



# American Legion Riders

South Sound Riders Chapter 78

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## CHAPTER 78 ELECTIONS

The election of Chapter officers for 2023 was held at the meeting on January 24, 2023, at the Rainbow Café. Your 2023 officers are Director John Byars, Assistant Director Keith Mclvor and Treasurer Roger Olsen. The rest of the officers are appointed.

## CHAPTER DUES RENEWALS

We still have a couple members that have not renewed their membership for 2023. Remember your dues need to be current to wear your ALR patches on your vest or jacket. Please send your \$12 dues to AL Riders 78, PO Box 668, Auburn, WA 98071.

## FLAG DISPOSAL

Our next flag disposal at the Auburn Veterans Memorial will tentatively be Saturday, April 15th @ 9AM, weather permitting.



## RIDERS EVENTS

**25MAR** Riders 78 meeting at Rainbow Café 6:30PM

**15APR** Flag Disposal at the Veterans Memorial 9AM

**22APR** NW Motorcycle EXPO, Lynden, WA 10a-3p

**25APR** Riders 78 meeting at Rainbow Café 6:30PM

## CHAPTER 78 OFFICERS

**Director:** John Byars  
**Asst Director:** Keith Mclvor  
**Treasurer:** Roger Olsen  
**Secretary:** Roger Olsen  
**Quartermaster:** Open  
**Events:** Tamra Billings  
**Road CPT:** Keith Mclvor  
**Chaplain:** Roger Olsen  
**Sgt at Arms:** Luis Blanco  
**Webmaster:** Keith Mclvor

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**01MAR** Post 78 meeting in the hall @ 7PM  
**04MAR** Washington State Patriotic Day, Pioneer Middle School, DuPont 2PM  
**12MAR** Daylight Savings begins @ 2AM  
**13MAR** Unit 78 meeting in the hall @ 10AM  
**15MAR** Post 78 Legion Birthday Dinner in the hall @ 6:30PM  
**17MAR** St. Patrick's Day  
**28MAR** Legion Riders 78 meeting at Rainbow Café @ 6:30PM  
**02APR** District 11 Spring Conference at Kent Post 15 @ TBD  
**05APR** Post 78 meeting in the hall @ 7PM  
**09APR** Easter  
**10APR** Unit 78 meeting in the hall @ 10AM  
**15APR** Flag Disposal at the Veterans Memorial @ 9AM (tentative)  
**19APR** Post 78 Joint Potluck Dinner in the hall @ 6:30PM  
**25APR** Legion Riders 78 meeting at Rainbow Café @ 6:30PM  
**03MAY** Post 78 meeting in the hall @ 7PM

## POST 78 OFFICERS

**Commander:** Tamra Billings  
**Sr. V. CDR:** Rick Woodall  
**Jr. V. CDR:** Henry Lee  
**Adjutant:** Carol Reed  
**Finance Off:** Roger Olsen  
**Sgt at Arms:** Bob Poznanski  
**Chaplain:** Bob Poznanski  
**Service Off:** Rick Woodall  
**Historian:** Doug Reynolds

## UNIT 78 OFFICERS

**President:** Carol Dunham  
**1<sup>st</sup>V. Pres:** Mary Olsen  
**2<sup>nd</sup>V. Pres:** MaryJane Maurich  
**Treasurer:** Mary Olsen  
**Secretary:** Cathy Mclvor  
**Chaplin:** LaWanita Poznanski  
**Sgt at Arms:** Sheila Wright  
**Parlamnt:** Raeanne Mitchell



# AUBURN POST 78

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Roger Olsen poses with American Lake volunteers after delivery of 113 sweatsuits to American Lake Building 9 on December 7, 2022.

### SWEATS FOR VETS

As reported in the last newsletter, the 2022 Sweats for Vets project was a success. We are indebted to the Posts and Units of District 11 that support our drive each year by pooling our resources to make it happen. To purchase the 443 sets of sweats in sizes S-6XL required nearly \$11,000 of combined donations and reserves in the account. Donations can be sent to: Sweats for Vets, PO Box 668, Auburn, WA 98071.

### POST MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewals have slowed to a trickle over the past two months. The Post currently stands at 80% of goal for 2023. This means we still have 50 members that have not sent in their renewals. Please check your membership cards, if they say 2022, your dues may be delinquent and your check for \$50 will make you current for 2023.

### LEGION BIRTHDAY DINNER

The Post and Unit will host our annual American Legion Birthday dinner on March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM in the hall. We normally have the Department Commander and President as featured guests for this dinner meeting. This is a **free** dinner provided by the Post and Unit for everyone's enjoyment, so please mark your calendar and join us.

### DISTRICT 11 SPRING CONFERENCE

District-11's Spring Conference is scheduled for Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Kent Post 15, with a social at 11 AM. This is the first spring conference in three years due to Covid. Our long-delayed Memorial Service for departed members will be a feature of the program.



Terry Nesbit, voluntary services coordinator, receives 95 sweatsuits for the Orting Soldier's Home & Colony on December 9, 2022.

### DECISIONS! DECISIONS! DECISIONS!

At Unit 78's meeting in February we discussed two possible new projects to help Veterans:

1. Sending care packages to deployed troops.
2. Making quilts of comfort for veterans in hospice.

Recent American Legion Auxiliary National Magazines have had articles on the care packages project and the Seattle VA has asked for quilts. If either of these projects looks interesting to YOU, join us on **Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> @ 10AM** in the Warren Building. Both projects have the option of doing things at home, for those who may find it difficult to attend meetings.

Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> is the date of our following meeting.

### THANKS TO OUR RENEWED MEMBERS!

Between December 23 and February 22, the following members have renewed for 2023:

- Karen Adams
- Alexandra Braunschweig
- Angie Davenport
- Mary & Zoe Matt
- Maureen Murphy
- Lauren Nelissen
- Sue Oswald
- Sharon Smith
- Kayla Young

Unit 78 is at 77% of goal. If you have not seen your name in a newsletter this year, please renew now!