



American Legion
116 College Ave

Hello again! We hope everyone's summer is off to a wonderful start.

Elections for officers for the Post and the Auxiliary were held in May.

Post officers for the next year are:

Commander: Geol Barnard
1st Vice: Dave Bloshenko
2nd Vice: Curt Huff
Historian: Dean Wilson
Chaplain: Dan Hillman
Sgt at Arms: Dan Hillman

*We need to fill the following empty chairs: Adjutant, Finance Officer, and Service Officer.

If you are interested, contact Geol at geolb@hughs.net. Support your Post!!

Auxiliary officers for the next year are:

President: Beverly Bumpus
1st Vice: Cathy Gueths
2nd Vice: Gayle Fittje
Treasurer: Pam Bumpas
Secretary: Margie Foland
Sgt at Arms: Bernadette Martinez
Chaplain: Phyllis Mitzel

We thank all outgoing officers for their time and effort in their positions. Also, thank you to all incoming officers for taking on the responsibilities of a new year!

The **All Post meetings** on the 2nd Thursday of the month don't seem to be attracting much attention. We were

hoping for input from members and officers from all parts of the Legion family. It is disheartening that so few appear to have an interest regarding our Post. There **will not** be an all Post meeting in July or August.

The Memorial Day Breakfast went very well. Between the breakfast and the raffle, we raised \$453.00 for the Cheney Cemetery Association and \$60.00 towards the Building Maintenance Fund. We would like to thank the outgoing Commander Bob and the incoming Commander Geol for cooking breakfast. Local Boy Scouts served. A thank you also goes to the Sons and the Bar Crew for donating raffle baskets and to members of the Auxiliary who decorated the hall. In addition, the Cheney Middle School Leadership class provided the poppy centerpieces. A parade followed which ended up at the Fairview Cemetery where a program was held. Thanks again to all who participated in the success of this event.

Upcoming Events

On Independence Day we will have a Burgers and Sausages on the grill from 5:00 to 6:30 for \$5.00 a plate. Join us for dinner before you head out to watch the Fireworks.

Rodeo Weekend: On Saturday, July 8 we will start the day with a **Cowboy Breakfast:** biscuits and gravy, eggs and sausage will be served from 9:00 to 10:30. **The Beer Garden** will open at 10:00. Around 1:00, a hearty meal of **Ribs and Brisket with sides of Potato Salad, Cole Slaw and Baked Beans** will be available for purchase. Also, live music will start after the Parade provided by **The Plaid Cats**. Come on down,

check out the vendors, eat some yummy food, and have some Rodeo Fun!

We are **raffling off a Craftsman Double Decker tool box**, generously donated by Tom Jarms. \$1.00 a chance, or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be held Rodeo Weekend, and all proceeds will go to the Building Maintenance Fund. Thank you Tom Jarms!

The Sons have generously donated \$500 to The Post to help pay for our Business and Gambling Licenses Thank you so much for your generosity and for supporting your Post.

Sunday Open Pool! Starting July 2, the pool table will be open for free pool during Sunday business hours.

We will make a small change in summer hours. We will be closing at 8:00 pm on Sundays during the summer, starting July 2nd.

We would like to give a **heartfelt thank you to the following for their donations to the building maintenance fund.**

Daniel Hillman
Geoal Barnard
Kenny Kennedy
Skip Duty
Bill Daniels
Wayne Foland
Bob Heston
Pete Barthels
Hal and Mary Meili
Brian Warwick
Bernadette Martinez
DD Powell
Anonymous
Harlan and Cathy Shellebarger
Hip Sarmiento

Bruce Belisle
Jarms Hardware
Cheney Rodeo Association
Jon Malcolm
Bruce Throckmorton
David Evans

Auxiliary News

The **Auxiliary** has been quite active this year and we would welcome Auxiliary members to either attend our meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 or to volunteer their time for an event or project.

We proudly sponsored five Cheney High School Juniors who attended Evergreen **Girls State in Ellensburg** from June 11-17. These outstanding students will report back to the Auxiliary at a fall meeting.

Once again, members handed out **poppies on Memorial Day weekend** in honor of those men and women who sacrificed their lives for our country. Our gratitude goes to Mitchell's Harvest Foods for allowing us to set up a table. Money raised from donations goes to supporting our Veterans!

In an effort to reach out to young people in our community, the Auxiliary held a **Poppy Poster Contest** in honor of Memorial Day. Students from Cheney Middle School participated and three winners were chosen and received monetary prizes and a picture in the Free Press. The winning posters will be framed and displayed in the hall. Next year we hope to expand to Westwood Middle School and Cheney High School.