

Tukwila American Legion Post #235
Tukwila Community Center
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Fellow Legionnaires,

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Electronic Communication

For those of you, who forwarded your e-mail address, thank you. For those of you, who have yet to forward your e-mail address, please send it to paulneuss@earthlink.net.

Department Convention

Dave Yankee and Harry Hendricks will be our Post's delegates to the annual Department Convention being held at Great Wolf Lodge in July.

Next Post meeting

The Post meetings will be on hold for the summer. The next meeting will be **Thursday Sept 16 at 7:00 PM** in Meeting Room B at the Tukwila Community Center. While we realize that some members are not able to attend these meetings your presence is requested if you can make it.

Poppy Sales

Poppy Sales this year brought in a little over \$5,000 to our post. Special recognition to Jack Gobright who brought in the most money --about \$1,400 and to our Commander Jesse Albritton who brought in the highest yield per poppy sold at \$2.32 per poppy. A special thanks to all members who participated in the poppy sales this year.

The current list of officers is:

Post Officer	Name	Ph #	e-mail address
Commander	Jesse Albritton	(206) 767-2247	jesmann@comcast.net
Vice Commander	Larry Evenson	(206) 244-8859	
2 nd Vice Commander	Don Gardner	(253) 631-7879	donaldralph@comcast.net
Adjutant	Paul Neuss	(206) 723-7858	paulneuss@earthlink.net
Finance Officer	Calvin Johnson	(206) 243-9908	
Service Officer	Dave Yankee	(206) 246-9787	d.yankee@comcast.net
Chaplain	Arlyn Stanfield	(206) 241-5131	arlyn57@msn.com
Sergeant at Arms	Jack Gobright	(206) 778-4225	
Historian	Jim Haggerton	(206) 244-7846	jimhagg@comcast.net

Officer Installation

The installation of officers for our post is on June 22 at 7:30 PM at the Renton Post. All officers from our post should attend this meeting.

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Department Resolution 002

Bremerton Post 149 has submitted a resolution to be taken up at the Department Convention in July. The resolution changes the eligibility requirements for membership in the American Legion. Any person shall be eligible for membership in The American Legion who was a member of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Air Force of the United States and assigned to active duty as some time since April 6, 1917, or who, being a citizen of the United States at the time for their entry therein, served on active duty in the armed forces of any of the governments associated with the United States since April 6, 1917; provided, however, that such service shall have been terminated by honorable discharge or honorable separation, or is continued honorably; provided, further, that no person shall be entitled to membership who, being in such service since April 6, 1917, refused on conscientious, political or other grounds to subject himself to military discipline or unqualified service.” to simply being a veteran with an honorable discharge.

Boys State/Girls State

Evergreen Boys State runs from June 20 – 26 at Central Washington University in Ellensburg. Our post found 1 boy which we are sponsoring and also financed 2 other boys who were sponsored by other posts in our district. Orientation for Boys State was held at the Kent Post on June 6. To learn more about Boys State you can find it online at www.evergreenboysstate.org or can contact our Post Chairman Larry Evenson at 206.244.8859.

VA Voluntary Service

Our Post this past year contributed more than 800 hours of volunteer hours at the VA Medical Center. If you can volunteer occasionally or regularly contact Cal Johnson, Arlyn Stanfield or Paul Neuss to get started. See phone #'s in our list of officers.

Other Ways to Volunteer

We are often being given information on other ways to help support our vets. It might be to welcome home troops from Afghanistan or Iraq, or to assist in a pack out for our overseas troops, or simply a work party to help a vet. Often these don't come with sufficient notice to get them in the newsletter so the information is sent by e-mal. To get these notices please send your e-mail address to paulneuss@earthlink.net.

Veterans Services Office

Our Post Service Officer is Dave Yankee. There are also some Service Offices in the area that are staffed and can assist you with both understanding your VA benefits and assist you with your claims as well. They are:

Seattle VA Medical Center
1600 S Columbian Way, Seattle
Room 1D 140GG

Hours - Mon, Thur, Fri 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Phone 206-277-3232

Certified Service Officers: Lyle Stevenson, Tim Kinnear, Art Hurd, Cliff Heino

Auburn Post 78 Service Office
324 97th PL S, Kent

Hours: Mon, Fri 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Phone 206-683-4221

Certified Service Officers: Joe W Reed, Robert Snyder

Recruiting

There are a lot of vets out there who have not joined the American Legion. Please talk up the American Legion to possible candidates. Feel free to pass along candidates to any of our officers.