



The Buckboard Bulletin

“First to serve our Veterans”

February 2011

COMMANDER’S COMMENTS

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It’s really exciting to see the increase in activity at the canteen. The membership support and the dedicated effort by a few members has been truly phenomenal and very much appreciated. Our number one objective is to support veterans, but let’s continue to have fun and enjoy each others’ company as we work hard to help veterans.

To keep our post and the overall VFW thriving we must keep our membership level up for financial reasons and to help with our many activities. **Each member** is asked to actively **help with our membership drive**. When you see a person who appears to be a current or former military person, briefly ask them about their military experience and if they served in a combat zone (including post-war Korea). If so, get their name and telephone number and give it to any post officer for follow-up.

As part of our membership drive, in a few weeks, we are planning to send a letter to about 500 former military individuals in the Sandy area. We need help typing labels. Please contact Brian Gornick if you can help.

At the January post business meeting Clyde Wentworth was elected to the House Committee replacing Red Davis. The other members are: Dan Copher, Kris Engblom, Brian Gornick, Ken Hershberger, John Lamb, Jim Mitchell, And Tim Wilson. Any questions or comments regarding the canteen should be directed to a committee member or a note placed in the comment/suggestion box.

Special thanks to Jim Turin and his helpers for providing a great dinner/fund raiser for the post. Jim’s dinner is always one of the real highlights at the post each year.

On February 1st at 7:00 p.m. the Sandy High School will be honoring local veterans and holding a fund raiser for our post during their girls’ basketball game. We can show our appreciation by being there and by encouraging all other veterans to attend.

The American Legion will be using our hall to hold their meetings as they reactivate their Sandy post. Their members will be allowed use of the bar as long as a VFW member sponsor them; just like any other guest of a member.

United We Stand ! Jim Mitchell, Commander.

Ladies Auxiliary President’s Message

Ladies,

I would like to thank Allen and Cindy Anderson for providing our Christmas Tree in December, it was beautiful.

The Bake and Sew ladies have a quilt they are raffling off and will draw on February 20th at their fundraiser breakfast.. The Bake and Sew ladies need to raise a lot of money for supplies any ideas please let them know.

The VFW has a spot at the park for Mountain Days. Please let Susan Knotts or myself know if you are willing to join our planning committee.

The state convention is coming in June. Voriece Blair will be handling our meal reservations. so if you plan on sitting with us at our table please get your money and meal forms turned into her no later than Sunday morning at breakfast May 1st. She will be mailing our reservations out on Monday May 2 to make sure we have a table.

New Years eve party had 14 members attend, if you didn't come you missed a great party.

The quilting ladies are in need of some good quality cotton fabrics if you have any laying around you have no use for or no time to sew please donate them to a great cause.

Thank you to Jim and Clare Turin with Helpers Bill and Shirley. All 60 tickets were sold and we had a full house. The meal was great and enjoyed by all who came.

And a Special Thank you to Helene Hawkins for stepping up to run our January meeting at the last minute. You did a wonderful job.

Sincerely President Loretta Wilson.

February Calendar

Every Day	Canteen Menu (Except Monday)
Every Wed.	Taco Night—5pm
Every Sun.	Breakfast—10am
Every Sun.	Bingo—1pm
Every Mon	Canteen Closed
Feb 1	Sandy High Veteran Homage - 7pm
Feb. 19	Texas Hold-em - 6pm

For the most up-to-date calendar, see the post web site.

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**Sandy Kiwanis/Sandy VFW
Texas Hold-em Tournament**

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February 19, 2011
Game starts at 6pm

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From Your Editor

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20 for the March Newsletter.

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The Post Chaplain

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Comrades, so far this year started off pretty good. I haven't had any reports of comrades with any serious ailments or any members passing away. I hope January will set a trend for rest of the year. We need to keep each other in our prayers not only for health, but also during this hard and prolonged recession.

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The Auxiliary Chaplain

Judy Gascon 503 668 3748

Dear Ladies,

This newsletter has sad news this month as we have lost a wonderful lady of our Aux. Esther Cruikshank passed away on January 18th 2011 at the age of 85. She is greatly missed by so many of us.

On a better note I have had no one call that anyone is ill, I hope that all is well. If anyone needs a home visit or a get well card don't hesitate to call me.

Psalms 126 verse 5: They that sow in tears shall reap tears of joy.

Sincerely,

Chaplain Judy Gascon.

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Surgeon	Sharkey Haider	Conductress	Dora Fitzpatrick

LADIES AUXILIARY 2011 MEMBERSHIP

Sandy Ladies Auxiliary is at 99% as of December 31, 2010. Way to go, Ladies! We only need three more members to pay their 2011 dues to be 100%, or recruit three more new members. We can do it! Take a look at your membership card, if the year on your card is not 2011 you have not paid your dues. It is not too late to send in your 2011 dues today. Your support of our veterans programs is very important.

ATTENTION SANDY AUXILIARY LIFE MEMBERS

Every year the Sandy Ladies Auxiliary asks their Life Members to donate \$3.00 to our Sunshine Savings Account. The Sunshine Savings Account is used to give grants to our serious ill Auxiliary Sisters. If you have not sent in your \$3.00 for 2011 please do so now. Send your \$3.00 to:

**Sandy Ladies Auxiliary VFW 4273
Jackie Key, Treasurer
PO Box 1262
Sandy, OR 97055-1262**

CANTEEN NOTES

Thanks to your loyal support of the activities at the post the canteen is doing better financially which in turn improves the financial position of the post. We are not running in the hole as we were for quite a while, but we are just holding our own so we would like to do a little better. Please keep up your great support of the breakfast, bingo and other activities. Come in and enjoy the comradeship and the relaxing environment.

Breakfast and bingo have been moved back to Sundays by popular demand; breakfast 10:00 to noon and bingo 1:00 to 3:00. There is still a need for a couple of cooks who could help with breakfast on Sundays; with additional cooks each one would only have to serve once every 2 or 3 months.

Starting in February House Committee meetings will be at noon on the 1st Sunday of each month. If you want to attend please call the canteen before the meeting to verify the meeting schedule, as changes are necessary at times. If you plan to attend but the schedule has been changed give your name and phone number to the bartender and you will be informed of the new schedule for the meeting.

Your House Committee

I would like to give special thanks to Jose who made my dumplings, Jean Bettencourt, Betty Haider, and Mike Kennedy for helping me serve and clean up, also all that came and had dinner. I'm sorry if you missed it, It was superb!!!

We raised \$191.00 on the dinner-\$17.50 on cancer merchandise-\$48.00 on the 50-50 raffle for a total of \$256.50 for Cancer Aid & Research. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.

Judy Gascon won the \$48.00 and donated it to the Bake & Sew Ladies, thanks Judy.

We will be having Breakfast & Bingo in March more in next newsletter, hope to see you there!
BE SURE TO DONATE TO OUR DIME A DAY JAR & GET YOUR CHECK UPS!!

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO EVERYONE
Voriece, Cancer Chairman

FUNDRASING FOR SANDY LADIES AUXILIARY BAKE & SEW FUND

Our Bake and Sew Ladies are the pride of our Auxiliary. They volunteer hours and hours of their time to send cookies and lap quilts to our veterans in Oregon VA Hospitals. They need funds for supplies to continue this great work. Two fundraising events are being planned to help raise funds.

Quilt Raffle. A beautiful and patriotic (red, white and blue) lap quilt is being raffled, thanks to Jean Bettencourt who made and donated the quilt. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Tickets are on sale now in our Post Canteen. Drawing will be held at Noon on Sunday, February 20. You do not have to be present to win. Get your tickets now.

Breakfast and BINGO on Sunday, February 20 will be hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary with proceeds going to the Bake & Sew Fund. Breakfast is from 10 am to Noon and BINGO from 1-3 pm. Please come to breakfast, play BINGO and make a difference.

New Daily Canteen Menu (Closed Monday)

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

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Post & Ladies - 2/11/10
Men's Auxiliary - 2/12/10



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