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*November 4, 2023*

**Commander's Corner (CC)**

It's difficult for me to believe it, but we've made it to November. Is it just me, or does anybody else feel like the months go faster at the end of the year? It's a pretty sure bet that the next two months will be here and gone faster than most of us anticipated. That being said and providing you with absolutely no information, I'm personally looking forward to making it successfully through the holidays in record time, this year in particular. There are several reasons for this, but to share just a few with you will reveal my mindset. I'll start off with the knowledge that we're into a new year and that I'm convinced there's no possibility of it being tougher than this one has been so far. Then I'd move on to that sensation of accomplishment I usually get after Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years have been successfully navigated. For my last pick to share, it would probably be that I've made it closer to completing my first tour as the post commander. This should not be interpreted as "*this can't get over fast enough for me*" but more like "*I've actually made it this far and I'm still here!*". My best wishes to everyone over the holidays and for the rest of 2023. May your new year be to your predilection.

Larry Wisner, commander

**Things to look for in November and December...**

A Post Everlasting ceremony sometime in November, possibly the last Civil War Game played in Oregon. Probably an adopted 2023-2024 Budget and maybe a Thanksgiving Dinner at the post. I suspect a Christmas Party for the kids and a New Years Eve party for the grownups. I would look for some snow and I can only hope for an abundance of food, drinks and good times for everyone during their holiday season.

# Notice of Santiam Post 51 Constitution Amendment

Pursuant to Article X, Section 1, of the American Legion, Santiam Post 51 Constitution, currently on file with the Department of Oregon, this is an official notice to all Post 51 members that an amendment to our constitution has been passed on by the Executive Committee and brought before those members present at the Post 51 general meeting, which convened on October 17, 2023. A motion was brought before the members to amend Article IV, Section 3, of our constitution, and was voted on and passed by a unanimous vote, by all members present. Article IV, Section 3, is to be amended as follows:

*There shall be no entrance fee, but the annual dues shall not be less than \$55.00 or such amount as determined by the Executive Committee and approved at a general meeting of the membership. The annual dues shall be payable on or before the first of January.*

This increase in our membership dues was based on an increase passed on to us by both the Department and National levels of our organization. Combined, the increase was \$10.00, which means the post will be losing \$3.00 per member after our increase takes effect in January 2024.

*To offset this deficit, the Executive Committee also passed on a motion to bring before the general membership, a \$6.00 one time charge for door access key cards for all new members effective January 1, 2024. This motion was also voted on and carried by a unanimous vote at the October 17, 2023 Post 51 general meeting.*



Remember this picture from the last Examiner? Well, I actually received an email from Mr. Gary Hartman, who offered his solution to the problem. It sounds like an inexpensive project and something that we can do, provided the power company can and will assist with handling the cable and wiring to the pole. Still waiting on a reply from Pacific Power before proceeding, but it's progress in the right direction. I'll keep everyone updated on the Bent Beam status until it has been corrected. Thank you Gary for your response and ideas.

lw



The winner of this year's *Best Halloween Costume* Denise Hoover with hubby Ken.

### Events and Other Happenings....

To touch on a few things that have crossed our path at some point during the past two months, most of you might recognize a lady that is back working the bar again - that would be Denise Bern. It's nice to have her smiling face back at the post. Thanks to everyone involved with producing that outcome; Ryan of the local VFW Chapter 3437 donated a very nice salad bar/table which should be available for us to utilize soon; we held our 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Ball, had a Kids Halloween/Costume party as well as the main Halloween Dance party (*see the winning costume on page 8*); published Volume 6 of the Examiner, and the Thursday Night Jam has undergone some changes and Kathleen seems to have re-awakened things considerably; finally, by the time some of you are reading this, we will have attended the Veterans Day Banquet and observed the holiday.

Debbie Bates, Andriea Oshel and I'm sure a few other volunteers, provided a fun time at the Kid's Halloween/Costume party again this year, with games and treats for all of the kids that came to the post. Dale Coats, Ki Isham, Sam Daniels and several other volunteers provided a truly incredible array of hors d'oeuvres for the Harvest Ball. There was a pretty good selection of wines to choose from and JJ and company's band **Cimarron**, seemed to play something for everyone dining or dancing during the evening. Perhaps our most distinguished member among the attendees was a Past Commander of Post 51, **John Green**. His appearance, however brief, was one of the high points for many of us during the evening and was greatly appreciated. Finally, **Seventh Haven** closed out the month performing at the main Halloween Costume party bash. Hopefully, you'll get to see a few pictures that were snapped during the events later in this newsletter.

### Projects, Tasks and Changes....

There were several projects put into motion, some completed and some not; a new floor (*re-tiled*) was installed in the Club Manager's office after several hours of cleaning, modifications and enhancements were tackled. Darryl Carper, Corey and Nona Miller, Paul Brewer, along with several other trustees, officers and members, accomplished an impressive amount of work just on this one project alone; a new **Point of Sale** system was installed and is now operational; the building security system has been upgraded and additional perimeter cameras are coming; new swinging doors should be installed soon at the rear exit of the game room; Then there was cleaning, organizing, documenting, inventorying, and normal maintenance, all with various meetings to attend as well. An incredible amount of effort and time was provided by volunteers in just these areas alone. What a great group of volunteers and officers we have at this post that provide their time, skills and labor to keep everything in shape. *We can always use more if your interested in participating and have some free time to spare! Just come down to any of the meetings on the first, second or third Tuesday of the month to learn more.*


Some of the attendees at the Harvest Ball gathering...




Dale Coats and Kelly Bilyeu inspecting the hors d'oeuvres



A couple of pics I snapped during the 54th Annual Harvest Ball. Unfortunately, I didn't get a photo of John Green before he had to leave, but I personally would like to thank him for his appearance, support and very generous donation. A special thanks to **Dale Coats** and **Ki Isham** for their attention to detail and many hours of effort. lw




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*While thinking about what to put in this space, I stumbled upon, or more accurately, was prompted to mention a couple of things that typically go unnoticed by the general membership of the post. As it turns out, all of these items fell under the same classification or category and ultimately could be grouped and defined using a single term. It's a term used around the post a lot, but actually is descriptive of only a few. The term is Volunteer. Now, while considering the historical significance of the term for me, what immediately came to mind was a memory experienced in basic training and shared by practically every veteran. One of the very first suggestions offered to new recruits, irrespective of the branch of service, was "Never volunteer for anything! Keep your mouth shut and your arms by your side when you hear, "Are there any Volunteers?". That one piece of information, typically acknowledged as someone doing you a big favor by providing you with some **good advice**, unfortunately is still practiced by many of us today. This one memory demonstrates the significance and rarity of those few good men and women, regardless of the setting or discussion for which they're being recruited. Armed with that in the forefront of my thoughts, I decided it was necessary to call into account the practices of some of these odd individuals, all which failed to take such good advice for some reason or another. Let's take these characters for example: **Ken Hoover, Rod Stanton, Rick Shutman, and Cory Miller.***

*(continued on page 5...)*

(continued from page 4...) I am using these particular individuals for a reason. It's a practice they share as a commonality between them as volunteers. That is a reverence and respect they honor our post with by attending to the sustenance of the post's American Flags. Go get them, place them as required, when required for public inspection, retrieve them when required, cleaned and properly stored away when required to be completed. Lower the flags to half-staff when ordered, raise to flags to full-staff when ordered, replace the flags when needed and do this as many times as ordered every week of every month, all while trying not to miss any notifications requesting a change in the status of our flags. Events at the county, state, national and international levels require a painstaking effort at monitoring current events and active situations daily. Many times, an immediate response is required and some action be taken accordingly, for maintaining the correct status of these flags. This brings us to the area of responsibility. Quite simply put, the responsibility for everything touched on above, falls squarely on the shoulders of the post commander. So, to these 4 particular examples of what can truly be used to describe a individual who is a practicing volunteer, I have only the highest respect and sincere thanks and appreciation for then raising their hand and not keeping their mouth shut. I am honored to be a member in the same post as these fine gentlemen, and can not thank them enough for their efforts and the displays of honor and respect they exhibit for this preeminent symbol of our country.

Larry Wisner, commander

Did You Know? To display a stationary US Flag at half-staff, place a black sash at the top of the pole and drape it down towards the bottom of the flag.

### Almost Completely Irrelevant Stuff You Might Enjoy

What do you get when you cross a patriot with a small curly haired dog?	A Yankee Poodle
The trouble with getting to work on time is that it makes the day so long.	
If athletes get athlete's foot, what do astronauts get?	Missile Toe
How much did Santa have to pay for his sleigh?	Nothing, it was on the house
What happens when you mix H2O, a feline and a canine?	It rains cats and dogs
What do you call a parade of rabbits hopping backwards?	A receding hare line
Why don't cats play poker in the jungle?	Too many cheetahs
Why did the rooster cross the road?	To prove he wasn't a chicken
What do you call Santa's helpers?	Subordinate Clauses
Conscience: The small voice that makes you feel smaller.	

### NEW & TRANSFER POST MEMBERS

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*James Pitcher   James Bauer   Brian Atchison*

*Events are subject to change unfortunately, so check the [santiampost51.org](http://santiampost51.org) calendar for updates*

# NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bingo Open Menu 5-7pm	2 6pm Jam Session 6pm SAL Regular Meeting Open Menu 5-7pm	3 Steak/Salmon 5-7pm Karaoke 7-10pm	4 Prime Rib 5-7pm
5 8-11am Public Breakfast Bingo 5-10pm Open Menu Open Menu	6 Build-A-Burger 5-7pm	7 7pm Board of Trustees Meeting Rollin' Oldies 5pm Tacos/Open Menu 5-7pm	8 Bingo Open Menu 5-7pm	9 Pioneer School Vets BF 8:30 Early Bird Dinner 5-7pm Jam Session 6pm Open Menu 5-7pm	10 Veteran's Day Banquet Steak/Salmon 5-7pm Karaoke 7-10pm	11 Veteran's Day Steak & Shrimp 5-7pm
12 8-11am Public Breakfast Bingo 5-10pm Open Menu	13 Build-A-Burger 5-7pm Boy Scout's Spaghetti Dinner 5-7pm	14 Post & Aux Exec Committee Meetings 7pm Tacos/Open Menu 5-7pm	15 Bingo Open Menu 5-7pm	16 Honor Guard Meeting 7pm Jam Session 6 Open Menu 5-7pm	17 Steak/Salmon 5-7pm Karaoke 7-10pm	18 8:30-9:30am Upstairs Cleaning 9:00am-1:00pm Trustee Work Party Auxiliary Chicken-Fried Steak 5-7pm
19 8-11am Public Breakfast Bingo 5-10pm Open Menu	20 Build-A-Burger 5-7pm	21 Post/Aux Regular Meetings 7pm Tacos/Open Menu 5-7pm	22 Civil War Game 5pm Bingo Open Menu 5-7pm	23 Thanksgiving Day	24 Native American Heritage Day 5-7pm Steak/Salmon Karaoke 7-10pm	25  Only 30 days Until Christmas Day!
26 8-11am Public Breakfast Bingo 5-10pm Open Menu	27 Build-A-Burger 5-7pm	28 40 & 8/La Femmes Meetings 7pm Tacos/Open Menu 5-7pm	29 Bingo Open Menu 5-7pm	30 Jam Session 6pm Open Menu 5-7pm	Karaoke every Friday night at 7:00 pm	

## **Dates to Remember in November**

*Wed 1st - First Day of American Indian Heritage Month*  
*Sun 5th - End of Daylight Saving Time*  
*Thu 9th - Pioneer School Vet Breakfast - Early Bird Dinner*  
*Fri 10th - Veteran's Day Banquet*  
*Sat 11th - Veteran's Day*  
*Tue 13th - Boy Scout's Spaghetti Dinner*  
*Web 22nd - Civil War Games*  
*Thu 23rd - Thanksgiving Day*



### **DINNER PRICES**

#### **FRIDAY 5:00-7:00 pm**

Prices range from \$11.00 TO \$16.00

#### **SATURDAY 5:00-7:00 pm**

Prime Rib - \$23.00 per person

NY Steak & Shrimp -

\$14.00 / \$16.00 / \$18.00 per person

Chicken-Fried Steak - \$14.00/person

4th & 5th Sat. - Depends on meal, will be posted at register.

Extra plates - \$1.00

### 2023 DUES

AMERICAN LEGION - \$48.00    AUXILIARY - \$42.00 or \$40.00    S.A.L. - \$40.00    LEGION RIDERS - Membership + \$5.00  
(\$6.00 extra for key card)

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# DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9am Auxiliary Bazaar Karaoke 7-10pm	2 9am Auxiliary Bazaar Prime Rib 5-7pm
3 8-11am Public Breakfast Bingo 5-10pm Open Menu	4 Build-A-Burger 5-7pm	5 7pm Board of Trustees Meeting Rollin' Oldies 5pm Tacos/Open Menu 5-7pm	6 Bingo Open Menu 5-7pm	7 6pm Jam Session 6pm SAL Regular Meeting Open Menu 5-7pm	8 5-7pm Steak/Salmon Karaoke 7-10pm	9 NY Steak & Shrimp 5-7pm
10 8-11am Public Breakfast Bingo 5-10pm Open Menu	11 Build-A-Burger 5-7pm	12 Post & Aux Exec Committee Meetings 7pm Tacos/Open Menu 5-7pm	13 JROTC Fromal Breakfast 8:30am Bingo Open Menu	14 6pm Jam Session Open Menu 5-7pm	15 5-7pm Steak/Salmon Karaoke 7-10pm	16 11-2pm Kid's Christmas Party NY Steak & Shrimp 5-7pm
17 8-11am Public Breakfast Bingo 5-10pm Open Menu	18 Build-A-Burger 5-7pm	19 No Post/Aux Regular Meetings Tacos/Open Menu 5-7pm	20 Bingo Open Menu 5-7pm	21 6pm Jam Session Open Menu 5-7pm	22 5-7pm Steak/Salmon Karaoke 7-10pm	23 Auxiliary Chicken-Fried Steak 5-7 pm
24 Christmas Eve 8-11am Public Breakfast Bingo 5-10pm Open Menu	25 Christmas Day Build-A-Burger 5-7pm	26 40 & 8/La Femmes Meetings 7pm Tacos/Open Menu 5-7pm	27 Bingo Open Menu 5-7pm	28 6pm Jam Session Open Menu 5-7pm	29 5-7pm Steak/Salmon Karaoke 7-10pm	30 NY Steak & Shrimp 5-7pm

31 New Year's Eve Party 8-11am Public Breakfast Bingo Open Menu 5-7	1 New Years Day 2024!					
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 4th & 5th Sat. - Depends on meal, will be posted at register.  
 Extra plates - \$1.00

***Dates to Remember in December***

*Fri 1st - Auxiliary Bazaar Day 1    Sat 2nd - Auxiliary Bazaar Day 2*  
*Wed 13th - JROTC Breakfast        Sat 16th - Kid's Christmas Party*  
*Tue 19th - No Regular Meetings    Sun 24th - Christmas Eve*  
*Mon 25th - Christmas Day         Sun 31st - New Years Eve Party*

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Veteran through whom eligibility is established \_\_\_\_\_ Department of \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Has Applicant previously been a member of the SAL? \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Transmittal \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ annual membership dues

Signed By Applicant (or Parent) \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility certified by \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed application to Sons of The American Legion department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current detachment addresses, go to The American Legion department/state headquarters, or visit [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org). AIA 12003

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### The American Legion Membership Application

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (date of birth) \_\_\_\_\_

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I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

**Please check appropriate service era and branch of service below**

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Gulf War  U.S. Navy

Panama  U.S. Air Force

Lebanon/Grenada  U.S. Marines

Vietnam  U.S. Space Force

Korea  U.S. Coast Guard

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30-009 Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name of recruiter \_\_\_\_\_



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Recruiter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_