

The Buckboard Bulletin

"First to serve our Veterans"

April 2009

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Comrades and Sisters,

It gives me great pleasure to announce that our very own Patriot's Pen winner, Taylur De Wolf placed 11th at national. With that comes a certificate and a bond for \$2500. Way to go Taylur! You make us all very proud. Let's get the VOD and Patriot's Pen brochures out to all of our schools early this year so more of our local students can participate.

Once again, now is the time for us to get serious about Adopting a military unit that is going overseas. There has always been a common bond between those serving in the military and the VFW. An extension of this bond is the VFW's Adopt-A-Unit program, which pairs a Post with a military unit. Besides sending "goody" packages to the troops, we would work on the local level to offer moral support to the family members left behind when the unit deploys. Our main reason for being VFW is to take care of veterans. What better way to take care of them than when they are at war? This will be a topic for discussion at the next meeting. Please be in attendance and get involved with this noble venture.

Nominations are still open for next years officers. The election will be held at our April 10th meeting. Please come prepared to join in a lively debate as we gear up for the voting process. If you wish to be an officer be sure to have someone place your name in nomination.

Reminder to all that the Golf Tournament will be 2 May. There is a sign up sheet at the Canteen.

Yours in Comradeship.

Allen Anderson, Commander



Ladies Auxiliary President's Message

Ladies,

At our April meeting we will be having nominations and elections for the next year. Please plan on attending this very important meeting. I challenge each of you to consider getting more involved and taking an office. If you have never held an office I can assure you that it will be a very rewarding experience. Not only have I learned a lot in the past two years about how our Auxiliary works, but I have also been fortunate enough to forge great friendships not only in our Auxiliary but across the state. I would like to offer my appreciation for the love, guidance and support to all of you but especially to two of my best friends, Kathy Dunn and Voriece Blair. They have been my mentors in the Auxiliary and I could not have done this job without them. Thank you my friends. I will take this life experience with me all of my life. I will not be running for President this time but I have all the confidence that you will show our next President the same support that you have shown me.

Lori Merritt, President

April Calendar

- April 5 Breakfast/BINGO (Ladies Aux) 10:00 am
- April 8 House Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
- April 10 Ladies Aux Meeting 6:45 pm,
Post Meeting 8:00 pm (Pot Luck)
- April 11 Men's Aux Meeting 2:00 pm
April Birthday Party 6:00 pm
- April 12 Easter (Canteen Closed)
- April 14 Buddy Poppy Meeting 5:30 pm
- April 19 Breakfast/BINGO (Men's Aux) 10:00 am
- April 26 Breakfast/BINGO (Post) 10:00 am
- April 28 Buddy Poppy Meeting 5:30 pm
- May 2 Golf Tournament

From Your Editor

Bert Key

Newsletter articles are due 21 April for the May Newsletter.

Contact your editor at:
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**Men's Auxiliary
President's**

Hey guys. I hope everyone is having a good month. Things have been kind of quiet for activities but I would like to thank Larry Merritt and Darrell Vaughn for helping me with the March breakfast and Larry for calling the BINGO. Our April meeting will be on the 11th and I hope to see as many of you as we can at the meeting. We also have a breakfast on April 19. I could use some volunteers to help and if you can not volunteer we would still like to see you there to support the Auxiliary and the Post.

Elections for new officers will be coming up in the near future. If you would like to serve as an officer in this fine organization be sure to have someone place your name in nomination. I would encourage all of you to get more involved and take on a leadership assignment. It is a rewarding experience and we need the benefit of a diverse leadership experiences.

There are still a few of you who have not paid your dues for 2009. If you have not, could you please get those in to me or Larry? Thank you.

Your President, Bob Dunn

Men's Auxiliary Officers are:

President: Bob Dunn

Secretary/Treasurer: Larry Merritt

Senior Vice President: VACANT

Junior Vice President: Matt Haider

The Post Chaplain

Our sympathies go out to Dan Copher and Lois Leavitt for the loss of their brother Gordon.

**2009 Membership
Post 83%
Auxiliary 93%
Send in your dues
NOW!**

New members wanted!

Post Members pay \$26.00 to join and annual dues of \$25.00 per year there after.

Ladies Auxiliary Members pay \$25.00 to join and annual dues of \$20.00 a year. Life Memberships available.

**Lets make our Post and
Auxiliaries 100%**

The Auxiliary Chaplain

Brier Chung

We wish Joyce Kautz and Susan McCoy well in recovering from their recent surgeries.

Ruthie Jackson is recovering well from her cataract surgery.

Our prayers and good wishes go out to Lori Merritt and her family for the quick recovery of her grandmother.

May the good Lord bless us all.

Here is hoping everyone has a joyous experience as you celebrate the Easter Holidays.

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Website: www.suicidepreventionlifeline.com

DOD Defense Centers PSYC health: Telephone: 1-866-966-1020

E-Mail: resources@dcoeoutreach.org

CANCER PROGRAM UPDATE

Remember your membership in the Ladies Auxiliary qualifies you for Cancer grants at the Auxiliary and National levels. Please let us know if you are diagnosed with any form of cancer. Our Auxiliary Treasurer has the National Cancer grant forms available.

I hope everyone's DREAMS COME UP RAINBOWS. Thank you again for your generous support. Voriece, Cancer Chairwoman

Post Officers	2008-2009	Auxiliary Officers
Commander	Allen Anderson	President Lori Merritt
Senior Vice Commander	Mike Horttor	Sr. Vice President Helene Hawkins
Junior Vice Commander	Jim Mitchell	Jr. Vice President Christie Horttor
Chaplain Pro Tem	(Vacant)	Treasurer Jackie Key
Quartermaster	Tim Wilson	Chaplain Brier Chung
Judge Advocate	John Lamb	Secretary Dora Fitzpatrick
Adjutant	Al Gagnon	Guard Kit Spitzengel
Surgeon	Dan Copher	Conductress Carol Engblom

BUDDY POPPIES:

Buddy Poppy distribution in May is our biggest opportunity to increase our veteran welfare fund through donations that are received. As you know, our welfare fund provides emergency financial support for local veterans and their families. The fund is also the financial means to support our Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen student essay awards as well as other patriotic programs.

We plan to distribute Buddy Poppies at Fred Meyer on 3 Saturdays (May 9, 16, and 23), and at Bi-Mart on Tuesday May 19, with 3 shifts each date; 9-12, 12-3, and 3-6. We will need 12 members each date at Fred Meyer (2 doors with 2 per shift at each door) and 6 members at Bi-Mart to cover 1 door. A total of 42 volunteers are needed with the Post, the Ladies Auxiliary and the Men's Auxiliary all participating. We need your help. Please plan now to join with someone to cover a shift.

Remembrance Boards are currently available so you, or people you know, can provide a memorial for friends or relatives. These boards will only be promoted once a year around Memorial Day and will remain on display for a period of twelve months. Donations of \$5.00 or more will place the board on display in the canteen and help to build the welfare fund.

Jim Mitchell
Junior Vice Commander

CANTEEN CORNER

Lori Merritt

The has been some confusion about the new opening hours for the Canteen. The new hours are as follows:

Sunday opening is 10:00 am.

Monday—Thursday opening is 3:00 pm.

Friday and Saturday opening is 2:00 pm.

Closing hours may vary depending how busy it is.

A big thank you to Jim Mitchell and Al Gagnon for their help with Taco Wednesdays last month. And to Dan Copher for his great Enchiladas.

Voriece Blair, along with help from Sharky and Betty Haider, had a very successful Breakfast/BINGO in March. They also held a raffle and raised over \$400 for Cancer Aid and Research. Great Job!!!

I would also like to thank everyone for your support with the Breakfast/BINGO's. These are great fundraisers for our programs and help many veterans and their families.

Carol Engblom, Kit Spitzengel and Dora Fitzpatrick will be hosting our next Post Golf Tournament planned for May 2. Grab your sticks and come out ready to play. They will have a Breakfast/BINGO to raise money for prizes. Please come down to the post and support them.

Do not forget the April Birthday Party on the 11th. Thank you.

Community Service

Are you prepared for a disaster? After the last winter we all know the importance of having batteries on hand for our flashlights. We all could have been better prepared. In a disaster we need to be able to take care of our families so that we can help our neighbors. Professional responders cannot do it all and can be days in coming to our aid. Did you know that the Sandy and Boring Fire Districts are hosting classes on this very subject? Class times and dates are listed below, and they are free.

Please join them and help make our community stronger during a disaster.

Know Your Neighborhood/Emergency Mitigation and Preparedness Class

Damascus City Hall—19920 S.E. Highway 212, Damascus, Oregon

April 23, 2009 (6:15-8:15 p.m.)

April 26, 2008 (9:30-11:30 a.m.)

Themes for the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen for 2009-2010

VOD: Does America Still Have Heroes?

Patriot's Pen: When Is The Right Time To Honor Our Military Heroes?

Quote of the month:

“Minnesota sponsors 70-80 youth hockey teams by VFW posts throughout the state. Minnesota’s involvement in youth hockey is a natural fit. It’s just what VFW Posts, districts and departments are supposed to do: sponsor community youth programs and perform community service. It’s a way of gaining visibility within the local and state communities.”

**Jim Hesselgrave
Quartermaster/Adjutant**



“Taco Wednesday” is off and running from 4-7:00 PM each week.

Please come in and support this fundraiser!



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