

The Buckboard Bulletin

"First to serve our Veterans"

January 2010

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Comrades and Sisters,

December was filled with activity. The Children's Christmas Party on the 19th was a big, big success. We had 40 children attend and I understand that Santa Claus appeared and was a big hit. Many, many thanks to Dora Fitzpatrick, and Jackie Key for all of their hard work and talent in making this party so much fun for the children and their parents and grandparents. Later that same day Jolynn Johnson, Anni and Todd Kruckenburg put on an outstanding Christmas Party in the Canteen. A good time was had by all. If you had to miss the Christmas Party, don't miss the New Year's Eve Party. It promises to be a grand event.

Our Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Winners were announced this month: VOD 1st Place is Severine Cushing from Sandy High School; 2nd Place is Laura Secomb from Damascus Christian School; and 3rd Place is Olivia Baurer, also from Damascus Christian. PP 1st Place is Kaitlyn Klahn from Boring Middle School; 2nd Place is Page Eisert from Boring Middle School; and 3rd Place is Valerie Wakefield from Damascus Christian. Kaitlyn Klahn and Page Eisert went on to place 2nd and 3rd respectively at the District Level as well. We can all be very proud of all the students who participated in both of these worthy programs.

Thanks to Allen and Cindi Anderson for donating the beautiful Christmas Tree decorating the Hall.

Al Faust submitted the highest bid and is now the proud owner of the old flagpole. I would like to thank Darrell Vaughn, Dan Copher, Todd Kruckenburg, and Kris Engblom for digging the pole up and transporting it up to Al's place. Also, many thanks to Todd and Darrell for the new hand railing on the front steps leading to the Canteen, and to Fred's Travel for loaning them equipment to do the job.

Thanks to Todd and Anni and Tim and Loretta for the fine Swedish Meatball Dinner they prepared and served on the 5th. Keep up the great work folks. Semper Fi! Bert Key, Commander

Ladies Auxiliary President's Message

Ladies,

I would like to thank all of you for all your hard work this past year. I hope you will continue to support all of our duties and fundraisers for the upcoming year. We are updating our CSR hours.

Please keep track of all your hours, mileage and money you spend per month and turn it in so I can get the reports done. Our children's Christmas Party went well this year with 40 children present. Thank you Jackie and Dora for all of your hard work on the party. Also our adult party was a great success. Thank you Todd and Anni for making the games fun for all. If any of you would like to put on a breakfast or fundraiser dinner this upcoming year please let me know ASAP. Happy New Year!

Loretta Wilson, President

January Calendar

December 31	New Year's Eve Party 7:00 pm \$10
January 1	Happy New Year!
January 3	Breakfast/BINGO Ladies 10:00 am
January 6	House Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
January 8	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 6:45 pm Post Meeting 8:00 pm
January 9	Men's Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 pm
January 10	Breakfast/BINGO Post 10:00 am
January 17	Breakfast/BINGO Men's 10:00 am
January 24	Breakfast/BINGO Post 10:00 am
January 31	Breakfast/BINGO Ladies 10:00 am



Celebrate the NEW YEAR!

Join in the fun. New Year's Eve party at the VFW.

Live music from 8:00 pm to Midnight

\$10.00 per person at the door

From Your Editor

Bert Key

Newsletter articles are due 21 January for the February Newsletter.

Contact your editor at:
bert.key@us.army.mil

The Bake and Sew Ladies are in need of donations of cotton material for their quilts and cookie ingredients. Contact Ruthie Jackson for the details.

The Post Chaplain

Melissa Samels

Our condolences and prayers go out to the family of Arnold Huggins whose wife Jane passed away last month. "He who believes in me, though he may die shall live."

Our prayers are with Gary Brandon as he recovers from his hospital stay at Mt. Hood Medical Center. Mike Kennedy is going in for more surgery .

If anyone would like to take time out to pray for our soldiers who are deployed, the Good Shepherd Community Church in Boring meets every Friday at 7:00 pm to pray for our troops. Merry Christmas Everyone.

The Auxiliary Chaplain

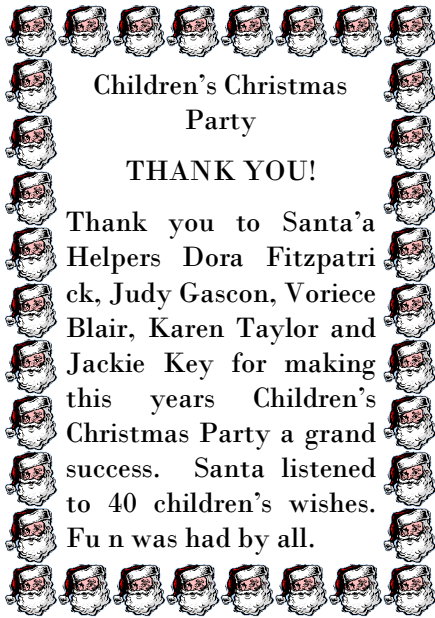
Voriece Blair (503) 668-4237

Sisters,

Our condolences to the family of Mary Bateman, who passed away December 10. Mary will be greatly missed , especially by the Cookie Ladies where she was a great asset.

Charter member Enola Roper passed away on December 19. Her Celebration of Life Open House will be held January 2, from 11AM to 2PM, at 40050 SE Trubel Road, Sandy. Contact her daughter Kathy Pinkerton at 503 307-6623. Our prayers go out to her family

I pray 2010 will be very good to everyone. Happy New Year!



Children's Christmas Party

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Santa's Helpers Dora Fitzpatrick, Judy Gascon, Voriece Blair, Karen Taylor and Jackie Key for making this years Children's Christmas Party a grand success. Santa listened to 40 children's wishes. Fun was had by all.

Our goal in the membership drive is to keep our Post a vigorous and positive force for veterans and the community for years to come. That means gaining new members so we can help the growing number of veterans and to replace older members who are no longer as active. We also need to keep our current members involved both by participating in Post activities that assist veterans and our community as well as by keeping dues current for those who pay annual dues. Remember we are here to serve veterans with: VA and government issues, ceremonies, special concerns, and comradeship in addition to contributing to our community with youth education programs and ceremonies to honor veterans. We should strive to reach 100% of our previous membership level just to maintain our current level of activity, but we should do better than 100% if we are committed to helping the new veterans from the current combat zones and to help the increasing number of older veterans who need assistance. We need every member to do his/her part over the next few months by making 3 contacts. Talk to everyone who appears to be a veteran to see if they are eligible. PLEASE DO YOUR PART BY HELPING IN THE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE. Thank you. Jim Mitchell, Senior Vice Commander

ADOPT-A-FAMILY WRAPPING PARTY THANK YOU

Seven volunteers showed up at the Post on December 17, armed with wrapping paper , bows, tape, and scissors. For two and a half hours they wrapped presents for our two Adopt-A-Families. The presents looked beautiful and a big **THANK YOU** goes out to: **Mike Thomas, Nancy Davis, Dora Fitzpatrick, Carolyn King-Winslow, Helene Hawkins and Jackie Key. Jewell Lamb, Chair**

Post Officers 2009-2010 Auxiliary Officers

Commander	Bert Key	President	Loretta Wilson
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Surgeon	Sharkey Haider	Conductress	Dora Fitzpatrick

A Thank You To Vietnam Vets From A Marine
In Iraq

A guy gets time to think over here and I was thinking about all the support we get from home. Sometimes it's overwhelming. We get care packages at times faster than we can use them. There are boxes and boxes of toiletries and snacks lining the center of every tent; the generosity has been amazing. So, I was pondering the question: "Why do we have so much support?"

In my opinion, it came down to one thing: Vietnam. I think we learned a lesson, as a nation, that no matter what, you have to support the troops who are on the line, who are risking everything. We treated them so poorly back then. When they returned was even worse. The stories are nightmarish of what our returning warriors were subjected to. It is a national scar, a blemish on our country, an embarrassment to all of us. After Vietnam, it had time to sink in. The guilt in our collective consciousness grew. It shamed us. However, we learned from our mistake.

Somewhere during the late 1970's and into the 80's, we realized that we can't treat our warriors that way. So, starting during the Gulf War, when the first real opportunity arose to stand up and support the troops, we did. We did it to support our friends and family going off to war. But we also did it to right the wrongs from the Vietnam era. We treated our troops like the heroes they were, acknowledged and celebrated their sacrifice, and rejoiced at their homecoming instead of spitting on them.

And that support continues today for those of us in Iraq. Our country knows that it must support us and it does. The lesson was learned in Vietnam and we are better because of it.

Everyone who has gone before is a hero. They are celebrated in my heart. I think admirably of all those who have gone before me. From those who fought to establish this country in the late 1770's to those I serve with here in Iraq. They have all sacrificed to ensure our freedom.

But when I get back, I'm going to make it a personal mission to specifically thank every Vietnam Vet I encounter for their sacrifice. Because if nothing else good came from that terrible war, one thing did. It was the lesson learned on how we treat our warriors. We as a country learned from our mistake and now treat our warriors as heroes, as we should.

I am the beneficiary of their sacrifice. Not only for the freedom they, like veterans from other wars, ensured, but for how well our country now treats my fellow Marines and I. We are the beneficiaries of their sacrifice. Semper Fidelis, Major Brian P. Bresnahan, U. S. Marine Corps.

CANTEEN CORNER

Jolynn Johnson

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I am so excited to start this new year at the Post. The end of 2009 was busy and went very well, from Thanksgiving to Christmas, our Post came together as family and friends to make the holidays bright and happy for our members and parts of the community. I am looking forward to 2010 being productive, fun and full of good times. Please remember to check in to see what activities and gatherings you could be involved with over the following year.

*Poker night is in full swing every Wednesday evening at the Canteen.

*Do not let the weather keep you from having fun: Bowling and Golf is always available in the Canteen.

*Please help celebrate our members Birthdays every month by attending the parties in their honor.

Remember, if you need anything or want to know more about one of our events feel free to call or stop by for more information. Or give me a call at home.

New Years Eve will be a wonderful time to end the year together with food, drinks, music and fun.

Thanks for all your support and hope you all have the chance to stop by during the holidays. See you at the post!

If you are an Army Veteran or the next-of-kin of an Army veteran, you may request a free set of authorized medals and decorations by sending a written request along with a copy of the DD 214 or other discharge papers to National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100. Or you can visit the National Personnel Records Center website at: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>

Membership Report: Our Ladies Auxiliary is 100%!!! Thank you to all our recruiters: Loretta Wilson, Kaye Gomes, Helene Hawkins, Lois Leavitt, Voriece Blair, and Jackie Key. The Post's membership is at 90%. Let's Go Post!!

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Quote of the Month:

"That is the happiest conversation where there is no competition, no vanity, but a calm quiet interchange of sentiments."

Samuel Johnson



Join Us for Post and Auxiliary meetings!

Post & Ladies - 1/08/10

Men's Auxiliary - 1/09/10



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