



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 – 8PM

Sunday 9AM – 7PM

From the Commander

I personally want to thank all the members for your vote of confidence in the officers and myself as the new Commander. Thank you, Kim, for everything you did during your time as Commander, best of luck on your path. I also appreciate everyone that attended the Joint Installation of the new officers.

Showing up and participating is important for the post. Not just for attending the monthly meeting but volunteering to help with events, cooking or even an officer position. I am sure the Honor Guard could use some help as well. We have many functions that could use extra people. On that we might have an incentive to participate (or at least show up) in the future. Also, I have heard off-hand comments on things that they would like to have changed. Things that need to be addressed at the meeting, so come address it! Because the walls in the bar might have ears but they can't propose a motion for change - you can!

As your Commander I will not always get everything right as I am still learning (I don't even know what all the keys go to.) However, things will get better.

Alexander Duncan - Commander

postcommander@ala-28.org

Post 28 General Meeting: July 11, 2024 - Time: 7pm

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

Manager's Message: Hello Everyone, we are doing a lot of activities this summer. July 14th at 1:30pm we will have indoor Corn Hole Game. July is also the month of the Department Convention; 10-14th in Kennewick, at the Three Rivers Convention Center. August will be a big month too. August 24th we are doing a Membership Drive. We'll need volunteers for several activities. We've been raising money for entertainment for these events; if you'd like to make a donation please do so in the Lounge or mail a check payable to The American Legion Post 28, with Entertainment Fund on the memo line.

Sign-up for Indoor Cornhole to be held on July 14th, 1:30pm



JULY BIRTHDAYS: 1st is birthday of the wedding of Don & Arla Deycous, think you call it an Anniversary 😊 6th Sabrina W.; 10th Laura Steavens; 12th Peggy Turner, Elton; 14th Margy Wick, Jerome Fox; 16th Robin Seibold; 17th Phil Wick, Judy S; 26th Art B; 28th Barbie Hill; 30th Marina; 31st John W

Post 28 Election & Installation

At our May meeting we held our annual election of officers. At the June meeting these officers were installed so they would be ready to take the reigns on July 15th at the end of the Department Convention. So, what's the problem, you say. With a Post membership of nearly 250 we couldn't find enough members willing to step up and take an office. It seems to me that some of the members would be interested enough to want some control of what happens at our Post.

How many of you know that our real property alone is assessed at \$650,584? That doesn't count furnishings, supplies, appliances and many other things. I'm guessing out total assets would be near a million dollars. My question to the membership is very simple. Do you want the 10 people who regularly attend meetings to have absolute control over those kind of assets?

All we ask is that you come to meetings and express your opinion as to what should be done to take care of our assets. You can also do this at the annual election by either running for office or encouraging someone else to run for office.

This article is just an observation from Mike Montaney, Post 28 Judge Advocate, Past Post 28 Commander and Past Department of Washington Commander. I have also been an active member of Post 28 since 1987.

The following members were elected or appointed to serve for the 2024/25 term; and were installed at the General Meeting on June 13th . Please support them in their positions. American Legion Family Officers of Art Semro Post & Unit 28

President **Sunshine Pray**

Commander **Alex Duncan**

Vice President **Heather Wilson**

First Vice Commander **Larry McCarty**

Second Vice Commander **Dale Best**

Secretary **Maggs Skowronski**

Adjutant **Heather Garces**

Treasurer **Jane Montaney**

Finance Officer **Tom Moncrief**

Unit Chaplain **Arla Deycous**

Post Chaplain **Don Deycous**

Judge Advocate **Mike Montaney**

Unit Historian **Berta Gibson**

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Service Officer

Unit Sergeant at Arms **Marina Best**

Post Sergeant at Arms **Jeff Krausse**

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The Village opens the first weekend in May
to end of September. The Museum hours are
from 10AM to 5PM daily and 1PM to 4PM
on Sunday. The museum is closed on
Wednesdays. Guided tours are provided daily
until 4PM. The Gift shop is open during
museum operating hours.

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Executive Committee Members at Large

Terri Moncrief

Carol Shutt

Myra Wentworth

Don Deycous (27)

Vincente Sanchez (25)

Jason Wilson (26)



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 Post home; 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! A new Auxiliary Sr member (18 or over) applying for membership with Unit 28 can receive a \$6 discount by paying now, for both 2024 & 2025 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 **2025 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 20 June, for the 2025 Membership Year are:

Leslie Barben-Price

Suzanne Jones

Maggs Skowronski *PUFL*

Dorothy DeStio

Miki Krausse *Gold Star*

Joni Van Steenkist

Ardell Filip

Jane Montaney *PUFL*

Tellina Wild

Karen Halvorson

Jeannie Olson *Gold Star*

Beth Wyke *PUFL*

Ruth Hinen

Betsy Parmer *Gold Star*

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SAD ANNOUNCEMENT

Today we mourn the passing of an old friend, Common Sense.

Common Sense lived a long life, but died in the United States from heart failure early in the new millennium.

No one really knows how old he was, since his birth records were lost long ago in bureaucratic red tape. He selflessly devoted his life to service in schools, hospitals, homes, and factories, helping folks get jobs done without fanfare and foolishness.

For decades, petty rules, silly laws, and frivolous lawsuits held no power over Common Sense. He was credited with cultivating such valued lessons as to know when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, and that life isn't always fair.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn), reliable parenting strategies (the adults are in charge, not the kids), and it's okay to come in second.

A veteran of the Industrial Revolution, the Great Depression, and the Technological Revolution, Common Sense survived cultural and educational trends including body piercing and "new math". But his health declined when he became infected with the "if-it-only-helps-one-person-it's-worth-it" virus.

Common Sense lost his will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became businesses, criminals received better treatment than victims, and federal judges stuck their noses in everything from the Boy Scouts to professional sports.

When an individual, too stupid to realize a steaming cup of coffee was hot, was awarded a huge settlement, Common Sense threw in the towel.

As the end neared, Common Sense drifted in and out of logic but was kept informed of developments regarding questionable regulations such as those for low flow toilets, rocking chairs, stepladders and auto emissions.

Common Sense finally succumbed when, while the United States was fighting a war on terrorism, a federal judge declared the Pledge of Allegiance to be unconstitutional.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.



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Sometimes we need to make things happen.

Other times we need to hold back.

Strong leaders are strong enough to bide their time.

Weak leaders grow agitated and don't have the patience to wait.

If you have something pending, remember that a cloud promises moisture long before rain falls. The rain will come in its own time. We cannot make it come; we have to wait for it.

In the same way, don't worry and try to shape the future by interfering in things before the time is ripe. When people are impatient, disagreements crop up.

Co-workers begin to blame one another. Guard against this.

Spend your waiting time with people. Have lunch with someone you work with. Get to know someone new. Encourage your staff; and, encourage them to encourage each other.

Fate comes when it will. All you have to do is get ready.

I recently found this when cleaning out some files; originally, it was posted on a bulletin board where I worked back in the early 80's. I thought it was pretty much applicable to life whether a leader or not; and since patience is something I always have to work at, asked to copy it. Seems no one ever knew who wrote it; so, permission was granted to copy and share the inspiration.

Different people will draw inspiration from different parts of this saying – adjusting and applying to different events in their lives. When meeting someone new, hearing a new idea, especially when it means changing from the way “we always did it”. Do we really listen to their points of view and try to understand our differences, or do we just try to figure how to change their minds to our way? We also need to remember that different people have different talents and ways to do things. I really believe that sometimes compromise is the answer; taking a little from each point of view, we can accomplish the goal of all. Patience is the path to compromise.

Shared with the best of intentions and in friendship.

Jane Montaney, Proud member of American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 28

July 2024

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Burger Night Special Mushroom Burger	3	4 Independence Day	5 Fish Night	6
7 Breakfast 9 to Noon	8	9 Burger Night Special Grilled Chicken Burger	10	11 Lasagna Post meeting 7PM	12 Salisbury Steak	13
14 Breakfast 9 to Noon Indoor Corn Hole Game 1:30PM	15	16 Burger Night Special Chili Burger	17	18	19 Fish & Chips	20
21 Breakfast 9 to Noon	22	23 Burger Night Special Jalapeno Burger	24	25 Chicken Fried Steak Post Executive Committee meeting 7PM	26 Steak Night	27
28 Breakfast 9 to Noon	29	30 Burger Night Special Chef Salad	31	<div> <div> Jun 2024 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 </div> <div> Aug 2024 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 </div> </div>		

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