

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.

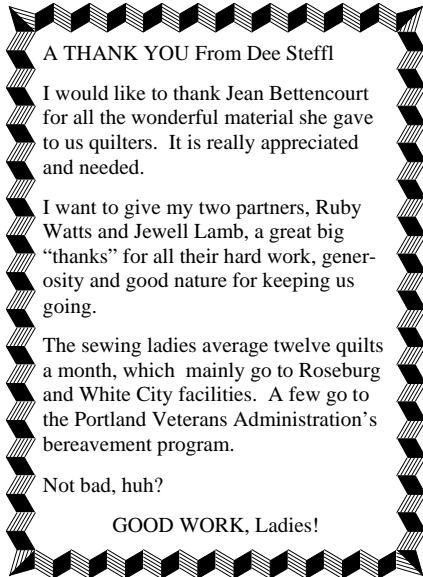
Kathy Dunn, Auxiliary President

From Your Editor

Jackie Key

All committee reports are due to me by **March 20th** for the April newsletter. We want to let everyone know what we are doing for our Post & Auxiliary. Contact your editor at:

cavalry1@teleport.com



The Post Chaplain

Nick Roth

Comrades, this is one of those months we hope do not come along very often—the loss of six of our comrades within a period of six weeks, four of them since our last meeting. Our Honor Guard attended four of the funerals and felt privileged to honor them.

Cards of condolences were sent to the families of Tom Besant, Louis Radford, Bud Bess, Bill Youngberg, Vern Simshaw, and Murlin Gregg. Our deepest sympathies and prayers go out to them. Our Charter was draped in their honor and remembrances.

Serious ailments have put Rod Peterson, Denny Bridges, Gary Brandon and Moon Mullins in jeopardy. Again, our best wishes and prayers go out to them and their families. We wish them all a healthy future, with God's help.

Let us keep an optimistic outlook on all God has provided for us. God keep and protect us, and bring us all eventually to our promised rewards. Bless the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the United States of America.

The Auxiliary Chaplain

Bonnie Hershberger

Margarete Inman is on the mend. Joanne Ledoux is out of the hospital and recuperating after a bout with pneumonia. Judy Gascon has not been feeling well and we hope she is improving.

Congratulations to Joy and Adam Helfritch on the birth of daughter Piper Avery February 7th. She weighed 8 lbs.

County Veterans Service Officer :

A representative from the County's Veteran Service Office will be available in Sandy at the VFW Hall, from 10 AM to Noon, the third Thursday of every month, continuing on March 15th. The county offers a free service to assist veterans and their eligible dependents in filing for, advocating for, and obtaining federal VA entitlements and other pertinent ancillary benefits. If you have questions about your entitlement to VA benefits, including using the VA for health care needs, or you need help with filing a claim or an existing claim, please stop by the VFW Hall during one of their visits. Please also feel free to come by to get acquainted or to ask questions about VA benefits. If you are unable to come in during their visit to Sandy, please contact the County Veteran Service Office at 503-650-5631 for assistance. Bert

Applications for a Men's Auxiliary are being taken. The requirements to join are similar to the women for the Women's Auxiliary. If you know of any man who might be interested in joining, please contact Bob Dunn or Larry Merritt.

Post Officers

2006-2007

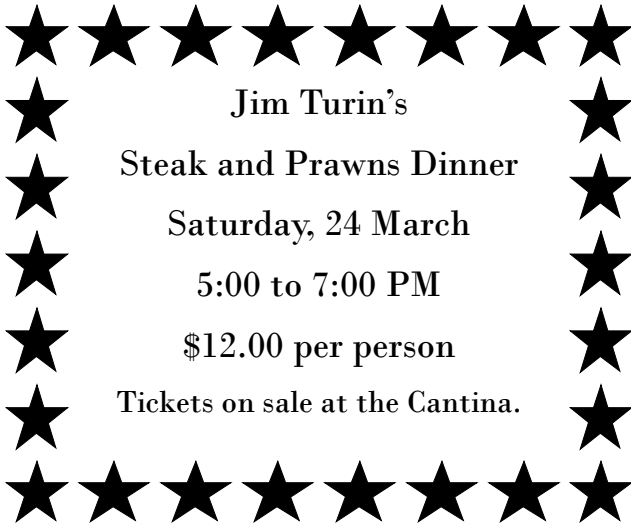
Auxiliary Officers

Commander	Bert Key	President	Kathy Dunn
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		Editor	Jackie Key

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Honorable Service Medal

Calling all honorably discharged veterans! You are eligible for the Veterans of Oregon Honorable Service Medal. It is a beautiful medal that is free of charge to you and honors your service and sacrifice in the defense of America. An awards ceremony will be held at the post on Saturday, 14 April at 2:00 PM. To get your medal you must be in attendance at the ceremony and you will need to drop off a copy of your DD 214 at the post by 1 April. This medal is for all honorably discharged veterans, not just VFW members, so help get the word out. Questions? Call 503 668-8418. Bert



Junior Vice Commander Todd Krukenburg is putting together his team for the Buddy Poppy Drive this year. There is a sign up sheet at the post for anyone who would be willing to serve in this very important effort. We need volunteers from both the post and auxiliary. Please help.

CANTEEN CORNER

Lori Merritt

I would like to thank everyone for your support with the Bar Manager job. I really appreciate all the kind words of encouragement I have received.

This month many thanks to:

* **Bob Dunn, Clyde Wentworth, Gary Lightcap, Ken Hershberger,** and **Tim Wilson** for the great Sunday Breakfast and BINGO.

* **Kathy Dunn** for all the hard work in organizing the third-Texas Hold'em Tournament. It was a great success.

***Brenda Truesdale** for helping make the Super Bowl Party such a success.

***Helene Hawkins** and **Jean Bettencourt** for the great Prime Rib Dinner, and all of you who helped make this a success.

*All you new people coming into the post and you older members welcoming them aboard. It has been wonderful to see so many new faces. We welcome all of you.

***Al Foust, Al Lindholm, Chuck Lutz, Nick Roth** and **Tim Wilson,** for serving on the funeral details. You look sharp and very professional.

*We are going to try a **movie night**. Initially, it will be Monday Night at 6:30 PM. The first night will be March 12th. The movie will be Clint Eastwood's "**Flags of Our Fathers**". We will be serving Pizza for \$1.00 per slice. We are taking suggestions for future movie choices. Stop by the cantina and drop off your suggestions.

***Dealer's Choice Poker** every Wednesday night at the post.

*We are asking all you veterans to bring in photos of you when you were in uniform. We are proud of your service and want to display them on the wall of honor.



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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