

From Your Editor

Jackie Key

It's time to renew the ads in this newsletter. Letters will be going out to solicit old and new sponsors of our newsletter. This support helps defray the cost of these publications. If you know of a business that would be interested please let me know.

All committee reports are due to me by **January 20** for the January newsletter.

Contact your editor at:
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FOR SALE?

We are offering a "For Sale" section in this Newsletter. For \$5.00 per item you can place an add selling what ever it is you want to sell. Please contact the Bar Tender on duty to place your add for the upcoming Newsletter.

The Post Chaplain

Nick Roth

Well, the last meeting of the year was held on December 8th with well wishes for all in this very happy of seasons. For a rare time, no charter draping was needed, and our list of ill or injured have made remarkable progress toward full remission or cure.

We do have a comrade whose family has not contacted me or the

post to let us know of Verne Simshaw's health condition. Several weeks ago Verne was admitted to the long-term care facility at Vancouver hospital, B Ward, room 123. Care will consist of chemotherapy and radiation. Keep him in your prayers. God Bless us all and keep Him in your thoughts and prayers this New Year of 2007.

The Auxiliary Chaplain

Bonnie Hershberger

This holiday season continues to find our membership in overall good health and great spirits.

God bless us one and all.

Adopt-A-Family

I would like to thank all of you who donated your time, money, toys, food and clothing to this program. I know there are three children who had a much nicer Christmas because of all of you. A big thanks to my daughter Samantha, who did all the shopping for the kids, and Jean for going grocery shopping with me and delivering to the families. And to Carol, Dora, Kathy, and Jean for their help with the wrapping. I appreciate all of you so much. I could not have done it without you girls. This program really shows the spirit of Christmas and it warms my heart to see how generous all of you are. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and wish you all a Happy New Year. Lori Merritt

Applications for a Men's Auxiliary are being taken. The requirements to join are similar to the women for the Women's Auxiliary. There will be an organizational meeting at the post on Thursday, 11 Jan at 6:00 PM. If you know of any man who might be interested in joining, please contact Bob Dunn or Larry Merritt and try to be at the meeting. See you there.

County Veterans Service Officer :

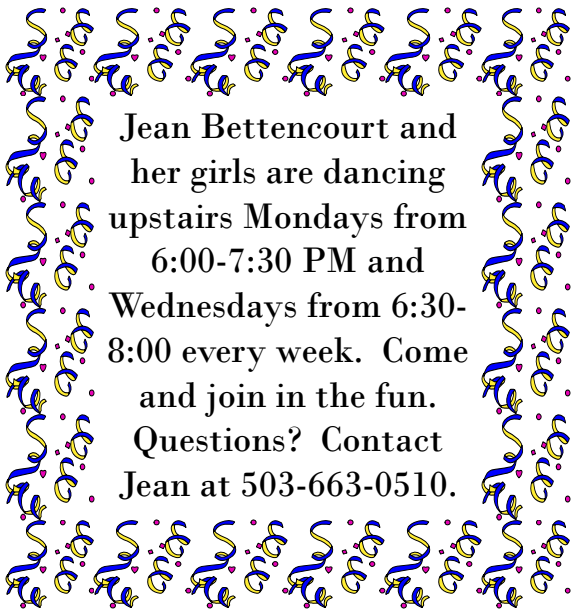
A representative from the County's Veteran Service Office will be available in Sandy at the VFW Hall, from 10 AM to Noon, the third Thursday of every month, beginning January 18th. The county offers a free service to assist veterans and their eligible dependents in filing for, advocating for, and obtaining federal VA entitlements and other pertinent ancillary benefits. If you have questions about your entitlement to VA benefits, including using the VA for health care needs, or you need help with filing a claim or an existing claim, please stop by the VFW Hall during one of their visits. Please also feel free to come by to get acquainted or to ask questions about VA benefits. If you are unable to come in during their visit to Sandy, please contact the County Veteran Service Office at 503-650-5631 for assistance. Bert

**VFW Post 4273 &
Ladies Auxiliary
January
Birthday Potluck
Party
January 20th
6 PM
Bring a Potluck dish.**

Post Officers	2006-2007	Auxiliary Officers	
Commander	Bert Key	President	Kathy Dunn
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Junior Vice Commander	Todd Kruckenberg	Jr. Vice President	Janet Misner
Chaplain	Nick Roth	Treasurer	Jean Bettencourt
Quartermaster	Ken Hershberger	Chaplain	Bonnie Hershberger
Adjutant	Allen Anderson	Secretary	Dora Fitzpatrick
		Editor	Jackie Key

Calling all Veterans!

Membership continues to increase. As of this writing the post is at 97% strength. I want to especially thank Allen Anderson, Ken Hershberger, Russ Hawkins, Lori Merritt, Kathy Dunn, Kit Spitzengel, Chuck Lutz, Al Gagnon, Al Foust, Karen Roth, and Tim Wilson for their extraordinary recruiting efforts. They have really worked hard trying to recruit members. There are a lot of potential members out there, they just need to be asked. Have you recruited your new member yet? Also, if you have not paid your dues yet, please remember to do so. I cannot emphasize enough how important recruiting new members is to our number one mission: Serving Our Veterans. Bert



Jean Bettencourt and her girls are dancing upstairs Mondays from 6:00-7:30 PM and Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 every week. Come and join in the fun. Questions? Contact Jean at 503-663-0510.

CANTEEN CORNER

Lori Merritt

Many thanks to:

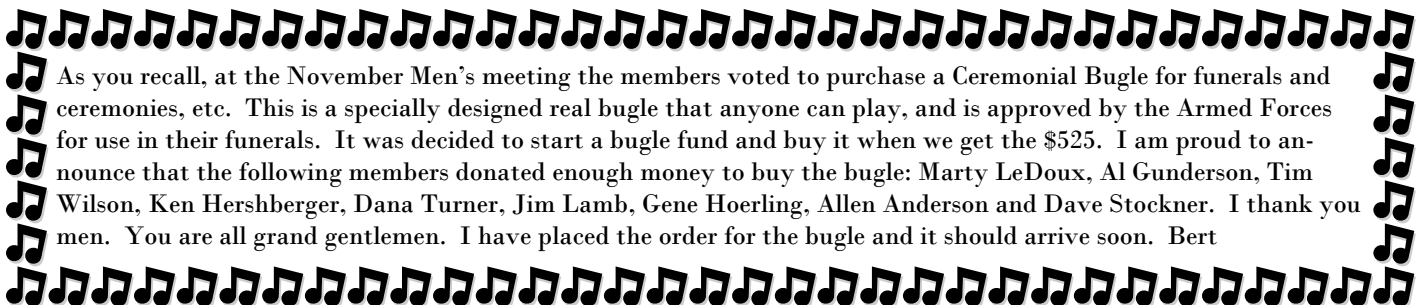
- *Kris, Tim, John, Larry, Dan, Loretta and Chuck for all their hard work with the remodel. It is looking great.
- *Tim and Loretta and Jackie did a great job this month on a successful breakfast/bingo.
- *Carol and Lori for making the lovely Christmas tree and Jackie, Kathy and Dora for decorating the bar for the Christmas Party.
- *Dick and Dee Steffl, Denise and Diane for their generous donations to Operation Uplink.
- *Brenda, Kathy, Shelly, and Gary for helping make the Texas Hold'em Tournament so successful and fun.
- *Kathy Dunn for all the hard work in organizing the Texas Hold'em Tournament. It was a great success!
- *Clyde for donating all those shooter bottles for the Christmas Stockings.
- *Safeway for donating the candy for the Christmas Stockings.
- *Tim and Loretta Wilson for donating the stockings and Lori Merritt for helping stuff them for the Christmas Party.

Your Canteen opens daily at 2 PM. Don't be a stranger!

Texas Hold'em Tournament

Kathy Dunn is hosting a second Texas Hold'em tournament to be played on January 21st. This will be a no limit \$20 buy in with no re-buys. Sign ups begin at Noon and play starts at 1:00 PM. There is a sign up sheet posted in the Cantina. If you have any questions contact Kathy.

Check out the Thermal Coffee Mugs and Shot Glasses for sale at the Canteen. We have them for all of the Armed Services. Show your pride in your service and purchase one. The mugs are \$3 and the shot glasses are \$1. VFW Hats, bumper stickers and decals are also for sale with the proceeds going to help veterans.



As you recall, at the November Men's meeting the members voted to purchase a Ceremonial Bugle for funerals and ceremonies, etc. This is a specially designed real bugle that anyone can play, and is approved by the Armed Forces for use in their funerals. It was decided to start a bugle fund and buy it when we get the \$525. I am proud to announce that the following members donated enough money to buy the bugle: Marty LeDoux, Al Gunderson, Tim Wilson, Ken Hershberger, Dana Turner, Jim Lamb, Gene Hoerling, Allen Anderson and Dave Stockner. I thank you men. You are all grand gentlemen. I have placed the order for the bugle and it should arrive soon. Bert

Quote for the Month:
"To avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing, be nothing." Elbert Hubbard



Happy New Year!



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