

The Buckboard Bulletin

"First to serve our Veterans"

March - April 2008

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have recently returned from the State Mid-Winter Conference in Medford. Our VOD winner, Emily Secomb, from Damascus Christian School, did a great job and placed in the top 12 in state. Our Patriot's Pen winner, Cameron Pellecer, from Boring Middle School placed 4th in the state. Both of these young people are great citizens and our whole community can be very proud of them. I would like to thank Junior Vice Commander Mike Horttor for being in attendance and representing the post. State Convention is 18-22 June in Pendleton. It looks to be an exciting experience and I would invite all of you to attend.

Mike is heading up the Post Buddy Poppy Program this year. As you know this is our major fund raiser for the year and there is more than enough work for everyone to do. The committee had one meeting last week to get organized and could use some help. Please step up to the plate and volunteer your expertise and enthusiasm. Their next meeting is March 5th at 5:30 pm.

Thanks to Jerry and Kaye and Julia Gomes, Jim Mitchell, Lori Merritt, and Nick Roth for all of their assistance in presenting American Flags to all the First Graders in the Oregon Trail School District. They put on a great program in the class rooms with the students and were very well received by the school officials.

We are fast approaching the time of the year for nomination of 2008-09 Post Officers. In accordance with Section 217 Manual of Procedure, Post Officer nominations should be in March and held open until the April meeting. Elections should be held at the April meeting with installation at the May meeting.

I am happy to announce that the post is now 100% strength for 2008. This accomplishment did not come easily, but only after a lot of hard work by, Leo Johnson, Paul Munsell, Allen Anderson, Allen Gunderson, Al Gagnon, Chuck Lutz, Tim Wilson, Lori Merritt, and Kathy Dunn. We all owe you ladies and gentlemen a great big "THANKS" for going way above and beyond the call. For the rest of us, recruiting is not over. There are 155,000 VFW eligible veterans in the State of Oregon, only 17,000 are VFW members. Let's go get 'em!

There will be no newsletter in April as Jackie and I, along with members Bill and Judy Babcock from Rhode Island, and several other veteran friends, are making the trek back to Viet Nam. We leave on 18 March and will return home on 8 April. I left there forty years ago this year and am anxious to see the country once again. So, we will publish the next newsletter in May. Until then you all have a great Spring.

Semper Fi!

Bert Key, Commander

President's Message

Ladies,

I had the extreme pleasure of accompanying our Commander Bert Key and District 15 Commander Jason Carroll to Boring Middle School and Damascus Christian School this month to present the winners of the Patriotic Pen and Voice of Democracy Programs with their prizes. These young American Patriots are truly inspiring.

I was also fortunate to attend our Mid-Winter Conference in Medford this year. Also in attendance from our Auxiliary were Senior Vice Kathy Dunn, Treasurer Jackie Key, Christie Horttor, Voriece Blair and Penny Edwards. At the banquet the winners from each district in the state were there and we got to hear the winning speeches of the top four winners of the VOD and First Place winner of the Patriot's Pen. The First Place VOD winner was Sebastian Lawler who spoke of his grandfather who is a Veteran. Sebastian's wit, personality, and grasp of what it is to be an American won the hearts of all who heard his speech. First Place winner of Patriot's Pen Hannah Whitley gave a very moving speech that left me teary eyed. Although only 12 years old her words were very inspiring. I would encourage anyone who has never been to Mid Winter to plan on going next year.

On another note, I would like to thank all of our officers this year for doing such a great job. I appreciate the hard work that all of you Sister's have done. I would like to say a special thank you to our Treasurer Jackie Key. The job of Treasurer is one of the most difficult in the Auxiliary. It requires many hours of work each week. Jackie took on this job and ran with it. She has done an excellent job. Thanks Jackie!

Nominations and election of new officers will be in April.

Lori Merritt, President

March Calendar of Coming Events

March 2	Breakfast & BINGO / Men's Auxiliary
March 5	Buddy Poppy Meeting 5:30
March 7	Kaye Gomes German Sausage Dinner
March 8	Ladies Auxiliary Make-up Party 2-4:00 pm
March 9	Breakfast & BINGO / Post
March 12	House Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
March 14	Meeting Potluck 6:00 pm (Hot Dog Delight) Auxiliary Meeting 6:45 pm / Post Meeting 8:00 pm
March 15	Men's Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 pm
March 16	Breakfast & BINGO / Ladies Auxiliary
March 21	Clam Chowder Dinner 5:30 pm
March 29	Post Birthday Party 7:00 pm
March 30	Breakfast & BINGO / "The Whole Shebang"

From Your Editor

Jackie Key

All committee reports and news articles need to be turned in to me by April 21, for the May newsletter. Contact your editor at:

Jackie.Key@vfw4273.org
or cavalry1@teleport.com

**Men's Auxiliary
President's Message**

Welcome fellow members. Thank you to all who attended our February 16 meeting. At that meeting we were able to vote on some issues, as well as elect Darrel Vaughan Junior Vice President. Thank you Darrell for accepting that position. Our next meeting is on the 3rd Saturday of March. Normally we meet the 2nd Saturday of the month, but a rule of thumb is we will meet the Saturday after the Friday of the Post's monthly meeting. We had a Breakfast/BINGO and a lone BINGO last month and between the two we made a little over \$200 for our treasury. We had breakfast burritos for the breakfast and people seemed to like them. We will have to try them again at another time when more people are in town. I would like to thank Darrell Vaughan and Larry Merritt for their help with these events. We have another breakfast coming up on March 2 and could use some help. We do not have a menu for it yet but I think it will be something more conventional. Come and give us a hand if you can and if you cannot help out at least come and have breakfast and play a little BINGO.

Come on into the canteen and join in the camaraderie.

Have a good month.

Bob Dunn, President

The Post Chaplain

Nick Roth

After missing three meetings and leaving capable replacements, Commander Bert Key and Past Department Commander Marty Ledoux, handling the Chaplain's duties and writing the "Chaplain's Corner, I will attempt to catch up.

We have just heard of the passing of life member Henry Hayden. Henry died on September 15 last. Our belated prayers and thoughts go out to his family.

Bernie Rueschenberg is recovering from Triple AAA, Abdominal, Aortic, and Aneurysm bypass. Get well Bernie!

Our prayers and best wishes go out to our ailing and seriously ill comrades Gary Brandon, and several we have not seen in a while, but I met while undergoing treatment at the VA Medical Center or at OHSU. My hopes and prayers are for a more formal report next month. God bless us all.

**Ladies Auxiliary Operation Uplink
German Sausage Dinner
Chef Kaye Gomes
March 7, 2008 / 5-7:00 PM
Tickets are \$5 each
Available at the Canteen
Show your support for this great
cause. Operation Uplink helps de-
ployed soldiers & sailors stay in
touch with their families for free.**

The Auxiliary Chaplain

Bonnie Hershberger

Our Get Well Wishes go out to Helene Hawkins and Ruthie Jackson this month. May we all keep safe and well.

God Bless Us All!

March 30, 2008

Come out for breakfast and
BINGO with the 4-H Horse Club,
"The Whole Shebang"

These young people help us every
year with our Buddy Poppy drive.
Now we can help them raise funds
for their programs and our Fisher
House program.

**Breakfast and BINGO
Held in the Canteen**

March 2, 9, 16, and 30.
No Breakfast or BINGO on March 23.
April 6, 13, 20, 27
No Breakfast (BINGO ONLY) on April 27
Breakfast served from
10:00 am to Noon.
BINGO starts at 1:00 pm.

These are fundraisers for our Post & Auxiliary programs. Come join the fun and support our veterans.

Post Officers	2007-2008	Auxiliary Officers	
Commander	Bert Key	President	Lori Merritt
Senior Vice Commander	Chuck Lutz	Sr. Vice President	Kathy Dunn
Junior Vice Commander	Mike Horttor	Jr. Vice President	Helene Hawkins
Chaplain	Nick Roth	Treasurer	Jackie Key
Quartermaster	Tim Wilson	Chaplain	Bonnie Hershberger
Judge Advocate	John Lamb	Secretary	Dora Fitzpatrick
Adjutant	Allen Anderson	Guide	Kit Spitzengel
Surgeon	Jim Mitchell	Conductress	Jean Bettencourt

APRIL Calendar of Coming Events

- April 6 Breakfast & BINGO/Men's Auxiliary**
- April 9 House Committee Meeting 5:30 pm**
- April 11 Meeting Potluck 6:00 pm (Baked Potatoes)**
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 6:45 pm
Post Meeting at 8:00 pm
- April 12 Men's Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 pm**
- April 13 Breakfast & BINGO / Post**
- April 15 Committee Reports due to Department**
- April 18 April Birthday Party 6:00 pm**
- April 20 Breakfast & BINGO/Ladies Auxiliary**
- April 26 District 15 Meeting at Post 4273**
- April 27 BINGO / Post**

CANTEEN CORNER

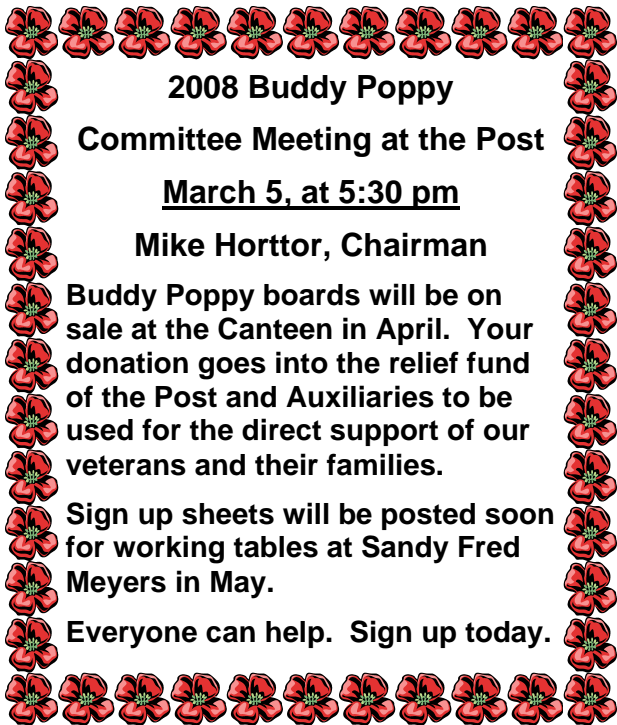
Lori Merritt

Birthday parties are scheduled for March 29 and April 18. If you have a birthday in March the Canteen Celebration is on March 29 and if your birthday is in April the Canteen Celebration will be on April 18. Come on in to the Canteen and let us help you celebrate your birthday.

Spring cleaning for the Canteen will be in early May. Thanks go to Chris Royce for organizing the work party.

Have you seen ELVIS at the Canteen? The Elvis "Pillows" that are being raffled by the Ladies Auxiliary for Operation Up-link. These wonderful pillows were made by Auxiliary member Loretta Wilson. They could be yours. You could be hugging Elvis! Tickets are for sale at the Canteen and the drawing will be held after the Post Meeting on March 14. \$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00. Get yours on your next visit to your Canteen.

SEE YOU SOON!



2008 Buddy Poppy

Committee Meeting at the Post

March 5, at 5:30 pm

Mike Horttor, Chairman

Buddy Poppy boards will be on sale at the Canteen in April. Your donation goes into the relief fund of the Post and Auxiliaries to be used for the direct support of our veterans and their families.

Sign up sheets will be posted soon for working tables at Sandy Fred Meyers in May.

Everyone can help. Sign up today.

Attention all Ladies Auxiliary Members:

Did you know.....if you have a life membership.....you will also be asked to pay \$3.00 a year dues to our Ladies Auxiliary Cancer Savings Fund. If you have not paid for 2007-08, it is not too late. Send your check to: Ladies Auxiliary VFW 4273 PO Box 1262, Sandy, Oregon 97055.

PRIME RIB THANK YOU

Helene Hawkins and Jean Bettencourt would like to thank everyone who came to their Prime Rib Dinner in February. You all made this a wonderful success and very profitable for the Bake and Sew Ladies program. Special thanks to the Bake and Sew Ladies for donating desserts, and to Wes Rixner, Mishelle Wesselink, and Adam Helfrich for helping in the kitchen and with the heavy tasks.

BOWLING

The Men's Auxiliary is forming a Auxiliary Bowling Team. And have started bowling....join the fun by contacting Darrell Vaughan at 903-413-6784.

Ladies Auxiliary Fundraiser

MAKE-UP PARTY

March 8, 2008—2:00-4:00 pm

Learn new make-up tricks.

Fun time for you and your guests

Snacks welcomed

RSVP Jackie at 503 668-8418

THANK YOU TO LARRY WEST

The sewing ladies, Dee Steffi, Ruby Watts, and Jewell Lamb would like to give a big THANK YOU to Post member Larry West, for the donation of a sewing machine last month. Wow, what a nice surprise and much appreciated gift! Thank you, Larry!

Quote of the month:

"The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual."

Vince Lombardi

Helene Hawkins' Clam Chowder Dinner
 March 21—5:30 pm \$5.00 per person
 Fundraiser for Bake and Sew Ladies

Happy Easter— March 23



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