

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

Some of you may have noticed that we had to shut the doors for a few days in February. Between staff being ill and the snow and ice causing a safety stand down our members were unable to enjoy visiting the post for about a week. I will look into ordering better weather for the future.

Crab feed turnout was excellent and it appeared everyone enjoyed themselves. I noted a few things and I believe we can improve upon it next year.

We have started The Commanders Relief fund. This fund is to provide assistance for veterans in need in and around the community. We need donations for this fund in order for it to be viable in the future. The money in this fund is not for post expenses, only for veterans in need.

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

More from the Commander

Here is some history for March:

Mar 3, 1915 - Navy Reserve Birthday

Mar 5, 1770 - Colonists and British soldiers clash at the Boston Massacre

Mar 5, 1942 - Seabee Birthday

Mar 13, 1942 - National K9 Veterans Day (Military working dog)

Mar 14, 1951 - Capital of Korea, Seoul is liberated

Mar 15, 1919 - American Legion Birthday -106 years

Mar 19, 2003 - President G.W. Bush initiates War against Iraq

Mar 21 - Rosie the Riveter Day

Mar 23, 1775 - "give me liberty, or give me death!" speech is given by Patrick Henry

Mar 25 - Medal of Honor Day

Mar 26, 1945 - Battle of Iwo Jima ended

Mar 29, 1973 - Vietnam Veterans Day

Mar 29 - Tuskegee Airmen Day

Mar 31, 1865 - Congress approves the establishment of the National Home for disabled volunteer Soldiers. One of the predecessors to the VA

Crab Feed Preliminary Report

Our annual Crab Feed is finally over and once again due to the work of many volunteers it was successful. Although we lost a few dollars on food, due to the extreme price of crab this year, we made up for it with our extras. Namely the 50/50 raffle and the auction. Thanks to almost \$900.00 in donated supplies, we cleared approximately \$5,694.83 for the Crab Feed.

While the Legion Family was doing the Crab Feed the Club also did well, as expected. The bar took in a little over \$2,200.00 while pull tab sales exceeded \$3,300.00.

I want to thank everyone who helped, especially Linda Myers who handled the bulk of the preparations and served the crab.



We're very grateful to those who've renewed their membership for 2025. They are definitely on the right trail to accomplishing our mission of service to our veterans, military, their families, and communities. *"In the spirit of service, not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is 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." While most of the Unit 28 renewals are paid, there are still 28 who haven't and are now considered delinquent – losing the use of any of the benefits of membership. But more importantly, it means our veterans and their families are not getting the support they need. Nor are we able to properly support our other programs such as scholarships and providing patriotic learning materials to our schools & city libraries.

If for some reason you don't have the funds just now, please contact Jane Montaney, Unit 28 Membership Chrm., 760-1433; something can be worked out. American Legion Auxiliary, Art Semro Unit 28, annual membership is \$40 and \$7 for our Juniors (young ladies under 18 years of age); payable to ALA, Unit 28. Dues may be dropped off at the Post Home or mailed to Membership Chrm., Jane Montaney 204 Maringo Rd, Ephrata, WA 98823

Manager's Message – Thank you for all the volunteers who helped pull off Crab Feed; with special thanks to Linda Myers and Mike & Jane Montaney for everything they did.

Please check the calendar for daily specials and events.

Come join us for Pot-of-Gold 50/50 Raffle on March 17th funds go towards Entertainment.

IT'S BACK!! – Steak Nite March 21st 5pm Band @7pm enjoy a little Country and a little Rock-n-Roll with the Stoney River Band.

Happy Birthday to all born in March – no matter what year 🎂




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It's that time of year again – we need reports on your volunteer hours and any donations of items and/or money. Remember, members are asked to keep track of their donations of time, items**, and money in giving service to veterans. This information is used to compile reports sent into Department and then on to National. Both the Auxiliary and Legion use the veteran related statistics from these reports when communicating to Congress. It shows we're fulfilling the purpose of our organizations. It also proves we know what we're talking about when advocating on veterans' issues.

Please go back over your calendars (if you haven't already been tracking) to make a list of your time and donations**. If you don't know which program to put it in, just state what you did and I'll categorize em. If you worked on a special project, share what and how you did it. The stories, esp. with pictures, are good things to add to the narratives we send. It sure is great when ideas are shared – more people benefit.

The Auxiliary Report timeframe is 1 April to 31 March. Legionnaires' timeframe is 1 June-31 May; and, they only need to complete a consolidated report. Auxiliary, please get your information to Jane Montaney jmontaney@yahoo.com or mail it to her at 204 Maringo Rd Ephrata, WA 98823. Legionnaires please get your info to Post 28 Adjutant (PO Box 904 Ephrata, WA 98823). For some of you it may be easier to just complete a card in the "Volunteer Box" at the Post Home (by the TV))

THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH FOR DOING WHAT YOU CAN

In service and friendship, for God and Country, *Jane Montaney*

**Evaluation forms are completed, and copies kept in our Unit 28 records, each time we donate items to Veterans Homes, VA Hospitals, Warrior Transition Battalion (WTB), Operation Stork, Santa's Castle, Next Step Housing, and Vets Transitional Housing, etc. So, the only items we need you to list are those you gave personally without a record in Unit files.

We are in need of volunteers to help provide salads, desserts, and maybe rolls for Memorial Receptions and some other events.

The Auxiliary wants to create a database so we can use it to help prevent calling on the same people over and over. If you're willing to help provide salads, desserts, etc. please contact

Jane Montaney 509-760-1433 or Terri Moncrief 509-750-0655



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Follow the yellow brick road to Ephrata American Legion Hall (276 8th Ave NW) on Sat, March 15th for an unforgettable evening of fun, fellowship, fundraising.

We are honored to be hosting a visitation on Sat. March 15th by our American Legion Auxiliary National President, Trish Ward.



Yes, you're right – that's the same day as our Traditional Dinner & Auction fundraiser for Girls and Boys States. Plus, we'll be celebrating the 106th birthday of The American Legion.

National President Trish Ward and her traveling party are expected to arrive around 4:30pm. The evening will feature a meet & greet, a delicious dinner, and exciting auctions (silent and live) to support Girls and Boys State programs. Additionally, we'll have the privilege of hearing National President Trish speak on some key issues impacting our mission of assisting veterans, to include those currently serving, their families, and our communities, especially the youth.

We expect people here from throughout the American Legion Family of Washington State. RSVPs are necessary to ensure we have enough food prepared. So please RSVP by March 7th to Post Home: 509-754-2761 or Jane Montaney 509-760-1433. Tickets are \$20 per person. If you live out of town, your tickets will be waiting with your name on them when you call in your RSVP.

This is the main fundraiser for our sponsorship of young women and men to participate in an intensive weeklong active learning experience of state government. Items in new or like new condition for the auction are needed; and, I'm sure some will donate a few of their special treats. Please bring your donated items to the Post by March 12th, if this is difficult for you, contact Jane so she can determine if the item(s) will fall into Silent or Live Auction and have an area for display.



Dinner consists of Corned Beef and Cabbage, with ham for those without an Irish pallet. Dessert includes refreshing sherbet and a birthday cake to honor our Legionnaires.

Event Schedule & Media Presence:

Media representatives will be in attendance, providing Posts, Units, and Squadrons the opportunity to engage with them, as well as with our esteemed National President.

4PM – Meet & Greet 5pm – Formal Opening 5:45 Dinner Served
Silent Auction actually begins couple days earlier, closing at 7pm on March 15th.
The Live Auction will begin approximately 7pm

Questions? Contact:

Jane Montaney 509-760-1433 or Sunshine Pray 509-771-1676

We look forward to welcoming a large group for a successful evening
of great food, fellowship, and celebration!!!



American Legion Auxiliary, Art Semro Unit 28 – President's Message

The Importance of Membership

Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary is more than just a number—it is the foundation of our ability to serve veterans, military families, and communities nationwide. Each member plays a crucial role in supporting our mission, whether through volunteer efforts, fundraising, or advocating for those who have served our country. By renewing your membership or inviting new members to join, you help ensure that our programs and initiatives continue to make a difference. If you haven't yet renewed your membership for 2025, now is the time! Encourage friends and family to become part of this meaningful organization and help us grow our impact.

Evergreen Girls State – June 22-27, 2025

We are excited to announce this year's Evergreen Girls State, taking place June 22-27, 2025! This incredible program gives young women a hands-on opportunity to learn about government, leadership, and civic engagement. Participants will have the chance to run for office, draft and debate legislation, and gain valuable skills for their future. If you know a high school junior who would benefit from this experience, encourage them to apply! For more information, visit [Evergreen Girls State](#).

Boys and Girls State Auction – March 15, 2025

Mark your calendars for the Boys and Girls State Auction on March 15, 2025! This exciting event raises funds to support our Boys and Girls State programs, ensuring that more young leaders have the opportunity to participate. We are especially thrilled to welcome National President Trish and her entourage as our honored guests for the evening. Join us for a night of fun, fellowship, and fantastic auction items—all for a great cause. Your participation helps shape the future leaders of America!

The Importance of the Impact Report

Tracking our volunteer hours is crucial to showcasing the incredible work and dedication of our members. The American Legion Auxiliary's impact report helps us quantify our service and demonstrate the value of our contributions to veterans, military families, and local communities. Every hour spent volunteering makes a difference, whether through community events, fundraising, or advocacy efforts. By accurately reporting our hours, we help secure funding, gain recognition, and continue to expand our efforts. Please ensure that your volunteer time is documented — it truly matters!

Thank you for your continued dedication to the American Legion Auxiliary. Your support and involvement make all the difference. Stay tuned for more updates and upcoming events!

**Yours in Service,
Sunshine Pray, President**



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Monthly Planner

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