U.S. Army chartered lumber freighter and was enroute from Tacoma to Honolulu with a load of lumber, a crew of 33, and 2 US Army passengers on Board. She was approx. 1200 miles west of Seattle. The Japanese submarine I-26 was also there headed for Pearl Harbor but had orders not to commence hostilities until 0330, 8 December (Tokyo time) . They had already found the *Cynthia Olson*. Stalking her, they remained submerged, watching and waiting until the order was given at 0800, 7 December,

Hawaiian time. The I-26 surfaced and fired a warning shot over the *Cynthia Olson* from it's 14-cm deck gun. The *Cynthia Olson* stopped and radioed they were being attacked by a submarine. The I-26 sunk *Cynthia Olson* by gunfire and torpedoes. The crew abandoned ship in lifeboats. The steamship SS *Lurline* heard their message, but their attention was suddenly turned to the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The crew and passengers of the sunken ship *Cynthia Olson*, perished at sea .

The *Cynthia Olson* and those men that were aboard that fateful day were the first to die that day and they remain forever at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean. Thousands more would follow over the course of the years of WWII.

Membership Renewals

July 2014 begins the membership drive for 2014-15. Renew as soon as you receive your notice to avoid delays in receiving your membership card.

Your annual dues help support programs in your community and across the nation. American Legion programs and services include: Troop Support, Child Welfare Foundation, Heroes to Hometowns, American Legion Baseball, Department Service Officers, Family Support Network, Flag Advocacy & Etiquette, Junior ROTC & ROTC, Operation Comfort Warriors, Scholarships, Veterans Job Fairs, and many others. Thank you for ensuring that The American Legion remains the most powerful voice in America on behalf of veterans, service members, their families, and communities across the nation.

For those who have an internet connection, you can renew online at:

[American Legion Online](#)

Adjutant Steve Bergadine

American Legion National News

American Legion Sets Up Command Post To Help El Paso Veterans Get Medical Care

Similar to the System Worth Saving Task Force that came to Roseburg

The American Legion wants to help El Paso veterans get the health care they deserve. They held a town hall meeting last night and listened to more than 150 veterans talk about the problems they face with the El Paso VA. The Legion also announced that they will set up a command center that will help vets cut through the VA red tape.

At last night's meeting, officials with the Legion heard local vets detail the long wait times to get doctor's appointments, and the hassle they run into when trying to file for veterans benefits. After the meeting, the American Legion's director of Veteran Affairs said the group will be meeting with local VA officials today to discuss the issues raised at last night's meeting.

The Legion will also make a local Veterans Crisis Command Center available to help El Paso veterans with a variety of issues including help in scheduling appointment on the spot, enrolling in the VA, and getting the counseling they need.

The American Legion Command Crisis Center will be open today from noon to 8 p.m., 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, and 8 a.m. to noon Friday at the [American Legion Post 58, 4724 Vulcan](#)

If you are a veteran, or know one who needs help getting benefits, let them know about this Command Center. Our military deserves all the benefits they worked and fought so hard to earn

Civil War pension still being paid

WILKESBORO, N.C.—Each month, Irene Triplett collects \$73.13 from the Department of Veterans Affairs, a pension payment for her father's military service—in the Civil War.

More than 3 million men fought and 530,000 men died in the conflict between North and South. Pvt. Mose Triplett joined the rebels, deserted on the road to Gettysburg, defected to the Union and married so late in life to a woman so young that their daughter Irene is today 84 years old—and the last child of any Civil War veteran still on the VA benefits rolls.

Ms. Triplett's pension, small as it is, stands as a reminder that war's bills don't stop coming when the guns fall silent. The VA is still paying benefits to 16 widows and children of veterans from the 1898 Spanish-American War.

The last U.S. World War I veteran died in 2011. But 4,038 widows, sons and daughters get monthly VA pension or other payments. The government's annual tab for surviving family from those long-ago wars comes to \$16.5 million.

Spouses, parents and children of deceased veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan received \$6.7 billion in the 2013 fiscal year that ended Sept.

30. Payments are based on financial need, any disabilities, and whether the veteran's death was tied to military service.

Those payments don't include the costs of fighting or caring for the veterans themselves. A Harvard University study last year

projected the final bill for the Iraq and Afghanistan wars would hit \$4 trillion to \$6 trillion in the coming decades.



Irene Triplett-Father served in the Civil War

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

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Kirk Conner Mike Hampton



A United States Marine Corps dress uniform was donated to the Post by American Legion member Jim Barnett.

The Marine Corps uniform is a fitting addition to the other uniforms on display at the Post.

Commander Mike Null stands next to the revamped display case at the Post.

Come on by and see the changes that have taken place in the building, you will be surprised.



Website Info

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

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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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 or come by the Post and make arrangements to volunteer.

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