

THE ECHO

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May was another busy month, filled with a wide variety of events. We kicked things off with Piggy Bingo: Beef Edition, followed by our first Friday Night Hamburger Night featuring local jazz guitarist Brian Douglas. Friday night music was suggested by our members, and we hope everyone will come out and join in. Our Friday Night Hamburger and Music Event was Friday, May 29, featuring the Elderberries, who play hits from the '60s, '70s, and '80s. We plan to offer a special burger at future Hamburger Fridays, so watch for upcoming dates.

Ending the month was Bunco and the Elks Riders' 1-year anniversary celebration, featuring delicious food from Big Twin BBQ. Members of the Naval Elks Riders and Sequim Elks Riders also attended the event, helping make it a wonderful evening of fellowship and celebration.

Thank you to the American Legion for once again allowing us to be a part of the Memorial Day celebration. It is always an honor to remember and pay tribute to the men and women who gave their lives while serving in the U.S. military. Ceremonies were held at Sound View Cemetery (Marrowstone), Greenwood Cemetery (Chimacum), Fort Worden Cemetery, Laurel Grove Cemetery, and St. Mary's Cemetery, followed by the wreath laying ceremony at the City Dock.

I want to mention that on Sundays, not only do we have cornhole, but we also serve food beyond our regular bar menu from 1:00–3:30 p.m. In the past, we've featured grilled cheese sandwiches on homemade sourdough bread with tomato soup, as well as a variety of paninis. Please come out, sign up for cornhole, or relax and watch a ball game with us!

Thank you again to the Grant Committee for getting our Spotlight Grant approved. The Spotlight Grant is a program through the Elks National Foundation that provides funding to local Elks Lodges for charitable projects that make a meaningful impact in their communities. Spotlight Grants are designed to help "spotlight" the Elks by creating highly visible community service projects. These grants are typically used for programs that support local needs and allow Lodges to give back through meaningful community outreach and member involvement. Also, thank you to the Scholarship Committee for all of their hard work this year; the Lodge awarded over \$20,000 in scholarships to our local students.

On Tuesday, June 9, it will be my pleasure, on behalf of the Elks Lodge, to present an Elks Lodge 317 Legacy Award to Chimacum student Emily Liske. And on June 15, the Port Townsend scholarship award winners will be presented:

- Grady White — Elks Lodge 317 Legacy Award Winner
- Sawyer Norton
- Tim Norton
- Dustin Hines

Congratulations to all these outstanding students, and best wishes for continued success in their future endeavors.

If you have any committee updates, any Good of the Order, or individuals you would like to recognize, please send me an email or reach out to me. I would love to continue sharing and highlighting all of the wonderful accomplishments happening within our Lodge and community!

Check out the fun pictures of the Rhody events, the 80's Prom Night and Mother's Day Brunch.

Fraternally,
Elizabeth (Lisa) Mull, Exalted Ruler
Port Townsend Elks Lodge 317



Congratulations to Cassie Owens for our Elk of the Month for April!



A big THANK YOU! to Robert Wilkinson, Karen Smith, Glenda and Mike Vreeland for placing the beautiful mural. If you haven't seen it, be sure to stop by and admire!

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VETERAN SPOTLIGHT



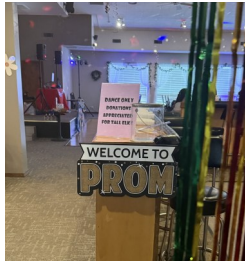
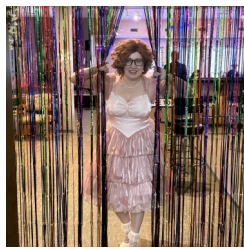
During the Revolutionary War, sixteen-year-old **Sybil Ludington** rode forty miles to warn militia forces of an imminent British attack. Her journey was significantly longer than the more famous ride of Paul Revere. She managed to gather nearly 400 soldiers to defend Danbury against the enemy. This feat remains one of the most impressive displays of civilian courage in early American history.



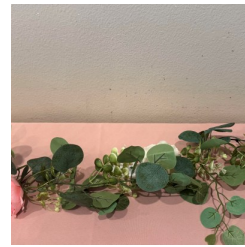
In the midst of the Iraq War, **Sergeant First Class Alwyn Cashe** repeatedly entered a burning vehicle to pull his fellow soldiers to safety. He did this while his own uniform was soaked in fuel and on fire, resulting in burns over 70 percent of his body. Despite his agony, he prioritized the lives of his team above his own. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for this incredible act of self-sacrifice.

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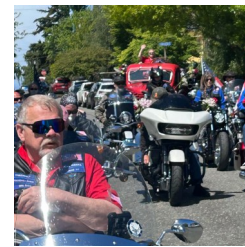
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
	1	2 Tuesday Dinner Baked Chicken Thighs Red Potatoes, Beans, Salad, Dessert \$14 5 PM—6:30 PM Queen of Hearts 6:15 PM	3	4 Thursday Dinner Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5 PM—6:30 PM Joker's Wild 6:15 PM Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	5 This Lil Piggy Bingo 5:30 PM-7:30 PM Potluck 5:00 PM	6 Lyn Hersey/ Carol Crosby 11 AM—4 PM 80+ People Lincoln Day Luncheon
7 CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE Susan Fritts	8 <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(-5deg); display: inline-block;">CLOSED</div>	9 Tuesday Dinner Corned Beef Red Potatoes, Salad, Dessert 5 PM—6:30 PM \$16 Chimacum Scholarship Ceremony 6 PM Queen of Hearts 6:15 PM	10 LINE DANCING w/ Jayne Neu 5:15 PM—6:15 PM House Meeting 5:30 PM	11 Thursday Dinner Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5 PM—6:30 PM Joker's Wild 6:15 PM Lodge Activities Meeting 7:00 PM	12 Hamburger Friday Choice of Fries or Onion rings 5 PM—7 PM \$12 Music 5 PM—8 PM Cam Duo	13 Port Townsend Alumni Banquet 3 PM—12 AM
14 Flag Day Luncheon/ Ritual 10 AM—Noon CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE Rose Ann Carroll	15 Port Townsend Scholarship Ceremony 6 PM	16 Tuesday Dinner Baked Salmon, M. Potatoes, Caul., Salad, Dessert \$16 5 PM—6:30 PM Queen of Hearts 6:15 PM Elks Riders Meeting 6:30 PM	17 Membership Meeting 6:00 PM	18 Thursday Dinner Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5 PM—6:30 PM Price Increase! Joker's Wild 6:15 PM Lodge Convention	19 Friday & Saturday Lodge Convention	20 Chimacum Alumni Banquet 100-125 People 3 PM—11 PM Lodge Convention
21 Father's Day Brunch 8 AM—11 AM by/Elks Riders CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE Lodge Convention	22	23 Tuesday Dinner Pork Roast, Red Potatoes, Veggies, Salad \$14 5 PM—6:30 PM Queen of Hearts 6:15 PM Orientation 7:00 PM	24 LINE DANCING w/ Jayne Neu 5:15 PM—6:15 PM Board Meeting 5:30 PM	25 Thursday Dinner Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5 PM—6:30 PM Joker's Wild 6:15 PM Lodge Meeting Initiation	26 Bunco Night 5:30 PM—8:00 PM Potluck 5 PM	27 Poker Run Membership Drive 11 AM \$20/driver \$5 Passenger Benefit Tall Elks Music by DJ F.S.H.
28 Veteran Stand Down Setup 4 PM—7 PM Jim Aman	29 Veteran Stand Down 9 AM—2 PM	30 Tuesday Dinner BBQ Ribs, Baked Beans, Pot. Salad, Corn on Cob Dessert—\$14 5 PM—6:30 PM Queen of Hearts 6:15 PM Investigations 5:30 PM	31			S.F.H



On Saturday, May 9, we hosted our '80s Prom Night. Everyone came dressed in retro outfits, making it a fun evening for all. Darrell McFarland and Kristi Olsen were crowned Prom King and Queen, and Steve Spencer kept the party going with great hits from the '80s. Thank you as well to Alycia Khile for helping organize the event.



On Sunday, May 10, we held our Mother's Day Brunch. We were happy to bring back the ritual for the first time since COVID, and it was wonderful to see such a great turnout. Unfortunately, because tickets had to be purchased in advance, we did have to turn a few people away at the door. Please watch for ticket deadlines. The lodge typically sends both Facebook messages and email blasts to members with ticket information. If you are not receiving these messages, please contact the office to make sure your information is up to date. We would love to have you join us at future events, but with the cost of food and supplies, it is important that we have an accurate head count.



The Rhody Festival kicked things off with the Rhody bed races on Friday, May 15. Congratulations to Austin Khile, Keegan Khile, Elliot Mull, and Weston Moore for racing to a gold-medal win for the Elks Lodge—our first in 10 years! They were not only fast, but under Austin Khile's leadership, we also had a new bed ready to race.

Next came the Rhody Riders Pancake Breakfast, the Rhody Parade, the Spaghetti Feed, and the Rakers Show and Shine. The Good Time Kelly's performed during the spaghetti feed. Everyone enjoyed them and we hope to have them back. The Rhody parade took place on a beautiful day and the Elks promoted their Drug Awareness Program by handing out soccer balls and footballs to children along the route adding a bit more fun.



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www.voicesforveterans.org

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- *Housing Assistance*
- *Legal Help*
- *Senior Information & Services*
- *Support for those un-housed or at risk*



Forks

May 7th, 2026

Elks
941 Merchants Rd,
9:00am-2:00pm

Port Townsend

June 29th, 2026

Elks Lodge
555 Otto St,
9:00am-2:00pm

Port Angeles

October 1st, 2026

Clallam County
Fair Grounds
1608 W 16th St,
9:00am-2:00pm

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For information call:

Jennifer (360)374-5252 (Forks)

Rita (360)301-9732 (Port Townsend)

Levi (360)797-1791 (Port Angeles)

FREE TRANSPORTATION Provided by Clallam & Jefferson Transit Services

Volunteers are needed for the Veteran Stand Down to help with set-up on Sunday, June 28th from 4pm-6pm, and for the event on June 29th from 9am - 2pm. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Rita Frangione at rita.frangione@gmail.com or call or text: 360-981-7668.

Shake of the Day!

(one try per day)

Members have 4 shakes to roll 5 of a kind.

If you roll 4 of a kind you get an extra shake.

If the pot reaches \$500 and hasn't been won, a new pot will be started and the first member to shake 5 of a kind will win the entire first pot!

The pot will be counted daily and posted at the Bar.

ELKS RIDERS

Are you an Elk member with a passion for the open road and giving back to the community?



The Port Townsend Elks Riders is a group of like-minded individuals who combine their love for riding with the Elk's principles of charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity. We are more than just a riding group - we are a family of volunteers committed to making a difference.

For more information or to join this great organization, contact Dawn Thomas at the Lodge.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Don't miss these fun events!

Advertise your business in the ECHO! Place an Ad and Support your Lodge!

Each month, our Lodge prints newsletters and emails them to members. To help with the cost, Port Townsend Lodge 317 would like to offer our members the opportunity of advertising their business or service in our monthly newsletter.

This is a great opportunity to share your business or provide our members with exclusive offers just for them.

\$150 yearly for Elk Members ~ \$120 yearly for Elk Veterans

Please Contact Trustee Bob Kely at bobkely@yahoo.com

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**Please join us for lodge meetings
on the 1st & 3rd Thursday
of each month at 7 PM.**

**(NOTE: July, August & December lodge
Meeting only on
1st Thursday at 7 PM.)**

We look forward to seeing you!

***WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS!***

**Earl Randall
James Myers**

**725 Active Members
102 Delinquent Members**

As of 5/26/2026



DUES: If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible.

Office staff is available Tuesday through Friday from 9 am – 1 pm. Don't miss out on playing Jokers Wild, Queen of Hearts, Shake of the Day or just socializing at the Lodge because your dues are not current.

As a "Members Only" club, you are required to have your membership card with you at all times to gain admission to The Lodge. Please show your membership card to the bartender upon arrival. Membership cards must be presented upon request

*****PLEASE NOTE: *****

***THE ECHO hard copies are no longer mailed.
Hard copies are available in the lobby of the Lodge.
Those needing a hard copy mailed, please contact the office.***

There are two ways to get a PDF version:

- 1) Advise the office of your correct email address and request it be sent via email or***
- 2) Sign into your elks.org account.***

Don't Let Your Elks Membership Expire!

We don't want you to miss out on being part of the incredible Washington Elks community!

Your membership helps make a difference and keeps you connected to all the great benefits and events the Elks offer. Don't let your membership lapse—renew today!

Please note: Your lodge must pay Grand Lodge & State fees of \$46 per member by May 1st of each year with or without member dues payments. Let's make it easy for you to stay involved!

Renewing is simple —

- 1) Drop a check off at The Lodge
Office Hours Tues-Fri 9 AM—1 PM; or
- 2) Mail check to The Lodge
PT Elks #317
555 Otto Street
Port Townsend, WA 98368; or
- 3) Call The Lodge—360 385-0317
to pay with Credit/Debit Card; or

- 4) Pay online at
<https://www.elks.org/payonline>

****Note: A convenience fee of 3.5% is applied to
Online credit/debit cards.***

Please give this matter your immediate attention.
We look forward to hearing from you and sincerely hope that you will not allow your membership to lapse.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

01 Thorne, Don	17 Inman, Patricia
01 Tolliver, Steven E.	18 Chaffee, Taylor
01 Valentine, Glenn Thomas	18 Jacobsen, Greg T.
04 Smith, John J.	18 Spindor, Richard V.
04 Stephenson, William A.	19 Bishop, Ken
05 Grace, Charles	19 Merritt, Margaret E.
05 Horn, Mary T.	19 O'Meara, Patrick T.
05 Ryan, Kathie	20 Ballard, Richard
06 Kelley, Dale Ryan	20 Brown, Marilyn J.
06 Vittitoe, Barbara Jo	20 Duede, James A.
07 Blancarte, Ian Patrick	20 Huntingford, Bruce A.
07 Cox, Gene E.	20 Morris, Alex
07 Lopez, James L.	21 Vander Ven, Carla
07 Watts, Gerald L.	22 Matthes, Connie L.
08 Rosbach, Vernon F.	22 Siberman, Kristina
09 Anderson, Brian D.	23 Thomas-Hopkins, Aija
10 Eldridge, William J.	24 Jennings, Michael K.
10 Taylor, Loretta D.	24 Jones, Nick J.
12 Arthur, Kristi J.	24 Vander Ven, Neil R.
13 Franklin, Jim W.	25 Smith, Kent R.
13 Van Winkle, Thad	28 Crosby, John Steven
15 Watts, Leroy	29 Ritchie, Brian
16 Rezinias, Ricky T.	29 Stevenson, Shane
17 Carroll, Greg L.	30 Arey, Frank W.
17 Harwood, Clay	



Elks Care - Elks Share

This **COUPON** entitles the bearer to a Complimentary Birthday House Pour, Beer or Wine in the lounge during their **birthday** month. Clip this coupon and present at the bar.

NAME: _____
Port Townsend #317 Member No.: _____

LODGE BAR HOURS

Tuesday - Saturday 3 PM - 8:30 PM
Sunday - Noon - 6 PM

OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM-1:00 PM Tuesday-Friday
Rose Ann Carroll, Secretary **email:** ptpoe317@yahoo.com
Dawn Thomas, Event Coordinator **email:** ptelks317@gmail.com
phone: (360) 385-0317

PT ELKS LODGE HAPPY HOUR
Tuesday—Saturday
3—5 PM
\$1.00 OFF DRINKS

The bar menu makes a great dinner option!
Tuesday - Saturday 3PM - 8:30PM
Sunday - Noon - 6:00PM

BAR MENU

Taquitos	5 for \$5.25 or 10 for \$9.50
Mac & Cheese Wedge	6 for \$5.50
Mozzarella Sticks	6 for \$5.25
Burritos	\$4.25
3-pc Chicken Tenders	\$5.00
JoJos or Onion Rings	\$4.50
Fries	\$5.00
Chicken Wings	\$6.50
(Honey BBQ or breaded and fried)	
Pizza (as available)	\$10.00
Cheese, Pepperoni, Pepperoni & Sausage or Supreme	
Poppers (8)	\$5.50
Chips	\$1.25
Corn Dog	\$1.50
Soda	\$3.00

Bar Pricing

Premium Wine:	\$8.00
Top Shelf Wine:	\$9.00
Well Alcohol:	\$5.00
Premium Alcohol:	\$7.00



THURSDAY FISH or CHICKEN & CHIPS 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

2 piece fish & chips	\$13.00
3 piece fish & chips	\$16.00
1 piece baked fish & chips	\$16.00
Shrimp dinner	\$13.00
Combo shrimp & fish	\$20.00
(3 pieces fish, 5 shrimp)	
3 pieces chicken & fries	\$10.00
Fries only	\$5.00
Extra Fish	\$5.00

DUTY ROSTER

JUNE

07-13 Susan Fritts
 14-20 Rose Ann Carroll
 21-27
 28-7/4 Jim Aman

JULY

07-11 Mark Fritts
 12-18 Lisa Mull
 19-25 Steve Spencer
 26-8/1 Robert Wilkinson

FACILITY RENTAL RATES

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non/Member</u>
Dining Room (plus \$100 refundable deposit)	\$200	\$275
Dance Floor (plus \$100 refundable deposit)	\$200	\$275
Bar add on	\$75	\$75
Kitchen (plus \$100 refundable deposit)	\$300	\$350
Steam Table	\$50	\$50
Audio/Video Add on	\$50	\$50
Extra Bartender (for events with 60+ guests attending)	\$25/hr	\$25/hr

Rentals also require Event Insurance to be purchased by tenant with proof of insurance provided to Lodge prior to event.

There is a \$100 refundable cleaning deposit fee for the kitchen, dance floor, and dining room rental if it is left clean.

ELKS COIN BOX CHILDREN'S THERAPY PROGRAM



Please remember our coin boxes for the Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children (Tall Elks).

Fill a Coin Box and return it.

Thank you,
Tall Elks Chairman

LODGE OFFICERS 2026 - 2027

Exalted Ruler Lisa Mull
 Leading Knight PER Mark Fritts
 Loyal Knight PER Jim Aman
 Lecturing Knight
 Secretary Rose Ann Carroll
 Treasurer Susan Fritts
 Esquire Greg Carroll
 Tiler Austin Khile
 Inner Guard Vicki Talley
 Chaplain Mark Banks

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Lisa Mull, PER Mark Fritts, Rose Ann Carroll, PER Jim Aman, Dale Bateham, Susan Fritts, and the following Trustees:

To April 2027 Bob Kelvy
 To April 2028 Bob Hickman
 To April 2029 Tim Thomas
 To April 2030 Robert Wilkinson
 To April 2031 Steve Spencer

OFFICE STAFF

Bookkeeper - Ben Falge
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BAR

Manager: Gretchen VanDerent
 Bartender:
 Bar Volunteers: Jim, Vicki, Robert, Peggy, Dawn

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98-99 Ron Brantner, PER, PDDGER

PAST STATE OFFICERS

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 03-04 Linda De Leo, PER, PDLO

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Call the RV HOST 360-301-0728

Member \$30 per Night
Member Guest \$35 per Night
