



Art Semro Legion Family News



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Post & Auxiliary Meetings

2nd Thursday 7PM

E-board 4th Thursday 7PM

Lounge Hours

Monday thru Saturday 12PM – 7PM

Sunday 9AM – 5PM

From the Commander

The general meeting for September has been moved from Thursday the 11th to Wednesday the 10th.

We are considering changing the date for early-bird dinner in October due to it being in the middle of deer hunting season and some people may not be able to break camp to attend.

We will discuss this at the general meeting. •Support Needed to Keep Post 28 Strong•

The American Legion Art Semro Post 28 is seeking your support as we raise funds to cover our annual insurance premiums—approximately \$15,000. This critical coverage ensures the safety of our members, volunteers, and guests at all events and protects the Post from financial and legal risks.

Your donation helps us continue our mission to serve local veterans, support youth programs, and foster a strong sense of community in Ephrata and the surrounding area.

Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference.

To donate, please send a check payable to *The American Legion Art Semro Post 28* or goto:

<https://www.ala-28.org/home-pages/to-donation>

Thank you for standing with us in service to those who served.

Alexander Duncan

Commander - Post 28

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 20th of the month** for all input to be in the hands of the editor. This gives us time to write, assemble and prepare for mailing, so we can still have it in your hands before the 1st. The best way to get input to me is by E-mail. Please send it to www.Post28ALWanews@gmail.com Otherwise, you can drop it off at the post home. If you change your mailing address, please let us know. Otherwise, your newsletter will be sent to your old address and not be forwarded. Thank You Post 28

Supporting Our Veterans & Growing Our Membership - As we move into the heart of summer, we are reminded of the importance of our mission: to support and honor our veterans, military, and their families. Our programs thrive because of *you*—our dedicated members who give your time, energy, and compassion to ensure no veteran is forgotten.

Membership is the lifeblood of the American Legion Auxiliary. Whether you've been a member for years or just recently joined, your participation makes a difference. We encourage you to invite friends, family, and community members to join us in our mission. A growing membership means stronger programs, more voices advocating for our veterans, and a greater impact in our communities.

Department Convention: July 10–12, Spokane - We are excited for the upcoming Department Convention taking place July 10–12 at the Mirabeau Park Hotel and Convention Center in Spokane. This annual gathering brings together Auxiliary members from across Washington to conduct business, elect new officers, share ideas, and reignite our shared purpose. This convention is not only about policies and programs—it's about connection, inspiration, and recommitment to service. If you've never attended before, consider making plans to join us next year!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the amazing women representing us at this year's Department Convention: Myra Wentworth, Heather Wilson, and Meghan Smith. These dedicated members are attending on their own time and at their own expense, all to ensure our voices are heard and our Unit is well represented. Their commitment exemplifies the very spirit of the Auxiliary, and we are truly grateful for their service.

Karaoke Night Fun! - Thank you to everyone who came out for our karaoke night—it was a blast! The fun kicked off at 7 PM and brought together members, friends, and families for an evening of music, laughter, and community.

This is a family-friendly event, and children are welcome in the hall. If you missed this one, don't worry—more are planned! Bring a group of friends (they don't need to be members—just have a member sign them in), grab a beverage, and enjoy the show... or step up to the mic yourself!

Upcoming Meeting & Volunteer Opportunities - Our next regularly scheduled meeting would normally be Sept. 11th, but please note the date is changed to Sept. 10th because the 11th is Patriot Day / National Day of Service, and we plan to recognize our local heroes. Stay tuned—for information on the event - volunteers will be needed.

As we look toward a new year of service, we invite you to consider volunteering for a chairmanship. We'll be discussing open positions and opportunities at the September meeting.

Even if you have a busy schedule, there might be times in the year when you're more available. We have programs and events happening throughout the year, and we would love to tap into your talents—whenever you're able. Whether it's a seasonal role or a year-long chair, there's a place for everyone to contribute!

Together, we are a force for good. Let's continue to lift each other up, honor our veterans, and build a stronger future—one act of service at a time.



In service,
Sunshine Pray, President
American Legion Auxiliary
Art Semro Unit 28

The following members were elected or appointed to serve for the 2025/26 term; and were installed at the General Meeting on June 13th . Please support them in their positions.

2025/26 American Legion Family Officers of Art Semro Post & Unit 28

President Sunshine Pray

Commander Alex Duncan

Vice President Heather Wilson

First Vice Commander Ray Brablec

Second Vice Commander Norm Keith

Secretary Rebecca Pettingill

Adjutant Heather Garces

Treasurer Meghan Smith

Finance Officer Tom Moncrief

Unit Chaplain Arla Deycous

Post Chaplain Don Deycous

Judge Advocate Mike Montaney

Unit Historian Berta Gibson

Post Historian Kris Hemmerling

Service Officer _____

Unit Sergeant at Arms Monica Dobrin

Post Sergeant at Arms Jeff Krausse

Executive Committee Members at Large

Terri Moncrief

Carol Shutt

Myra Wentworth

Don Deycous (27)

Dale Best (28)

Jason Wilson (26)

ABC's For Members

ATTEND your Unit/Post/Squadron, District, and Department Meetings

BE a working member – a few hours monthly will qualify you.

CHECK out the facts before repeating things told to you.

DON'T walk between the flag and banner or between chairman and speaker.

EXPRESS yourself freely and honestly AT meetings – NOT AFTER!

FAMILIARIZE yourself with each program (especially membership).

GIVE proper respect to all officers in their official capacity.

HAVE an adequate knowledge of parliamentary procedure.

IT is your duty to vote on matters, research the issues and vote what you feel is best *(even though it may not be the most popular)*. Don't feel compelled to vote? Your silence indicates you favor the matter being voted on.

JOIN discussions at meetings. Join group activities. You will learn and have fun too!

KINDLE that spark of friendliness and enthusiasm within yourself.

LISTEN to and respect the opinion of others. *Even if you don't agree with them.*

MEMBERSHIP is everyone's responsibility. *Membership begins with ME.*

NO speaking across the floor to members – always go through the chair.

OBEY the rules of the organization.

PAY your dues on time – the earlier the better.

QUESTION reports and actions you don't fully understand. It's a learning experience, *usually for more than just you.*

REFRAIN from talking while business is being transacted or while speaker is speaking.

STUDY Unit/Post/Squadron, District, Department, and National Constitution/Bylaws and Standing Rules.

TAKE an active part in the meetings, but don't monopolize.

UNITE your talents and ideas with other members to insure successful ventures.

VOLUNTEER . . . your time . . . your energy . . . your best efforts.

WEAR your American Legion/Auxiliary/SAL Pin proudly.

X . marks spot on membership application form where new members sign their names.

YOU, the member, are the most valuable asset of the American Legion Family.

ZEALOUS members make our organization prosper and grow!



Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary is about being available for our veterans, military, their families, our communities and youth.

No matter how active your participation is, your membership helps us fulfill our mission of service; and, if you take advantage of the benefits, they will more than make up for the dues paid. The dues you pay are divided to provide necessary financial support for the Unit, Department, and National programs.

American Legion Auxiliary, Art Semro Unit 28 dues are \$50 and \$13 for our Juniors (young ladies under 18 years of age). Checks should be made payable to ALA, Unit 28. Renewals and/or applications can be left at the Legion Hall; or, mailed to:

Jane Montaney 204 Maringo Road, Ephrata, WA 98823

If it's easier for you, renewals may be paid directly to National American Legion Auxiliary online at 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. When you notify me, I'll send you the special thank you from your Unit 28, your card, and update our files.

Remember, we do Early Bird Stamps on your card – National does not.

Don't forget our special, during months of May-August! An Auxiliary Sr member (18 or over) applying for membership with Unit 28 can receive a \$6 discount by paying now, for both 2025 & 2026 membership years. So, if taking advantage of the special, the total amount to pay would be \$94.

If anyone has any questions, just give me a call – (509)760-1433
The Early Bird Race for the 2026 Membership Year seems to have started. Early Birds earn a free drink (alcohol or non-alcohol – your choice), Free Dinner at our Appreciation Dinner in Oct., and a discount on breakfast at our Galloping Breakfast in Nov.

Our Early Birds, as of 22 June, for the 2026 Membership Year are:

Brookel Boulyard *New*

Ardell Filip

R. Ilene Hirst

Barb Illman *PUFL*

Miki Krausse *Gold Star*

Candice McLean *New*

Jane Montaney *PUFL*

Jeannie Olson *Gold Star*

Betsy Parmer *Gold Star*

Mary Seaman *PUFL*

Maggs Skowronski *PUFL*

Joni Van Steenkist

Myra Wentworth

LorEll Wixson

Beth Wyke *PUFL*

Marianne Zelinski

For God and Country, Yours in service & Friendship *Jane Montaney*

Tumbleweed Gallery

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Agate Paintings by Arla

Don & Arla Deycous

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Exploring New Food Specials at the Legion Hall: A Culinary Adventure

At the American Legion, we believe that good food brings people together, and we're excited to explore new flavors and special dishes to share with our community. Whether you're stopping by for a quick bite or joining us for a special event, we are committed to offering something fresh and exciting for every taste.

This Month's Specials:

We're mixing it up with new specials designed to surprise and satisfy! From savory comfort foods to light and flavorful meals, there's something for everyone. Here are just a few of the dishes we've been experimenting with:

Stuffed bell peppers BBQ chicken sandwich

A Special Twist on Steak Night:

This month, we're shaking things up with a BBQ-inspired spin on one of our favorite traditions. Instead of the usual steak night, we'll be hosting a Rib Night to bring some smoky, savory goodness to the table! Come hungry for fall-off-the-bone ribs, slow-cooked to perfection and served with all the fixings. This night promises to be a fan favorite. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy some great food with friends and family, all while enjoying the welcoming atmosphere of the Legion.

A Celebrity Chef will be with us on Sunday July 6th – Come on Down and meet our Celebrity Chef. Her specialty is Biscuits & Gravy.

*Your Culinary Specialist and Kitchen Manager,
Deanna*

Important dates and history for July:

- July 2, 1788** - Congress announced the United States Constitution had been ratified.
- July 2, 1926**: The U.S. Army Air Corps was established.
- July 4, 1776** - The Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress.
- July 7, 1898** - President William McKinley annexed Hawaii.
- July 9, 1868** - The 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified.
- July 10, 1943** - The Allied invasion of Italy began with an attack on the island of Sicily.
- Jul 10-13** - Department Convention (Spokane Valley)
- July 16, 1945** - The experimental Atomic bomb "Fat Boy" was set off in New Mexico.
- July 20, 1969** - Apollo 11 Astronaut Neil Armstrong took his first step onto the moon.
- July 21, 1898** - Guam was ceded to the United States by Spain.
- July 25, 1898** - During the Spanish-American War, the U.S. invaded Puerto Rico.
- July 26, 1948** - President Harry Truman desegregated the armed forces.
- July 27, 1953** - The Korean War effectively ended after 3 years with the signing of an armistice.
- July 28, 1914**: World War I began.
- July 28, 1932** - Ordered by President Herbert Hoover, U.S. Army troops attacked and burned the encampments of 15,000 unemployed World War I veterans in Washington, D.C.

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Monthly Planner

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