

The Buckboard Bulletin

"First to serve our Veterans"

April 2007

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

I recently returned from representing Oregon at the VFW National Community Service/Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. Meeting some of the key national leaders and seeing first hand how the pieces of this whole organization fit together was a real positive experience for me. In addition to participating in committee meetings, and meeting privately with our Oregon Legislators, we listened to a variety of interesting national leaders, such as VP Dick Cheney, Senator Joe Lieberman, VA Secretary Jim Nicholson, and the Commandant of the Coast Guard. The issue of taking care of our veterans was a constant theme throughout the conference. After all that talk it is now the responsibility of each of us to make sure Congress hears our voice in our resolve to ensure our veterans are taken care of. And, of course a real thrill was seeing the students being recognized. Our state VOD winner, Kyle Mangan, came in 12th nationally and our Patriot's Pen winner, Jonathan Angstadt, came in 18th.

Ahhh, sunny weather has arrived! Time to break out those golf clubs and get ready for the post's Spring Golf Tournament on May 5th. Tim Wilson has graciously volunteered to ramrod the tournament this year. He can use any volunteer help. Give him a

call and offer your help.

Many thanks to Jim and Clare Turin and Billy and Shirley Smith for that terrific steak and prawns dinner. What a great night that was! Many thanks as well to all of you who attended and are doing what you can to support your post. Our Breakfasts and BINGOs have been well attended. It is great to see so many of you participating. It is also great to see so many new people. Remember, your support translates into better serving veterans. We are getting real good turnouts at our events.

As of press time we are right at 105% strength and leading our division. Way to go! You guys make me so proud to be one of you, and so proud to represent you at district and state.

District Spring Meeting is just around the corner. I would like to have a good turnout. Let's car pool and make it easier for more of us to attend.

It is again time to elect new officers who will serve for the upcoming year. At the April meetings we will finalize the ballot with nominations and vote for officers. Be sure to be in attendance so you can be heard by casting your vote. I would encourage all of you to consider taking on one of the leadership roles. Step up to the plate and be a leader. Remember Patton's comment on leadership, "Lead, follow, or get out of the way!"

Semper Fi!

Bert Key, Commander

Coming Events

Popcorn & Movie Night (6:30PM)	April 2
House Committee Meeting (5:30 PM)	April 11
Post & Auxiliary Meetings	April 13
Honorable Service Medal (2:00 PM)	April 14
Breakfast/BINGO (Aux)	April 15
Popcorn & Movie Night (6:30PM)	April 16
Kris & Louann Key - Ham Dinner (5-7PM)	April 21
Texas Hold'em Tournament (1:00 PM)	April 22
Rummage Sale 10AM - 5PM (Upstairs)	April 26-28
Birthday Party	April 27
Breakfast/Bingo (Post)	April 29
Popcorn & Movie Night (6:30 PM)	April 30

President's Message

Spring is in the air and with it my spirits rise. I always feel invigorated with the life cycle starting over. With those thoughts in mind, I would like to invite everyone to attend this month's auxiliary meeting and give your input into the new slate of officers we will be electing. If you have any desire to improve our already wonderful auxiliary please plan on attending the meeting.

Lori Merritt and I will be attending the spring District 15 meeting on April 28th in Molalla. If anyone else is planning on attending, please let me know and we can car pool to the meeting.

We are also planning a rummage sale for April 26th, 27th and 28th at the post. If you have any usable rummage that you would like to donate please bring it to the post that week. We also need helpers to have a successful sale. There will be a sign up sheet at the post for volunteers.

Please pray for our troops stationed all over the world and let us hope that they all come home safely.

Kathy Dunn, President

From Your Editor

Jackie Key

All committee reports are due by **April 20th** for the May newsletter.

Contact your editor at:

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The Post Chaplain

Nick Roth

Here we are well into the season of Lent. St Patrick's Day is past, and the holiest holiday of the year—Easter Sunday—on April 8th is fast approaching. We are wishing all the most uplifting and realization of this special event.

Comrade Melvin "Moon" Mullen is making great strides in his recovery from a very serious illness. Surgery was successful. Our sincere best wishes to Moon.

With the season of Lent a little humor heard recently seems appropriate.

An Irish-American on vacation visited his family's heritage home in the small village in Northern Ireland, located the local pub, and went in and ordered 3 beers. The bartender was surprised but served the stranger. An hour passed and the visitor ordered another 3 beers. The next day, the scene repeated

and again the next day. Now, the town was "talking". Finally, the bartender asked the visitor, "why" the 3 beers. "Tis odd isn't it?" replied the man. "You see, I have 2 brothers, one went to Canada, and the other went to Australia. We promised each other that we would always order an extra 2 beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond." The bartender and the whole town were pleased with this answer and soon the "man who orders 3 beers" became a local celebrity and source of pride to the hamlet. One day the man comes in and orders only 2 beers. The bartender pours them. This continues for the rest of the evening—he orders only 2 beers. The word flies around town and prayers are offered for the soul of one of the brothers. The next day the bartender says to the man, "We want to offer condolences to you for the death of your brother, you know with the 2 beers and all." The man ponders this for a moment and replies, "You'll be happy to hear that my 2 brothers are alive and well. It's just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."

The Auxiliary Chaplain
Bonnie Hershberger

Bobbi Dalmaso is recovering from knee surgery.

Juanita Tomczak has been under going extensive medical tests.

Lois Leavitt had back surgery but is at home now progressing well.

God bless us one and all.

Kris and Carol Engblom are organizing a campout at the "Rock Pit" 1-3 June. Everyone is invited. Maps to the campsite are available at the Cantina. Questions? Contact the Bar Hostess.

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 April 19th. 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.

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. We now have 16 people. As soon as we get 25 we can petition to the state for our charter.

**Support your Post
and Auxiliary.
Join us for Break-
fast & BINGO**

Post Officers	2006-2007	Auxiliary Officers	
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Quartermaster	Ken Hershberger	Chaplain	Bonnie Hershberger
Adjutant	Allen Anderson	Secretary	Dora Fitzpatrick
		Editor	Jackie Key

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 must 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 Bert at 503 668-8418.

CANTEEN CORNER

Lori Merritt

We had a good turnout for our first Popcorn/Movie night. It was an excellent movie. We are planning more movie nights in April. If you have movie suggestions please stop by the Canteen and let us know. We will post the upcoming movie on the board at the canteen. Check coming events for the date of the next movie .

We had two very successful Breakfast/Bingo's in March. Thanks goes to all those who helped with these fund raisers. Your continued support of these events really means a lot. If you are able to help cook or serve just let me know at the Canteen.

Tim Wilson and Bonnie Hershberger did a great job of cooking our St. Patrick's Day Dinner. It was delicious.

If you missed the Turin steak and shrimp dinner I am sorry for you. A BIG THANK YOU to Jim & Clare Turin, Billy & Shirley Smith, Chuck Lutz and Gary Lightcap for such a great time.

Support the Rummage Sale April 26-28th. Hours of the sale will be 10 AM to 5 PM. Of course helpers are always needed!

Post & Aux Birthday Party will be held on April 27th, come in and celebrate your birthday with us. Finger foods welcome. Party starts at 7PM. I have proclaimed April as the Canteen's Birthday month. We need bar supplies....glasses of all kinds, etc., for ideas ask any of your bar hostesses. Wrap your donation and bring it to the April Birthday Party.

This month our thanks go to:

- **The Post and Ladies Auxiliary for the new vacuum cleaner.**
- **Kris and Carol Engblom for the new bulletin board, and for the scoreboard for the shuffle board table.**
- **Dick and Dee Steffl for planting flowers at the front door of the Canteen and at the statue. They look beautiful! Nice job!**
- **Gene and Elaine Hoerling for their generous donation of flour and sugar for the Cookie Ladies.**
- **Freddye A.Y.Lins for the gorgeous flowers at the Valentines Party.**
- **Jim Turin and his crew for that great steak dinner.**
- **Chuck Lutz for helping with the dinner.**
- **Bob Dunn, Gary Lightcap, Clyde Wentworth, and Tim Wilson for all their help on the Breakfast/BINGO Sundays.**
- **Michael Horttor for running for a board director position #4 on the Oregon Trail School Board.**
- **Kathy Dunn and Lori Merritt for happily volunteering to help the post cook that terrific breakfast.**

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



Kris & Louann Key

Ham Dinner

April 21, 5 -7 PM

\$8.00 per person

Tickets on sale at the Cantina

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.



Cards! Cards! Cards!

Poker Every Wednesday

Texas Hold'em Sunday, April 22

Quote of the month:
Everybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and the verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace.
—the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.



Happy Easter
April 8th



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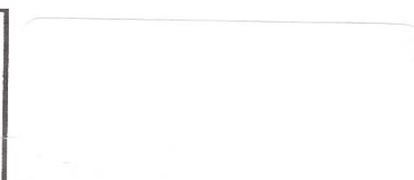
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