

Earle B Stewart American Legion Post 16



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June 2014

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Post Meeting
Saturday June 14th
Meeting begins at
Noon
Luncheon served

The Post is open
every Monday and
Friday from 1-3 PM



OREGON WWII
MEMORIAL
DEDICATION
FRIDAY JUNE 6TH
1:30 PM

OREGON STATE
CAPITOL GROUNDS
WILLSON PARK
CORNER OF COURT
& COTTAGE
SALEM

POST 16'S FINANCE OF-
FICER DIRK KRUYSMAN
WILL BE ONE OF THE
GUEST SPEAKERS

National Commander Secretary Shinseki "resign your office"



Eric K

When the commander of the American Legion, Daniel Dellinger, asked the secretary of veterans affairs, Eric K Shinseki last month

**Resigned as Secretary
5.30.14**

about why no one in his department had been fired despite an array of serious problems over the years, he was taken aback at the answer.

"He said he didn't need to fire anyone; he needed to retrain them," Mr. Dellinger recalled. "That was a red flag."

Mr. Dellinger's alarm grew when reports soon emerged that the department's medical center in Phoenix, and possibly other veterans hospitals, was using off-the-books lists to conceal long appointment waiting times. Finally, when the department's under secretary for health in-



Dr. Stewart's Baseball

The Doc's home opener will be on Friday June 13th at 6pm. The Doc's will be hosting the Portland Barbers at Legion Field.

For the complete schedule visit the Post's Website @ AmericanLegionBaseball



Day of Remembrance was on May 22 National Maritime Day

By Nelson Cauble



Nelson Cauble

DID YOU KNOW?

..... that when the first call went out that WWII had started, Our country had to quickly get organized. In 1941, ships were the answer and had to haul every item needed to the war front. We hauled bombs, planes, tanks, fuel, food, Troops, and guns and every single item necessary to

care for our troops and fight the battle . Thousands of men, some too young, some too old, some with less than perfect bodies. willingly joined the service, by enlisting into the Merchant Marines. We stood and raised our right hand and took the exact same oath that every one of you took. We were then subject to the same Military discipline, including Court Marshal. We were trained by the Coast Guard at several locations across the country . I trained at Catalina Island off the coast of California. Later, my brother Bob did too, at the age of 15!

Approx 250,000 mariners manned these ships through the war, facing Japanese

submarines in the Pacific. And the German Wolf packs on the Atlantic. Later they began putting Navy Armed Guards on board with us. I was trained in weaponry when I got on board ship, and we all had gun stations. Mine was at a 5 inch gun on the fantail of the ship. I passed the ammunition. When the war ended, we mariners learned as we left the ships together with our shipmate Navy Armed Guards, that they went home to all VA benefits including the GI bill. We received nothing!. Only until 1988 , 42 years later and then only after a million dollar law suit in a Federal court brought on by a couple of Merchant Mariner POW's were we given discharges (DD214 forms) but we were too late for most benefits.

General Douglas McArthur said "I hold no branch in higher esteem than the Merchant Marine. They brought us our lifeblood, and paid for it with their own."

General Dwight Eisenhower said, "When final victory is ours, there is no organization that will share it's credit more deservedly than the U.S. Merchant Marine."

*Nelson Cauble,
Merchant Marine Veteran WWII*

Cash reimbursements to Veterans for beneficiary travel will end at PVAMC

The U.S. Treasury Department issued a mandate in 2013 to all federal agencies to reduce or eliminate the use of cash for beneficiary payments. Across the nation, VA medical centers are implementing this mandate as it applies to benef-

iciary travel reimbursement.

Portland VA Medical Center (PVAMC) has spent the past year upgrading business processes and eliminating administrative backlog in preparation for this change which will begin on July 15, 2014.

Similar to VARHS (Roseburg VA) Veterans will be required to submit information for bank routing numbers to have on file to facilitate the transfer of travel pay. For information contact the PVAMC payroll office 503-273-5069 M-F 8-4.

Memorial Day



Above Over 300 people showed up at the Memorial Day Tribute at the Roseburg National Cemetery.



Above and Below- Veterans and their families are seen at the Memorial Day Picnic/BBQ at Stewart Park. The BBQ followed the National Cemetery Tribute.



Pictures provided by Dale Nelson and Rick Scipiti

Camp M Snack Drive



Coming off a successful 2013 Snack Food and bottled water drive, Earle B Stewart Post 16 will hold another snack food drive for Camp Millennium at

Sherm's Thunderbird Market on Friday June 6th. Camp M offers support for children who are going through treatment for cancer., and gives them the opportunity to attend summer camp.

The Post could use some volunteers at the store, and help delivering the goods to the Camp M store. Let the Post know if you are available. Leave a message on the answering machine or come by the Post on open days.

Veterans Food Drive

Mark your calendars for September 18th and October 17th. Post 16 will be out at Sherm's once again this year collecting food for disadvantaged Veterans and their families. Volunteers are needed to help fill the food barrels, stand and greet the community, and transport the food to the Post so it can be sorted.

Contact the Post and make arrangements to volunteer.

Cemetery Parking Lot Pavers on display



Post 16's paver is now on display at the Harvard Ave National Cemetery parking lot. Picture on the left shows the center area of the parking lot, and all the pavers that display the names of the project donors.

Living History Day Roseburg High School



Veterans in mass showed up at Roseburg High School on Friday May 23rd for the Annual Living History Day.

The annual event brings veterans and students together in a unique one on one situation where interchange about the veterans military experiences are connected to the students education. Most of the students are in the process of studying World History, or US History.



Many of the students who participated in the days event have worked their way up through the US involvement in wars, and are currently studying WWII. They move on to the Cold War in their next segment.



Pictured are: Top-L-R Bud Bessey, Jim Little and Bottom L-R Owen Dykema, Kirk Conner, Dirk Kruysman and Monte Montgomery.

Dianne's Deli on Diamond Lake Blvd.

Free Coffee with Breakfast for any Veteran, Monday-Wednesday only.

Applebee's

10% off for veterans if you are wearing a cap or jacket showing you are a veteran

Dan Colony
General Manager



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JAG



Kirk Conner

Mike Hampton

Officers Sworn In



Department of Oregon 1st Vice Commander Larry Hill (R) gives the oath of office to the newly elected Post 16 Officers. Officers are left to right: 2nd Vice Commander Dale Nelson, SGT at Arms Mike Harper, Commander Mike Null, 1st Vice Commander Doug Page, Finance Officer Dirk Kruysman, and Adjutant Steve Bergadine. Not pictured are Chaplain Ted Blann, Service Officer Bud Bessey, Historian Kirk Conner, and JAG Mike Hampton.

Website Info

Visit the Post Website for meeting information. The minutes, finance report, and past Newsletters are all archived on the web-site.

Be sure to sign-up for the E-EDITION of the Newsletter by emailing: EarleBStewartPost16@msn.com Give your name and request the Newsletter. You will be removed from the postal mailing.

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2nd Battalion, 162 Infantry
At the Salem Armory
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2:00 PM

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