



The Buckboard Bulletin

COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Comrades and Sisters,

On November 11th at 11:00 AM there will be a brief but appropriate Veteran's Day celebration at City Plaza. The VFW Department Commander for Oregon, Tyler Marriott will be the speaker and the event will be followed by a potluck lunch at our post. This is a significant opportunity for the VFW and our post in particular to provide leadership for our community in recognizing veterans for their service and sacrifices.

In November Buddy Poppies will be distributed as an additional way of showing gratitude for their service in defending freedom for this country and around the world. In the last two years the distribution of Buddy Poppies in November has generated donations averaging over \$3,200 per year. This is an important fundraiser for our post relief fund and for the Ladies and Men's auxiliaries. Providing support for veterans through the relief fund is one of our main purposes as an organization. It is up to our members to raise these funds by giving just three hours out of the entire month of November to distribute Buddy Poppies. Please sign up for three hours and help our veterans.

Another great way to assist veterans is to build the membership in the VFW. This helps our post to care for our local veterans and it gives the national VFW funds and the voice of more voters to maintain or improve veteran's benefits. Every member can participate in building our membership. Some of you might be wondering how you can help. There are a couple things you can do. Don't be shy about approaching an individual who seems to be a veteran. If the person is one, get their name and phone number and give it to a Post officer for follow-up. Another thing you can do is to remind any members that pay annual dues to pay them now since our new year started in July. Dues can be paid by mail or at the post. Let's get our dues up to date!

At our monthly business meeting on October 8, 2010, the membership voted to close the post on Sundays to save money. The Post fund has been supporting the canteen by contributing \$800 to \$1000 each month. This is rapidly decreasing the post funds. By closing on Sunday, which is a day of longer hours with normally very light sales, the canteen will save approximately \$400 to \$500 per month. Breakfast and bingo will be moved to Saturdays and the post will open at 10:00 AM. When the Post and canteen improve in financial condition, consideration can be given to reopening on Sundays.

United WE stand! Jim Mitchell, Commander

LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Loretta Wilson

Another month has passed and we are still working on lots of projects. We have a quilt raffle going on until November 12th to help support the bake and sew ladies. Tickets are 6 for \$5.00 so please stop by and purchase yours.

District 15 meeting was held on October 16th and we had a small turnout. The food was great thanks to Tim Wilson and all of you ladies that brought a dish.

Thanksgiving dinner will be at the post on Thanksgiving Day. Turkey and ham will be served and I would like some volunteers to help with the side dishes. There will be a sign-up list at the post. Please sign-up if you are planning on eating so we can make sure there is enough food. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a wonderful meal together.

It is soup weather so please remember to save your soup labels and bring them in to the post.

Ladies, if you have not paid your 2011 dues you need to have them in no later than November 26th.

I still need your volunteer hours so that I can turn them in to Sharon Cook. Community reports need to be turned in as soon as possible. Thank you Lois Leavitt for getting your in every month!

Our next meeting is Friday, November 12th. Please try to attend!

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MEN'S AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Gregg Radford

I discovered recently that many members of the Men's auxiliary have not received our newsletter. This was due to an input error in the computer. You can receive your news by mail or by e-mail. Just let me know which you prefer. Also, due to the computer input error I am missing information about your membership dates. You can e-mail me or call the canteen and give us your update. For some of you this may be your first newsletter!

We are in great need of more participation from members of this auxiliary. At our last meeting we only had two attendees, one of which was myself. There are important matters to discuss and vote upon. This is a great opportunity for any of you interested in having a voice in the issues at hand. We also need new ideas and people who are interested in helping our post thrive and make a difference in the lives of veterans and their families in our community.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 13th, 2010 at 2:00 PM. One of the topics up for discussion is the possibility of changing the day and time of our monthly meetings to accommodate more members.

I hope to see some of you at the meeting!

Sincerely,
Gregg Radford

POST CHAPLAIN

Melissa Samels

Our prayers and thoughts are with Helga Finn, a long time member of the post, who recently passed away. He will be greatly missed.

John Metzger's wife, Kathleen, has also passed away this month. Our sympathy and prayers are with John and his family.

"For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." 2 Corinthians 5:1
Al Lindholm is recovering from knee replacement surgery which went well. He is currently at Legacy Gresham for rehabilitation on that knee. We hope you get to go home soon, Al!

Melissa Samels

AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

Judy Gascon (503) 668-3748

Sisters,

We have lost two of our dearest members this month. Aloha Jones, a long-standing member, passed away peacefully on October 12th. Her family was with her until the end. The memorial service was held on October 16th. Special condolences go out to Aloha's daughter Leilani Webb and her granddaughter, Tiffany Polk. I had a very pleasant phone call with Tiffany who is now taking care of her granddad.

Kathleen Metzger also passed away. She and her husband were original charter members who joined at the opening of the post in 1972. Our post used to be in the building, which is now the Sandy library. Special condolences to her husband John who was our first Quartermaster.

Elaine Horeling of The Dalles lost her husband Gene this month. Gene was also a long time member. Our deepest sympathies go out to Elaine.

Ruthie Jackson was visiting her sister back east after her niece unexpectedly passed away and took a bad fall. She needed up in the hospital while she was there but has now returned home and is slowly recuperating. So sorry Ruthie!

Mona Lee Nafts is doing all right after changing medication. We had an enjoyable phone conversation and she is not experiencing any new problems.

Penny Edwards unexpectedly lost her grandson. Our sympathy and prayers go out to Penny and her family. Penny has been a wonderful and dedicated VFW volunteer for many years.

**Breakfast & Bingo on 11/6/10
PROCEEDS TO HELP SUPPORT THE CANTEEN
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- 1) BREAKFAST CASSEROLE, FRUIT & toast
- 2) FRENCH toast, FRUIT, bacon & Eggs
- 3) Pancakes, FRUIT, bacon & Eggs

**HELP SUPPORT THE CANTEEN and Fill up! TOP
OFF with Bingo!**

**REMEMBER THAT B & B is now on
Saturdays!!!**

Kit and DORA Cooking

RAMBLINGS from the WAGON ROOM

Anni Kruckenberg

There is no doubt that fall has arrived! As some of you already know, we are closing the canteen on Sundays beginning November 1st. We will be serving breakfast and having bingo on Saturdays, beginning November 7th. The canteen will open at 10:00 AM instead of 12:30 PM.

There have been a few members who have voiced their concerns and opinions regarding this decision. Sunday is a day with the most hours and usually very light in business. By closing one day in the week we can avoid closing for several, shorter days therefore being able to open more days for our members. Hopefully through more member participation and increased membership we will be able to consider reopening on Sunday in the future.

We are lacking in volunteers to help with cooking dinners and breakfasts. We Need HELP!

There are several events this month that are in my opinion worth attending.

On Veteran's Day there will be a celebration at Civic Plaza and followed by a potluck here at the Post. I would really like to see

a good turnout! It would be great if everyone brought a potluck dish and make this a successful event. Veteran's Day is an important day honoring all of you! This is your Day!

Thanksgiving Day we are serving ham and turkey. Everyone is welcome! I always felt that this was a holiday for sharing time with friends and family. I like to think of the members of our post as both, so come down and celebrate!

I would like to thank Kit and Dora for volunteering to cook the first breakfast of the month for the next three months and donating the proceeds to the canteen. The funds are really needed!

I would also like to say a special thank you to Charles Jordan. Every month Charles generously donates and supports our post to help us survive. Let us all give him a big thank you!

We have a new micro-brew on tap called Winterfish Ale, which is pretty tasty. The Whipped Cream Vodka has been a huge hit, just ask Bonnie Hershberger... Hey Bonnie, it's my favorite too! (Made into a "Whiptini!")

Well, everyone get your umbrellas out if you have them, November is here!

VORIECE'S VOICE

Voriece Blair, Cancer Chairperson

First off, I would like to thank the sisters that have stepped up and held fundraisers for cancer. Karen Taylor had a breakfast for Leukemia and lymphoma. Becky Ping held a Texas Hold'em tournament for Leukemia and Lymphoma and Roni Homsley held a movie night and bake sale to raise funds for breast cancer. THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH!

It has come to my attention that some of our sisters do not know about cancer grants from National. If you have been diagnosed with cancer and meet the following requirements, please contact me and I will get an application for you.

- Applicants must be a member of the Ladies Auxiliary for one full year.
- Surgery for treatment after one full year of membership.
- Current dues must be paid before applying for a cancer grant.
- After twelve months have passed from the date of last surgery, treatment or diagnosis application will not be accepted.
- A member is allowed two grants during her lifetime. Twelve months must elapse between surgery and or treatment for a second application to be considered. Continuous treatment, which lasts beyond the twelve-month period, will qualify for a second grant.
- Applications will not be accepted for deceased members.
- Grants "in process" (date stamped upon receipt at National at National Headquarters) at the time of a member's death will be processed.

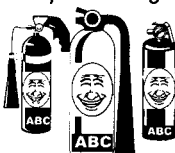
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JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Todd Kruckenberg

Friday and Saturday, November 20th and 21st, we are distributing Buddy Poppies. I am asking each of you to sign up for at least one shift so that it is not left up to a few people to spend a lot of time to fill vacant spots. This is an import task to help build our relief fund. Anni will be posting a sign-up sheet at the post during the first week of November.

We had on our first Buddy Poppy Committee meeting and came up with some ideas and strategies for the upcoming months. If you would like to be a part of the committee and have input the next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 3rd at 6:30 PM. Hope see you there!

Sincerely,
Todd Kruckenberg

BERT KEY "DID YOU KNOW?"

History indicates the Cross of Malta, the emblem of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, is about 1,000 years old. Nearly ten centuries ago the Maltese Cross was made the symbol of fighting men who were united by a solemn pledge of comradeship to fight for freedom and to aid the sick and the needy. Those ancient obligations are still symbolized by the Cross of Malta today, for the more than two million American former servicemen who are the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Cross of Malta is the symbol of their battles in time of war and of their campaign to defend the God given rights of human beings in time of peace.

To appreciate fully the original meaning of the Cross of Malta we must look back a thousand years, to the Crusaders serving in the Middle East. There we find the Knights of Saint John, the world's first great brotherhood of warriors pledged to chivalry. The Knights of Saint John represented all walks of life. They were noblemen, priests, artisans, and laborers. Regardless of those differences, however, they were united by a solemn pledge of unwavering courage and compassion. Together they fought against oppression. The knights carried their crusades far from home across deserts and seas, into the Holy Land, Cyprus, Rhodes and Malta. At the same time they administered to the sick, the needy and to the poor. The Crusaders adopted the Cross of Malta as their insignia because its eight points represented the eight Beatitudes prescribed in the Sermon on the Mount. Those, in effect, declared:

- (1) blessed are the poor in spirit,
- (2) the meek,
- (3) the pure,
- (4) the merciful, and
- (5) the peacemakers,
- (6) blessed are they that mourn, and
- (7) seek righteousness, and
- (8) blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness sake.

The Cross of Malta had a religious origin but the Knights of Saint John also made it their battle standard for the liberation of all men, women, and children who suffered oppression. The ideals for which the original Crusaders fought parallel the principles of democracy today, freedom and justice.

Centuries passed to the year 1899. Again fighting men banded together. Again they pledged themselves to campaign for the rights of mankind and to administer to the sick, the needy, and to the poor. That was the birth of a new organization, known today as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Dancing and Jewelry By Jean Bettencourt

Everyone is welcome to join the dance group that meets upstairs every Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 7:30PM. It is a line dance group so no partners are necessary. A lot of fun and good exercise enjoyed by all. If you decide to join the group on a regular basis, a minimal \$25 fee every 4 months will cover the cost of the CD's and step sheets that you will receive in class. Don't be afraid because we aren't good, just having fun. If you have any questions please call me at 503-663-0510.

I am going to take the jewelry out of the canteen about the middle of November to take to sales that I have scheduled. I have barely sold anything and would like to be able to write a bigger check for the cancer fund. I am selling the jewelry at just above cost, so that I can donate all the profit to the cancer fund. I am not making any money on it.
Sincerely, Jean

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		Buddy Poppy Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	Wayne's Martial Arts Class upstairs 6-7:30	Veteran's Day Service & Potluck 11:00	MEETING NIGHT Ladies 6:45PM Post 8:00PM	Breakfast 10:00 – Noon & Bingo 1:00 – 3:00 Kit & Dora's Canteen Fundraiser!
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
CLOSED	Wayne's Martial Arts Class upstairs 6-7:30PM	Taco Night 5-7PM Dance Class upstairs 6-7:30PM	Taco Night 5-7PM Dance Class upstairs 6-7:30PM	Wayne's Martial Arts Class upstairs 6-7:30	Wayne's Martial Arts Class upstairs 6-7:30	Breakfast 10:00 – Noon Bingo 1:00 – 3:00 Men's Aux. Meeting 2:00 PM
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- Ronald Reagan -

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