



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Jack Grennan Post No. 62

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FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER

Greetings and Happy New Year fellow Legionnaires:

In the last quarter of 2022, Post 62 has conducted several activities that were of interest to local veterans.

On November 10, Post 62 donated the sum of \$8,333.33 to the North Olympic Veteran's Housing Network (aka Sarge's Place) in Forks in order to help them buy the VFW building in Forks. The sales price on the building was \$100,000 and Post 62 was one of three veterans organizations in the Sequim area whose combined donations totaled \$25,000 towards this purchase. Sarge's Place will use this building to expand their second-hand retail store operations.

Once again Post 62 members stepped forward to support the Toys-For-Tots program in the Sequim area in November and December. Vice Commander Carl Bradshaw took charge of organizing personnel to stand watch at the Walmart and Longhouse collection points for donations of toys and cash. Post 62 Chaplain Nancy Zimmermann was the T-4-T coordinator for the County for the second year in a row. She reports that the T-4-T program was a great success this year.

Post 62 was represented at the Veterans Day ceremony held on November 9 at the Olympic Peninsula Academy (OPA) in Sequim. The ceremony took place in OPA's gymnasium on their campus near Sequim High School. The entire OPA student body was in attendance.

In celebration of Veterans Day this year, the Post held a Veterans Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, November 12, at Post 62. The Breakfast was free for all veterans; in all, we served about 64 breakfasts. We are deeply thankful for the assistance provided to us for this event by the Daughters of the American Revolution – MTC (DAR-MTC). The breakfast was very much appreciated by our local veterans.

On December 17, Post 62 supported the Wreathes Across America effort organized by the DAR-MTC. A ceremony was held on this date at Mt. Angeles Cemetery in Port Angeles. Your Commander was in attendance along with approximately 150 local residents and veterans. On that date, about 2,900 wreaths were placed on the gravesites of veterans in 10 cemeteries from Gardiner to Forks. In November, Post 62 purchased 45 wreaths for \$675. For a limited time, DAR-MTC is having a promotion to provide wreaths for the 2023 WAA program. Through January 15, 2023, you can donate \$30 to buy 5 wreaths. For details contact the DAR-MTC at: mtcwreaths@gmail.com.

DAR-MTC is looking for volunteers to help with the WAA recycle effort. For those wishing to help, please meet at the Lazy-J Tree Farm on January 14, at 10:00 am. Lazy-J is located at 225 Gehrke Rd., PA.

Commander Paul Renick

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

by Nancy Zimmermann (Chaplain, Post 62)

Happy New Year!

New Beginnings, New Hopes and New Dreams.

The New Year brings out all the good intentions and resolutions that we believe will make our new year better and or happier than the previous year.

We pledge to be kinder, thinner, more patient, a better parent, a better employee or employer. All our good intentions seem to fade as the days and weeks pass. Life, family and situations change and our once very important resolutions seem to disappear. Perhaps we seek too much at one time, or expect immediate change.

An obtainable resolution or intention is more likely to succeed when it's shared with another individual like a walking or jogging partner. An act of kindness or lending a hand to someone does not have to be a planned event, if you see someone that needs a hand or assistance just jump in and offer your services.

We all live and are connected to each other in some way, so instead of making resolutions let's just remember to be **KIND** to everyone all of the time.

Smile, offer a hand, open a door, assist someone who is struggling.

These are the moments that count; these are the moments that will make you feel good and will give goodness to others.



Veterans Breakfast set-up



Veterans Breakfast diners



Veterans Breakfast, Dist 3 Cmdr



Veterans Breakfast kitchen crew



Veterans Breakfast meet a Vet



Post 62 Christmas Tree



This was the scene at Mt. Angeles Cemetery in Port Angeles on December 17, 2022 just before the start of the Wreaths Across America ceremony. This ceremony kicked off the placement of Wreaths on veterans' gravesites at ten cemeteries from Gardiner to Forks.

CALENDAR

**Executive Board Meeting:
1st Monday @ 1:30 pm**

January 9, 2023,
February 6, 2023,
March 6, 2023,
April 3, 2023,
May 1, 2023,
June 5, 2023.

**American Legion Meeting:
2nd Thursday @ 7:00 pm**

January 12, 2023,
February 9, 2023,
March 9, 2023,
April 13, 2023,
May 11, 2023,
June 8, 2023.

Post 62 Activities:

Recycle Wreaths: 10:00 am
January 14, 2023, at Lazy-J
Tree Farm, 225 Gehrke Rd.,
Port Angeles,

Four Chaplains Ceremony,
Saturday, February 4, 2023
2:00 pm at Post 62.

REMEMBER

For the latest information and details on all Post 62 activities see the
Calendar on the home page at www.alpost62.com.

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- 1st Vice Commander:..... Carl Bradshaw
- 2nd Vice Commander:..... Mike Darrow
- Adjutant:..... Dan Abbott
- Judge Advocate: Dan Abbott
- Finance Officer: Paul Rogers
- Chaplain: Nancy Zimmermann
- Sgt-at-Arms: Debbie Rogers
- Service Officer: Paul Renick
- Historian:
- Executive Board Member: 1 year Rod Lee
- Executive Board Member: 2 years Ed Hako
- Executive Board Member: 3 years Sid Gerling