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POST COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Greetings to all.

I hope this article finds everyone healthy and in good spirits. It has been brought to my attention that some folks have the feeling that if they cook breakfast or dinner all the proceeds go the post. This is not the case. 10% goes to the VFW post. The rest is designated by who cooks. Be it Ladies Auxiliary, bar and canteen or the VFW post. I hope this puts clarification in this matter.

A big ‘that a girl’ goes out to Pam Van Horn who is now our new bar manager. After working the past 4 months with Pam, she has proven to all that she can more than handle this job. Good luck Pam!

Thank you to Brad Parkinson in becoming our new post adjutant.

After talking to Brad it was a easy choice to appoint him to this position. Good luck Brad!

February is fast approaching with a couple things of interest. Feb.9-10-11 V.O.D. patriot pen meeting and banquet in Wilsonville. Feb. 25 is our midwinter district 15 meeting. This will be held at the Molalla post. Would like to see as many as possible attend.

I'd like to personally thank our senior vice Merle Stewart for conducting our January post meeting and Department Commander Bert Key filling in for the chaplain.

Thanks again Merle and devil dog 6 . GOOD JOB!

Please remember, all gave some, some gave all!

Terry Boyer
Post Commander.

February Calendar

Every Day	Canteen Menu (Except Monday)
Every Mon	Canteen Closed
Every Tues.	Domino night
Every Wed.	Taco and Poker Night—5pm
Every Sat.	Tailgate Party
Feb 5	House committee meeting 12:30
Feb 9	Auxiliary Meeting, 6:45pm
Feb 9-10-11	Patriot Pen - Wilsonville
Feb 10	Post Mtg 8pm
Feb 19	Youth Group 12:30pm
Feb 24	Tim's Kick Ass Brisket Dinner 5-8pm
Feb 25	Midwinter Dist 15 Mtg

Ladies Auxiliary President's Message

Auxiliary President's Message

I thought that the best way to inform you of what your Auxiliary has been doing is to give you some facts. Below, I have listed the programs that we have been involved in and the time, mileage and amount of money we have spent/donated on these programs. These figures are just for the past 9 months of this report year.

Americanism – 212 hours, 2,004 miles and \$218.45

Cancer Aid and Research – 352.5 hours, 284 miles and \$3,296.80

Hospitals and VAVS – 2,394 hours, 8,207 miles and \$34,918.32

Membership – 88 hours, 155 miles and \$0 dollars

Veterans and Family Support – 829 hours, 3,286 miles and \$3,952.85

Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen – 14 hours, 78 miles and \$720.00

Youth Activities – 73 hours, 98 miles and \$71.92

Aid to Other Organizations in the Community – 186 hours, 1,642 miles and \$958.00

TOTAL – hours 4,148.5, mileage 15,754 and \$44,136.34 in donations

Folks this time and money does not come just from our dues. It is time given by a small number of sisters, who spend a great deal of time fund raising, cooking breakfasts, volunteering, baking and sewing. I owe these sisters a sincere “Thank You”.

I hope you find this information informative and that you are as proud of your Auxiliary as I am. I also hope that it makes the picture of what it takes to keep this Auxiliary one of the best in Oregon a little clearer.

If you can spare a little time, we certainly have things that need to be done. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Next youth group meeting will be at 12:30pm on Sunday, Feb 19th.

Please plan on attending our join fund raiser with the Post. It is “Tim's Kick Ass Brisket Dinner” from 5-8pm on Friday, Feb 24th.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Due to the mid-winter conference our meeting for Feb., will be held on Thurs. Feb 9th at 6:45PM.

Jean Bettencourt

POST MEMBERSHIP

Keep up with your membership

Veterans have always taken care of their own. When veterans of the Spanish-American War returned home in 1899, there was no medical care or veterans' pension. The wounded, the sick and their struggling families were left to fend for themselves.

A visionary band of veterans formed what would later become the VFW. We exist to protect and defend those who have sacrificed for this nation. You've earned that. If you haven't already sent in your dues for 2012 please do so ASAP. Your membership is needed to keep our vision strong.
THANK YOU

Merle Stewart ;
Senior vice

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**The Post Chaplain
Melissa Samels 503 668 4849**

Chaplain input for February news letter
We need to keep Chuck Lutz in our prayers as he continues to recover from injury.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of life time members, Tom Rutledge and John Metsger, both will be greatly missed by all those who were blessed by their camaraderie.

“For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.” {Romans 14:9}

LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Have You Paid Your 2012 Dues?

Sisters, take a look at your membership card. Is it for 2012? If not you are no longer a member in good standing and cannot attend meetings, hold office, or receive a cancer grant if otherwise eligible. Payment of your \$20.00 dues reinstates all privileges. We need your membership! Numbers count in our fight for veterans benefits.

Pay your dues today. If you are unable to pay your Auxiliary is here to help. We need to hear from you. Please contact your Auxiliary President, Jean Bettencourt at (503) 663-5010 or Auxiliary Treasurer, Jackie Key at (503) 668-8418 as soon as you can.

We value your membership!

**The Auxiliary Chaplain
Judy Gascon 503 668 3748**

Pauline Allgeier was in the hospital a few days with asthma problems, but is home now and doing much better.

The Veteran’s Hospital reported to me that Birdie and Al Foust are still with their son in Seattle and may not be able to return home. Al had a stay in the hospital with heart problems. Send cards to their home in Eagle Creek for now.

Penni Hofer is still in foster care and doing well, but cannot go home yet because her husband is having health problems.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary and Terry Boyer as their daughter, Rhonda, faces breast cancer surgery on Jan. 20th.

Also, Nancy Davis is having knee surgery this month, so keep her in your thoughts and prayers too.

Judy Gascon

VFW Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain



Post Officers	Ladies Auxiliary Officers	Men’s Auxiliary Officers
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Commander	Terry Boyer	President	Jean Bettencourt	President:	Dan Vaughn
Senior Vice Commander	Merle Stewart	Sr. Vice President	Dora Fitzpatrick	Vice President	Matt Haider
Junior Vice Commander	Glenn Yeager	Jr. Vice President	Jennell Mitchell	Secretary	Gregg Redford
Chaplain	Melissa Samels	Treasurer	Jackie Key	Treasurer	Bob Dun
Quartermaster	Bill Miller	Chaplain	Judy Gascon	Sgt At Arms	Wayne Keller
Judge Advocate	John Lamb	Secretary	Debra Glenzer		
Adjutant	Brad Parkinson	Guard	Helene Hawkins		
Surgeon	Dan Copher	Conductress	Jewel Lamb		

VFW National Military Services Celebrates Tremendous Year

NMS made a big difference for troops and their families in 2011

January 03, 2012

2011 was a hugely successful year for VFW National Military Services and its programs, which continued to extend support and assistance to service members and their families.

VFW Operation Uplink™ hosted 24 "Free Call Days" for troops stationed overseas for the second consecutive year. Over 1.3 million connections were made by service members to their loved ones by accessing the Free Call Days through MWR Internet Cafes in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait. The 2012 Free Call Day schedule is now available, with 24 Free Call Days planned. Click here to view the new schedule.

VFW Unmet Needs continued to provide a lifeline to military families facing unexpected financial hardship. In 2011 the program issued 638 emergency and disaster relief grants totaling \$569,000 in assistance. Those figures include 145 rent or mortgage bills that were paid, affording struggling military families the comfort of staying in their homes.

VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP) grew as well and continued to provide an outstretched hand from the VFW to the local military. In 2011 the program issued 287 grants to VFW Departments and Posts to cover expenses associated with hosting morale-boosting events for troops and their families.

A huge part of MAP includes the Adopt-a-Unit program. VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary adopt military units around the world, developing supportive relationships with them before, during and after deployments. There were 260 new unit adoptions in 2011 through the program, which now boasts nearly 2,000 adoptions since 2007.

VFW National Military Services programs made an incredible difference for our troops and their families in 2011. Here's to making 2012 even more successful!

POWMIA News

Recovery Mission to Begin This Spring in North Korea

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27, 2012 - Members of the Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command are preparing for their first mission to North Korea in seven years to search for remains of missing U.S. Korean War veterans, a defense official reported.

The mission, expected to begin this spring, will bring together U.S. and North Korean military members for the humanitarian mission, said Air Force Maj. Carie Parker, a spokeswoman for the Defense Department's POW/Missing Personnel Office here.

U.S. teams will work in two areas in North Korea: Unsan County, about 60 miles north of Pyongyang, and near the Chosin/Jangjin Reservoir, where more than 2,000 soldiers and Marines are believed to be missing, Parker said.

Of approximately 83,000 Americans missing from all conflicts, 7,967 are from the Korean War, she said. Of those MIAs, 5,500 are believed to be in North Korea.

U.S. specialists from the Joint POW/MIA Command had conducted operations in North Korea for 10 years, recovering remains believed to be more than 225 servicemen since 1996. However, the United States halted those operations in 2005 due to increased tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

U.S. and North Korean officials agreed following three days of talks in Bangkok last October to resume the recovery missions, Parker said.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/MIA Affairs Robert J. Newberry led the U.S. negotiating team, which included representatives from DOD, the State Department, U.S. Pacific Command and United Nations Command-Korea.

Their agreement with the North Koreans includes details on logistics and other issues to ensure effective, safe operations for U.S. recovery teams operating in North Korea, Parker said.

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New Daily Canteen Menu (Closed Monday)

Halibut Fish & Chips -\$ 5.50
Chicken Strips and Fries - \$4.50
Shrimp Cocktail - \$1.50
French Fries - \$2.50
Onion Rings—\$2.75
Jalapeno Poppers—6 for \$3.50

**Join Us for Post and
Auxiliary meetings!**

Post - 2/10/12 8pm

Ladies - 2/9/12 6:45pm



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