

Sandy VFW Post 4273 & Auxiliary

“First to Serve our Veterans”

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Post Commander's Message

Comrades, Sisters and Brothers,

Convention is over and summer is in full swing, and it looks to be another beautiful one here in the great state of Oregon. I would like to thank Allen Anderson, Voriece Blair, Midge Watkins, Kit Spitzengel, Jackie Key, Jean Bettencourt, Judy Gascon and Nancy Davis for attending the state convention and so apply representing our Post. The new State Commander is Rich Halverson. Many of you know him. He has been involved in the Veterans of Foreign Wars for many years. The new State Auxiliary President is Jesse Stober from Molalla, and our very own Jackie Key is the State Auxiliary Chief of Staff.

A great big thank you goes to Judy Gascon for organizing a Flag Day/U.S. Army Birthday celebration at Cascadia Village on 14 June to honor the veterans who live there. The ceremony was well appreciated by the residents. Marcus Walters, Voriece Blair and Jackie Key were also in attendance and added greatly to the program.

Many thanks to the Auxiliary for that marvelous Father's Day Breakfast you prepared for the fathers in our community. It was terrific!

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Auxiliary President's Message

Thank you brothers and sisters for having enough confidence in my abilities to elect me as your president. I will do my very best for each of you and our veterans. Convention was lots of fun I'm sorry so many of you missed out on all the fun. We had a great turnout for Father's Day. I would like to thank my wonderful crew that did all the work and allowed me to just stand around visiting with everyone, my kind of job!!! Thanks to the Burley Clan, Paul, Lora, Mercedes, and Dee for cooking, Joan Gunderson for taking orders, Matt Haider for supervising, Jackie Key for doing all the shopping and handing out gifts to fathers, Sarah Mclean and Cassidy Morillo for serving all the meals, and our wonderful bartender Katie Rundell. Our first meeting of the summer will be Friday July 8th at 6:00 P.M. I hope to see lots of smiling faces there and ready to get to work on our projects. Happy 4th of July and I hope everyone enjoys the Parade and The Mountain Festival.

Thanks Everyone

Voriece Blair, Auxiliary President

On June 3rd we participated in the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce's first Friday event. It was a good opportunity to show case Post 4273 to the community. Thank you to Voriece Blair, Jackie Key, Marcus Walters and Ken Kraft for representing the post in that event.

Also, in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, on June 23rd , we conducted an open house at the post that further showcased what we are all about. Thanks to Voriece Blair, Jackie Key, Mike O'Leary, Jerry Gomes and Marcus Walters for their help in putting that whole program together. Thanks also go to Marcus for taking advantage of the situation and recruiting a new Life Member to the Post. From the same family, Jackie also recruited a new annual member to the Auxiliary.

Another huge thank you goes to Katie Rundell for recruiting a new life member to the VFW. Way to go Katie!!!

More thanks to Jerry Gomes for stepping up to the plate and helping one of our veterans in need. We have a WWII veteran who needs a wheel chair ramp built in his garage so he can go in and out of his house freely. Jerry has volunteered his expertise as a carpenter to build the needed ramp. If anyone would like to help with that please give Jerry a call.

As you read this most of you are celebrating Independence Day with family and friends, as it should be. But, I would invite you to pause, where ever you are celebrating, and pay tribute to the 1.4 million men and women who died in combat over the years and decades supporting and defending our Constitution, and the even more millions who have and are currently suffering physical and mental wounds from those battles. Give thanks to the thousands of our military service people presently serving around the world guaranteeing our

safety. We have to make sure through our leadership that Americans across the land properly appreciate the 4th of July and what it truly means. It cannot become just another three day weekend.

I would like to thank all of you who helped with our recent Buddy Poppy campaign. The list is long, and it is my intention to get around to thanking each of you personally. However, at the top of the list is Wanda Michaels. She deserves a special thank you for all the time and effort she put in organizing and implementing such a great campaign. The Sandy Community donated over \$5,800 to our post over the Memorial Day Weekend Buddy Poppy distribution. Thank you Wanda!

As you can see, we have gotten a great start on the new leadership year. There are a lot of people in this organization who are doing a lot of things and we owe them our gratitude. However, we can always use more help. Just step up to the plate and volunteer your expertise where you can. See you at the next meeting! Have a great holiday.

Bert Key, Commander

Remember, "NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS"

Post Chaplain

Encourage one another daily
Hebrews 3:13

Our thoughts and prayers continue for the following members, all of whom are experiencing health issues:

Kris Engblom
Sharkey Haider
Mike Kennedy
Marty LeDoux

If you know of a member who is having health issues or a member who has passed away please let me know -
jimmitchell03@gmail.com

Who is my rock and my refuge. He is my shield...
2 Samuel 22:3

Post Chaplain, Jim Mitchell

Auxiliary Chaplain

No current chaplain report at this time. If you know of someone experiencing a medical hardship please contact Judy Gascon.

VFW AUXILIARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO INCREASE

A recommendation to increase the Auxiliary Life Membership fees will be presented at this summer's National Convention. The suggested fee increase is listed below, and would begin January 1, 2017.

Now is the time to go LIFE!

For more information contact Auxiliary Treasurer Midge Wadkins at (503) 668-6763 or Membership Chair Jackie Key at (503) 668-8418.

Age Group	Current Fee Structure	Auxiliary Suggestion
Through 20	\$220	\$400
21-25	210	400
26-30	200	300
31-35	190	300
36-40	185	290
41-45	175	290
46-50	170	290
51-55	160	275
56-60	150	275
61-65	140	200
66-70	130	180
71-75	115	170
76-80	95	160
81-85	75	150
86-90	60	100
91 and over	50	100

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

Not just for the Officers in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and Auxiliary, but for all members.

At the School of Instruction you will learn what is new for the coming year and how you can participate in the Veterans of Foreign Wars programs. There will be

Saturday, August 13, 2016

Molalla Grange
127 Grange Ave, Molalla 97038

9:00 A.M. Joint Opening - Classes
Noon \$5.00 Lunch - Classes until 4:00 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4th - Independence Day
City of Sandy Fireworks start at
Dusk near New Sandy High
School

July 8th – 6:00PM Auxiliary
Meeting

July 15th – 6:00PM Post Meeting

Sandy Mountain Festival
July 7-10

Thursday July 7th - Parade Night

Bar will be open Thursday and
Friday night!

CANTEEN

Corner

Tuesday – Friday
3:00pm to 7:00pm

Thank you for the continued support in the Canteen. Taco Tuesday is still a big night for us and I want to thank Chef Mathias Engblom from the Rendezvous for continuing to volunteer his time to cook for us. If you haven't tried them, please do!

We are still serving our loaded Bloody Mary's on Wednesday and Thursday nights. Wednesday we also have BINGO with Tina and Shrimp Cocktails for \$3.

If you are interesting in volunteering to cook a Friday Night Dinner please see our bartenders they have a calendar to fill in dates!

Thanks for all of the support.

Post Officers

Commander	Bert Key
Sr. Vice Commander	Allen Anderson
Jr. Vice Commander	Kris Golby
Quartermaster	Bill Miller
Chaplain	Jim Mitchell
Judge Advocate	John Lamb
Surgeon	Dan Copher
1 Year Trustee	Merle Steward
2 Year Trustee	Marcus Walters
3 Year Trustee	Ken Hershberger
Adjutant	Marcus Walters
Service Officer	Marcus Walters

Auxiliary Officers

President	Voriece Blair
Sr. Vice President	Matt Haider
Jr. Vice President	Wanda Michaels
Treasure	Midge Wadkins
Chaplain	Judy Gascon
Secretary	Jackie Key
Guard	Nancy Davis
Conductress	Dora Fitzpatrick
Trustee 1	Jean Bettencourt
Trustee 2	Kathy Dunn
Trustee 3	Kit Spitzengel
Patriotic Instructor	Lois Leavitt

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AUXILLARY

July 8th at 6:00pm

POST

July 15th at 6:00pm

DAILY EVENTS

Tuesday: \$1 Taco Tuesdays from Chef Mathias Engblom from the Rendezvous

Wednesday: Wine Down Wednesday & \$3 Shrimp Cocktails

& Bingo at 6:00 PM

Thursday: Wii Bowling at 5:00 PM

Friday: Fun! Fun! Fun!

New Menu Now Available! Come in and check out our drink specials!!!
Open Tuesday to Friday 3:00pm to 7:00pm or later

If you have any information you would like shared in future newsletters or want to be on our e-mailing list please email sandypost4273info@gmail.com

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