

# Handcrafted American flags fundraiser for American Legion

**Rick Stelzig, the man who builds the bee hives for Tillamook Beekeepers that are raffled off at Bee Days each year will be featured at the 2024 Tillamook Headlight Herald Home and Garden Show selling American flags made of wood as a fundrasier for the American Legion Post 47 of Tillamook. In his own words, here is how he came to this project:**

I've been asked why I'm involved with the American Legion.

As a marine veteran it was an easy choice. I joined the American Legion about three years ago and was assigned to a post in Portland, Oregon. Back in April I received word that the American Legion was going to reestablish the post 47 back here in Tillamook, So I switched my post to Tillamook.

Being a new member and never having been at an American Legion meeting, I learned that American Legion stood for a lot of good support for their community, also realizing the only funds they had would be the little



**Rick Stelzig in his shop with his beautifully designed flags crafted from wood that will be sold at this year's home and garden show.**

bit they were able to keep from membership yearly dues.

I felt there was a need to come up with some kind of project that I could do to raise funds for our local American legion so they also could offer some of the same programs back to our community that is offered over the rest of our nation.

I came up with the plans to build 10 handcrafted American flags that could offer to be sold at our 2024 home and garden show.

If there is group or person with a noble idea that might need some help, I'm more than happy to help what little I can.

Thanks, Rick Stelzig

**A statement from American Legion Post 47:**

American Legion Post 47 has hit its one year anniversary of being back in Tillamook. We have a Facebook account <https://www.facebook.com/groups/6320116218064876> and web page <https://tillamookpost47.com/>. The Post has participated in the fair and the 80th anniversary with the air museum. They are working with other clubs to have events for veterans to come to. We will raffle wood flags and other things the post has to help established a connection with Tillamook businesses. We have grown to 73 members and will have a 1953 Willis Jeep in the parades this summer.



**American Legion Post 47 still growing and helping veterans across the county.**

