



The Buckboard Bulletin

"First to serve our Veterans"

May 2011

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Comrades and Sisters,

Our membership reached slightly over 100% on March 31, which along with the numerous Post activities, makes the post eligible for All State status. We are now working on reaching membership of 105% by June to be eligible for the All American distinction for a second consecutive year. If 20 MEMBERS will EACH RECRUIT ONE NEW MEMBER by June we will reach 105% on membership. Will you do your best for the Post! The All State and All American designations are an acknowledgement of the exceptional service performed by the Post in support of veterans and it's contribution to the community. Congratulations and sincere thanks to all who worked extremely hard on membership and all of the many activities at our Post .

Buddy Poppy distribution is our main event to raise funds that allow us to actively support our many veteran and community programs. We will need lots of volunteers for our May distribution. It will only take a few hours of your time, so sign up early to get the time that works best for you. If you can't get into the canteen to sign up, call in for a time slot (503.668.5211). See the article in this newsletter for more information.

A celebration of Loyalty Day and a commemoration of POW/MIA will be held at the Post on Sunday May 1st at 5:00 pm. This is a day for the reaffirmation of loyalty to our country and at the same time we will give recognition to our country's POW/MIA men and women. You are earnestly encouraged to attend and to bring family and friends.

The Memorial Day ceremony this year will be at the Cliffside cemetery at 11:00 on Monday May 30. This is a very important day of remembrance, please plan to attend and bring others as well. A potluck lunch will be held at the Post after the ceremony.

Remember that in honor of Mothers Day the Post will provide a free breakfast for all mothers on May 8, 2011 from 10:00 am to noon.

I want to again thank all of you for your support of our Post whether it is time and energy or financially. Let's keep Sandy Post among the best and strongest posts in the VFW.

United We Stand! Jim Mitchell, Commander

Ladies Auxiliary President's Message

Thank you to Jean Bettencourt for taking the position of President for the next year. She will need a lot of help from all of us. Jackie Key and Voriece Blair helped me get all the year end reports done and sent out on time. Thank you very much.

Buddy Poppy sign up sheets are hanging at the post with a lot of empty slots that need to be filled. If you can't do a 3 hour stay but could do an hour or two we appreciate the help. Don't be afraid you will not be on your own we will find someone to be with you. It's easy to do. Remember this is a fundraiser to support our vets and their families.

Memorial Day is coming at the end of the month. Don't forget to bring a dish for the potluck.

Spring is nearly here and some of you may need some help with spring cleaning. I am working on a list of veterans that will be available to help anyone out if you need the assistance. Please let me know.

Installation of officers will be May 13th. all officers need to be there to be installed.

Sincerely President Loretta Wilson

April Calendar

Every Day	Canteen Menu (Except Monday)
Every Wed.	Taco Night—5pm
Every Sun.	Breakfast—10am
Every Sun.	Bingo—1pm
Every Mon	Canteen Closed
May 1st	Ladies B & B—10am
May 5th	Cinco De Mayo—4pm Join us for Tim Wilson's Fajitas
May 8th	Happy Mother's Day Breakfast—10am
May 8th	Men's Aux Meeting - 9:30am
May 13th	Mtg Night Ladies 6:45pm Post 8:00pm
May13th	Men's Aux Fish Fry Dinner 5pm to 7pm
May 15th	Men's Aux B & B—10am
May 24th	Flags on Poles—6pm
May 27th	Flags at Cliffside at 8:30 am
May 30th	Memorial Day Service at Cliffside 11am Potluck at Post after service.

May 22 and May 29th open for volunteers who would like to Make Sunday Breakfast. Contact Bartender.

Isle of Flags

We will need lots of help getting our flags ready for Memorial Day Weekend. The more help we have the faster the job is done.

We will be putting the large flags on the poles Tuesday May 24th at 6:00 P.M. upstairs of V.F.W. HALL. Friday May 27th at 8:30 A.M. we will place the large flags at Firhill Cemetery.

When we finish there we will place the small flags in our 3 Cemeteries.

Monday May 30th at 8:30 A.M. we place large flags at Cliffside Cemetery for the Memorial Day Service. Service will be at 11:00 A.M. Monday May 30th at 5:00 P.M. we will pick up all flags. I hope to have lots of help.

Everyone be sure to invite your family & friends to our service. We will need people to volunteer to stay at Firhill Cemetery at night to watch over our flags. THANKS TO EVERYONE. VORIECE

The Post Chaplain

Melissa Samels 503 668 4849

Life time member David Stockner was hospitalized at Legacy Emmanuel hospital. Our prayers are with him for fast and speedy recovery.

“Blessed be God the father of mercies and the God of all comfort” [2nd Corinthians 1:3]

If anyone knows of a veteran that needs a visit or just a phone call, please let me know.

Melissa, Post Chaplain @ 503-668-4849. Thank you.



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The Auxiliary Chaplain

Judy Gascon 503 668 3748

Ida Swanson was admitted to the hospital in March for Heart and Kidney failure. She's home now and feeling better.

Penny Edwards is improving from a fall at home.

Helen Lambert is also home from the hospital after treatment for congestive heart failure.

Jan Johnson is on the mend from another surgery and is still not feeling her best but is in good spirit and hopes this is her last surgery.

Ruthie Jackson was improving from a punctured lung but received news of stage 4 breast cancer. Our prayers are with you.

Joann LeDoux was taken into the hospital on the 22nd heart issues again and was hoping to be able to come home on Easter Sunday.

Dee Steffle and Birdie Foust also had health issues. Hope you both and your husband get better.

Elections of Post officers for the next year were held on April 8, 2011 with the results below. Congratulations to all those elected. They will assume their new responsibilities on June 25, 2011.

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

House Committee: Boyer, Copher, Engblom, Hershberger, Lamb, Miller, Stewart, Wentworth

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From Your Editor

Newsletter articles are due May. 20 for the June Newsletter.

Contact your editor at:

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Post Officers	2010-2011	Auxiliary Officers	
Commander	Jim Mitchell	President	Loretta Wilson
Senior Vice Commander	Brian Gornick	Sr. Vice President	Helene Hawkins
Junior Vice Commander	Merle Stewart	Jr. Vice President	Jennell Mitchell
Chaplain	Melissa Samels	Treasurer	Jackie Key
Quartermaster	Tim Wilson	Chaplain	Judy Gascon
Judge Advocate	John Lamb	Secretary	Becky Ping
Adjutant	Glenn Yeager	Guard	Janet Misner
Surgeon	Sharkey Haider	Conductress	Dora Fitzpatrick

Men's Auxiliary President Message

Hello Members,

I would like to remind all of you about our meeting on May 8th at 9:30am. It's an important meeting because we will be electing new officers and planning our participation in the buddy poppy fundraiser.

We are also having a seafood dinner fundraiser on May 13th. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$9 at the door. Dinner is served from 5 to 7 pm All VFW members and guests are welcome and we hope to see you all there.

Sincerely Men's aux President and officers.

CANCER AID & RESEARCH

I promised last month to give you the GRAND TOTALS for the year well here they are:

With all the help from everyone we raised \$3872.10 for CANCER AID & RESEARCH, we did 172 hours of Work, traveled 532 miles. I'm so proud of all of you. We beat last years total by a \$1000.00!!!

May is "Skin Cancer Awareness Month "and summer is almost here. Most skin cancers can be prevented by avoiding the midday sun. When in the sun, wear hats with brims, long sleeve shirts, sunglasses, and use sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher on all exposed parts of skin. Be aware of all moles and spots on your skin, and report any changes to your doctor right away. Have a skin exam during your regular health check-up. the best defense against cancer is early detection.

Voriece, Cancer Chairman

Buddy Poppy Campaign

I'd like to thank all who attended the April 15th Buddy Poppy meeting: Jennell, Jackie and Loretta of the Ladies Aux., Matt of the Men's Aux. Jim Mitchell , Bert Key and myself of the Post.

The dates are set and Loretta did a great job of getting all of the stores and dates printed up on individual sheets (they look great Loretta," thanks") and are now posted above the shuffle board table down in the canteen. We have lots of dates to cover this year. The first dates are in Damascus the 14th and 15th of May. Then there are a couple of Tuesdays at the Sandy Bi-Mart and a real busy final week-end in May on Memorial Day week-end at Safeway and Fred Meyer in Sandy.

So, PLEASE stop in and sign up to cover some of these dates. We need lots of help and involvement from all to help make this a successful campaign.

We also have other Buddy Poppy projects we need to finish up in the coming weeks so we will be ready for the distribution dates. Please contact me, or better yet, show up at the next meeting, Thursday April 28th, at 6:00 pm in the canteen. Thanks again to all for your help and support.

Merle Stewart

Buddy Poppy Chairman



USO Operation Phone Home

Established in 2003, USO Operation Phone Home delivers prepaid international phone cards to deployed troops free of charge. The phone cards are distributed through USO centers overseas and most often or delivered directly to military units abroad. As deployments increase and the needs of the military change, the USO has developed a private telephone network (PTN), available in USO centers throughout Southwest Asia.

The phone cards and PTN are ways deployed troops can stay connected with their family. One hundred percent of the money raised for the USO Operation Phone Home program goes to the purchase of phone cards and operation of the PTN.

Visit USO.ORG for more information

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 - 5/13/11

Men's Auxiliary - 5/8/11



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