



# Art Semro Legion Family News



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## Serving Ephrata & Soap Lake Area Veterans and their Families since 1921

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**Post & Auxiliary Meetings**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 7PM**  
**E-board 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7PM**

**Lounge Hours**  
**Monday thru Saturday 12PM – 8PM**  
**Sunday 9AM – 7PM**

### From the Commander

Things around the Post are changing and will likely continue to do so until we are back in the black financially. I know some of the regulars in the lounge are upset with the changes. Unfortunately, they will not help - only complain. On top of that they don't even know the full picture because they don't attend meetings.

This situation we are in has been on the horizon for a while but due to lack of participation, interest and/or attendance of the members regarding attending meetings we have come to this knee jerk reaction point.

With that being said, as an enticement to attend; every member who is at the General Meeting will receive a ticket for \$1 off a drink in the lounge.

Also, we desperately need volunteers for functions and other things at the post. It tends to fall on the same few people to do all the work, it would be nice if we saw some new faces to share the load. We have about 250 "active" members, the most in our area besides Wenatchee but only about 10% of that visits the post on a regular basis and only a handful of those volunteer (not including auxiliary.) Due to the lack of volunteers, we have had to cancel events.

Not unlike other organizations, we are struggling. Not only with getting new members but participation of current members.

**I plead with you** when you're out looking for a place to go, come in and have something to eat and/or drink. We have a cook and reasonably priced food. Just choosing the post instead of fast food will help.

Alexander Duncan  
Commander - Post 28  
[postcommander@ala-28.org](mailto:postcommander@ala-28.org)

### From the Editor

Our goal is to have your newsletter in your hands by the first of every month. In order to accomplish this goal, we have established a **deadline of the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month** for all input to be in the hands of

## **President's Message:**

**\*\*Dear Members,\*\***

As we embrace the crisp air of autumn, we want to take a moment to reflect on our shared commitment to the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) and the vital role each of you plays in our mission. Your participation and enthusiasm are what make our organization thrive!

**\*\*The Importance of Membership\*\***

Membership is the lifeblood of the ALA. Every new member brings fresh perspectives, skills, and energy that strengthen our collective efforts to support veterans, their families, and our communities. With each new member, we expand our outreach and enhance our ability to make a difference.

We encourage you to share your experiences and the benefits of being a member with friends and family. Invite them to join us! Remember, the strength of our organization lies in our numbers, and every member counts.

Promoting the ALA goes beyond recruitment; it's about raising awareness of our mission and the impact we have. Here are a few ways you can help:

**\*\*Social Media Sharing:\*\***

Post about your experiences and events on social media. Tag us and use hashtags like #AmericanLegionAuxiliary to help spread the word.

**\*\*Community Engagement:\*\***

Attend local events and represent the ALA. Share our mission with others and distribute informational materials.

**\*\*Volunteer:\*\***

Participate in community service projects. Your involvement showcases the ALA's commitment to making a positive impact.

**Thank You for Your Participation!\*\***

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and participated in our recent Initiation Ceremony and Appreciation/Early Bird Dinner. Your presence and support help us foster a welcoming environment for new members and remind us all of the bonds we share.

Special thanks to everyone who helped organize these events, making them memorable and meaningful. A special thank you to Maggs and Jane for cooking. It's through your hard work and dedication that we can continue to create a supportive community for our veterans and their families.

We have exciting events and initiatives planned for the upcoming months, and we look forward to your continued involvement. Stay tuned for updates and opportunities to engage!

Thank you for your commitment to the American Legion Auxiliary. Together, we can honor our veterans and serve our communities.

In service,

Sunshine Pray



**MANAGER'S COMMENTS:** We need members now more than ever visiting our Post, to be patrons, volunteers, and to join in events. We had several events in October (which were free, just come and join in) with nobody showing up. The participation for the football games is much less than in the past. People aren't even picking up their birthday cards. Please let Trich, Terina, and or Shea know what kind of things you would like to do for next year.

We are on a countdown already for the holidays. This year has gone by so fast. It's hard to believe but we're coming to the hustle for Thanksgiving and Christmas. That being said we could use some help for Rosie's Thanksgiving Dinner as well as other events. The box in the lounge to collect items for our homeless veterans, which were requested by the Spokane VAMC, stands empty. Flyer list on box.

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for the football game on 24 Nov . Cost is only \$5 a ticket and winner gets 2 seats in 1<sup>st</sup> row + parking .



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### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jeff W. 2<sup>nd</sup>; Ruth Hinen 3<sup>rd</sup>; Carol J. 4<sup>th</sup>; Duane Wren 7<sup>th</sup>; Terri Moncrief 8<sup>th</sup>; Roy Towry 10<sup>th</sup>; Randy S. 10<sup>th</sup>; Denice W. 14<sup>th</sup>; Bruce Z. 24<sup>th</sup>; Shannon M.

26<sup>th</sup>

### Items needed, should be New

Once we have a good supply of things, volunteers will be needed to organize things for transport. Contact Jane 509-760-1433 if have any questions.

#### T-Shirts for Men and Women

Sizes – Sml, Med, Lrg, XLrg, 2XLrg

#### Boxers for Men

Sizes – Med, Lrg, XLrg, 2XLrg

#### Underwear for Women

Sizes – Sml, Med, Lrg

Hygiene Kits – Please bring whole kit &/or items to make up kits. Kits contain travel size Shampoo, conditioner, lotion, cloth or scrubby, soap/body wash, toothbrush, toothbrush holder, toothpaste, comb

#### Tumbleweed Gallery

Handmade Sterling Silver Jewelry by Don  
Agate Paintings by Arla

Don & Arla Deyrous

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November is a time when everyone's mind turns to Thanksgiving and how many shopping days to Christmas. But November is much more because Veterans Day is November 11<sup>th</sup>; a day dedicated to all Veterans.

There're a lot of men and women who've served honorably in the United States Military who don't believe they're a veteran because they didn't serve in combat or didn't serve overseas. They couldn't be more wrong, and one of the best ways we can show it is to thank them for being a veteran – thank them for serving. All of us familiar with the military know we go where we are sent, and we do the best job we can no matter where it is. Through all wars/conflicts our country's been involved in, there's been service members involved in training replacements, organizing and shipping supplies, recruiting, and many other jobs important to the war effort. Were these Veterans less important? I think not.

We also know that whether Active Duty, National Guard or Reserve, life is lived with the knowledge that any minute of any day they can be, and often are, called to leave family and friends – sometimes that separation is a couple weeks or months and sometimes it is for a year or more.

I, personally, think that every day should be Veterans' Day – honoring those that gave me the freedoms I enjoy; but the government designated one day – Nov11<sup>th</sup>.

*Jane Montaney*

## **Art Semro Post and Unit 28 are proud to host the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Veteran's Day Parade followed by a Luncheon on Nov. 11, 2024.**



All organizations and individuals wishing to honor veterans are invited to attend. The parade will assemble at 10:30am in front of the Grant County Courthouse and will step off at approximately 10:45am.

We'll march south on C Street to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW, turn left, travel one block to Basin Street, then turn left again. The parade will stop in front of the Ephrata Recreation Center and fire a rifle salute at 11am in memory of the Armistice that ended V/WI – at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month. We will then continue north on Basin Street to 1<sup>st</sup> NW, turn left, travel one block, and turn left again. Another salute will be fired at the

Vietnam Memorial in front of the courthouse after which we will dismiss the participants. If you wish to participate in this special parade, please call Mike 509-989-4417.

We'll have a luncheon after the parade; meal will begin with a prayer and POW/MIA Ceremony. Parade participants and veterans in the area are invited down to the Post Home (276 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NW-Ephrata) for the luncheon of soup & sandwiches hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 28. Anyone wishing to donate a crockpot of soup or help in another way, please contact Arla Deycous. Thank you.



## **Galloping Breakfast Sat. Nov 2, 2024 8 - 11 am American Legion Post 276 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. Ephrata**

Come on down to the Post Home anytime between 8am and 11am to get a great all-you-can-eat breakfast for only \$8; for all who show a paid 2025 Membership Card the cost is only \$4. The Legionnaires, Post 28, be flippin' delicious beer-batter pancakes and serving em with scrambled eggs and ham. The Auxiliary, Unit 28, will be the volunteer waitresses.

The Galloping Breakfast is a Membership tradition dating back to when people would ride their horses in, tie em up at the hitchin' post outside, and come on in for good eats and comradeship. Any member who hasn't paid their renewal yet for the 2025 Membership year, is greatly encouraged to do so either before or at breakfast. The Post Home will be open to the public on this occasion. We hope y'all will come on in for a good meal and look over our display tables showing a little about American Legion Family Programs as well as some Veterans Benefits.

Mission of The American Legion: committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow servicemembers and veterans.

Mission of American Legion Auxiliary: to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace, and security.



On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of Continental Congress; and, Major General John A. Lejeune (Commandant of the US Marine Corps) gave Marine Corps Order No. 47 establishing an annual ceremony to commemorate the birthday of the Corps.

In the beginning God created man; then right after, He created woman knowing partnership is the best way to live and serve.

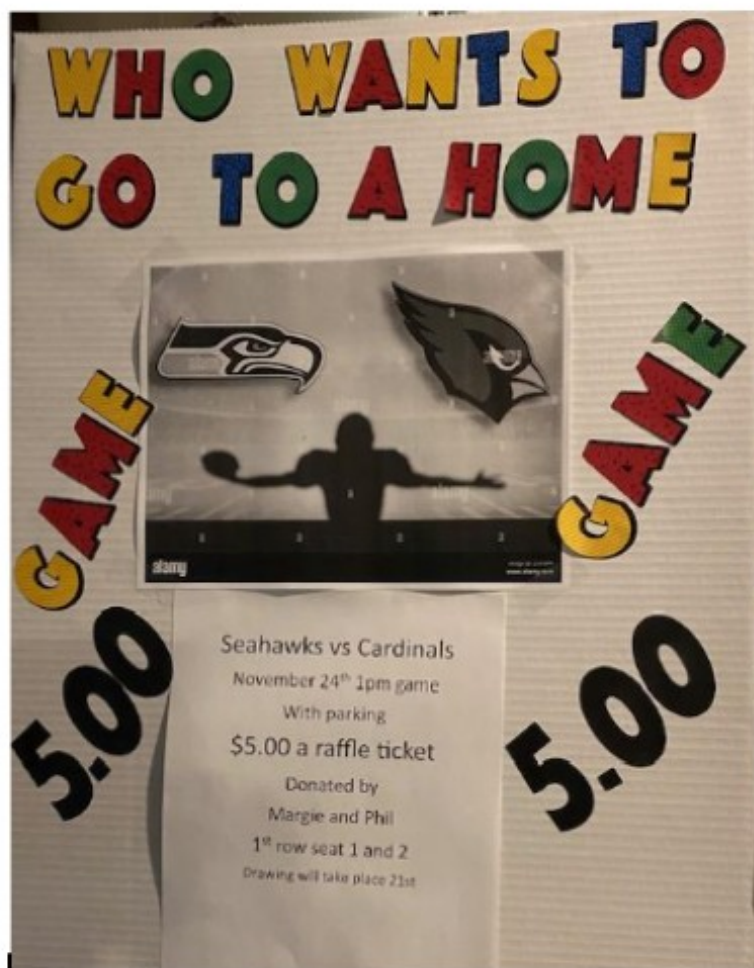
At the first National Convention of The American Legion in 1919, The American Legion, following God's good example, provided for the establishment of an Auxiliary. By the time of the 1920 National Convention, 1,342 local Units of this Auxiliary had been formed." The first National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary was held in 1921.\* Since the inception of the American Legion Auxiliary, members have strived to live up to its mission of service not self



On Sunday, November 10, 2024 we will be celebrating the 249<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States Marine Corps and 104 years of service for American Legion Auxiliary. Please join us at American Legion Post Home at 3pm for a very special Cake-Cutting Ceremony. The Cake-Cutting Ceremony originated with the USMC; and, we've edited it a bit to include the Marines' "little sisters", the American Legion Auxiliary. We truly want everyone to come, help us honor two great organizations; all members and guests are welcome.

*\* taken from American Legion Auxiliary Unit Guide Book*





**Sunday Nov 24<sup>th</sup> 2 tickets – 1<sup>st</sup> Row, seats 1 & 2 + parking**

**Seahawks vs Cardinals**

**Tickets - \$5 each**

Every ticket sold helps our Post Home; drawing takes place 21 November

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**American Legion Auxiliary, Art Semro Unit 28**, membership is \$50 and \$13 for our Juniors (young ladies 17 and under). The dues amount is more than made up by the savings available in our benefits. Please make checks payable to ALA, Unit 28. Renewals and/or applications can be left at the Post Home; or, mailed to:

Jane Montaney 204 Maringo Road, Ephrata, WA 98823

If it's easier for you, renewals can also be paid directly to National online at [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org). It takes several weeks before the unit is notified of your renewal; so, if you decide to pay directly to National, please forward a copy of your confirmation to [jmontaney@yahoo.com](mailto:jmontaney@yahoo.com) or call me 509-760-1433. When you notify me, I'll send you special thanks from your Unit 28 and update our files.



Rosie's Thanksgiving Dinner was started many years ago by a member of Unit 28, Rosie, who had retired from owning and running a cafe. Rosie's plan was to provide Thanksgiving for people who had no one with whom to share the holiday. It started out with mostly singles until we realized couples need to share with others to truly celebrate Thanksgiving. Then one holiday a couple of the volunteers needed to bring their young granddaughter – which turned out to be the best thing ever. It really felt like a big family.

As time went on, more groups around town provided Thanksgiving and then Rosie and others of our volunteers passed away or moved away. We were running short of volunteers who were able to help on the actual holiday; so, last year we celebrated Thanksgiving the Saturday before Thanksgiving. It seemed to be a success but when bringing it up at our joint opening of the Oct meeting, we learned there were several members who felt like they didn't have thanksgiving. A motion was made and carried (no one voted no) for us to host Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS, not just to provide some of the groceries but more importantly to help cook. We'd like to have a planning meeting, so everything goes smoothly. If you'd like to help in any way please contact Jane Montaney, 509-760-1433, if it goes to voicemail, please leave message to include name and phone number. The planning meeting is tentatively set for 6:30pm Monday Nov 4<sup>th</sup> at the Post but it can change if the majority wish a different date – just let Jane know. FYI, Jane does not want the chairmanship, but someone needed to get the ball rolling soooo I got it rolling. The chairman and other positions will be decided at the meeting. Oh, needless to say, volunteers in the kitchen need Food Handlers Cards, which are easy to get via computer.

Many thanks to all those who've renewed their 2025 Membership. Not only are you Early Birds reaping the benefits of free dinner (Oct 15<sup>th</sup>), 1 free drink of your choice, and reduced price at Galloping Breakfast you also can feel the satisfaction of knowing your dues helped us fulfill donations for Veterans at VA Facilities, Veterans Homes, and in Transitional Housing. The Unit was also able to contribute to scholarships, Gift Shops, Emergency Funds and much more.

### **Extra Special Thank You to our "Early Birds" for the 2025 Membership Year 120 – as of 21 Oct 2024 –**

Coral Adolphsen  
 Evelyn Alves *NEW*  
 Ardys Amundson  
 Jodi Bailey  
 Bev Beierman  
 Katherine Bentley  
 Gina Bennett  
 Marina Best  
 Connie Bertsch  
 Marina Best  
 Donna Bremner  
 Frankie Burt  
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 Donna M. Clark  
 Rise Crowl  
 Belinda Davis  
 Annabelle DeHerrera Jr.  
 Gabriella DeHerrera Jr.  
 Isabelle DeHerrera Jr.  
 Autumn Dietrich  
 Sheryl Dotson  
 Pam Dove  
 Lois Drennen *Gold Star*  
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 Deanna Detwiler  
 Aria Deycous  
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 Ardell Filipp  
 Sharla Freese  
 Candus Friend  
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 Berta Gibson *PUFL*  
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 SallyJo Goodwin  
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 Mary Gray  
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 Verna Hochart  
 Jenice Holmes

Laura Horsfall  
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 Becca Illman  
 Kayla Illman  
 Carol Jank  
 Marie Jefferson  
 Julie Johnson  
 Suzanne Jones  
 Linda Kaunike  
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 Belva Longmore  
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 Shae Price  
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 Kelsey Rodman  
 Shannon Rodman  
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 Maria Sadegur  
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 Doris Sieverkropp  
 Maggs Skowronski *PUFL*  
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 Gail Slininger  
 Delordre Stark  
 Becky Stewart  
 Teresa Sweeney  
 Valerie Tempel  
 Patty Thornton  
 Nancy Towry  
 Joni Van Steenkist  
 Nancy Walsh  
 Debbie Weis  
 Myra Wentworth  
 Margy Wick  
 Tellina Wild  
 Heather Wilson  
 LorEll Vixson  
 JoAnn Wren  
 Beth Wyke *PUFL*  
 Carrie Young  
 Marianne Zelinski



Happy Trails To our Early Birds



# November 2024

## Monthly Planner

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