



The Buckboard Bulletin

"First to serve our Veterans"

March 2011

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Comrades and Sisters,

The mid-winter conference on February 5 was a very inspiring event with the presence of the National Commander-in-Chief Richard Eubank and the Voice of Democracy / Patriots Pen winners from across the state. Commander-in-Chief Eubank emphasized the importance of keeping membership up in order for the VFW to remain a leader in supporting veterans. And the presentation of essays by the top 5 winners of the VOD and the state winner of the PP were all phenomenal and very uplifting.

Our Post membership drive is in the final stage with the deadline being March 31. To keep our Post strong in the future we need to reach a 100% level or we will be shrinking and less able to carry on our support of veterans and our community activities. We are behind in our normal membership level for this time of year, so we need every member to help by reminding those with annual dues to pay them now and by getting the name and phone number of individuals who may be eligible and giving it to any Post officer for follow-up.

We are again at that time of year when we elect officers for the next year. Nominations will be held at the March 11, 2011 meeting and elections will be held at the April 8, 2011 meeting.

Please remember to report any community service activities that you have been involved in by placing a note (with your name, activity, hours and miles) in the white box near the front door of the canteen. This is important information that needs to be reported to the State and National VFW levels where it, along with the size of membership, gives the VFW a strong voice with Congress to support veterans.

In April the VA representative, Janice Raisl, will be at the Post on the 2d Thursday (April 14) instead of the normal 3d Thursday for that month only.

Make your plans now to attend the convention June 23-25 in Newport where we expect to celebrate our own Bert Key being elected as State VFW Commander. Let's make it a really good turn-out from our Post. In order for all of us to sit together for meals please give your meal registration form with payment to Voriece by April 1st. Hotel reservations should be made individually.

A most sincere "thank you" to all the members who have been supporting the many Post and Auxiliary activities that lead to helping veterans and contributing to our community.

United WE Stand ! Jim Mitchell, Commander.

Ladies Auxiliary President's Message

Ladies,

I want to thank all of you for the great support you gave by bringing in Food and helping the family of our beloved post member Jim Bureau. I was so proud of all of you to take the time to bring something in or for those of you that helped get things set up and cleaned up afterwards. I want to give a special thank you to Joann Ladue for spending the whole day helping upstairs and downstairs.

Bake and sew Ladies B & B Sunday Feb. 20th was a huge success. Thank you, everyone for your support.

I would like to have the same turnout for Voriece's B & B on the 20th of March.

Last day to get your community hours and mileage to me will be Sunday April 3rd.

If there is any member that would like to come to a meeting or breakfast and bingo and have no way to get there give me a call and I will try to pick you up and take you home.

Sincerely, Loretta Wilson 503-477-0546

March Calendar

Every Day	Canteen Menu (Except Monday)
Every Wed.	Taco Night—5pm
Every Sun.	Breakfast—10am
Every Sun.	Bingo—1pm
Every Mon	Canteen Closed
March 4th	Command group Mtg. 6:30pm
March 6th	Ladies Aux. B & B 10am
March 6th	Mt. Days Committee Mtg. 10am
March 6th	HC Mtg. 12:00pm
March 11th	Ladies Aux Mtg. 6:45pm - Post Mtg 8pm
March 13th	Men's Aux Mtg 9:30am
March 13th	Post B & B (Clyde) 10am
March 18th	Buddy Poppy Committee Mtg.6pm
March 19th	Jose's \$8. Stroganoff Dinner 5 to 7pm
March 20th	Voriece's B & B Cancer Fundraiser 10am
March 27th	Men's Aux B & B 10am

Men's Auxiliary President Message

Hope all is . I just want to let you know that our monthly meetings have been changed to the second Sunday of each month at 9:30am. Also the dues for 2001 are now past due and we need everyone it get current as soon as possible. We hope to see more members at the next meeting. We can always use more ideas and inputs, plus its followed by a great \$5.00 breakfast at 10am and bingo at 1pm. We hope to see you there

Gregg Radford, President

The Post Chaplain

Melissa Samels 503 668 4849

The post hasn't received that many community service hours. I just wanted to remind everyone if you help out a neighbor, friend, or did any Good Samaritan work in your community DON'T FORGET to turn it in even if you think it's small. It all adds up.

Our heartfelt prayers are for the family and friends of our dear departed comrade James Bureau, he was loved by all that knew him; he will be missed greatly by all of us.

"For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again that He might be lord of the dead and the living. {Romans 14:9}



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The Auxiliary Chaplain

Judy Gascon 503 668 3748

Greeting Sisters:

Laura Baron reported that Ruthie Jackson was in Adventist Hospital for surgery for a punctured lung on February 15th. She is back home recovering.

Laura also mentioned that Millie Lenz fell twice at home and spent to days in the hospital.

Jackie Key's daughter in-law Louann Key lost her mother on Feb. 9th. Our prayers to sister Louann and her family for their loss.

Yvonne Wentworth fell on Friday the 18th at home and was taken to the hospital on Saturday. Treatment for a possible blood clot in her lung. Hopefully she will be back home by the time this newsletter gets printed.

Helene Hawkins will be having surgery March 17th at St. Vincents. Our prayers to you for a quick recovery.

As always I am available for visits, Sincerely
Judy Gascon 503-668-3748

More than 6,000 regularly scheduled VFW volunteers provide more than 1 million hours of service annually to our nation's veterans in federal, state and community hospitals and nursing homes through VAVS. Volunteer opportunities vary by VA location. Here are just a few experiences offered by some VA facilities:

- reading to patients
- transporting patients to appointments
- manning clothes closets
- providing camaraderie

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact your local VA facility.



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ATTENTION SANDY AUXILIARY LIFE MEMBERS

Every year the Sandy Ladies Auxiliary asks their Life Members to donate \$3.00 to our Sunshine Savings Account. The Sunshine Savings Account is used to give grants to our serious ill Auxiliary Sisters. If you have not sent in your \$3.00 for 2011 please do so now. Send your \$3.00 to:

Sandy Ladies Auxiliary VFW 4273
Jackie Key, Treasurer
PO Box 1262
Sandy, OR 97055-1262

Cancer Aid & Research

Our Breakfast for Cancer Aid & Research will be Sunday March 20th at 10:00 A.M.

We will have Blueberry Pancakes, Bacon, Eggs, & Juice for \$5.00.

There will be 50-50 drawing at 12:00 noon, we will then have Bingo at 1:00 P.M.

Please come out have a wonderful breakfast and help us raise lots of money for Stamping out CANCER

Voriece, Cancer Chairman

Stroganoff dinner

The cost will be \$8.00 and will be served *March 19th* from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The menu will include a Ceaser salad and garlic bread. The tickets are going to be presold at the post.

Frank Buckles, Last Known U.S. Doughboy, Dies

Advocated for National World War I Memorial in D.C.

WASHINGTON – Frank Woodruff Buckles, who lied about his age to enlist in the Army in 1917 and became the last known U.S. veteran of World War I, died on February 27, 2011 at the age of 110.

“We have lost a living link to an important era in our nation’s history,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. “But we have also lost a man of quiet dignity, who dedicated his final years to ensuring the sacrifices of his fellow ‘Doughboys’ are appropriately commemorated.”

Burial with full military honors will be held at Arlington National Cemetery. Details about the funeral are expected to be released soon.

A long-time resident of Charles Town, West Virginia, where he had a farm, Buckles was born in Bethany, Missouri. He enlisted shortly after his 16th birthday and served in France and Germany.

At the start of World War II, he was a civilian working with a steamship company in the Philippines. He was imprisoned in a Japanese prisoner of war camp for three and a half years.

In his later years, Buckles became an advocate for the expansion of a little-known memorial to World War I Veterans from the District of Columbia into a national memorial.

Buddy Poppy Campaign – 2011

Football season is over, spring is in the air, and that means that it will soon be time for our annual May poppy drive. I’ll be asking for lots of help and support as we plan to do a couple of weekends at the Damascus Safeway and Bi-Mart stores, as well as our usual Sandy Fred Meyer, Safeway and Bi-Mart stores.

As you know the more contributions we collect, the more help we can give to our local veterans and their families in need.

First we need to form a buddy poppy committee in the coming weeks to set up the dates, check the condition of our banners, posters and poppies, and contact the local Boy and Girl Scouts troops to assist us in the drive. We’ve had a couple members step up to help with this but we could use a few more to work with us in this group.

Please contact Jennell Mitchell the ladies aux. poppy chairperson, myself, or anyone of our officers if you can join us on this committee. If we can get an early start on this poppy drive, it will run more smoothly and be of greater benefit to all. I hope many of you will be able to volunteer a few hours of your time to make this a successful event for our community and VFW Post 4273.

Please check the Post Canteen in the coming months for the sign-up sheets with the various store event schedules with times and dates.

Thanks again for your support,

Merle Stewart, Buddy Poppy Committee Chairman

New Daily Canteen Menu (Closed Monday)

- Halibut Fish & Chips -\$ 5.50
- Chicken Strips and Fries - \$4.50
- Crispy Chicken Salad - \$4.00
- Shrimp Cocktail - \$1.50
- French Fries - \$2.50
- Nachos - \$2.50

Join Us for Post and Auxiliary meetings!

Post & Ladies - 3/11/10

Men's Auxiliary - 3/13/10



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