

# The Buckboard Bulletin

"First to serve our Veterans"

March 2010

## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Comrades and Sisters,

I want to give a great big THANK YOU to Merle Stewart, Voriece Blair, Jim Mitchell, Tim Wilson, Todd and Anni Kruckenberg, John Lamb, and Jean Bettencourt, for their great help in the attic clean-up, and a REALLY GREAT BIG THANK YOU to Dora Fitzpatrick and Jackie Key for all of their hard work in organizing that event. That place had not been cleaned in years. Most of these volunteers put in 3 hard days on clean up and they deserve your appreciation when you see them.

I want to thank all of you who came out to the Bronze Melting Ceremony held in Eagle Creek on 12 February. A special recognition goes to Al Gagnon, Allen Anderson, Melissa Samels, and George Carroll for participating in the Color Guard, and to Tim Wilson and Ron Jagodnik for playing echoing Taps on the Bugle. Sandy and Molalla Posts, along with United States Special Operations Command, collaborated in this very moving ceremony on behalf of those USASOC soldiers who have been killed in action since WWII.

Mid-Winter Conference was a success and the Sandy Post was well represented. Thanks to all of you who could attend the conference. The young people of our communities deserve your support.

Jim Mitchell continues to do a great job with membership. We need some help to go door to door checking on our unpaid members. Will You help? Let Jim or I know.

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 a given position.

In conjunction with the Sandy Kiwanis Club we will host a Texas Hold'em Tournament on 27 March at Noon. A sincere thanks to all of you who have done your best to help support the Veterans of this community. Semper Fi!

Bert Key, Commander

## Ladies Auxiliary President's Message

Ladies,

I want to thank everyone who helped us get to over 100% in membership. We are presently at 103% and Jackie Key has done a tremendous job in getting us there. Her financial record keeping is of the highest caliber. She puts in a lot of personal time keeping the records in excellent shape.

I also want to thank Dora Fitzpatrick and Jackie Key for the great leadership they exhibited in getting the Hall Clean Up project planned and implemented. Thank you Anni Kruckenberg, Jean Bettencourt, and Voriece Blair for all your hard work in that clean up.

Get your tickets to the St. Patrick's Day Dinner on 17 March. Tickets are \$12 and the proceeds go to the Bake and Sew Ladies. Tickets need to be purchased by 14 March so we can get an accurate dinner count. Many thanks to Nancy Davis for lending her skills to make this dinner happen.

Thank you for all you do for our veterans and their families. Loretta Wilson, President

## March Calendar

March 7	Breakfast/BINGO (Ladies )10:00 am (Cancer Aid and Research Fundraiser)
March 10	House Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
March 12	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 6:45 pm Post Meeting 8:00 pm
March 13	Men's Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 pm
March 13	Dignity Memorial Seminar 11:30 am
March 14	Breakfast/BINGO (Post) 10:00 am
March 17	St Patrick's Day Dinner 5-8:00 pm
March 18	VA Rep Janice Raisl at Post 10-Noon
March 21	Breakfast/BINGO (Men's Aux) 10:00 am
March 27	Texas Hold'em Tournament 12:00 am
March 27	March Birthday Party 6:00 pm
March 28	Breakfast/BINGO (Ladies Aux) Buddy Poppy Fundraiser

## From Your Editor

Bert Key

Newsletter articles are due 21 March for the April Newsletter.

Contact your editor at:

**bert.key@us.army.mil**

The Bake and Sew Ladies are in need of donations of materials for their quilts and cookie ingredients. Contact Ruthie Jackson for the details. The Bake Ladies make cookies to send to our troops overseas and in our VA Hospitals. The Sewing ladies make quilts for our Veterans in the VA Hospitals.

## The Post Chaplain

**Melissa Samels (503) 668-4849**

On February 20, Gary Brandon was admitted to Legacy Mt. Hood Hospital in Gresham. Our prayers and thoughts are with him and his family.

Vincent Young, a long time member, and his wife, would greatly enjoy visitors so if you find some time and would like to stop by please do not hesitate.

If you know of any comrade or family member who is home bound and in need of a prayer or hospital visit, please call me.

“Heal me, me o lord, and I shall be healed.” (Jeremiah 17:14)

## The Auxiliary Chaplain

**Voriece Blair (503) 668-4237**

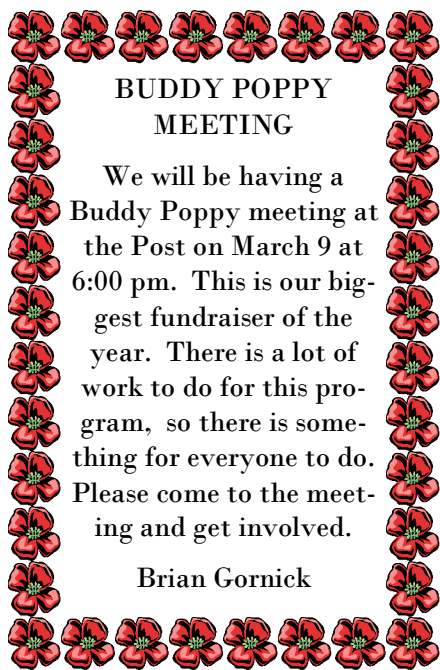
Sisters,

Jan Johnson says she is just like new after her esophagusal surgery. Way to go Jan!

Heather Audas is doing well after her neck surgery, but has a long way to go.

Snookie Pullen is still recovering from her fall. Her arm is in a cast and she has caught a nasty cold. Susan Johnson's broken leg isn't healing very fast. Hang in there Susan. Delores Jordan has fallen a couple of times, so she does not get out. She would love calls or visits. Judy Gascon has graciously volunteered to help me with visits. So if you would like visits or know of someone that needs a visit please call me.

God Bless you.



### BUDDY POPPY MEETING

We will be having a Buddy Poppy meeting at the Post on March 9 at 6:00 pm. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. There is a lot of work to do for this program, so there is something for everyone to do. Please come to the meeting and get involved.

Brian Gornick

## WORK PARTY NEEDED FOR 10 March

We are organizing a work party to decorate the upstairs Hall with the plaques and awards the Post and Auxiliary have won over the years. We want to begin at noon and it should only take a few hours to complete. Please contact Bert or Jackie and let them know if you can help out on that day. The more volunteers we get the quicker we can get the Hall all decorated.

Our goal in the membership drive is to keep our Post a vigorous and positive force for veterans and the community for years to come. That means gaining new members so we can help the growing number of veterans and to replace older members who are no longer as active. We also need to keep our current members involved both by participating in Post activities that assist veterans and our community as well as by keeping dues current for those who pay annual dues. Remember we are here to serve veterans with: VA and government issues, ceremonies, special concerns, and comradeship in addition to contributing to our community with youth education programs and ceremonies to honor veterans. We should strive to reach 100% of our previous membership level just to maintain our current level of activity, but we should do better than 100% if we are committed to helping the new veterans from the current combat zones and to help the increasing number of older veterans who need assistance. Talk to everyone who appears to be a veteran to see if they are eligible. Your help is very important to the post and is very much appreciated. PLEASE DO YOUR PART BY HELPING IN THE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE. Thank you. Jim Mitchell,

Post Officers		2009-2010	Auxiliary Officers
Commander	Bert Key	President	Loretta Wilson
Senior Vice Commander	Jim Mitchell	Sr. Vice President	Helene Hawkins
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Surgeon	Sharkey Haider	Conductress	Dora Fitzpatrick

**DIGNITY MEMORIAL PROVIDERS HELP  
VETERANS' FAMILIES RECEIVE VA BUR-  
IAL 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 13 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.
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**CANTEEN CORNER**

**Jolynn Johnson**

**Spring is in the air!!**

Hello members and friends. I want to thank everyone who has been taking the time to come down to the canteen to meet new friends and spend time with your old ones. We still have our daily drink specials running, make sure to check them out.

We now have wireless internet in the Post!! Grab your computer and surf the web while you enjoy your favorite drink.

**7th-** Voriece is hosting a special Breakfast \$ BINGO to raise money to support the fight against cancer. Raffle tickets are on sale in the canteen, please buy a few to help out and maybe win a great prize.

**17th-** St. Patrick's Day Dinner hosted by Red and Nancy Davis. Tickets are on sale in the Canteen for \$12.00 and the menu includes corn beef and cabbage, side dishes and dessert. Money raised will be donated to the Bake and Sew Ladies.

**27th-** Texas Hold'em Tournament. Visit or call the Canteen for more information.

**27th-** March Birthday Party!!! Come and have some fun and celebrate.

I want to give a special thanks to our bartenders, Anni and Kelli. Your hard work is always noticed. THANK YOU!

Thank you everyone for supporting our canteen. See you at the Post!

**We are starting our last big push for Cancer, 2009-10. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Breakfast & BINGO for Cancer on Sunday, March 7. Blueberry Pancakes, Bacon, Eggs & Juice, Raffle at Noon, lots of prizes. I will need lots of help, selling tickets, cooking and serving and cleaning up after ward. 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. Please, everyone get your yearly check ups. Early detection is the best cure for Cancer for both men and women. Thank you very much. Voriece, Cancer Chairman**

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## Quote of the Month:

"The only man who never makes a mistake is the man who never does anything."

Theodore Roosevelt



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

**Post & Ladies - 3/12/10**

**Men's Auxiliary - 3/13/10**



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