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POST COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Greetings:

Hopefully this newsletter finds everyone well. Spring is here and that means election time. Make your voice heard. Be a driving force behind our great post. Our post is now at 100% on our recruitment stats. There is still enough time for us to reach 105% to maintain our all American status for three years in a row. My first year as your commander has given me lots of opportunity to work with great people at district ,department, and especially post level. Thank you all for your support. District meeting will be held may 5 at post 4273 this year. Please try and make it. A potluck dinner will be provided. We have lots of events coming up this summer and we would like your input. Please try and make our regular meetings as there is a lot to decide and vote on. Our post ladies deserve a very well done.. They have worked very hard on their projects and provided our post with great meals and potlucks. That'a girl to all. Our post picnic is in the planning stage. The date will be August 11 at Barton park. Like last year, bring your own drinks post will provide food and games for the kids. Anyone wanting a campsite, please Contact Ken Hershberger now for your camp reservations. May 1 our post will be celebrating loyalty day, followed by a potluck dinner. Thanks goes out to our post members. Chris Ingblom and Dan Copher on an awesome bar cabinet they built for our bar. Good job guys: When ever possible thank a veteran and their families for a job well done!

All gave some, Some gave all.

Your post commander:

Terry Boyer

April Calendar

Every Day	Canteen Menu (Except Monday)
Every Mon	Canteen Closed
Every Tues.	Domino night
Every Wed.	Taco and Poker Night—5pm

April 1	Ladies Auxiliary Breakfast & Bingo
April 13	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 6:45pm
April 15	Youth Group Meeting 12:30
April 20	Post Meeting 6pm
April 22	Bradley Dean Parkinson Breakfast
April 28	White Linen Affair Dinner
May 1	Loyalty Day Ceremony & Potluck
May 5	Dist 15 Potluck and Meeting 12:00 Senior Center
May 6	Ladies Auxiliary Breakfast & Bingo
May 11	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 6:45pm

Ladies Auxiliary President's Message

Sorry about the confusion regarding the election of next year's officers. We will be electing next year's officers during our April meeting and installing them during our May meeting.

We need to change the date of our June meeting due to a conflict with the Convention. It will be moved to Thurs. June 14th at 6:45pm. The new officers will be able to take over at this meeting.

I want to thank Carol Engblom for planning the April 28th dinner, White Linen Affair. Tickets are on sale now, but seating is limited, so get your tickets early. It sounds like it is going to be great. Thanks again Carol.

May 1st is Loyalty Day and we will be having a ceremony at the post around noon, followed by a potluck. The potluck will be a potato bar with a green salad. We will provide the potatoes and green salad so bring your favorite toppings.

Our post is hosting the District meeting on Sat. May 5th. Since this is Cinco de Mayo we would like to have the potluck have a Mexican theme. The potluck will be at noon across the street at the Senior Center. The Ladies meeting will be at 1:00 at the Senior Center. I hope many of you will plan on attending since we are the hosts.

March 31st is our year end for time and expense reporting. Our final reports must be mailed early April, so I hope everyone has already turned in their reports. IF NOT, CALL ME (503-663-0510). Thank you.

Debbie Glenzer is planning on moving to Florence soon. We are really going to miss her around here. We will need help with our youth group, quilting and baking among many other things that Debbie does for us. We wish you much happiness in your new home Debbie. Please come to see us often.

Jean Bettencourt

Ladies Auxiliary President

Post Membership

Thanks, everyone; we are almost at 100% membership for this year. There are still a few members who haven't caught up on your dues for 2012, so I hope this letter will remind you to send in your \$26.00 for this year, so you don't miss out on all the benefits and fellowship of being a VFW member. Remember to show your VFW membership card at Home Depot or Lowes and you get an extra 10% off your purchase. This will help you save some money on those summer projects you have planned and this one benefit alone could more than cover your annual dues. Your membership and dues also help the VFW fight for our needs and rights in Washington D.C. (safety in numbers) and help your fellow veterans in need of assistance. Please keep up your membership. You've earned it.

Merle Stewart
Senior Vice Commander

Cancer Chairman

Our BLURBERRY PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BINGO was a great success we raised \$236.50 for Cancer Aid & Research. On March, 17th we had our Raffle drawing we raised \$156.00. Our lovely bar manager Pam won both baskets and Ruthie Jackson won the Afghan, way to go girls!!! THANKS TO EVERYONE for all your hard work and participation of our Breakfast, Bingo, and Raffle.

HAPPY EASTER

Voriece Blair, Cancer Chairman

Quartermaster's Corner

Clackamas County Veteran's Service Officer, Janice Raisi, will be at our Post on the 2nd Thu. this month. In May her schedule will return to the normal 3rd. Thu. from 10AM to Noon. No appointments are necessary, first come first served. If you have any questions about VA benefits or how to apply for them please come and ask her.

Yours In Comradeship,
Bill Miller

The Auxiliary Chaplain

Judy Gascon

503 668 3748

Laura DeLong was in the hospital with an infection, but is now home and doing fine.

Christina Boppre was in the hospital for 15 days, but is now home and recovering in the care of her daughter, Diane Boppre who is also a member of our Auxiliary.

Linda Terrill twisted her ankle and broke a few bones in her foot. She is in a cast, but hoping that surgery will not be necessary.

Laura Baron's son-in-law, Lyle, husband of daughter Penny Hofer, was in a bad car accident and suffered numerous broken bones and other injuries last February. He was in OHSU, but is now in adult foster care, able to walk and recovering nicely.

Susan Johnson's father, Chuck Lutz, passed away and a memorial potluck was held at the Post. Our condolences to Chuck's family. He will be missed.

Charles Jordan was up at the VA to have a pacemaker put in and had a major heart attack. Charles is now home and doing fine.

Dick Steffl is at Cascadia, but when I visited him last week, he was up and getting around just fine. He would love to have visitors come to see him.

Judy Gascon
Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain

Newsletter articles are due
Apr. 20 for the May.
Newsletter.
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Ladies Auxiliary Officers

- Commander Terry Boyer
- Senior Vice Commander Merle Stewart
- Junior Vice Commander Glenn Yeager
- Chaplain Melissa Samels
- Quartermaster Bill Miller
- Judge Advocate John Lamb
- Adjutant Brad Parkinson
- Surgeon Dan Copher

- President Jean Bettencourt
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Merle Stewart Sr. Vice

Family Matters Blog: Military Kids Can Apply for Free Summer Camps

By Elaine Sanchez
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, March 20, 2012 - With the temperature rising and the school year drawing to a close, parents across the nation are starting to think about summertime plans. With three young children and a stretch of lazy summer days ahead, it's definitely a hot topic in my household.

Military families can get a head start on their planning today by applying for the National Military Family Association's Operation Purple Summer Camp program. The non-profit organization launched this free program nine years ago to support military children, ages 7 to 17, dealing with the stress of war.

The weeklong camps are open to military children of all ranks and services, both active and reserve. Officials will give priority to children who meet the association's deployment criteria and have never attended an Operation Purple camp. Families should submit their application by midnight EDT on April 19.

This summer, officials said, 1,400 children will attend an Operation Purple camp at one of 16 locations in 14 states: Alaska, California, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Indiana, North Carolina, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Washington and West Virginia.

For more information or to submit an online application, visit the NMFA website. (<http://www.militaryfamily.org/>)

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

We had 9 kids for our meeting in March. They made Easter favors to be delivered to the Veterans at Cascadia before Easter. We are hoping for Sat. April 7th. We would like as many of the kids as possible to be part of this visit. Our next youth meeting will be the third Sunday in April which is the 15th. They will meet upstairs from 12:30 to 2:30 as usual. The focus will be on preparing for Memorial Day. Please have your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors join us. The kids really seem to enjoy the activities and are learning to honor our veterans.

NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

Please keep saving your Campbell's soup/UPC symbols. Eligible products include Campbell's soups, Spaghettios, Super Bakes, V8 caps, Franko American gravies, Prego, Swanson and Pepperidge Farm Products.

These labels go to help the National Home for Children near Grand Rapids, Michigan. This is where spouses and children of deceased or disabled veterans can go for help.

The labels have helped to buy vans for transportation of children and families to school, appointments, sports practice and community service activities.

So, save those labels and bring them into the VFW Post. As of Feb. 15th we have only received 260 of them. I will be sending them in sometime in March. This is an ongoing program, so try to bring what you have in often.

Nancy Amonson
NHFC Chairperson, Post 4273

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CANTEEN CORNER

Thank you to all the Ladies that helped at Chuck Lutz's service on March 5th and to everyone that provided food for the Potluck. I appreciate all of you and all your hard work. It was a joy to have Chucks kids and brother John and the nephews and nieces here sharing their stories and especially hearing them sing a song for us. I hope to see them all again.

Please keep Charles Jordan and his family in your thoughts and prayers while he is recovering. Get better soon we miss you here. I miss you Mr. Charles!!

Our St. Patty's day dinner went off with a hit. It was a wonderful time and enjoyed having everyone here. Thank you Tim, Terry, Miss Mary, Loretta and Breanna for all your hard work on the dinner and clean up. You all did a great job and it was greatly appreciated by all especially me!

Aprils events;

We begin April with the Woman's Auxiliary cooking breakfast and Bingo on April 1st, The ladies always have something good cooking so come join us on "April fools Day" it should be a fun and exciting day! The House committee meeting is at 12:30. So don't forget for those that are on the House Committee.

April 8th----"Happy Easter"

April 13th-----Woman's Auxiliary meeting @ 6:45 pm. There will be Chicken & Dumplings served from 5 to 9, all for \$4.00. Thank you Jean for the donation of the Chickens :-)!

April 20th-----Post meeting @ 6:00 pm. I will be cooking up Homemade beef stew and rolls served from 5 to 9 all for \$3.50.

April 22nd-----Bradley Dean Parkinson and company will be cooking breakfast for us again, what he is cooking up for us will be just as good as the last breakfast. It will be "Country Benedict", Biscuit, with a sausage patty, egg to order all topped with Country Gravy. We will have Bingo for all of you that like to play come join us. Kids have your parents bring you in for breakfast and our arts and crafts upstairs from 12:30 to 3:00.

April 28th-----Kris and Carol Engblom are putting on "A White Linen Affair" dinner will be prepared by Mathias Engblom from Full Sail Brewery in Hood River, Oregon. Saturday from 6 to 8.

Menu

Spring Salad
Braised Short ribs
Yukon gold/Cauliflower Mash
Roasted Asparagus

Desert

Crème Brulee w/Hazelnut shortbread cookie

Would be a nice time to dress up and come enjoy a great dinner!

Tickets available at the Post \$13.00 per dinner.

Just a reminder we have new hours of operation, which are Tuesday through Sunday 2 to 7 unless there is a breakfast planned for Sunday. We also will be having a 50/50 drawing through out the month and don't forget to roll the dice, two rolls for a \$1.00. 4 of a kind will win you a drink and 5 of a kind will win you the pot!

Thank you to Dan Copher and Kris Engblom for the nice new Cabinet above the bar. It is wonderful!

So when do you know when today is not your day? I bet that snowboarder could tell you! LOL, Have a great month and I look forward to seeing all of you through out the month.

If any of you have any ideas for some great events in May please let me know. It will go in the news letter for May!

Pamela
Canteen Bartender

POWMIA

U.S. Suspends MIA Search in North Korea

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, March 21, 2012 - The United States has suspended efforts to find remains of U.S. service members lost during the Korean War due to North Korean threats to launch a ballistic missile, Pentagon Press Secretary George Little said here today.

Recovering remains of those lost and unaccounted for is a priority to the Defense Department, and U.S. experts were due to enter North Korea this month.

"We have suspended that effort because we believe that North Korea has not acted appropriately in recent days and weeks and that it's important for them to return to the standards of behavior that the international community has called for," Little said at a Pentagon news conference. "We do hope at some point to be able to re-engage the effort."

The United States sees the recovery of remains as a humanitarian mission and does not link those operations with other policy issues, Tara Rigler, a Pentagon spokeswoman, said in a statement. However, she added, the North Koreans politicized these humanitarian operations "by linking them to long-standing annual military exercises which are defensive in nature and are designed to increase the interoperability between the United States and [South Korea]."

Rigler said these actions and other developments call into question the credibility of all of North Korea's commitments, including the remains recovery operations. "As a result," she added, "we are suspending the current arrangement to resume remains recovery operations with [North Korea] until their actions indicate a willingness to move forward in good faith on its commitments."

North Korea cited the exercises in refusing to honor procedures agreed to in October. Since then, Little said, indications have emerged that North Korea might launch ballistic missiles. "That would be in contravention of U.N. Security Council resolutions," he added, "and that is unacceptable behavior."

The United States hopes to engage in the future with North Korea on efforts to recover remains, Little said. "But when there are suggestions that they might launch ballistic missiles, when they make bellicose statements about South Korea and engage in actions that could be construed as provocative, we think that it's not the right time to undertake this effort," he told reporters. "We're hopeful that we will get past this period and that we can continue the remains recovery effort."

The Defense Department remains committed to the fullest possible accounting of the more than 7,950 U.S. service members missing from the Korean War, officials said. An estimated 5,300 are missing in what is now North Korea. In many cases, the United States knows exactly where the service members were buried, as U.S. forces attacked up into North Korea in late 1950.

The Chinese army entered the fray and pushed U.S. and other United Nations forces out of the north. U.S. officials say they know where those burials are, but have not been able to get to them.

Other areas are more of a problem, officials said, especially graves associated with prisoner of war camps. The North Koreans and Chinese tortured, beat and starved POWs, and many hundreds died from the abuse, officials said.



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

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