

The Buckboard Bulletin

"First to serve our Veterans"

September 2010

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Comrades and Sisters,

First, let me say thank you for the vote of confidence I received in being elected as the Post Commander. It is a real privilege to lead such an outstanding post. Our record of being such an outstanding post will continue as long as we work together and all members contribute to our support of veterans and the community. I welcome any suggestions or comments you want to make in person, by phone, email or note.

As you probably have heard our post has been selected as an All American Post. This is a tremendous honor and a special tribute to those who gave the extra effort. Special recognition must be given to Comrade Bert Key who as Post Commander provided the strong leadership necessary for the post to receive this distinguished status.

Congratulations to Al Foust, Post Community Service Officer, as the recipient of the 2009/10 Joseph T. Baron award for his exceptionally fine service.

A big thank you to all who helped with the many activities during July and August, including: Mt. Days Parade and award event, the chicken concession, The Field of Honor (1000 Flags) and the presentation of medals, a funeral escort for a local veteran, the Celebrate America BBQ and fund raiser for veterans, plus a great annual picnic.

September offers a variety of more activities as listed in the calendar column.

Membership retention and building starts now. Continuous members are reminded to pay their dues now and all members are asked to reach out to potential members, with special attention to the new veterans.

Please see the list of officer responsibilities on the bulletin board or with the bar tender and go directly to that officer for a specific area of responsibility.

Keep up the good work and let's have fun as we do it. United We Stand!

Jim Mitchell, Commander

Ladies Auxiliary President's Message

Ladies,

We have a lot going on this month. Please refer to the calendar below. Meeting night is the 10th. Please try to be there by 6:30 pm. The meeting will start at 6:45 sharp.

On the 12th Voriece Blair has a Breakfast/BINGO for Komen Race For The Cure. On the 26th Karen Taylor has a Breakfast/BINGO for Leukemia and Lymphoma Blood Cancer, and on October 1st, Becky Ping will be having a Texas Hold'em upstairs starting at 7:00 pm with the profit going to the same program.

The Bake and Sew Ladies will start back to work on September 9th, at 7:30 and 10:00 am respectively, and could use your help.

Remember your dues are due and you should have received your notice by now. Please send them to Jackie Key or myself. We would like to avoid sending out second notices as it cost so much in postage and that will allow us to better support our youth programs. Thank you to the 65% of you who have already sent your dues in.

Be sure to turn in your hours and miles for Community Service.

Thank you for all your help.

Loretta Wilson, President

September Calendar

Sept 1	Taco Wednesday 5:00 pm (Dan Copher)
Sept 3	Command Group Meeting 6:00 pm
Sept 5	No B&B Today (Labor Day Holiday) Luau with Post 4248 (2:00 pm)
Sept 7	House Committee Meeting 5-6:00 pm
Sept 8	Mexican Dinner 5:00 pm (Tim Wilson)
Sept 10	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 6:45 pm VFW Meeting 8:00 pm District Commander Inspection
Sept 11	Men's Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 pm Texas Hold'em Tournament 6:00 pm
Sept 12	Breakfast/BINGO (Ladies Aux) 10:00 am Homecoming/Family Day (364th CA Bde)
Sept 15	Philly Steak Sandwich 5:00 pm (Todd K.)
Sept 16	Janice Raisl 10-12:00 am
Sept 18	September Birthday Party 7:00 pm
Sept 19	Post Golf Tournament (Tim Wilson) Veterans Climbing for Veterans (Melissa Samels)
Sept 22-26	Rummage Sale (Loretta Wilson)
Sept 26	Breakfast/BINGO (Cancer Aid & Research)

From Your Editor

Bert Key

Newsletter articles are due 21 SEPTEMBER for the October Newsletter.

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

Auxiliary Membership

Your annual 2011 DUES are now being collected by your Auxiliary. Please send in your \$20 dues as soon as possible. Your 2011 dues must be collected by 12/31/2010 for you to remain a member in good standing. Our Auxiliary was 100 % last year and we are now at 73% as of September 1, 2010. Thanks to all the ladies that paid their dues in July and August. We are well on our way to 100% again this year.

Ladies, if you pay the dues for your family members please do so earlier rather than waiting until December.

Life Members, Your Auxiliary asks for your donation to our Sunshine Fund at this time for the 2011 year. Please send your \$3.00 check to Sandy Ladies Auxiliary, PO Box 1262, Sandy, OR 97055. If you have not sent in your 2010 donation why not include it with your 2011 donation. Remember this special "Sunshine" fund goes out as grants to our ladies with serious health issues.

Thank you,
Jackie Key
Membership Chair

The Post Chaplain

Melissa Samels 503 668 4849

Tom Rutledge and Sharky Haider were in the hospital. They are both resting well at home. May we keep both close to our hearts and in our prayers for their speedy recovery.

Former Post Commander Al Ljimodiere was hospitalized; he is now back home recovering. We wish him all the best.

Life member SSG John Wooten has been deployed to Afghanistan. Please keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers for a safe and prompt return.

On September 19th there will be a fundraiser 'Veterans Climbing for Veterans'. The event will take place on Mt St. Helens. If any of you, or your family members would like to participate, please call me.

"God is our refuge and strength..."

The Auxiliary Chaplain

Judy Gascon 503 668 3748

I really appreciate the honor of being elected to this office. I do hope all members will feel free to call me any time to report their special needs and I am always available for visits.

Juanita Tomczak's son was in a drowning accident in July. He was 53 years old. We are all saddened by her loss. Juanita has also been dealing with gout and arthritis flare ups. She has been through a rough Summer and would appreciate prayers and phone calls. JoAnn LeDoux has recovered well from a hospital stay with Pneumonia. She thanks everyone for their prayers and support. Prayers go out to Kaye Gomes as she begins her battle with cancer.

God Bless You All

RACE FOR THE CURE

We will be having our big drive for Cancer in September and October. My breakfast for Komen Race for the Cure of Breast Cancer will be September 12 from 10:00 to Noon. We are serving Bacon, Blueberry Pancakes, Eggs, Juice, and Coffee. We will be having a raffle between breakfast and bingo. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. We will then have BINGO at 1:00 pm. I want to thank everyone that brought tickets on the last raffle. We raised \$299.00. It is a great start for our Cancer Program. We took first place in State for our Cancer program at Convention. It was a great honor to receive the plaque for all of you. Thank you! I hope to see everyone at breakfast. Voriece, Cancer Chairperson

Post Officers	2010-2011	Auxiliary Officers	
Commander	Jim Mitchell	President	Loretta Wilson
Senior Vice Commander	Brian Gornick	Sr. Vice President	Helene Hawkins
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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

FROM THE JUDGE

- Q:** What is the mission of the Veterans of Foreign Wars?
- A:** The purpose of this corporation (VFW) shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational; to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their widows/widowers and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its institutions of American freedom, and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies, whomsoever.
- Q:** Are caps removed during the recitation prayers at a Post meeting, and if removed, is the cap placed over the heart?
- A:** The VFW Ritual provides that all members will follow the action of the Chaplain or presiding officer relative to the removal of caps during prayers. If uncovered, the cap shall be placed on the extended closed fingers of the right hand in such a way that the Cross of Malta is exposed and held over the heart.
- Q:** If a female combat veteran does not want to join the VFW, can she join the Ladies Auxiliary?
- A:** A female combat veteran can join both the VFW and the Ladies Auxiliary.
- Q:** Does the VFW have published guidelines regarding the placement of pins and patches on VFW uniforms?
- A:** No. However, there are instructions available for the proper display of collar devices. Pins and patches may be worn with some decorum. Flag patches may be worn on either sleeve with the blue field facing the front.

John Lamb, Judge Advocate

 ★ **Annual Rummage Sale** ★
 ★ **September 23-25, 2010** ★
 ★ **Items for sale will be collected on** ★
 ★ **Wednesday, 9/22/10—Noon to 7 p.m.** ★

**SAVE YOUR CAMPBELL'S
 SOUP LABELS FOR OUR
 VFW NATIONAL HOME
 FOR CHILDREN**

CANTEEN CORNER *Anni Kruckenberg*

Soon the activities of Summer will be memories and we will enter the Fall season. It is hard to believe it is that time of year again.

There have been a few changes here at the Canteen over the Summer months, as some of you have already noticed.

We now have several Micro Brews, including a "Brew of the Month" which is on tap. These have been a huge hit!

Starting September 1st we are bringing back Wednesday night dinners. Dan Copher will be kicking it off with his famous Tacos. Please note there will be no breakfast or BINGO on Sunday, September 5 because of the Labor Day weekend.

Thanks to Kelly Wilson, our Karaoke Machine has been tested out and warmed up. Let's make use of it and bring down your favorite music.

Beginning Monday, September 13th we are having Monday Night Football parties, with potluck snacks, football pools and prizes at halftime. We are having another Texas Hold'em Tournament upstairs on September 11. There is more information at the Canteen. Do not forget the Birthday Night on the 18th and the VFW Golf Tournament on the 19th. Potluck and prizes here at the Canteen following the tournament. We have a lot of things planned so please come down and have some fun.

We had a water leak from the main pipe in the storage area, but thanks to Dan Copher and Todd Kruckenberg the Canteen did not become submersed in water. Have a great month everyone!

See you at the Canteen!

DO NOT MISS BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 26, 2010!

Auxiliary Member Karen Taylor is hosting a fundraising pancake/French toast breakfast for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Karen is participating in Team in Training and preparing for her first marathon for this cause. Enjoy door prizes, raffles, and buy a treat at the bake sale. BINGO will be held. 100 % of the proceeds go to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's effort to find a cure. Let someone else do the cooking and come out with all your family to support this fundraiser. If you would like to help please contact Karen at 503-502-8601. See you there!

Quote of the Month:

"The Constitution shall never be construed...to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms."

Samuel Adams

Join Us for Post and Auxiliary meetings!
Post & Ladies - 9/10/10
Men's Auxiliary - 9/11/10



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