



# American Legion Riders

South Sound Riders Chapter 78  
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Willy and Debbie, volunteers pose in front of Roger Olsen and Kimberly Wilkie with sweats on tables at American Lake .

### OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Officer nominations were held November 26<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup> for 2025. The election will be held January 28<sup>th</sup> with the same slate as in 2024.

### FLAG DISPOSAL

The next Flag Disposal will be on March 8 or 15.

### CHAPTER DUES

Riders \$12 membership renewals are due now! Only a few of you have not renewed for 2025.



### RIDERS EVENTS

**01JAN** Riders - one and all  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**20JAN** Martin Luther King  
Jr. Day

**28JAN** Riders 78 meeting  
at Rainbow Café 6:30PM

**17FEB** Presidents Day

**25FEB** Riders 78 meeting  
At Rainbow Café 6:30PM

### 2025 POST 78 OFFICERS

**Commander:** Tamra Billings

**Sr. V. Cmdr.:** James Barrett

**Jr. V. Cmdr.:** Raeanne Mitchell

**Adjutant:** Carol Reed

**Finance Off:** Roger Olsen

**Sgt at Arms:** Keith Mclvor

**Chaplain:** Bob Poznanski

**Service Off:** Open

### 2025 UNIT 78 OFFICERS

**President:** Carol Dunham

**V Pres.:** LuWanita Poznanski

**Treasurer:** Mary Olsen

**Secretary:** Cathy Mclvor

**Chaplain:** LuWanita Poznanski

**Sgt at Arms:** Open

**Parliamentarian:**

Raeanne Mitchell

### 2024 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

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**01JAN** New Years Day / **No Post Meeting Today!**

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

**15JAN** Post/Unit 78 Potluck Dinner with meeting following @ 6:30PM

**20JAN** Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**28JAN** Riders 78 meeting at Rainbow Cafe@ 6:30PM

**01FEB** Department Midwinter Conference in Lacey Community Center

**05FEB** Post 78 meeting in the Post Hall @7PM

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

**14FEB** Valentine's Day

**17FEB** Presidents Day

**19FEB** Post/Unit 78 Pizza & Pop Dinner with meeting following @ 6:30PM

**22FEB** Washington's Birthday

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

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



# AUBURN POST 78

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January – February 2025

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Katie Simon with Voluntary Services at VAMC Seattle receives the last of three carts of sweatshirts for the patients prior to Christmas.

### SWEATS FOR VETS

The sweatshirts were delivered on December 6<sup>th</sup> with the rollup held on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to members of Post/Unit 78 and Post 204 plus students from the Auburn High School Latino Club for making short work of the rollup.

Seattle VAMC received 192 sweatshirts on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, Orting Soldiers Home received 68 sets on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> and American Lake received 179 sets on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.

***This project is only possible through the generosity of Posts, Units and SAL within District 11!***

### POST MEMBERSHIP

The Post has been processing membership renewals for Legion year 2025 since July. Currently, we have 157 renewals for 68.56% of our goal. Your 2024 card only covers up to mid-January 2025 at which time your membership becomes delinquent. We encourage you to either send in your renewal of \$55 for 2025 to the Post or renew online directly to National Headquarters.

### MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

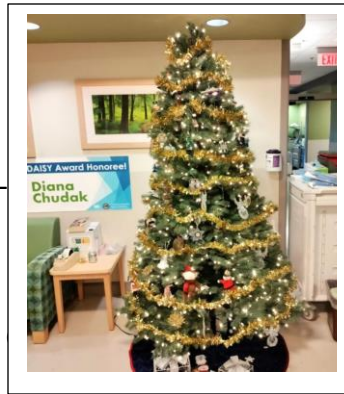
Each year, the Post holds a drawing at the first Post meeting in December from members paid for the coming year. The winner receives a check for \$100 with our best wishes. This year's winner in the drawing was Walter Motz. Congratulations!

### MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

The Department Mid-Winter Conference will be held at the Lacey Community Center on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration is required with the joint session starting at 8AM and is scheduled to conclude at 4PM.

### SEATTLE WARD FOUR UPDATE

Nearly 8 years ago, after talking with a depressed L patient, LuWanita and Bob Poznanski wanted to find a way to bring some cheer to the sterile décor of the hospital. They got permission to decorate for each Veterans and seasonal holiday. The picture above shows this year's decorated tree.



The decorations bring happiness to staff, doctors, patients and visitors. They look forward to the seasonal changes, saying, "You have no idea how much this lifts our spirits."

A special thank you to Tamra Billings who secured a replacements artificial tree, which will be used for years to come.

### POPPY MAILING UPDATE

THANK YOU to the 26 Legion 78 family members who sent donations in response to our mailing in November. These donations made it possible to sent much needed personal and cleaning supplies to the Veterans in the Tiny House section at the Orting Soldiers Home and Colony.

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

In addition to the names listed in previous letters, Mary Lou Barrett, and Mary Jo and Zoe Matt have renewed their memberships and we welcome new member Charlene Baker. Unit 78 is at 79% of membership for 2025. If YOU have not yet sent in your dues, please do so.

**Also, spouses of Veterans are eligible to join as well as female Veterans.** The Auxiliary supports the Legion with dinners and volunteering. We also raise money for Veteran, Active Duty and their family needs. Interested? Call Mary of 253 752 2844.

### AUXILIARY MEETING NEWS

Unit 78 meets at 10AM in the Warren Building the second Monday of each month, Sept thru June. **Our next meeting dates are Jan 13 & Feb 10.**