

The Buckboard Bulletin

"First to serve our Veterans"

June - July - August 2009

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Comrades and Sisters,

Let me begin by saying that this year has gone by fast. Together we have accomplished a lot that we can all be proud of. It has not always been easy, and we have had some differences of opinion, but after we all gave our input we marched in unison toward the direction the mission took us.

I would like to thank all of you who helped make the Memorial Day Weekend a very successful one. For those of you who had a chance to view the flags over the weekend I hope you were as moved as I was. A special thanks goes out to Dan Copher for assisting with the flag lighting. I would also like to thank Jim Mitchel for all his work on the fantastic Buddy Poppy Drive.

You may have heard by now that our Commander elect has decided to resign. Senior Vice and Junior Vice are very new to the VFW and feel unprepared at this time to take over. Therefore, I will be holding an election and installation of the new commander at our 17 July 2009 meeting. If you, or anyone you know of, would like to have your name placed in nomination for the position of commander, please be at the meeting, or submit to me a letter stating that you would like to be nominated and elected. Let's have a good turnout at that meeting and show our support to who ever is elected commander for the year 2009-10. Have a great Summer. Thank you.

Allen Anderson, Commander

Ladies Auxiliary President's Message

Ladies,

I would like to thank everyone who helped make this Memorial Day Celebration a big success. It was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Also, a big thank you to Birdie Foust for coordinating the May Birthday party we hosted at the VA Hospital, and those who participated in the party.

I will be attending the Department Convention in Medford 24-28 June, and will report back to the Auxiliary at our July meeting on the 17th. Please note that this is a meeting date change from the 10th.

A big thank you to all you ladies who helped Jim with the Buddy Poppy distribution. Working side by side with the men we have taken in enough in donations to help support our activities for the upcoming year. Thank you ever so much.

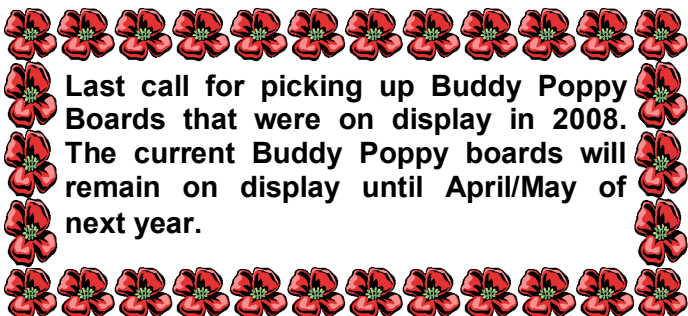
I look forward to seeing every one at our next meeting. Thank you for your support.

Christie Horttor, President

June Calendar

June 7	Breakfast/BINGO (Post) 10:00 am
June 10	House Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
June 10	Taco Night
June 12	Ladies Aux Meeting 6:45 pm, Post Meeting 8:00 pm (Pot Luck)
June 13	Men's Aux Meeting 2:00 pm
June 14	Breakfast/BINGO (Post) 10:00 am
June 20	Chili Cook-Off
June 21	Breakfast/Bingo (Ladies Aux) 10:00 am
June 24-28	Department Convention—Medford
June 27	Birthday Party 7:00 pm
June 28	Breakfast/BINGO (Men's) 10:00 am

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From Your Editor

Bert Key

Newsletter articles are due 20 August for the September Newsletter.

Contact your editor at:
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Welcome to new sponsor, Mike Wentworth. Business and Personal Insurance. Cell: 503-310-4111, or mrwins41@comcast.net His card will be posted on page 4 next month.

The Post Chaplain

Melissa Samels

We are saddened to report that Men's Auxiliary charter member Roy Audas passed away on 16 June. Our sympathies and condolences go out to the family. His funeral will be held at 2:00 pm on Monday, 22 June, at the Lifegate Baptist Church, located at 208 SE 148th St., between Stark and Burnside.

The Auxiliary Chaplain

Voriece Blair

Sisters,

This month we send our heartfelt condolences to Ruthie Jackson who lost her husband Jack.

Two of our Charter Members are in need of our prayers. Delores Jordan and Enola Roper. Delores is recovering in Gresham Avamere. Enola is at Sandy Avamere in the Arbor Unit. They would love visitors.

Get well wishes go to Elaine Hoerling.

Our new chaplain for 2009-10 is Voriece Blair (503-668-4237). Please give her any information you have on the status of our sisters.

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

Gentlemen,

We elected a new slate of officers last month. I have the honor of being re-elected as president. Larry Merritt is treasurer, Greg Radford is secretary, Mark Johnson is Senior Vice President, Matt Haider is Junior Vice President and Lance Carlson is Sergeant at Arms. We would love to see more people at our meetings. New ideas would be wonderful. We voted two new members in last month. Welcome to Everett Davis and Roy Rush. Our meeting is the second Saturday of every month at 3:00 pm. Please join us. We will be having Breakfast and Bingo on June 28. If anyone would like to help let me or Larry know. I hope everyone has a wonderful Summer. Thank you.

Your President, Bob Dunn

Men's Auxiliary Officers are:

- President: Bob Dunn
- Senior Vice Pres.: Mark Johnson
- Junior Vice Pres: Matt Haider
- Treasurer: Larry Merritt
- Secretary: Greg Radford
- Sgt. of Arms: Lance Carlson

Memorial Day 2009

I can not thank everyone enough for all the help with getting the flags ready for Memorial Day. I had to work, so needed lots of help. We put the flags up on Friday May 22, and took them down Monday evening May 25. We had lighting for them every night and volunteers to stay at the cemetery to keep an eye on our flags and equipment. I can not name all of you because of space (There will be a list at the Post of all volunteers. I hope I do not miss anyone). I do want to especially thank Dan Copher and Mike Horttor for the set up and operation of the lighting equipment. We will be having fund raisers this year to buy more poles, lights..ect. We had 30 volunteers and approximately 180 hours. GREAT JOB EVERYONE, WELL DONE!!!

Voriece Blair, Chair

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 E-Mail: resources@dcoeoutreach.org

Post Officers	2009-2010	Auxiliary Officers
Commander	Allen Anderson	President Christie Horttor
Senior Vice Commander	Jim Mitchell	Sr. Vice President Helene Hawkins
Junior Vice Commander	Brian Gornick	Jr. Vice President Loretta Wilson
Chaplain	Melissa Samels	Treasurer Jackie Key
Quartermaster	Red Davis	Chaplain Voriece Blair
Judge Advocate	John Lamb	Secretary Joy Helfrich
Adjutant	Al Gagnon	Guard Kit Spitzengel
Surgeon	Dan Copher	Conductress Cindy Burke

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all who were directly involved in making the May Buddy Poppy distribution so successful. Your commitment and hard work has given us the necessary funds to support local veterans in need, the student essay contest and our VFW Home in Michigan: Brian, Janet, Melissa, Merle, Joy/Hanna, Voriece, Laura, Penny, Bert/Jackie, Everette, Susan, Mike/Christie, Tim, Albert, Kit/Rich, Allen/Cindi, Martha, Darrel, Larry/Lori, Betty/Sharkey, Kris/Carol, Brier, John, Clyde, Chuck, The Young Marines, The 4H, and Boy Scouts. Jim

CANTEEN CORNER

We have quite a few activities planned over the Summer so don't miss them.

On June 14 the Post will be having a Breakfast/BINGO.

Come on down on June 20, and enter your Chili in the Chili Cook-Off. Please have your Chili at the Post by 3:00 pm for the judging.

The Ladies will host Father's Day Breakfast/BINGO June 21.

Join your friends on the 27, for the Post Birthday Party.

June 28, the Men's Auxiliary will host Breakfast/BINGO.

July Calendar	
July 8	Taco Night
July 9	Mt. Festival Parade
July 11	Men's Auxiliary Mtg. 3 pm
July 12	Breakfast/BINGO (Ladies)
July 15	House Committee 5:30 pm
July 17	Ladies Auxiliary 6:45 pm
	Post Meeting 8:00 pm (Pot luck)
July 19	Breakfast/BINGO (Post)
July 25	Post Birthday Party
	Potluck 7:00 pm
July 26	Breakfast/BINGO (Men's Aux.)

We are going to try something new on Wednesdays at least through the Summer months. We will be serving Tacos on the 2nd Wednesday of the month ONLY. The other three Wednesdays will be a Cook's Choice Menu so come down and check it out.

A big THANKS goes to Smantha Carlson for helping with tacos last month.

Have a safe and happy Summer.

See you at the Post!

August Calendar	
Aug 2	Breakfast / BINGO (Post)
Aug 9	Breakfast/BINGO (Ladies)
Aug 12	House Committee 5:30 pm
	Taco Night
Aug 14	Ladies Aux. Mtg. 6:45 pm
	Post Meeting Mtg. 8:00 pm
Aug 15	Men's Aux. Mtg. 3:00 pm
Aug 16	Breakfast/BINGO (Men's Aux.)
Aug 22	Post 4273 Annual Picnic Noon
	Barton Park—Canteen Closed
Aug 30	Breakfast/BINGO (Post)

CONGRATULATIONS BIRDIE FOUST!

Birdie was recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs United States of America for her over 2500 hours of volunteer service. She was recognized at the Volunteer Awards Ceremony held on April 16, 2009, for her service in 2008. Birdie has volunteered at the VA Hospital for 13 years. Her beautiful clock award is inscribed: "Volunteers give the greatest gift of all TIME." Birdie is a life member of our Auxiliary.

We are so proud of you, Birdie!

ATTENTION: We need your help collecting Campbells food labels for our National Children's Home. Just bring your labels and leave them at the Canteen. Nancy Amonson will pick them up and cut out the part we need to send in. There are more product labels we can save besides Campbells soups. So take a quick look at the list posted at the Canteen.

Thank you

Due to the recent resignation of the Commander Elect, we, the undersigned are announcing our support of Bert Key for Commander VFW Post 4273 in 2009-10. Electing Bert commander will give us one more year to be better prepared to assume our next role. We hope you will support our decision at the 17 July meeting.

/s/ Jim Mitchell, Senior Vice
/s/ Brian Gornick, Junior Vice



Happy Father's Day
June 21, 2009
Phone Home!



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