

The Buckboard Bulletin

“First to serve our Veterans”

January 2011

COMMANDER’S COMMENTS

Comrades and Sisters:

Happy New Year and may the coming year be a great year for you and your family. The Post and its auxiliaries had many notable accomplishments during the past year and we expect to have another excellent year in 2011.

On December 10th Merle Stewart assumed the position of Junior Vice Commander, replacing Todd Kruckenberg. Merle has been very active in supporting post activities, always helping with the Buddy Poppy distribution as well as other post events and projects. We welcome Merle to his new role.

Special thanks go to Tim, Loretta and others who put on a Thanksgiving dinner at the post for all who were able to attend. Our appreciation also goes to Becky, Loretta, Dora, Jackie, Bert and Lois, plus all those who decorated the post, for the very successful Christmas parties for the children and the adults. A big thank you to Allen Anderson, as well, for donating the very large and very beautiful Christmas tree for upstairs.

Congratulations to the winners in the Patriot’s Pen and Voice of Democracy essay competition at the post and district level. From among nearly 100 entries in the Patriot’s Pen contest at the post level, 1st place was Grace Knapp who received \$300; 2d place was Mikayla Lindsay receiving \$200; and 3d place was Raquel Pellecer receiving \$100. All three were from Bor-ing Middle School. Grace Knapp also placed second at the district level and Mikayla placed third. Rachel Davis from Barlow High School placed first in the Voice of Democracy competition at the post level receiving \$300 and placed second at the district level for an additional \$200.

Mark January 22 on your calendar to be at Jim Turin’s fabulous steak and prawn dinner. You don’t want to miss his dinner that is always one of the highlights of the year.

Our membership drive is gaining momentum, but to reach our goal we will need to remind our annual members to pay their 2011 dues; their 2010 membership expired December 31. Plus we need all of us to reach out to non-member veterans in the area by talking to those who appear to be veterans and, if they are eligible, get their name and telephone number for a follow-up call from our membership team.

United We Stand!
Jim Mitchell, Commander

Ladies Auxiliary President’s Message

Ladies,

Well, It's been a real busy month and a half for me. Thanksgiving dinner went well. Thanks to all of you that donated food.

Buddy poppy drive went okay even though the weather was very very cold. Hopefully I will get the results soon from the quartermaster.

The children's Christmas party went well with 17 children present. Pictures were taken of all that sat on Santa's lap including some adults. What great sports they were. The adults party had 22 active gift exchange participants, and a few other members just for the fun night out.

In the month of January we will be having a few fundraiser events for different charities. Please stop by and find out what they are.

Remember ladies we are here to support our veterans , our cancer aid and research, and all the other causes we have supported for so many years. Without your support we can not help those in need.

I am still waiting for your community reports to be turned in.

Six more months of my duty as president left, please keep in mind of finding a replacement.

Sincerely, President Loretta Wilson

January Calendar

Every Wed.	Taco Night—5pm
Every Sat.	Breakfast—10am
Every Sat.	Bingo—1pm
Every Mon	Canteen Closed
Jan 8	Men's Aux Meeting—2:00pm
Jan 13	House Committee Meeting—5:30pm
Jan 14	Ladies Aux meeting 6:45pm
Jan 14	Post Meeting —8:00pm
Jan 22	Jim Turin’s steak and prawn —6:00pm

POW/MIA News

Soldier Missing in Action from World War I Identified

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced today that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from World War I, have been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

Army Private Henry A. Weikel, 28, of Mt. Carmel, Pa., will be buried on Dec. 9 in Annville, Pa. On Sept. 16, 1918, as part of the 60th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division, his unit encountered heavy enemy artillery barrage and machine gun fire near Jaulny, France, in a wooded area known as Bois de Bonvaux. Weikel was killed during the battle and his remains were buried with two other soldiers in a wooded area between Bois de Bonvaux and Bois de Grand Fontaine.

Attempts to locate his remains by U.S. Army Graves Registration personnel following the war were unsuccessful.

In September 2006, French nationals hunting for metal in the area found human remains and World War I artifacts. A Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command team, operating near the location, was notified of the discovery and recovered human remains upon excavating the site.

The Post Chaplain

Melissa Samels 503 668 4849

Our hearts and prayers go out to the family of life time member Curtis Hampton. He will be missed greatly by all who knew him.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's. As we start a new year I hope everyone will continue in the Christmas spirit and carry on serving friends and people in our community with good deeds.

"Kindness to the poor is a loan to the Lord, and He will give a reward to the lender." {Proverbs 19:17}

Post Web Site

www.vfw4273.org

The Auxiliary Chaplain

Judy Gascon 503 668 3748

Dear sisters,

This months report is shorter than usual. I would assume that is a good thing and most of you are doing well.

I talked with Laura Baron again who is the mother of Pamela Hofer. Pamela was in last months report. She had to return to the hospital for another surgery, and all went well. Pamela has had a real rough go this past year and needs plenty of prayers on our part. Also her husband has not been well either.

Please remember Laura Baron in your prayers also because we all know how it can be a burden on mothers.

Susan Knott's mother fell and broke her hip and is now bed ridden. Please send out those prayers for Susan and her mother also.

Hope you all had a blessed Christmas and a have wonderful new year.

As usual am always available for visits and will send out get well cards for anyone in need.

Sincerely,

Judy Gascon Ladies aux Chaplain

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Chris Wilson

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From its beginning, the American Red Cross has formed a community of service, of generous, strong and decent people bound by beliefs beyond themselves. The American Red Cross blood donor embodies this principle. Please join us in our mission to maintain a safe and stable blood supply by making your appointment to donate blood today.

To find out where you can donate, visit www.redcrossblood.org/ or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733 2767).

I hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday. We now need to get back to work on our programs, my first fundraiser for Cancer in 2011 will be Turkey Dumplings, Salad, Roll & Dessert \$7.00 meeting night Friday January 14th, 5:00 P.M. till ?

I hope to see all of you there let's get this year off to a great start.

START THIS NEW YEAR RIGHT GET YOUR PHYSICALS NOW!!!

Voriece Cancer Chairperson

Canteen News

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The House Committee has decided to change the day the canteen/bar is closed. Effective January 1, 2011 the canteen/bar will be open on Sundays at noon and closed on Mondays, except for Monday January 10 when it will be open for the Oregon game. Breakfast and Bingo will continue to be on Saturdays. All of the recent changes have been in an effort to improve our financial position and ensure that our post remains healthy and active in its support of veterans.

Friday January 7 will be "Cook Your Own Steak" night complete with all the trimmings for \$6.00 per person.

Red Davis has resigned from the House Committee for health reasons so a replacement is needed. If you are willing to serve on the team that sets policy for the canteen, please let any officer know as soon as possible.

Several members are needed who are willing to help cook breakfast on the days assigned to the post. With extra cooks a person would normally only serve once every couple of months.

Claim your coat that has been on the rack by the back door before Jan 31, 2011 or it will be donated to charity.

FYI... new bartender duties will be posted on the bulletin board by the back door.

REMEMBER

SAVE YOUR CAMPBELLS Food Labels for our VFW National Home for Children. The National Home will save up these labels and purchase brand new vans for use by the National Home. Labels can be turned in at the Post Canteen attention Nancy Amonson, Ladies Auxiliary National Home Chair."

"The Ladies Auxiliary VFW National is asking for help to remodel the bathrooms in the Guest Lodge/ Chapel at the VFW National Home for Children. The Guest Lodge/Chapel was built with funds from the Ladies Auxiliaries years ago and it is time for an upgrade. The Guest Lodge is available for all members in good standing to stay for a small fee whenever you are travelling though Eaton Rapids, Illinois. A visit to our VFW National Home will warm your heart."

New Daily Canteen Menu

- Halibut Fish & Chips -\$ 5.50
- Chicken Strips and Fries - \$4.50
- Crispy Chicken Salad - \$4.00
- Shrimp Cocktail - \$1.50
- French Fries - \$2.50
- Nachos - \$2.50

Join Us for Post and Auxiliary meetings!
Post & Ladies - 1/14/10
Men's Auxiliary - 1/8/10



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