

# Sandy VFW Post 4273 & Auxiliary

“First to Serve our Veterans”

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## Post Commander's Message

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to thank Marcus Walters, Allen Anderson, Mike O'Leary, Jim Mitchell, JoAnn Gunderson, Midge Watkins and Voriece Blair for their help at the Boring/Dull ceremony in Boring on August 9. As you know, this is a holiday for the community of Boring and it was an honor to be invited to participate in their program. It was also a great opportunity to showcase the post and what we do.

Fall is just around the corner, and what a great summer we have had! Now, let us shift into the activities of the new season. September 11 is Patriot Day. The post will conduct a Patriot Day ceremony, in conjunction with the Sandy Police Department and Sandy Fire Department, at Civic Plaza here in Sandy. Who can ever forget the tragic events of September 11, 2001? The ceremony will start at 11:00 AM and we will invite the community to our lunch at the post immediately following the ceremony. The featured speaker is VFW Oregon Department Commander Rich Halverson. The Boy Scouts will post the colors, and a bugler will play taps. I would like to see everyone there, so please mark the date on your calendars and plan to attend.

Thanks to Allen Anderson, Mike O'Leary, Marcus Walters and Jim Mitchell for attending the Department School of Instruction in Molalla on August 13. SOI's

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## Auxiliary President's Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and now you are all ready to get busy with our programs. Our Auxiliary meeting this month is Friday September 9th at 6:00 P.M., please come and learn about our programs, there are lots of ways that you can volunteer.

We will start making cookies Thursday September 8th at 7:00 A.M. and each Thursday till next June, for our veterans in the hospitals.

Our District 15 Meeting is Saturday September 10th at Molalla, 9:00am School of Instruction, 12:00pm lunch is potluck, and 1:00pm meeting. Anyone needing a ride please contact me 503-668-4237. Sunday September 11th is National Patriots Day, There will be a ceremony at 11:00 A.M. at the Civic Plaza, we will be honoring our Men and Women in the Police and Fire Departments, there will be a potluck following the service.

Our National President Colette Bishop will be visiting our state October 5th, 6th, & 7th, there will be more details in October newsletter.

Be sure to support our canteen, Taco Tuesday, Bingo and other fun things that Katie has going on.

Thank You

**Voriece Blair, Auxiliary President**

are very important for the leadership to attend. A lot of new information pertinent to the success of the districts and posts is handed out and discussed at these SOI's. Any member can attend, but it is really important for the elected officers to attend and participate in. Thanks also to the Auxiliary members who attended: Voriece Blair, Jackie Key, Kit Spitzengel and Jean Bettencourt. By the way, in addition to all she does directly for the post, Jean volunteers many, many days to the V.A. Hospital and has been recognized nationally for her volunteer involvement. Give her a call to thank her personally and/or if you want to join her terrific hospital team.

On September 10 at 9:00 AM District 15 Commander, George Carroll, will conduct his district meeting and SOI. It is important that we attend and participate. Once again, every member is invited, but it is imperative that the line officers attend.

Fall is also the time of year our Cookie Ladies begin their weekly baking schedule. Under the leadership of Lois Leavitt this crew has become well known throughout the nation, and greatly appreciated by the veterans of this state for the many hours they put in to bring a little joy and a smile to the veterans who get to taste the results of their great work.

Welcome to new life members Joel and Danielle Tkacik. They are both veterans of Afghanistan. Danielle and her mother own

and operate The Mason Jar Café in Estacada. Stop in when you can and welcome them into the post. I want to thank Voriece Blair, Marcus Walters, Allen Anderson, Mike O'Leary and Kathy Dunn each for recruiting a new member this month. There are many veterans out there who just need to be asked. Have you recruited yours yet?

Many, many thanks to Mathias Engblom and Katie Rundell for all the volunteer time they put into the success of the post. Taco Tuesdays is really popular because of Mathias's expertise. There is not a better Chef in the land than Mathias, and his tacos are to die for. You can also taste his expertise at the Rendezvous in Welches. Be sure to say thank you to these young people whenever you can.

As you know, there is much to do in keeping this post up and running at the level it is accustomed to. It can only maintain that level with volunteers. So, what are you waiting for? Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer!

Remember, **NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS!**

**Bert Key, Commander**

### 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

## Post Chaplain

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself" Galatians 5:14

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

Terry Boyer  
Kris Engblom  
Sharkey Haider  
Marty LeDoux  
Bill Miller

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](mailto:jimmitchell03@gmail.com)

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms  
Deuteronomy 33:27

**Post Chaplain, Jim Mitchell**

## Auxiliary Chaplain

Christina Boppre died August 1st @89 yrs. She was a longtime member and cookie lady, and a Sandy H.S. graduate. Her husband Roy was a WWII Army Sgt., 83rd Infantry, in Europe and "The Battle of the Bulge". They were married in 1946 - the year with the most marriages ever recorded.

They ran a flower shop in Seaside for a time but moved back to Sandy. She was a coupon lady in Sandy stores. She is survived by children Leroy, John and daughter Diane, also a member, and grandchildren. Our condolences to the family.

God Bless,  
Judy Gascon  
503-668-3748

## CANTEEN CORNER

Tuesday - Friday  
3:00pm to 7:00pm

Its been a fun summer at the post but I am ready for fall and football. Going to try to work out a schedule to get the games shown on nights the bar is open and maybe work on some weekend games!

BINGO has been a lot of fun. I am looking for a volunteer or two to be the caller on Wednesday nights from about 6 to 8. We need 5 players to play... so come on in for our fun prizes! Thank you so much Clyde, Roz and Voriece for your prize donations! We play 8 games, its 50 cents per card! Starts about 6pm!

Tacos are still going strong. Thanks so much Mathias for continuing to volunteer your time!

I am also wanting to start back up Friday Night Dinners, I am looking for volunteers to cook and service food about 5:00pm. If you are interested, please come in and talk to me.

Katie Rundell

## **AUXILIARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS**

This last July at the 103rd National Convention of the VFW Auxiliary in Charlotte, N.C., the delegates voted to raise the Auxiliary Life Membership age brackets by 15%. The new amounts go into effect on January 1, 2017. Now is a good time to go life and save.

Please contact Treasurer Midge Wadkins at (503) 668-6763, if you are interested in a becoming a life member.

## **Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Scholarships**

The school year is starting and with it we have the opportunity to award some lucky students with scholarships for our student programs. I have already contacted the high school and will be reaching out to the middle schools to get these programs to them.

The deadline for both programs on the local Post level is November 1st . If anyone has a child or grandchild who could participate, the applications are online at <http://www.vfw.org>.

I am very excited to be the co-chair of this program and look forward to listening and reading what our youth of today have to say about their country.

Kathy Dunn, Auxiliary Chairman

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Labor Day – September 5<sup>th</sup>

**September 9<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm**  
Auxilliary Meeting

**September 10<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am**  
District Meeting and School of Instruction at Molalla

**September 11<sup>th</sup> – 11:00am**  
Patriots Day Ceremony at Civic Plaza in Sandy with Sandy Police Department and Sandy Fire

Potluck Lunch to follow at the Post

**September 16<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm**  
Post Meeting

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**AUXILLARY**

Sept. 9th at 6:00pm

**POST**

Sept. 19th at 6:00pm

**DAILY EVENTS**

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

Wednesday: Wine Down Wednesday & Bingo at 6:00 PM

Thursday: Wii Bowling at 5:00 PM & Poker Game at 5:00 PM (Call to check on Status of game)

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](mailto:sandypost4273info@gmail.com)

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