

Sandy VFW Post 4273 & Auxiliary

“First to Serve our Veterans”

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Auxiliary President's Message

Buckboard Bulletin
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

As we begin to roll into the holiday season I hope this note finds everyone safe and in a festive mood. October was a busy month but with the help of many volunteers we were able to accomplish our mission.

A group of us made up of Kit Spitzengel, Joanne Gunderson, Chris Statstad, Voriece Blair, Allen Anderson and Mike O'Leary visited Firwood School and spent three hours teaching the 4th and 5th Graders flag etiquette, and the proper way to raise and lower the flag. The 5th Graders are now responsible for raising and lowering the flag at their school. Everyone in our group agreed it was fun being around all that youthful energy and want to do it again.

We have been invited to other elementary schools in the community in the near future. It would be great to get more of you involved in helping. The children really enjoy seeing you.

Many thanks to Gerry Gomes for volunteering his expertise and equipment to build a wheel chair ramp in the home of one of our WWII veterans'. The veteran was house bound and unable to go outside. He can now get outside and enjoy the fresh air.

Under the guidance of Mike O'Leary, the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen programs are coming together rather nicely. Word is we will have several VOD entries, and many Patriots' Pen entries to

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Once again I'm starting my newsletter on a sad note. On October 19, 2016 we lost another life member Alberta "Birdie" Foust. Birdie was a past president of our auxiliary, and volunteered many hours helping our veterans. We will all

miss her. Thank you to the post and auxiliary members that attended the service, and a huge thank you to Judy Gascon, Jean Bettencourt, and Jackie Key for helping me preform the service. I appreciate your stepping up and helping every time I ask.

Our Buddy Poppy Chairman Wanda Michael needs lots of help with our poppy distribution. Please come into the post and check the schedule, sign up for just one 2 hour shift. The money we raise is put in our relief fund so that we can help our veterans when they need it.

Our Commander, Bert mentioned our service on Veteran's Day and that we will be putting together a potluck luncheon, so everyone please bring your favorite dish,

HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE

Voriece Blair, Auxiliary President

Post Chaplain

judge. We will have a Pizza Party in the near future for those students, so look for that date and time TBD, so you also can attend and do your part in supporting the students.

We need more volunteers to help with our Buddy Poppy Drive. Wanda Michael has done

an outstanding job of taking charge and organizing the program. Please drop by the Post and sign up for a Buddy Poppy shift, or call the Post and ask us to sign up a time for you. Remember, this is our major fundraiser for the year, and all of the money goes to helping veterans in need.

Everyone is invited to help us celebrate the United States Marine Corps 241st Birthday at the Post on the 10th of November beginning at 6:00 PM.

Take the lead in remembering our veterans. Mark the 11th hour of November 11th on your calendars to attend our Veterans Day Program at Civic Plaza across from Sandy City Hall. Our guest speaker will be Oregon Department Surgeon John Wrinkle. John is an amazing speaker and an exciting person to be around. A pot luck lunch will be served at the Post after the ceremony. Come out and celebrate rain or shine! We owe it to our veterans. Remember, **NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS!**

Bert Key, Commander

Our condolences go to the family of Gordon Wegener (died 8.18.16; celebration of life 9.27.16) and the family of Terry Boyer (died 10.9.16, celebration of life 10.20.16)

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also

Luke 12:22-34

If you know of a member who is having health issues or a member who has passed away please let me know -

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Post Chaplain, Jim Mitchell

Post Officers

Auxiliary Officers

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.

Psalm 55:22

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

- Kris Engblom
- Sharkey Haider
- Marty LeDoux
- Bill Miller
- K.O. Towery

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
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2 Year Trustee	Marcus Walters
3 Year Trustee	Ken Hershberger
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Service Officer	Marcus Walters

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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

CANTEEN CORNER

Tuesday – Friday
3:00pm to 7:00pm

Thank you everyone that came and helped with the Halloween Party. Thank you Sardi for your help and Voriece for helping with the Spaghetti dinner.

Voriece “The Jail Bird” Blaire, won Best Female Costume. Kris “The Trapper” Engblom won Best Male Costume. And Allen and Cindy Anderson won Best Couple Costume. (Allen your prize is at the bar).

Thank you Annie for helping call BINGO on Wednesday nights for Tina! Bingo is going great and I would like to thank those of you that have been donating prizes!

I am looking for volunteers to prepare and serve Friday night dinners again, mainly for meetings nights on the 2nd & 3rd Fridays. If you are interested please let me know for when!

Thanks you for your support!

Katie Rundell

Auxiliary Chaplain

Hello my name is Judy Gascon. I am the VFW Auxiliary Chaplain – Sandy Post. I will be talking mainly about Birdie’s volunteer work today.

Birdie joined the VFW in 1992 with husband Al on his WWII Army service in Europe as 1st Sgt. In 1993 they began volunteering at the Veterans Hospital. In the beginning they had to get up at 4 am to get a parking space. Their VA service totaled 18 years. For 11 of those year, she was the VA Dept. Representative for the Auxiliary. Total VA hours were 3,219. Other VFW volunteer work included Nursing Home Chairman 1994, Sr. Vice President 1995, President 1996, and District President 2001. Her daughter, Sarah (US Army)

was Post Commander the same year Birthday was Auxiliary, the first mother daughter team

She also volunteered at the Sandy Senior Center, Clackamas Valley Support Group Leader, and Hospice Volunteer. Birdie made a special poppy dress for the 1997 VFW Convention. Now that's dedication. Three of their five children joined the Army. I asked Al if he was the General of this outfit?

Sarah is a retired E-6 Staff Sgt., and still has a civilian Army Employee command job at Fort Sam Houston. She was also the first female District Commander. Ralph is still active in the Army Reserve at Fort Lewis in Washington as a weekend warrior in Avionics on Chinook helicopters. Patricia is retired from the Army Signal Corps (Europe). Kay has been staying with her folds this past year. All 5, Sarah, Ralph, Patricia, Kay and Ray were present at Birdie's passing. Sarah said Al will still calling her his "Bride" and holding hands at the end.

God Bless,

Judy Gascon

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 5-6th, 8th, 11-12th
Buddy Poppy Donations at Sandy
Fred Meyers and Sandy &
Damascus Bi-Marts

November 8th
ELECTION DAY

November 10th
Marine Corps Birthday Party
6:00pm at the Post

November 11th
VETERANS DAY

November 11th
6:00 PM Auxillary Meeting

November 18th
6:00 Post Meeting

November 24th
Thanksgiving

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AUXILLARY
NOV 11th at 6:00pm
POST
NOV 18th 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

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