

# The Buckboard Bulletin

"First to serve our Veterans"

February 2007

## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

The renovation at the post is coming along very nicely. If you have not been in for a while, you owe it to yourself to drop by for a visit. Kris and Dan have volunteered a lot of their personal time making the place look good. We have been non-smoking now for a month and I have received a lot of comments from people who appreciate that the post membership had the courage to make such a change. The atmosphere inside the Cantina is now conducive to all of the members health concerns and not just the few. If you have not frequented the Cantina because of the cigarette smoke you too will be pleasantly pleased at how clean the air is. Business is good. As more and more people patronize the post facilities we are better able to help veterans in need. I would like to invite everyone to the Super Bowl Party on February 4th. That will be a good time to watch a great football game on our new 50 inch Plasma Television. It will also be a great time to renew old, and kindle new acquaintances. Remember, creating the bar as a fund raiser to better help veterans was, and remains, the primary reason for it's being.

The bugle has arrived and we used it for the first time at a veteran's memorial on 28 January. Tim Wilson played it well. The sound permeating through the Hall was emotional. In addition to Tim, Al

Lindholm, Al Foust, Chuck Lutz, Nick Roth, and myself conducted the ceremony. You would have been proud of the professionalism of this fine group representing your post.

Recruiting continues to increase our numbers. As of this writing I am proud to announce the post is 100 % strength and counting. We were instrumental in helping District 15 become the first 100 % District in the state. A hardy thank you goes out to every one of you who went above and beyond to bring in new members or encourage old ones to continue their membership. I am very proud of your recruiting efforts. There is more work to be done in the recruiting area so keep looking for qualified people.

In addition to Emily Secomb, our Voice of Democracy winner, our Teacher of the Year nominee, Linda Urbanowski, won the state title. She now enters the national level as Oregon's representative. She is an excellent teacher. We are very proud of her and wish her good luck.

As a reminder, we will generally have two Breakfast/BINGO's each month. Breakfast time is 10:00-12:00 AM, and BINGO begins at 1:00 PM. This is a great breakfast, at a good price, and a good fund raiser for both the Post and Auxiliary. I encourage you to get out and support these events. See you there. Semper Fi!

Bert Key, Commander

## Coming Events

Super Bowl Party	<b>Feb 4</b>
House Committee Meeting	<b>Feb 7</b>
Mid-Winter Conf (Eugene)	<b>Feb 10-11</b>
Post & Auxiliary Meetings	<b>Feb 16</b>
Prime Rib Dinner	<b>Feb 17</b>
Texas Hold'em Tournament	<b>Feb 18</b>
Birthday Party	<b>Feb 23</b>
Breakfast / Bingo (Post)	<b>Feb 25</b>

## President's Message

After a quiet January we are all looking forward to the many activities in February. The Auxiliary did have a breakfast and BINGO which was a fund raiser for the general fund. We will be having another breakfast and BINGO in February. Come on in and enjoy the new non-smoking atmosphere and have a good breakfast. Your participation in post activities is appreciated and goes a long way in supporting the needs of veterans.

Ladies, if you have not paid your dues for 2007, please take the time to mail your check or stop by the post and leave it with the bartender on duty. Membership is the lifeblood of the Auxiliary.

Lori Merritt and I are attending the Mid-Winter conference this month in Eugene and I will report on the Voice of Democracy winners in our next meeting and newsletter. As you know Emily Secomb is the post winner and also won the district title. We wish her luck at state.

Helene Hawkins is having a prime rib dinner on the 17th. This dinner is a fund raiser for the bake and sew ladies. The cost of the dinner is \$12.00 and will be served from 5 to 7 PM. There are a limited number of tickets, so come in and get yours. Helene has cooked prime rib for us before and it is delicious.

## From Your Editor

Jackie Key

All committee reports are due to me by **February 20th** for the March newsletter.

Contact your editor at:  
cavalry1@teleport.com

## The Post Chaplain

Nick Roth

It was inevitable that another month would not go by without the loss of another comrade. Since our December pre-Christmas meeting, we have lost two more life members: Louis Radford in December and Bud Bess in early January. Louis was in Rest Harbor assisted care center last time I saw him and was in very high spirits. He said the doctors told him he had little time left. Louis was a very active man and greatly loved by family and friends, and Annette, his wife of 61 years. Bud Bess was active in post matters in spite of his infirmities. Our condolences go out to his family, especially his wife Lorraine. Denny Bridges has acquired a motorized car for around the house. He would appreciate a visit from his comrades. Gary Brandon is doing much better but is still having difficulties going up and

down stairs. Robert Johnson Jr. is convalescing at home. No word from Vern Simshaw or Clint Swearingen, but we wish them both the best of health. Many of our comrades send their best wishes to Bill Mullenburg, Reuban Pearson, Roger Redman and Lyle Scharwtz. Please call my home (503-668-6225) and let me know how you are doing. To those who are ill or afflicted we offer our sincere best wishes and prayers. God Bless the Veterans.

## The Auxiliary Chaplain

Bonnie Hershberger

Margaret Inman is in the hospital. Dorothy Lindland is home from the hospital recovering. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

God bless us one and all.



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### County Veterans Service Officer :

A representative from the County's Veteran Service Office will be available in Sandy at the VFW Hall, from 10 AM to Noon, the third Thursday of every month, continuing on February 15th. The county offers a free service to assist veterans and their eligible dependents in filing for, advocating for, and obtaining federal VA entitlements and other pertinent ancillary benefits. If you have questions about your entitlement to VA benefits, including using the VA for health care needs, or you need help with filing a claim or an existing claim, please stop by the VFW Hall during one of their visits. Please also feel free to come by to get acquainted or to ask questions about VA benefits. If you are unable to come in during their visit to Sandy, please contact the County Veteran Service Office at 503-650-5631 for assistance. Bert

Applications for a Men's Auxiliary are being taken. The requirements to join are similar to the women for the Women's Auxiliary. If you know of any man who might be interested in joining, please contact Bob Dunn or Larry Merritt.

### Post Officers

2006-2007

### Auxiliary Officers

Commander	Bert Key	President	Kathy Dunn
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		Editor	Jackie Key

Mid-Winter

Conference

February 10-11, 2007

Eugene

### SUPER BOWL PARTY!

The Post Commander will host a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 4th at the Cantina. Catch all of the action on our brand new 50 inch Panasonic Plasma Television. Watching a football game on this baby is a whole new experience. Playback Referees should use this TV for clarification when a play is challenged on the field. Come and be a part of a great American tradition with some of your closest friends. Guests are welcome. Bring your favorite Super Bowl food.

### CANTEEN CORNER

**Lori Merritt**

The House Committee welcomes **Lori Merritt** as the new Bar Manager and says a BIG thank you to **Barb Siberz** for a job well done.

**Your Canteen opens daily at 2 PM. Don't be a stranger.**

#### What's New?

The shuffleboard has been moved downstairs into the bar area.. Remolding of the cupboards has given a fresh new look to the bar . We have been smoke free since the first of the year. We owe many thanks to our great Post and Auxiliary members who have worked so hard to accomplish these tasks and keep our Canteen busy with activities:

#### This month many thanks to:

- \* **Kris Engblom, Tim and Loretta Wilson, John Lamb, Larry Merritt, Dan Copher and Chuck Lutz** for all their hard work with the remodeling. It is looking great!
  - \* **Dee Steffl** for decorating the planter box out front.
  - \* **Dan Copher and Kris Engblom** for the great job on the new cupboards.
  - \* **Bob and Kathy Dunn , Larry and Lori Merritt** for the great Sunday Breakfast and BINGO.
  - \* **Tim and Loretta Wilson** for the new curtain in the canteen.
  - \* **Bob Dunn** for donating some of his secret homemade Bloody Mary Mix to the Cantina.
  - \* **Juan** and all of his guys next door for all they do for us.
- We really do appreciate them.
- \* **Kathy Dunn** for all the hard work in organizing the second Texas Hold'em Tournament. It was a great success.
  - \* Congratulations to **Walt DeMary** who welcomed his first grandchild. Halona Janae DeMary Lewis was born New Year's Eve.



Helene Hawkins'  
 Prime Rib Dinner  
 Saturday, 17 February  
 5:00 to 7:00 PM  
 \$12.00 per person  
 Tickets on sale at the Cantina.

Jean Bettencourt and her girls are dancing upstairs Mondays from 6:00-7:30 PM and Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM every week. Come and join in the fun. Questions?  
 Contact Jean at 503-663-0510.



**Texas Hold'em Tournament:**  
**Kathy Dunn is hosting our third Texas Hold'em Tournament to be played on February 18th. This will be a no limit \$20 buy in with no re-buys. Sign up begins at Noon and play starts at 1:00 PM. A pre-sign up sheet is posted in the Cantina. Please bring your favorite snack. Any questions, contact Kathy.**

**THANK YOU**

Before my husband Don passed away, he was a proud Life Member of this Post. I don't believe I truly understood, until recently, why he had such a strong tie to the VFW. Now I know! Without even asking I received help that I desperately needed. I want to publicly thank Kris Engblom, Dan Copher and Bob Foster for all their help with my home. They pulled up carpeting, flooring, cabinets, appliances and then hauled it all away. It was hard work and I appreciate it more than words can express. As a daughter, widow and mother of two Veterans of Foreign Wars, I am very proud of this Post and only hope that as a member of your Auxiliary I can support all of you like you have supported me. Thank you so much! Jean Bettencourt



**Happy Valentines Day  
February 14**



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