



## Sandy VFW Post & Aux

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The Buckboard Bulletin

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April 2013

### POST COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Hope the Spring Season finds you all well and in good spirits with the longer daylight hours. We had a great turnout for the St. Patrick's Day dinner. Thanks to Terry Boyer, Dan Copher and all who helped put out the great meal and helped with clean-up.

Our March Post meeting was the first effort of receiving nominations for new 2013-2014 Post Officers. The April 19<sup>th</sup> Post meeting will also be open for further nominations and then we will be doing the election of Officers. The Elections will be for Commander, Sr. and Jr. Vice commander, Quartermaster, Chaplin, Judge Advocate, Surgeon and Three year Trustee. Please plan on attending this important meeting to have your vote count. The newly elected Officers will be installed at the May Post meeting.

Community Service is an important part of our organizations main agenda. If you have done any volunteer work in any of the surrounding community's please come by the post and fill out a report with your time and mileage. Thank You

#### MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013

Many members who pay their dues annually please keep up your membership for this year 2013. If your card doesn't have the current year on it you are not current with your membership. We have many special meals and events coming up this, summer that we don't want to miss. The Post building and canteen are aging like us all and can use help with repairs and projects inside and out. I know many of you have special skills, talents, ideas and wisdom we can use and don't want to lose. Please volunteer to help keep your post looking good and a friendly place to share and enjoy.

The power of our voice needs to be heard in Washington D.C. to keep the benefits we have and to fight for more to help our troops returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with their needs. Your continued membership will help us all appreciate and be proud of the VFW organization and our service to this country.

**Honor your sacrifice,**

**Merle Stewart; Commander**

### Ladies Auxiliary President's Message

Well, ladies, this is this last reporting month for this year. Please make certain all of your reports are into me by April 5<sup>th</sup>. Next month I will give you a summary of what we did this past year. I want to let you know ahead of time that I am very proud to have served as your President this past year and am proud of all the work that we did. Thank you.

There will be a District 15 meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Gresham Post. A potluck will be at noon and meeting at 1:00. I hope to see many of you there.

May will be a very busy month for us. We will need volunteers to pass out Poppies. Please look for the signup sheets and give generously of your time. Much of our relief fund money comes from the Poppies. In addition to the Poppies, we have the casket flags and small flags to get ready and out at the cemeteries in our community. It takes many volunteers to get this job done as well. Voriece will put up a schedule for those jobs as the time gets closer.

Plan on a potluck lunch at the Post after the Memorial Day services.

Don't forget to save some time to help out at the Bar-B-Q Chicken booth. This is a big fund raiser for both the Post and the Auxiliary. The Mt. Festival is on July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> this year. Signup sheets will be out for that closer to the time.

The Oregon Department Convention is in Pendleton on June 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>. I will send in the meal request for Sandy. Please let me know if you plan on attending. The meal package is \$72 and dinner is a choice of Top Sirloin or Pork Loin. I would like to send in our meal request by May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Remember our monthly breakfasts and bingo. Please attend these breakfasts as we use them for fund raisers.

Our next Auxiliary meeting is on Fri. April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. We will be electing next year's officers at this meeting. Please plan on attending as your input and suggestions are important.

**JEAN BETTENCOURT**  
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### Calendar

Every Day	Canteen Menu (Except Monday)
Every Mon	Canteen Closed
Every Tues.	Domino night/Game Night
Every Wed.	Taco and Poker Night—5pm
April 7th-	Auxiliary Breakfast & Bingo & HC Meeting
April 12th-	Auxiliary Meeting @ 6 pm
April 19th-	Post Meeting @ 6pm
April 21st-	Post Breakfast & Bingo
April 26th-	Afghan/Gulf/Iraq Appreciation Day 5 to 8pm



### Canteen Corner

April is here and we are still seeing snow and lots of rain. Here is hoping that by the end of April we will have better weather.

March was a very good Month!! Voriece Blair put on a great Breakfast. Thank you to all that were here to help! Thank you Mr. Wilson for the great pot of Chili you made up for the Post meeting, I appreciated your help! The St. Patty's day Dinner put on by Dan Copher and Terry Boyer was a hit. Thank you to all that helped, Gary Lightcap and Jimmie. The post breakfast was also a great hit, again Thank you to Dan Copher and Terry Boyer for preparing a great meal. Thank you to Miss Mary for helping with the clean up!

We had a good turn out for the Concealed Weapons Class that was put on by Jeff Whitacre, Thank you!!

April will begins as follows;

April 7th—Auxiliary is putting on the Breakfast and Bingo, please come in and join us for a wonderful Breakfast.

House Committee meeting @ Noon.

April 12th—Auxiliary meeting that begins at 6pm and I will begin serving dinner at 5pm.

April 19th—Post meeting that begins at 6pm and I will begin serving dinner at 5pm.

April 21st—Post Breakfast and Bingo

April 26th—Afghan, Gulf and Iraq Veterans Appreciation Day! We will have good food, spirits and a chance to meet all of you. So come in and meet us, there are a great bunch of people here, that would like to meet you!

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MATHIAS ENGBLOM FOR THE \$300 DONATION!!**

#### **Here are some upcoming events in May 2013;**

May 4th, Come join us for a Mexican dinner, Clyde Wentworth will be cooking up his famous Chicken Enchilada's and Vicki Velmere will be cooking up her Beef Enchilada's, along with Refried Beans, Spanish Rice and a Desert. Tickets go on sale during April the meal will be \$8.00. Will begin at 6pm

May 31st, come join us for a Steak and Oyster Rockefeller (w/Baked Potato, Green Beans, roll and Desert) dinner for \$12, tickets will be on sale through April and part of May. Will begin at 6 pm!

Thank you for your service You are all appreciated!!!!

Pamela

### **Quartermaster Corner**

**The 4th Friday of the month through May**

**We will be offering our Afghan/Gulf/Iraq Veterans, an Appreciation Day 5 to 8 pm**

**Free Food for Afghan/Gulf/Iraq Veterans. 2 drinks to the Afghan/Gulf/Iraq Veterans, that show current VFW Membership and /or DD214**

**Come in and meet us and let us meet you!**

### **Extra note from the Commander**

May 4th—District 15 Spring Meeting, Schedule as follows;

12:00—Potluck

1:00—Meeting (also District Elections)

Meeting will be at Gresham Post 180, 150 Powell Blvd., Gresham Oregon, Old Court House

Convention Form for Junes Convention will be attached in the mailing (snail Mail) of the news letter.

Daily Canteen Menu (Closed Monday)

Halibut Fish & Chips	\$5.50
Chicken Strips & Fries	\$4.50
Hamburger & Fries	\$4.50
Cheeseburger & Fries	\$5.00
French Fries	\$2.50

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

**House Committee Mtg - 04/07/13 12pm**

**POST - 04/19/13 6pm**

**AUX. - 04/12/13 6pm**



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