

# PEACE ARCH POST 86 NEWSLETTER

February 2025 Edition

## Thank You for Your Patience

As you are likely aware, we had to close without any advance notice a few times in the past month due to some plumbing issues here at the post. We realize that this had a potentially negative impact for our membership and we sincerely apologize. Unfortunately, Health Department rules dictate that we must close when these types of issues arise so our hands were tied.

Thanks to the quick actions of James Brown, we were able to get a plumber into the Post to clear the issue each time and it seems that we have identified the culprit...there is an issue with the sewer piping running from the building to the holding tank that has the issue. James is working with a local plumbing company to get the issue permanently corrected but we will be monitoring the situation to avoid further last-minute closures as best we can.

Again, thank you for your patience and understanding.

## Monthly Newsletter Seems Worth It

The newsletter was started in September of 2024 in an effort to let everyone know what is happening here at Post 86. Now that we are five months into it, the feedback has been positive enough that we will continue with the effort.

When we started the newsletter one of the goals was to bring to everyone's attention the great things that the SAL, Legion Riders, and Auxiliary groups were doing in the community on behalf of the Post. Their efforts often seemed to go unnoticed and underappreciated because these groups aren't doing them for the publicity or notoriety...they do these things because of the positive impact it has in our community and for veterans in the area. We wanted to give them the credit they deserve.

Another goal was to encourage involvement in the Post itself. We wanted to let folks know where we could use volunteers, when the meetings were so they could have their opinions heard, and to get people into the Post for the numerous activities and events that happen here. We have seen great growth in membership due to the Poker Games doing so well and we have increased our outreach by doing things like hosting a weekly AA meeting and by making sizeable charitable donations.

James Brown will be taking on yet ANOTHER duty as he has volunteered to take over the writing of the newsletter starting in March. However, if you would like to contribute to the newsletter, I am sure he would welcome your help. Let's not let the newsletter suffer a long and gradual death after it getting off to such a strong start. Help out if you can by providing articles or information to James so he can put it into the next newsletter.

## Auxiliary National President to Visit Washington

The 2024-2025 American Legion Auxiliary National President, Trish Ward, will be visiting units in Washington State from March 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> and Post 7 in Bellingham will be hosting a dinner event on March 17<sup>th</sup> during her visit. The National President has a message that you don't want to miss so be on the lookout for more information on this event that will be posted here at Post 86 as it becomes available.

## Easter Egg Hunt on the Horizon – Needs Volunteers

The annual Unit 86 Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. This event is open to the public for kids 10 and under and includes an Easter Egg Hunt by age group, refreshments, and photos with the Easter Bunny. Anyone willing to help stuff the plastic eggs, event setup, clean up, and/or hiding the eggs for the event are encouraged to sign-up using the Volunteer Sign-up Book available from the Bartender on Duty.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the event organizer Marcy McKay.

## ---- COMMANDER'S CORNER ----

Some of you may have heard through the grapevine that I will be stepping down as the Commander of Post 86 this month and yes, that is true. Tina and I had discussed where we wanted to land once we had retired from BP and although we love the people here in the PNW we area less than enamored with the weather. So, we looked south and found a nice 55+ community in Mesquite, Nevada to enjoy our retirement and golf! We have family here in the Ferndale area so we will return occasionally to visit and you can rest assured that a trip to Post 86 will be on that itinerary each time we do!

When I took this position as Commander at Post 86, I had no idea how fulfilling it would be. I have enjoyed talking with and getting to know each of you and I have enjoyed being part of the change that our Post has seen in the recent months and years. I love seeing the increasing amount of engagement by our members as we have taken on everything from construction projects to pot luck dinners. However, the change in the mood and atmosphere here is the one thing I am proudest of and I hope that my time as Commander has contributed to that in some small way. People want to be here to socialize, have a few beers, and support our veterans more now than when I joined over 6 years ago and that is awesome.

I hope you feel my time here has been a positive one for both the Post and our members because I know it has been positive for me personally. It is an honor to call you all my Legion Family.

*In Service,*

*Kent Loomer – Post 86 Commander*

## Upcoming Meetings and Entertainment

### February Meetings

Feb 4 – 6pm	SAL Meeting
Feb 12 – 7pm	Executive Board
Feb 19 – 7pm	Auxiliary Meeting
Feb 26 – 7pm	General Membership

### March Meetings

Mar 4 – 6pm	SAL Meeting
Mar 12 – 7pm	Executive Board
Mar 19 – 7pm	Auxiliary Meeting
Mar 26 - 7pm	General Membership

### February Bands

Feb 1	Jimmy Wright
Feb 8	Silver City
Feb 15	Emery Road
Feb 22	JP Falcon

### March Bands

Mar 1	Jimmy Wright
Mar 8	Silver City
Mar 15	Fender Benders
Mar 22	JP Falcon
Mar 29	Emery Road