



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

Jack Grennan Post No. 62

107 E. Prairie Street  
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January/February/March 2020

## FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER

As your commander I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It is hard to believe that this is my 10<sup>th</sup> year as the Commanding Officer of the American Legion Post 62 here in Sequim; I want to say it has been a real privilege for me.

After serving as a Veterans Service Officer for almost 18 years I feel that it is time that I step back a little. Starting in August of 2020 I will be stepping down as Commander, and I will only be working in the Service Office one day a month in the Sequim office and one day in the Veterans Center office in Port Angeles. Until August I will continue to put 100% into my efforts for the Post and the Service Office. The service office in Sequim is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment. The service officers will be in Port Angeles on Wednesdays. There are no appointments in Port Angeles as we take walk-ins from 10am to 2pm. The Service Office has had a very good year; with 398 veterans helped and writing 198 claims to the date of this newsletter. The Service Office has helped bring into the County in veterans benefits in excess of \$1.9 million dollars so far this year.

This coming year we are looking forward to the Four Chaplains Memorial Service in February, and our Birthday dinner in March. Check the upcoming calendar for the dates.

At this time I want to give a big thank you to my 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Paul Renick and my Executive Board Members. I have served with several members who are no longer on the Executive Board and to these members a very special Thank You for your service to our Post. To all who have served the Post helping out where needed thank you to you as well. You have helped make my job as Commander easier. Working together we have made a difference for our Post and for our community.

Membership is a big part of our Post. Remember is it everyone working together to get members that will keep our Post going in the Future.

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Commander Carl Bradshaw

# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

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To all our Auxiliary members, I hope your Holidays were peaceful and enjoyable.

The Retsil Veterans Gift Store is completed for 2019. Thank you Jana Hyatt, Dorothy Shaw and Lorri Gilchrist for all you did to make the event successful. We shopped with Veterans, wrapped mountains of gifts for their loved ones and got it all into the mail. Wow, it was a huge job. Thank you all who donated to this wonderful project. Pat McCauley of Bremerton does such a great job as the Chairperson for this event.

**Membership** – Dorothy Shaw is still processing membership renewals. National will be sending renewal reminders in January. If you have already renewed disregard this additional notice. If you have not renewed, please consider doing so now.

If you have not yet joined us and would like to, please give Dorothy a call at 360-797-7150. One of our long time members, Joan Geiger, has passed. I did not know Joan but offer condolences to her family and friends.

The Auxiliary has been very busy **donating** to Veterans, Active Duty Personnel, their Families and the Sequim Community. Since our meeting in September we have donated to the following;

1. Post Service Office Fund
2. Post Veteran's Day Dinner
3. The 2 USO's in the Seattle area.
4. Gifts and money to the Auxiliary Retsil Gift Shop.

Our donations to the Community of Sequim include;

1. Sequim Food Bank items
2. School supplies to the Community School District
3. Money donated to the Sequim Schools Unpaid Lunches Fund
4. Sequim Community Aid

If you would like to join a group who helps many others, please call Dorothy Shaw. At the National Convention the 'Eligibility Dates' for the American Legion were expanded, and now men are allowed to join the Auxiliary. Dorothy Shaw has the information on this. We are half way to our 2020 membership goal, please help us by joining.

**Meetings** – The January meeting will be held on the fourth Thursday, January 23, 11:00 at the Post. Lunch is bring your own lunch, brown bag. Coffee and dessert will be provided. We do this because so often we have to cancel these mid-winter meetings. If the weather is extremely icy or snowy we will cancel the meeting.

The February meeting will be on February 27, to be held at the Post at 11:00am. This is also a brown bag lunch, dessert and coffee will be provided.

The March meeting will be March 26<sup>th</sup> and we will be back to providing lunch for \$6.00.

Sandi Carroll, President American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 62



Photo of Santa Claus, and elf, at Post 62. This picture was taken during Breakfast with Santa in December, 2017. Breakfast items included orange juice, waffles and sausage. Toys were distributed to the children in attendance. This annual event at Post 62 is open to the entire community at no charge to attendees.

## CALENDAR

### **Executive Board Meeting: 1st Monday @ 1:30 p.m.**

January 6, 2020  
 February 3, 2020  
 March 2, 2020  
 April 6, 2020

### **Legion Meeting: 2nd Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.**

January 9, 2020  
 February 13, 2020  
 March 12, 2020  
 April 9, 2020

### **Auxiliary Meeting: 4th Thursday @ 11:00 a.m.**

January 23, 2020  
 February 27, 2020  
 March 26, 2020  
 April 23, 2020  
 May 28, 2020

**American Legion  
 Birthday Dinner  
 Post 62, Saturday, March 21, 2020  
 3:00 PM Set-up,  
 4:00 PM Social Hour  
 5:00 PM Dinner**

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**Four Chaplains Memorial Service  
 Post 62, Saturday, February 8, 2020, 2:00 PM**

### **REMEMBER**

For the latest information on all Post 62 activities see the calendar at [www.alpost62.com](http://www.alpost62.com).

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2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: ..... Michael Sieg  
Adjutant: ..... Dan Abbott  
Finance Officer: ..... Paul Rogers  
Chaplain: ..... Nancy Zimmermann  
Sgt-at-Arms: ..... Mel Clemmer  
Service Officer: ..... Carl Bradshaw  
Historian: .....  
Executive Board Member: 1 year ..... Rod Lee  
Executive Board Member: 2 years ..... Ed Hako  
Executive Board Member: 3 years ..... James Owsley

**For the American Legion Auxiliary**

President: ..... Sandi Carroll  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: ..... Jana Hyatt  
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Treasurer: ..... Geri Whelan  
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Historian: .....  
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