

The Buckboard Bulletin

"First to serve our Veterans"

March 2007

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

As we get ready to leave Winter behind and welcome Spring, things are getting busy. A lot of activities are in the air. Many thanks to Helene Hawkins and her crew for the Prime Rib dinner. The food was excellent and it was a great fund raiser for the Bake and Sew Ladies. Way to go, ladies! Several events like this are being planned for you to enjoy. Be sure to mark your calendars so you do not miss them.

A new item on "Coming Events" this month will be a Popcorn and Movie night. We have a great 50 inch Plasma TV to watch movies on. Monday, March 12th will be our first movie night. At 6:30 PM the movie will be "Flags of Our Fathers". Please join us for this outstanding film and some good popcorn and great friendship.

Nick Roth and I were proud to represent the post at the Winter Conference in Eugene. Our Voice of Democracy Winner, Emily Secomb was one of the top fifteen in the state. The top five places gave their speeches at dinner and they were outstanding. Our teacher representative, Linda Urbanowski, won Teacher of the Year for the entire state. We are very proud of our winners. Nick has been nominated for Post Service Officer of the Year for all the great work he has done for the veterans.

Ken Hershberger and Allen Anderson have received national recognition from the Commander-in-Chief for the outstanding work they are doing for the veterans of this post. Congratulations, gentlemen.

You are seeing several new faces around the post. Introduce yourselves to these new members and welcome them aboard. This team just keeps getting better and better. The post is now standing at 103% strength. We are first in the state for posts of our size. Kudos go to Senior Vice Russ Hawkins and his recruiting committee. Way to go team!

It is again time to elect new officers who will serve for the upcoming year. At the March and April meetings we will be taking nominations. The actual election will be conducted at the April meeting. If you would like to serve in one of these positions, be sure to get your name placed in nomination. I would encourage you all to consider taking on one of the leadership roles.

I have been invited by the Commander-in-Chief, and am honored to be representing this post, to attend the National Community Service Conference/ Legislative Conference in Washington, DC March 4-7. Because of that, the House Committee Meeting is changed to Thursday, March 8th at 5:30 PM. I will be home in time to report to you at the regular March meeting. See you at the post. Semper Fi!

Bert Key, Commander

Coming Events

House Committee Meeting	March 8
Post & Auxiliary Meetings	March 9
Breakfast/BINGO (Aux)	March 11
Popcorn & Movie Night (6:30 PM)	March 12
St Patrick's Day Dinner & Birthday Party	March 17
Texas Hold'em Tournament	March 18
Jim Turin's Surf N Turf Dinner	March 24
Breakfast/BINGO (Post)	March 25

President's Message

The auxiliary had a busy and productive month. Senior Vice President, Lori Merritt and I, along with Jackie Key, Penny Edwards and Voriece Blair, attended the Mid-Winter Conference in Eugene. We attended the meetings and went to the Voice of Democracy banquet. Our District 15 and Post representative, Emily Secomb, finish in the top fifteen. We wish Emily good luck and hope she will participate again next year. It is always a pleasure to attend the banquet. The young men and women who do place in the top 5 give their speeches during dinner and they always bring tears to my eyes. The winner was very well spoken and I hope he goes all the way in Washington, D.C.

Helene Hawkins put on a superb prime rib dinner on the 17th. The proceeds go to benefit the Bake and Sew ladies. Jean and Lois assisted with the prep work. The bake and sew ladies provided the homemade deserts which were delicious. The event raised over \$900 to buy supplies for the Bake and Sew ladies. Great job Helene!!

Our year end reports will be wrapped up at the end of this month. That gives me the opportunity to remind everyone that it is getting to be that time of year again. If you would like to help out your auxiliary and run for an office, please plan to attend the April meeting. We will elect our officers for the coming year.

Kathy Dunn, Auxiliary President

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

What a great turnout at the Super Bowl Party, February Birthday Party, Breakfast/BINGO, and Texas Hold'em Tournament this month! And, Helene Hawkins' Prime Rib Dinner was a sell out. Thanks to all of you who attended these events. Your support means so much to our veterans and their families. The money raised by these fund raisers goes to further help veterans.



**Happy St. Patrick's
Day March 17th**



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