

The Buckboard Bulletin

"First to serve our Veterans"

February 2009

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Comrades and Sisters,

If you have not yet purchased your dinner tickets for the Mid-Winter Conference Voice of Democracy contact Bert Key. The Conference is being held in Portland this year so will be easy for everyone to get to. Our Patriot's Pen winner, Taylur DeWolf won the Department competition and will be reciting her essay at the dinner. The young people in our community deserve our support and we owe it to her to be in attendance.

Our strength percentage has improved somewhat but we still have a long way to go. As of this date we stand at 80%. The next Membership Committee Meeting will be held at 5:30 pm on 10 February. We need a lot of help on this. Please attend and help us get to 100%.

The new flagpole project is nearing completion. Many thanks go to Kris Engblom, Dan Copher, John Lamb, John Knotts, Leo Johnson, Larry Merritt, and Mike Horttor for donating their time and expertise in getting the project going. I want to thank Brad Picking for donating the flagpole to us. And a big thank you to Ahmad Alsafadi, owner of Taco Time, for his agreeing to allow us to raise the pole back away from the power lines and on to his property.

I appreciate all of the support we have received from many, many members for our Canteen events. Your continued support makes all the difference in the world. As the Canteen Manager, Lori Merritt has worked hard planning and implementing a variety of activities to capture the interest of all the members. And I commend her for that. See you at the post!

Allen Anderson, Commander



Ladies Auxiliary President's Message

Sisters,

I was talking to a friend of mine the other day about the Ladies Auxiliary. We were talking about all of the great things the Auxiliary has done in the past to help our Veterans. We have plaques and awards covering the walls upstairs. There are albums full of accomplishments and photos of happy events. I have heard so many great stories of years past, stories of unity and real Sisterhood. There are also some really funny stories of picnics, parties and conventions. And then there are the stories from the men. I am humbled and grateful when I hear the stories of our Veterans. I have listened to stories from them that have made me cry and others that have made me laugh out loud. These stories I will keep with me all of my life. I feel very fortunate that after being a member for many years now, I have a few stories of my own to tell.

Ladies, I hope we never forget the reason why we are all here. The reason why all of us joined this wonderful organization. I cannot speak for you, but for me it was to be a part of something great. To help our Veterans, their families and our community as a whole. Veterans helping veterans.

I, along with some other ladies will be holding a memorial to celebrate Hanna Lindholm's life on February 7, at 4 pm at the post. Please plan on attending. Thank you. President Lori Merritt

February Calendar

Feb 1	Breakfast/BINGO (Post) 10:00 am
Feb 1	Super Bowl Party 3:00 pm
Feb 8	Breakfast/BINGO (Men's Aux) 10:00 am
Feb 10	Membership Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
Feb 13-14	Mid-Winter Conference Portland
Feb 14	Men's Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 pm
Feb 15	Breakfast/BINGO (Men's Aux) 10:00 am
Feb 16	President's Day
Feb 18	House Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
Feb 20	Ladies Aux Meeting 6:45 pm, Post Meeting 8:00 pm
Feb 21	February Birthday Party 7:00 pm
Feb 22	Breakfast/BINGO (Ladies Aux) 10:00 am
Feb 28	Helene's Prime Rib Dinner 5-7:00 pm

From Your Editor

Bert Key

Newsletter articles are due 21 February for the March Newsletter.

Contact your editor at:
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Rumor has it that the first round of refreshments at the Super Bowl Party is on the Commander. What a great guy he is! Hip, hip, hooray!

The Post Chaplain

May the good Lord bless us all as we enter into the New Year.

Boring Middle School Student Wins!

Taylor DeWolf, an 8th grade student at Boring Middle School has recently been named the winner of the VFW's Patriot's Pen essay contest for the Department of Oregon. Haley Moore, also a student at Boring Middle School placed third in the District competition. District 15 includes; Sandy, Gresham, Oregon City, Canby, Woodburn, Silverton and Molalla and the areas around these cities. Both students were forwarded to District competition by Sandy Post 4273.

Students compete by writing an original 300 to 400 word essay on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme is "Why America's Veterans Should Be Honored". The contest is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. The essays are judged on; knowledge of the theme, theme development and clarity of ideas.

As VFW District 15 winner Taylor DeWolf, and the 2nd and 3rd place winners will receive a cash prize and certificates. Taylor DeWolf's 1st place essay will be forwarded to National level competition with the other 53 State and Territory winners. Special thanks to Allen Anderson, Lori Merritt, and Bert Key for making the presentations to the students at Boring Middle School on 23 January. The community can be very proud of these students.

The Auxiliary Chaplain

Brier Chung

Sisters and Brothers,

We are saddened to report that one of our Sister's passed away. After months of illness Hanna Lindholm passed away on January 19. Hanna was a long time Life Member of our Auxiliary and will be greatly missed. Please keep Alan in your thoughts through this very difficult time. Hanna did not want a funeral service but there will be a memorial service to celebrate her life at 4:00 pm, at the Post, on February 7. Please plan on attending.

May the good Lord bless us all.

**Men's Auxiliary
President's**

Hi guys. I hope everyone had a good month. There is not much going on this month but we do have our meeting on February 14 at 2:00 pm. I would like to again thank Darrell and Dan Vaughan for doing last month's breakfast and BINGO and Larry Merritt for assisting them. Good job guys. We will be sponsoring the Breakfast/BINGO's on 8 and 15 February also, so will need some help with those. Please volunteer to help out. Well I am keeping it short and sweet this month so everyone have a good month.

Thank you.

Bob Dunn, President

Your Membership Dues ARE NOW OVER DUE

Send in your dues **NOW!**

Lets make our Post and Auxiliaries 100% Again this year!

Membership Committee meets on 10 February at 5:30 pm. We really need your help, so please attend.

CANCER PROGRAM UPDATE
On Friday, February 20 starting at 5:00 pm we will be serving a choice of soup, Turkey Noodle or Sauerkraut, tossed green salad, home made dinner rolls and dessert for \$5.00. Proceeds from dinner will go to our Cancer Aid and Research Program. Sisters, please, if you know of a member who has Cancer, please let me know (503-668-4237). They are eligible for a cancer grant. **MAY ALL YOUR DREAMS BECOME RAINBOWS.**
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Post Officers	2008-2009	Auxiliary Officers	
Commander	Allen Anderson	President	Lori Merritt
Senior Vice Commander	Mike Horttor	Sr. Vice President	Helene Hawkins
Junior Vice Commander	Jim Mitchell	Jr. Vice President	Christie Horttor
Chaplain Pro Tem	Marty LeDoux	Treasurer	Jackie Key
Quartermaster	Tim Wilson	Chaplain	Brier Chung
Judge Advocate	John Lamb	Secretary	Dora Fitzpatrick
Adjutant	Al Gagnon	Guard	Kit Spitzengel
Surgeon	Dan Copher	Conductress	Carol Engblom

Campbell Soup Can Labels For National Home

Millions and millions of cans of tomato and chicken noodle soup later, the VFW National Home has a veritable fleet of vehicles. Thanks to the Campbell's Soup Labels for Education program and the outstanding support of our nation wide net of VFW and Ladies Auxiliary supporters, there are four vans that are available for transporting children and families to school, church. Appointments, sports practices and community service activities.

Campbell's Soup Van Timeline:

2003-Blue Van, Cost 1,100,000 labels

2005-White Van, Cost 1,500,000 labels

2007-Red Van, Cost 1,500,000 labels

2008-Blue Van, Cost 1,600,000 labels

The National Home is starting its journey toward a fifth vehicle. The challenging news is that the goal is BIG—1.6 million labels is the going price for a brand new Dodge Caravan. And the National Home is just 19 percent of the way to that goal! Please keep those labels coming! We can't do it without your support, but we know we can do it! Please bring your labels into the Post for Nancy Amonson, Auxiliary Chair National Home. Thank you.

From the Judge

Question: What is the appropriate cap to wear at the Post meetings?

Answer: The official VFW cap is the preferred head-gear for meetings. However, ceremonial/awards caps with titles other than what would identify with a Post level office is acceptable.

Question: Should members always wear their caps at Post meetings?

Answer: No, the National By-Laws do not require or mandate that caps be worn by members in attendance at VFW Meetings.

Question: Can the Post QM Report be maintained on computer generated forms other than what is available from the National Emblem and Supply Department?

Answer: Yes, as long as such forms contain the required data.

Question: Is a motion required to accept the QM's report?

Answer: Demeter's Manual of Parliamentary Law provides that financial reports are given purely for the information of the members at meetings and not need be put to vote to be accepted or adopted because this would be certifying to their accuracy and completeness without proper audit. If the report has been audited prior to the reading, a vote would be in order to accept the report for final approval.

Bert Key, Department Judge Advocate

CANTEEN CORNER

Lori Merritt

The new opening hours of the Canteen are as follows:

Monday through Thursday we will open at 3:00 pm.

Friday and Saturday we will open at 2:00 pm. We are planning to have Breakfast/BINGO's every Sunday and will open at 10:00 am. However, if for some reason there is not a B and B on a given Sunday, the opening for that day will be 2:00 pm. We appreciate your understanding and support with these new hours.

In other news preparations for the new flagpole are under way. It is going to be much more impressive than our old one and will show our community that we are proud Americans. I would like to thank Kris Engblom, Dan Copher, Larry Merritt, Mike Horttor, John Lamb, John Knotts, and Ahmad Alsafadi of Taco Time, for all their hard work in getting this project up and running. Great job guys!

We are planning a Super Bowl Party on February 1, beginning at 2:00 pm. Plan on coming down and watching the game with your friends.

Helene Hawkin's has a Prime Rib Dinner planned for February 28th, tickets are on sale at the Canteen. Please plan on supporting this fundraiser, proceeds will go to the Bake and Sew Ladies.

Thank You's this month go to: Kit Spitzengel, Jean Betten-court, Jim Mitchell, Allen Anderson, and Cindy Burke for their help with Taco Wednesdays this month. I really appreciate it.

Remember Taco's every Wednesday. See you at the Post!

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY BANQUET

The Mid-Winter Conference Dinner will be held at the Shilo Inn at the Airport February 14, 2009 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are now on sale at Department Headquarters and may be picked up at the Conference. All seats must be reserved and paid for at the time of ordering. We plan to sit as a group so all money and names must be sent in together. If you plan to go please give your money to Bert Key by February 4th so he can get it processed in time. Let him know of any dietary restrictions you may have. Tables seat 10. It would be great if we had at least two tables there to show support for our Patriot's Pen Winner, Taylur DeWolf. Dinner choices are: Chicken Parmesan over Linguine OR Marinated Tri Tip with Chef's Choice Rice or Potato, Salad or Caesar Salad, Vegetables, Dessert, Coffee or Tea. Let Bert know what your choices are when you pay.

