

The Buckboard Bulletin

"First to serve our Veterans"

May 2008

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Vietnam was an exciting trip. Jackie and I had a great experience. I am really glad I went back for a nostalgic look. The country has made amazing growth since we all were last there. It is thriving and the people are so friendly and hospitable. I would recommend the trip to any of you adventurous types. Of course it is always great to come home. As much as I love traveling to other countries and visiting other cultures, I really look forward to coming home. If any of you are interested, I will show some pictures of the trip on the big screen at the Post on Thursday, 8 May, at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

I would like to say thanks to Chris Royce for stepping up to the plate and taking charge of the Post clean up on 19 April. He and Lori Merritt and their crew did an outstanding job of washing down the ceiling and walls, as well as every little crack and crevice. They all showed up early ready to work and got the job done in a fine display of team camaraderie.

At our April meeting the following members were elected Post Officers for 2008-9: Commander Allen Anderson, Senior Vice Commander Mike Horttor, Junior Vice Commander Jim Mitchell, Chaplain Nick Roth, Quartermaster Tim Wilson, Judge Advocate John Lamb, Surgeon Dan Copher, and Adjutant Al Gagnon. This is a fine slate of officers we can all be very proud of. I offer my congratulations to this august group and wish them the very best for the coming year.

May is Buddy Poppy month. Mike Horttor is busy with the Buddy Poppy Campaign. He needs a lot of volunteers. Remember, this is our major fundraiser for the year. There is more than enough work to go around, so please contact Mike and offer to help out.

Voriece Blair is again organizing the flags for Memorial Day and could use some help with that. Please look at the note on page 2 and pick out a day or two that you can help her. Thank you Voriece for being so faithful with that program.

Many thanks go to Bob Dunn and Larry Merritt for getting the Men's Auxiliary up and running. The Auxiliary has become a viable member of this great team. On their own, and at great expense to them, they bought and paid for a new vacuum cleaner for the Post. Thank you very much gentlemen! Your actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of this volunteer organization.

At last count we had 17 members going to Department Convention in Pendleton 18-22 June. That is a great turnout, but there is still time for more to register if you want to go.

Semper Fi!

Bert Key, Commander

President's Message

Ladies,

First of all, I would like to thank all of you for electing me President of our Auxiliary again for next year. I would also like to thank our Commander Bert Key, from whom I learned a lot from and had a great time working with this past year. I have really appreciated his guidance and support. Thanks Bert!

Last year, with the help of my Sisters we were able to meet all of my goals for the Auxiliary. It has been wonderful seeing the changes and also how our Auxiliary has grown, not only in numbers but also with our attitudes. We have become a real team. Keep up the good work ladies. It is also exciting to see new faces stepping up and taking on leadership roles. I am really looking forward to seeing what we can do this next year. May is Buddy Poppy month. Plan to help out with it.

We have some great upcoming events so check your calendar for dates and times and get involved.

Thank you,

Lori Merritt, President

MAY Calendar of Coming Events

May 3	Buddy Poppy Campaign 9 AM to 6 PM
May 4	VFW Golf Tournament
May 7	House Committee Meeting 5:30
May 9	Meeting Potluck (Hot Dog Frenzy) Auxiliary Meeting 6:45 pm / Post Meeting 8:00 pm
May 10	Men's Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 PM
May 10	Buddy Poppy Campaign 9 AM to 6 PM
May 11	Mother's Day Breakfast & BINGO (Post)
May 16	Post May Birthday Party 7:00 PM
May 17	Buddy Poppy Campaign 9 AM to 6 PM
May 18	Breakfast & BINGO (Ladies Aux)
May 20	Large Flags on Flag Poles Work Party 5 PM
May 23	Small Flags to Cemetery 9 AM
May 24	Buddy Poppy Campaign 9 AM to 6 PM
May 26	Large Flags to Cemetery 8 AM
May 27	Put away Memorial Day Flags 5 PM
June 1	Breakfast & BINGO (Men's Aux)
June 6	Post June Birthday Party 7:00 PM

From Your Editor

Jackie Key

All committee reports and news articles need to be turned in to me by May 21, for the June newsletter. Contact your editor at:

cavalry1@teleport.com

**Men's Auxiliary
President's Message**

Hello gentlemen. We had two Breakfast/BINGO's that did pretty well. We made \$204 on the first one, and \$234 on the second. Thank you to the people who helped put those on. We held our April meeting on the 12th. Our next meeting will be on May 10 at 2:00 pm. Please attend, I hope to see more of you there.

May is Buddy Poppy month so let's try to give the Post as much help as we can and sign up for some of the volunteer times at the local stores. Mother's Day and Memorial Day also fall in May. The Post would appreciate some assistance for those events. The Post will be putting on a Mother's Day Breakfast and will need some help with that as it is a free breakfast for Moms, and a good turnout is expected. Also there are flag plants and retrieval for Memorial Day that we could use some volunteers for. Come on guys, let's do our part.

The Spring Golf Tournament is on May 4th. I know there are several auxiliary members signed up. Good luck to all and I will see you there.

Last, but not least we have a Breakfast/BINGO on June 1st. Let's get as many people as we can in for that.

Thanks and have a good month.

Bob Dunn, President

The Post Chaplain

Nick Roth

We have some good news and some not so good. We lost another WWII life member, George A. Burg. We attended the memorial service held at Sandy Baptist Church. All honor guard members were in their Black and Whites. Widow Ruth Burg, daughter Melonie and sons Dennis, Mike, and George accepted their father's passing with adoration. He was a man of moral convictions and of community service.

On the good news side, after 14 months of fighting Cancer, doctors announced no new or old Cancer cells were found in Chaplain Nick's body. He should be with us for a while longer, still weak after losing 45 pounds. We send out more than 700 bulletins to comrades and sisters and their families but we get few, if any announcements of need or illness. Please keep in touch with your post officers.

God Bless Our Country

Chaplain Nick

**Mother's Day
Breakfast and BINGO
May 11, 2008
Breakfast 10 AM to Noon
BINGO Begins at 1 PM
Breakfast free to all Moms**

The Auxiliary Chaplain

Bonnie Hershberger

Our deepest sympathies go out: to Betty Haider and Donna Schell for the loss of their sister, Eileen Westmark; to Jackie Key for the loss of her mother, Mary Gillett; to Tim Wilson for the loss of his sister, Terry Beecher; and to Millie Lenz for the loss of her daughter, Donna Schick. May peace be with you all.

We send greetings to Judy Gascon who has been house bound for some time due to chronic back problems. We miss you Judy and wish you well.

God Bless Us Everyone.

MEMORIAL DAY 2008

Memorial Day is observed this year on May 26. This is a very special day. A time for us to remember the sacrifice of our veterans. We do this by putting individual flags on the graves of veterans in our local cemeteries. This year we will decorate Cliffside Cemetery and have our Memorial Day Ceremony there at 11 AM. Thanks to Voriece Blair for organizing the work teams to place the small and large flags. Please help on the following work days:
 *Tuesday, May 20, at 5:00 PM the large flags will be put on the flagpoles.
 *Friday, May 23, at 9 AM the small flags will be put out at Cliffside Cemetery.
 *Monday, May 26, at 8 AM large flag poles will be put in place at Cliffside Cemetery.
 *Tuesday, May 27, 5 PM put away all flags.

Post Officers	2007-2008	Auxiliary Officers	
Commander	Bert Key	President	Lori Merritt
Senior Vice Commander	Chuck Lutz	Sr. Vice President	Kathy Dunn
Junior Vice Commander	Mike Horttor	Jr. Vice President	Helene Hawkins
Chaplain	Nick Roth	Treasurer	Jackie Key
Quartermaster	Tim Wilson	Chaplain	Bonnie Hershberger
Judge Advocate	John Lamb	Secretary	Dora Fitzpatrick
Adjutant	Allen Anderson	Guide	Kit Spitzengel
Surgeon	Jim Mitchell	Conductress	Jean Bettencourt

FROM THE SANDBOX.....

Greetings from Baghdad to all you Sandy Area Vets and Auxiliary Ladies. All is well on this end. We have been very busy lately, as things have begun to heat up a bit in our area. The sand storms are allowing the insurgents to fire rockets unimpeded into the Green Zone during those dust storms because we can't put any Apache helicopters up to spot them. It is a weird time right now, with the missed messages Sadr is throwing out there, and then his militia splinter groups still coming after us. But, we fight on, and failure is not an option for the United States Cavalry!

The heat has definitely hit Iraq again. It only being the end of April and we are already in the 110's.....man, I don't remember it being that hot back in the invasion of 2003! I will have decidedly more news for next month, but cannot let the cat out of the bag until then. As always I want to thank each and every Veteran and Auxiliary Member for everything you do on the home front. You folks are an awesome bunch!!! Take care and God Bless.

Alex Heller

CANTEEN CORNER

Lori Merritt

The Canteen looks great! A big thank you goes to Chris Royce for organizing the clean up day. Also thank you to Kris and Carol Engblom, Kit and Rich Spitzengel, Marty and Joann LeDoux, Al Gagnon, Gary Lightcap, Dan Copher, Jackie Key, Tim Wilson and Lori Merritt, who showed up early raring to go on April 19th and volunteered several hours of their time to wash the walls, the ceiling, and every nook and cranny in between. The bleach water was flying and a few shirts were lost in the line of duty, but all in all, the results were worth it. The place looks grand.

We had some great meals in March and April. Thanks to Bob and Larry from the Men's Auxiliary, Tim from the Post, and Brier, Kathy and Susan from the Ladies Auxiliary for the Breakfast/BINGO's have been a huge success. We also had a fabulous dinner prepared by Jose. Thanks to the Lambs, Engbloms and Cophers for supplying the food for the dinner.

Have a great month, and see you at the Cantina!

Wanted: Bartender

The Post needs a qualified bartender to work part time, maybe 1-2 days per week. If interested contact the Bar Manager.

THANK YOU!

Big "THANK YOU" to everyone who came to the Breakfast & BINGO on March 30, hosted by The Whole Shabang. They made \$440 for their 4-H Horse Club. They also donated \$50 to the Ladies Auxiliary for the Fisher House.

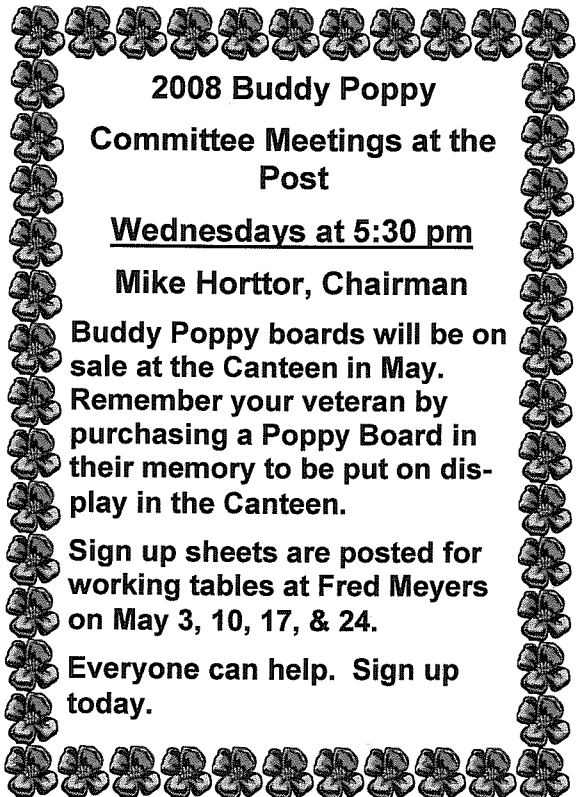
Ladies Auxiliary Members:

Did you know.....if you have a life membership.....you will also be asked to pay \$3.00 a year dues to our Ladies Auxiliary Cancer Savings Fund. If you have not paid for 2007-08, it is not too late. Send your check to:

Ladies Auxiliary VFW 4273
PO Box 1262, Sandy, Oregon
97055.

BOWLING

The Men's Auxiliary Bowling Team is finishing its first season of competition. Those interested being on the next team contact Darrell Vaughan at 903-413-6784.



2008 Buddy Poppy
Committee Meetings at the
Post
Wednesdays at 5:30 pm
Mike Horttor, Chairman

Buddy Poppy boards will be on sale at the Canteen in May. Remember your veteran by purchasing a Poppy Board in their memory to be put on display in the Canteen.

Sign up sheets are posted for working tables at Fred Meyers on May 3, 10, 17, & 24.

Everyone can help. Sign up today.

Quote of the month:
 "Courage is nothing more than fear, hanging on for a minute longer."

George Patton



Happy Mother's Day

May 11, 2008

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