



Sandy VFW Post & Aux

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“First to serve our Veterans”

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Greetings to all!

Here we are at the busiest time of the year. Our Christmas party at the post was on Dec.16 and did we have a good time. Great food, gift exchange and companionship we're enjoyed by all.

On Dec.17 we had our kid's Christmas party. Santa had a wonderful time talking to the kids and giving out gifts. Santa and children had time to visit and take many photo's, before he had to leave back to the north pole. He told me that you are all very nice children, and he can't wait to see you next Christmas! Hope everyone has a great Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Everyone who knew Tony Vaccha and family will sure miss them. They were a great help to our post, and gave true meaning to family values.

Remember that our post and auxiliary are our only as good as it's members. The leadership that we have from the state, district, and post levels are as good as they get. So now it's up to the members to jump in and help at all levels by making our post the greatest one in the state.

Volunteer, recruit and get the word out to our community about what we do for our veteran's.

Please remember,
All gave some,
Some gave all.

Terry Boyer, Post Commander.

January Calendar

Every Day	Canteen Menu (Except Monday)
Every Mon	Canteen Closed
Every Tues.	Domino night
Every Wed.	Taco and Poker Night—5pm
Every Sat.	Tailgate Party
Jan 1	House committee meeting 12:30
Jan 20	Post Meeting, 6pm
Jan 15	Youth Group 12:30

Ladies Auxiliary President's Message

It is almost a new year already. I am very proud of all the work that you have done this past year. I sincerely want to thank all of you who have worked so hard.

Kay Gomez served on the Post's committee for the VOD and Patriot's Pen contest. Thank you Kay for taking time out of your busy schedule to work on this very important youth program. I also want to thank Jim Mitchell for including me in the awards ceremonies. It was a real honor.

The Auxiliary program “Young American Creative Patriotic Art” contest is still active though. This is another opportunity for the youth in our community to receive scholarship funds. Kay got the information out early to the high school and Kit Spitzengel has also offered her support for this program. Please encourage the kids you know in grades 9-12 to participate. Kit has entry forms or you can get them online at the national website for the Ladies Auxiliary. The deadline for this program is March 31st.

We have just finished our Adopt A Family program. I want to thank Jewel Lamb and La Velle Stadey for taking charge. I also want to thank all of you who took tags from our tree of wishes and donated toys for the kids. Once again, Becky Ping asked the company she works for, Accent Marketing, to participate in our program. They donated many great gifts for our families. Thank you so much Becky and company. Another thank you is sent out to all the ladies who helped get all those great gifts wrapped and out to the families.

We had our Children's Christmas Party and once again Becky Ping did an outstanding job at making this a real delight for the children who attended. Becky deserves a great big thank you for all of her hard work. If your family didn't attend, they missed a good time.

Our own youth group will meet each month on the 3rd Sunday from 12:30 until 2:30. Debbie Glenzer spends many hours preparing for each meeting, so please put this on your calendar. Debbie, her family and Judy Gascon delivered the gifts that were made by the kids (and parents) to Cascadia and handed them out to the grateful veterans there. Thank you so much Debbie and Judy.

I want to wish all of you and your families, a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Jean Bettencourt
President, VFW Ladies Auxiliary

Quartermasters Corner

I would like to thank Nick Charlebois and Justin Williams for stepping forward and volunteering to help with the work necessary to keep our Post running.

Nick will help me with membership, dues and communication. Justin will help with building maintenance and barbecuing at Post outings.

We need more members, like these two young men, to step forward and volunteer to help out. Please Contact any of the Post's Officers and tell them that you would like to volunteer.

Yours in Comradeship,
Bill

2012 AUXILIARY MEMEBERSHIP

Dues reminder notices were put in the mail to all annual Ladies Auxiliary members on July 7, 2011. Please pay your 2012 dues as soon as possible. Send your \$20.00 annual dues to

Sandy Ladies Auxiliary #4273
PO Box 1262,
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If you are interested in becoming a Life Member please call Jackie Key, Membership Chair at 503 668-8418. Payment plans are available for the first time this year. Help you're Auxiliary attain 100%. Send your dues in now!

VA News

WASHINGTON – U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric K. Shinseki announced today that HUD will provide \$2.4 million to public housing agencies to supply permanent housing and case management for homeless veterans in the U.S.

This funding, from HUD's Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program (HUD-VASH), is a coordinated effort by HUD, VA, and local housing agencies to provide permanent housing for homeless veterans. Today's funding will support 435 vouchers in 18 communities.

The Auxiliary Chaplain

Judy Gascon

503 668 3748

Vivian Minnick, a life member of our Auxiliary, passed away on November 14th. Her service was held on November 20th. Vivian is survived by her husband Jimmy, a retired policeman, and life member of our post.

I send you wishes for a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year

Judy Gascon

Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain

The Post Chaplain

Melissa Samels 503 668 4849

As the joy and giving of Christmas ended, and we start a new year, we still need to remember those who need a little compassion in their lives.

“One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.”

{Proverbs 11:24-25}

Please keep Chuck Lutz in our prayers for a fast and speedy recovery from his recent injury.

Newsletter articles are due Jan. 20 for the Feb. Newsletter. Contact your editor at: admin@vfw4273.org

Post Officers

Ladies Auxiliary Officers

Men's Auxiliary Officers

Commander	Terry Boyer	President	Jean Bettencourt	President:	Dan Vaughn
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Adjutant		Guard	Helene Hawkins		
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HONOR YOUR POST MEMBERSHIP

Not everyone is eligible to join the VFW. Not everyone has served in hostile territory. But every member of the VFW has. Take advantage of the benefits and the community of support. You've earned it. Your membership helps give us a louder voice in Washington D C for passage of new benefits of the G.I. bill. December is here so if you haven't already paid your dues for next year please catch up now. Stop by the post, go online, or mail your \$26.00 to VFW POST 4273 P.O. box 404 Sandy, OR. 97055. Thanks to everyone for your support and Patriotism.

Merle Stewart SR. Vice

VFW WELCOMES HOME IRAQ VETS

Obligation to 'pay it forward' keeps organization relevant

WASHINGTON — With the war in Iraq officially over, the national commander of America's oldest and largest major combat veterans' organization is now urging his membership to redouble their efforts to welcome home this new generation of warrior, and to offer to serve as mentors through their transition to civilian status.

"Coming home is easy, the next step isn't because the checklists are gone," said Richard L. DeNoyer, the national commander of the 2 million-member Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. and its Auxiliaries. "Whether you return to college — thanks to the Post-9/11 GI Bill that the VFW was instrumental in getting passed — or use your benefits to learn trades, obtain professional licenses or just jump right into employment, I want everyone to know that the VFW has your back."

DeNoyer, a retired Marine and Vietnam combat veteran from Middleton, Mass., said the greatest guidance VFW members can provide is perspective, since every VFW member once returned home from their wars and has successfully moved on with their lives. He also said VFW families are also a rich source of "how to" advice, since they all experienced the anxiety that came from sending a loved one to war.

POWMIA News

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (Dec. 2, 2011) - The U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command will host an Arrival Ceremony Friday, Dec. 9 at 9 a.m. in Hangar 35, to honor fallen U.S. personnel whose identities remain unknown.

An honor detail made up of joint military members will escort six flag-draped transfer cases from a U.S. military plane to JPAC's Central Identification Laboratory for analyses.

The remains receiving full military honors represent losses associated with World War II and the Vietnam War. The first five transfer cases represent individuals unaccounted-for from World War II and were recovered from the United Kingdom, Canada, the Republic of Vanuatu, the Federal Republic of Germany, and the Independent State of Papua New Guinea. The final transfer case was recovered from the Lao People's Democratic Republic and represents Vietnam War losses.

Once the transfer cases arrive at JPAC's laboratory, the process of forensically identifying the individuals will begin. If and when identifications are established, the names will be announced following next-of-kin notification.

Falling directly under the U.S. Pacific Command, JPAC is a jointly-manned organization of more than 400 military and civilian specialists who research, investigate, recover and identify Americans who remain unaccounted-for from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Cold War.



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New Daily Canteen Menu (Closed Monday)

Halibut Fish & Chips -\$ 5.50
Chicken Strips and Fries - \$4.50
Shrimp Cocktail - \$1.50
French Fries - \$2.50
Onion Rings—\$2.75
Jalapeno Poppers—6 for \$3.50

**Join Us for Post and
Auxiliary meetings!**

**Post - 1/20/12
Ladies - 1/13/12**



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