

# The Buckboard Bulletin

"First to serve our Veterans"

September 2009

## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Comrades and Sisters,

A lot has happened since our last newsletter. First of all, I would like to thank all of you who voted for me to be your Commander for 2009-10. It is an honor that I do not take lightly. I would also like to thank you for your support in getting me elected to Department Junior Vice Commander. In both capacities I look forward to working with you to maximized the efforts of this post and this department to the fullest support of our veterans. After all, helping our veterans is the number one reason for our being.

However, there are some who think the number one reason for being is to support the Canteen. I can assure you that is not number one. The success of the Canteen is very important as a fundraiser to allow us to better support our veterans, but it is not, and should not be what defines us as a civic organization. We are a major player in our citizen activities in this community and we should always keep that in mind.

Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, Teacher of the Year, Flag Education, Buddy Poppy, Bake and Sew, Safety Education, Cancer research, to name some, are all things that benefit the community in a positive way, and the things all of us should be working on.

I am proud to announce that Al Faust has volunteered to serve as the Community Service Report Chairman for the Post. He has placed a box in the Canteen with blank forms for you to put in your community service hours and miles. Many of you are doing a lot, please report it to Al.

National has sent out dues notices for the coming year. Please get yours in ASAP. Better yet, why not look into becoming a life member utilizing one of the several easy pay plans available. In addition to the community service things we do, membership must be foremost in everybody's mind. Please help support out recruiting and retention program. Thank you. Bert Key, Commander

## Ladies Auxiliary President's Message

Sisters,

I have been fortunate to become your president for the following year. I plan on having a very successful year, but I will need all of your assistance.

We are scheduled to do Breakfast and BINGO the first Sunday of the month. If any of you would like to help with any of the B and B's please let me know.

Voriece is planning a Breakfast and BINGO on Sunday, September 27. Please let her know if you can help. I would like everyone to come and support the cancer aid and research fund.

I would like to thank Dora, Kit, Bonnie and Voriece for their help with the last two Breakfast and BINGO's that the ladies have put on.

The Bake and Sew ladies will be starting up again September 3. Please come and help them if you have time on Thursday mornings.

Remember it is the time again to get your dues in, lets get our 100% dues paid before the Post members. Thank you.

Loretta Wilson, President

## September Calendar

September 6	Golf Tournament
September 9	House Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
September 11	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 6:45 pm Post Meeting 8:00 pm (Pot Luck)
September 12	Men's Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 pm
September 13	Breakfast/BINGO Post 10:00 am
September 19	Poker Run Post 4248 Noon
September 20	Breakfast/BINGO The Whole Shebang 10:00 am
September 23	National President's Visit
September 26	September Birthday Party
September 27	Breakfast/BINGO Voriece/Cancer Aid 10:00 am
October 4	Breakfast/BINGO Ladies 10:00 am

**From Your Editor**

Bert Key

Newsletter articles are due 20 September for the October Newsletter.

Contact your editor at:  
**bert.key@us.army.mil**

**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**

Our thoughts and best wishes go out to Mike Kennedy as he recovers from his recent surgery.

If you know of any comrade or family member who is home bound and in need of a prayer or hospital visit, please call me. 503-668-4849

“Heal me oh lord and I shall be healed...” Jeremiah 17:14

**The Auxiliary Chaplain**

**Voriece Blair**

*Sisters,*

Our new chaplain for 2009-10 is Voriece Blair (503-668-4237). Please give me any information you have on the status of our sisters. If you know of anyone in need of assistance or a visit please let me know. God bless you one and all.

**Men’s Auxiliary  
 President’s Message**

Gentlemen,

We have had a disturbance in our membership and some people have quit or transferred who were some of our best helpeters on breakfasts and helping with other things. We need some people to step up and help out. First of all we need someone to become the Treasurer . For reasons that you can ask him about Larry had to resign. Next we need some peple to step up and help and or do some of the breakfasts. I an-not and will not try to run the entire Auxiliary on my own because of my health. If we cannot get someone to help out then we may end up losing our charter. Our next meeting will be on September 12. If you are interested in helping please try to be at the meeting. 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

**CANCER FUNDRAISING FOR THIS YEAR**

We are going to start our Cancer Fundraising for this year on Sunday September 27 at 10:00 am with a Breakfast of Blueberry Pancakes, Bacon, Eggs and Juice for \$5. We will have our raffle drawing and tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and are on sale now, so buy lots of them. We will then play BINGO. All proceeds on this day will go to Komen Race For The Cure Of Breast Cancer. Call your families and friends and come have a wonderful breakfast, maybe win a really nice prize and enjoy playing BINGO. Lets make this one of the biggest fundraisers this year. We will be having other fundraising projects throughout the year. We have all been touched by cancer in some way, be it a family member, friend or even yourself. Lets help stamp out this dreadful disease.

Voriece Blair, Cancer Chairwoman

VA SUICIDE HOT LINE— Telephone: 1-800-273-TALK

Website: [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.com](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.com)

DOD Defense Centers PSYC health: Telephone: 1-866-966-1020

E-Mail: [resources@dcoeoutreach.org](mailto:resources@dcoeoutreach.org)

Post Officers	2009-2010	Auxiliary Officers	
Commander	Bert Key	President	Loretta Wilson
Senior Vice Commander	Jim Mitchell	Sr. Vice President	Helene Hawkins
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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	Sharky Haider	Conductress	Dora Fitzpatrick

**From the Sandbox:**

We basically guard anywhere from 30 to 100 long hall trucks and escort them from base to base. Each mission can be from a 12 to 20 hour drive depending on how many trucks break down and need to be switched out on trailers and if we encounter any IED's along the way. Most of our responsibilities are being handed over to the Iraq Army or Police. Like just last convoy the Iraq Police found a small IED and we called our EOD but the Iraq EOD came out first and blew up the IED. The feeling I get from the Iraqis is that they really want to show that they can get the job done without our help... Sgt Joe Thai, Post 4273

**CANTEEN CORNER**

**Jolynn Johnson**

I am delighted to have been hired for the position of Canteen Manager. I look forward to serving this fine veteran organization. I look forward to meeting each of you.

We have a number of activities planned for the upcoming Fall months. Try not to miss them.

We are having Taco Night on Wednesday, September 3, from 4-7:00 pm. If it is successful we would like to have it once again become a Taco Wednesday night here at the post.

The bar will start selling from our new menu on Thursday, September 3.

Menu:

Hot Dog- \$1.50 w/Tots - \$3.00

Sausage - \$2.00 w/Tots - \$3.50

Chicken Strips and Tots - \$5.00

Nacho - \$4.00 (chips, chili, cheese, sour cream and salsa)

Chips and Salsa - \$1.50

Tater Tots - \$2.50

French Fries - \$2.50

Onion Rings - \$3.00

See you at the Post!

**Ask yourself this question everyday!**

**What Have I Done To Help A Veteran Today?**

**Auxiliary Membership**

Ladies, we were only short a few memberships of making 100% last year. Let's do it this year! **Your 2010 membership dues are being collected now.** Notices went out to annual members in July 2009. To remain a member in good standing your dues need to be paid before December 31, 2009. Paying your dues early helps our Auxiliary reach 100% by November 30, 2009 and receive a cash prize from National.

**Mail in your dues in today!**

Unable to pay your dues for any reason please contact our Auxiliary President, Loretta Wilson at (503) 695-2938, or Auxiliary Treasurer, Jackie Key at (503) 329-3028.

Know anyone interested in joining our Auxiliary? Applications are available at the Canteen. New member's dues and fees are \$25.00.

Numbers count in our Ladies Auxiliary at the National level in our fight for Veterans benefits.

Sisters, You are all invited to a **BABY SHOWER** For Brier Chung on October 4 at 3:30 pm at Post 4273  
Brier's Baby Boy's theme is forest and forest animals

**SAVE CAMPBELLS FOOD LABELS**

**for the**

**VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN**

**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. The home is very close to having enough labels to get another new van.

**NEW:** If you know of a veteran with children under 18 years of age in need of help of any kind please give them this number:

**National Home Hotline: 1-(800)-851-0238**

**Quote of the Month:**

**“War will exist until that distant day when the conscientious objector enjoys the same reputation and prestige that the warrior does today.”**

**John F. Kennedy**



**Welcome FALL!**  
**Join Us for Post and Auxiliary meetings!**  
**Post & Ladies - 9/11/09**  
**Men's Auxiliary - 9/12/09**



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