



# American Legion Riders

South Sound Riders Chapter 78  
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Commander Tamra Billings adds worn flag to the flames during April 20<sup>th</sup> flag disposal at the Auburn Veterans Memorial .

### FLAG DISPOSALS

Flag disposals were held March 16 and April 20 at the Veterans Memorial. Next disposal will be June 15<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

### FUTURE RIDES

The Riders are currently planning for a spring ride to Mt. St. Helens on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Join us!



### RIDERS EVENTS

**19MAY** Riders join ride to Mt. St. Helens.

**28MAY** Riders 78 mtg at Rainbow Café @ 6:30PM

**25JUN** Riders 78 mtg at Rainbow Café @ 6:30PM

**04JUL** Riders 78 stage in Enumclaw @ 11AM

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**01MAY** Post 78 meeting & 2<sup>nd</sup> nominations in the Hall @ 7PM

**12MAY** Mother's Day

**13MAY** Unit 78 meeting in the Post Hall @ 10AM

**15MAY** Post/Unit BBQ @ 6:30PM, 3<sup>rd</sup> nominations/election following

**18MAY** Armed Forces Day

**27MAY** Memorial Day Remembrance @ 11AM, Flame Guard till 6PM

**28MAY** South Sound Riders 78 meeting at Rainbow Café @ 6:30PM

**05JUN** Post 78 meeting in Post Hall @ 7PM

**10JUN** Unit 78 meeting in the Post Hall @ 10AM

**14JUN** Flag Day United States Army's 249<sup>th</sup> birthday (1775)

**16JUN** Father's Day Boys State begins at Warm Beach, Stanwood

**18JUN** Posts 15 & 78 Joint Installation at Kent Post 15 @ 7PM

**25JUN** South Sound Riders 78 meeting at Rainbow Café @ 6:30PM

**04JUL** "Stars-n-Stripes" Parade in Enumclaw @ 12PM

**The American Legion – Veterans Still Serving!**

### POST 78 OFFICERS

**Commander:** Tamra Billings

**Sr. V. Cmdr.:** Open

**Jr. V. Cmdr.:** Open

**Adjutant:** Carol Reed

**Finance Off:** Roger Olsen

**Sgt at Arms:** Keith Mclvor

**Chaplain:** Bob Poznanski

**Service Off:** Open

### UNIT 78 OFFICERS

**President:** Carol Dunham

**1<sup>st</sup>V. Pres:** Mary Olsen

**Treasurer:** Mary Olsen

**Secretary:** Cathy Mclvor

**Chaplain:** LaWanita Poznanski

**Sgt at Arms:** Open

**Parliamentarian:**

Raeanne Mitchell

### RIDERS 78 OFFICERS

**Director:** John Byars

**Asst. Director:** Keith Mclvor

**Treasurer:** Roger Olsen

**Secretary:** Roger Olsen

**Events:** Tamra Billings

**Road Cpt:** Keith Mclvor

**Chaplain:** Roger Olsen

**Sgt @ Arms:** Luis Blanco

**Webmaster:** Keith Mclvor



# AUBURN POST 78

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Post 78 remembrance of achievements over the past 100 years since the Post chartering in 1924.

### 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

The Post celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 17<sup>th</sup> with a potluck dinner and birthday cake from Unit 78.

The Post was organized in 1919. The first official home at 602 West Main Street was dedicated in 1921. The date of the Post charter followed on May 1, 1924.

An early activity was the Auburn Post 78 Drum and Bugle Corps. It was active for nearly 60 years before disbanding. It won several local and state awards which capped with the National Championship at the 1976 American Legion National Convention Parade.

The first Post building on West Main was sold in the 1950s with the Post moving to 707 Auburn Way S. This building was used until sold in 2002.

In 1999, a committee was formed with members of Post 78 and VFW Post 1741 to build a new veterans memorial in a city park. The project combined local business partners, veteran organizations and local citizens funding the effort. The Auburn Veterans Memorial was dedicated on July 4, 2000 in Auburn Veterans Park with the park renamed Veterans Park.

The Post approached the city in 2005 to assist in financing a new veteran's building in Veterans Park. This project came to fruition through Post 78, Washington Department of Veterans Affairs and the Washington Legislature providing financing with the new building dedicated in November 2007.

The Post currently supports the "Sweats for Vets" program, scholarships for 3 Auburn graduating seniors attending GRCC and 3 high school candidates attending Boys State.



Post 78 Legion family attending the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Post 78 chartering by the American Legion Headquarters.

### POST MEMBERSHIP

The Post currently stands at 90.04% of goal for our 2024 Legion year. There are still about 23 members that are delinquent in paying 2024 dues.

As a reminder, you can renew online to National for up to three years for \$150 before June 30<sup>th</sup>. This would save you \$15 for the next three years as dues will increase to \$55 for 2025 if you wait.

### DISTRICT 11 SPRING CONFERENCE

District-11 held their Spring Conference on April 14<sup>th</sup> at Post 127 in Woodinville. Our Post was represented by Carol Reed and Roger Olsen.

Unit 78 provided the lunch to nearly 50 Legion family members in attendance.

### POST OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The Post held first nominations of officers for 2025 on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Second nominations will be on May 1<sup>st</sup>, with third nominations and election held after the Post/Unit BBQ on May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM. Please join us and participate in our Post's future.

### MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

The Memorial Day Remembrance ceremony is fast approaching on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> @ 11AM at the Auburn Veterans Memorial. We need volunteers for the honor guard and flame guard. Sign-up sheets will be available for volunteering at the next two Post meetings and Riders meeting.

### INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

The first parade of the summer is in Enumclaw on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Staging will begin at 11AM while the parade starts at 12PM. Join us for the parade!