

The Buckboard Bulletin

"First to serve our Veterans"

February 2010

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Comrades and Sisters,

I hope you all were able to put 2009 behind you with a positive attitude toward what 2010 will bring. Last year presented some great challenges for this Post. Together we have overcome those challenges and are a better Post for having faced some adversity together as family. Let each and every one of us dedicate ourselves to making our success in our community service programs even better. We already lead the Department in Community Service. In fact, we are on track to become an All American Post. We are meeting all of the requirements, except in membership.

Jim Mitchell is doing a great job with membership, but it is not something one or two people can do by themselves. At this time we are hovering around 97%. To become an All American Post we need to have 110%. We can do it! We just need help from a few more members. I would like to sincerely thank Allen Anderson, Red Davis, Mike Horttor, and Tim and Loretta Wilson for their recruiting new members.

If last year is any indication, this year will require that we give even more of our time to helping our fellows in need. Many veterans are out of work and need our help now more than ever. Buddy Poppy help is even more critical than it has for some time.

Elections for new officers is just around the corner. In March we nominate, in April we vote, and in May we install the new officers. Be thinking about which office you would like to run for, or who you want to nominate for what position.

We will host a quality Dignity Memorial Seminar at the post on 17 March. For details and information refer to the article on page 3 of this Newsletter.

We will also host an Oregon Honorable Service Medal Ceremony on 1 May in conjunction with our Loyalty Day Ceremony at Civic Plaza here in Sandy. More on that to follow. A sincere thanks to all of you who have done your best this year.

Semper Fi! Bert Key, Commander

Ladies Auxiliary President's Message

Ladies,

I would like you to remember to keep looking for potential members as we still need to recruit. The Bake and Sew Ladies are still in need of donations and anyone that could help them on Thursdays. I would like to thank Lynn Usher and Clyde Wentworth for the prizes they have brought in for the BINGO games. They have been greatly appreciated. On March 17, St. Patrick's Day, Nancy Davis will be cooking a traditional Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner. 60 tickets are available at the Canteen for \$12.00 each. You must prepay by Sunday March 14th. Remember to turn in your community hours, mileage and money amounts to me so we can get them counted. Also bring in your soup labels. I am in need of someone to help out with the breakfast on February 7. Please let me know if you can help. Voriece Blair is doing the breakfast on March 7 as a Cancer Aid and Relief Fundraiser. Thank you for all you do for our veterans and their families. Loretta Wilson, President

February Calendar

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| February 7 | Breakfast/BINGO (Ladies)10:00 am Super Bowl Party 3:00 pm |
| February 9 | Buddy Poppy Committee Meeting 6:00 pm |
| February 12-13 | Mid-Winter Conference (Hood River) |
| February 14 | Breakfast/BINGO (Post) 10:00 am |
| February 17 | House Committee Meeting 5:30 pm |
| February 18 | VA Rep Janice Raisl at Post 10-Noon |
| February 19 | Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 6:45 pm Post Meeting 8:00 pm |
| February 20 | Men's Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 pm |
| February 21 | Breakfast/BINGO (Men's Aux) 10:00 am |
| February 25-28 | Attic Work Party |
| February 27 | February Birthday Party 6:00 pm |
| February 28 | Breakfast/BINGO (Post) 10:00 am |
| March 17 | Dignity Memorial Seminar 11:00 am |

DIGNITY MEMORIAL PROVIDERS HELP VETERANS' FAMILITES RECEIVE VA BURIAL BENEFITS.

As a VFW member, or member of the Ladies Auxiliary you are entitled to take advantage of an exceptional program that honors your military service while it provides significant financial savings on services that the government will not pay for. We will conduct a free Dignity Memorial Seminar for all veterans at the Post on 17 March beginning at 11:30 am. A free Lunch will be served at 12:30. You may or may not receive an invitation to this seminar in the mail. Regardless of whether you receive an invitation please plan to be in attendance and get all of your questions answered. You will also receive a free Veterans Planning Guide and assistance on filling in the blank spaces.

While the VA offers modest assistance with burial in a National Cemetery, it generally provides little or no benefits if you prefer a private cemetery, or wish a funeral or cremation service held.

- Veteran's caskets are not free (unless death occurs on active duty.)
- Private burial expenses are not paid in full.
- Honor Guard presence is not automatic.

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Dignity Memorial has handled funeral arrangements for seven U.S. Presidents, many Generals, Admirals and Commandants, and thousands of rank-and-file veterans from coast to coast. I cannot over emphasize the importance of you all attending this free seminar. Questions? Call me. Semper Fi! Bert

CANTEEN CORNER

Jolynn Johnson

Hello everyone! I hope the new year is treating you well. I am happy to introduce a weekly drink special menu at the special price of \$2.25:

Monday: Rum and Coke

Tuesday: Bourbon and 7 Up

Wednesday: Fuzzy Navel

Thursday: Vodka and Cranberry

Friday: Margarita on the rocks

Monday-Friday: \$2.00 Blue Moon Beer

Upcoming February Events

*February 7: Super Bowl Party! Please join us to watch some football and enjoy a potluck. 3:00 pm

*February 13: Movie Date Night! Help us celebrate Valentine's Day by watching a romantic comedy, eat a movie inspired potluck (snacks and candy), and have a free glass of champagne.

*February 27: BIRTHDAY PARTY!! Let's celebrate our members birthdays with cake, playing games and having fun.

Thanks for all your support and hope you all have the chance to stop by. I cannot wait to see you at the post!

We are starting our last big push for Cancer, 2009-10. We will start selling tickets on February 1st. They are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 on our raffle for Cancer, to be drawn March 7th between our Breakfast and BINGO. I will need lots of help, selling tickets, cooking and serving and cleaning up after breakfast, and helping with BINGO. All help will be greatly appreciated, but what we need most is members to participate. Please come out and have a wonderful day with friends and maybe even make some new ones. Thank you very much. Voriece, Cancer Chairman

Membership Report: Our Ladies Auxiliary is 103%!!! 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 97%. Let's Go Post!!

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Quote of the Month:

"If you don't make a total commitment to whatever you're doing, then you start looking to bail out the first time the boat starts leaking. It's tough enough getting that boat to shore with everybody rowing, let alone when a guy stands up and starts putting his life jacket on."

Lou Holtz



Join Us for Post and Auxiliary meetings!

Post & Ladies - 2/19/10

Men's Auxiliary - 2/20/10



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