

# The Buckboard Bulletin

"First to serve our Veterans"

April 2010

## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Comrades and Sisters,

As you will recall initial nominations for next year's officers were made at the March Meeting. Nominations will continue in the 9 April meeting. Elections for next year's officers will follow the closing of the nominating process at the April meeting. If you wish to be nominated for an office you must either be in attendance or submit a letter in writing to me that you will accept a nomination. So, this meeting is an especially important one to attend. Please try to do be in attendance and let your voice be heard.

Under the tutelage of Brian Gornick, the Buddy Poppy Committee is off and running. They will meet again on 15 April at 6:00 pm. This is an effort that requires a lot of volunteers. There is something for everyone to do. Please clear your calendars long enough to serve some time on this committee. It is the major fund raiser during the year for our Post. Chef Roy Decker has volunteered to cook Braut Burgers on 17 April as a fundraiser for the Buddy Poppy campaign. Roy is a professional Chef and he will be using his own secret recipe.

As I write, membership is right at 108%. That is a tremendous tribute to those of you who have made the effort to recruit some of your friends and colleagues into this outstanding Post.

I would like to thank Clyde Wentworth for always being ready to volunteer to head up Breakfast and BINGO when it is the Post's Sunday to cook. Clyde does a great job but we do need others to volunteer to help him out or give him a break. Many thanks to Dan Copher and Sharky Haider for stepping up to the plate and volunteering to cook breakfast for our scheduled April 25 B&B. Come on in, it should be a great breakfast.

Our Oregon Honorable Service Medal Ceremony will be in conjunction with our Loyalty Day Ceremony on 1 May at Sandy Civic Plaza beginning at 1:00 pm. Get your Medal Application Forms at the Post. Semper Fi! Bert Key, Commander

## Ladies Auxiliary President's Message

Ladies,

I want to thank everyone for supporting the St. Patrick's Day Dinner. A special thanks to Red and Nancy Davis, Anni Kruckenberg, Voriece Blair, and Tim Wilson for their donation of the food.

Remember our next meeting on April 9 we will be voting on new officers. If you are planning to be an officer or would like to be a big part in our auxiliary, please attend.

I would like to thank Todd and Anni Kruckenberg for everything they do to make Sunday BINGO's enjoyable for all.

Easter Sunday Breakfast and BINGO will be prepared by Kathy Dunn and myself. Come join us for fun and prizes. Proceeds will go to the Bake and Sew Ladies.

Thank you for all you do for our veterans and their families. Loretta Wilson, President

## April Calendar

April 4	Easter Sunday Breakfast/BINGO (Ladies Aux)10:00 am (Bake and Sew Fundrasier)
April 6	House Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
April 9	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 6:45 pm Post Meeting 8:00 pm
April 10	Men's Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 pm
April 11	Breakfast/BINGO (4-H Girls)10:00 am
April 15	VA Rep Janice Raisl at Post 10-Noon Buddy Poppy Meeting 6:00 pm
April 17	Roy Decker's Braut BurgerDinner 5:00 pm
April 18	Breakfast/BINGO (Men's Aux) 10:00 am
April 24	April Post Birthday Party 6:00 pm
April 25	Breakfast/BINGO (Post) Dan/Sharky
May 1	Loyalty Day /Honorable Service Medal Sandy Civic Plaza 1:00 pm. Potluck following Ceremony at Post

**From Your Editor**

Bert Key

Newsletter articles are due 21 April for the May Newsletter.

Contact your editor at:  
**bert.key@us.army.mil**

**The Post Chaplain**

**Melissa Samels (503) 668-4849**

Gary Brandon, charter life member and friend passed away. Our thoughts and heart felt prayers are with his family and his many friends. We will miss him dearly.

Dick Steffl had surgery and is currently at home recovering. We pray for his fast recovery.

“Heal me, me o lord, and I shall be healed.” (Jeremiah 17:14)

**Many thanks to Judy Gascon for getting the piano located upstairs donated to the Post. We look forward to many years of the sound of her music permeating throughout the hall.**

**The Auxiliary Chaplain**

**Voriece Blair (503) 668-4237**

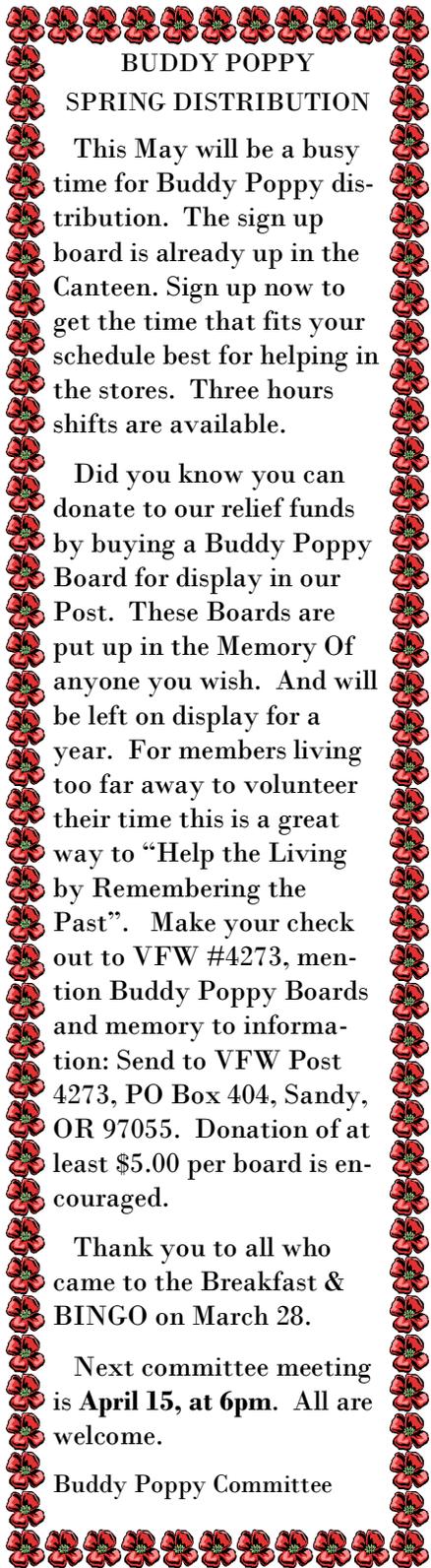
Sisters,

Jan Johnson says she is just like new after her esophagusal surgery. Way to go Jan!

Heather Audas is doing well after her neck surgery, but has a long way to go.

Snookie Pullen is still recovering from her fall. Her arm is in a cast and she has caught a nasty cold. Susan Johnson’s broken leg isn’t healing very fast. Hang in there Susan. Delores Jordan has fallen a couple of times, so she does not get out. She would love calls or visits. Judy Gascon has graciously volunteered to help me with visits. So if you would like visits or know of someone that needs a visit please call me.

God Bless you.



**BUDDY POPPY  
SPRING DISTRIBUTION**

This May will be a busy time for Buddy Poppy distribution. The sign up board is already up in the Canteen. Sign up now to get the time that fits your schedule best for helping in the stores. Three hours shifts are available.

Did you know you can donate to our relief funds by buying a Buddy Poppy Board for display in our Post. These Boards are put up in the Memory Of anyone you wish. And will be left on display for a year. For members living too far away to volunteer their time this is a great way to “Help the Living by Remembering the Past”. Make your check out to VFW #4273, mention Buddy Poppy Boards and memory to information: Send to VFW Post 4273, PO Box 404, Sandy, OR 97055. Donation of at least \$5.00 per board is encouraged.

Thank you to all who came to the Breakfast & BINGO on March 28.

Next committee meeting is **April 15, at 6pm**. All are welcome.

Buddy Poppy Committee

**A HUGE THANK YOU to all members, post and auxiliaries, who helped with our very successful membership drive. We achieved over 108%. Special thanks go to Membership Team members Bert, Tim, Brian and Todd for their extra effort in the final stages of the drive toward the Department target date of March 31. Appreciation also goes to other team members Red, Melissa, John, Marty, and Dan for helping with phone calls, home visits and other contacts throughout the drive. Accomplishing 100%, and then going beyond that, helps to ensure that our post will continue to be very active for its members, other veterans and the community. By exceeding the 100% level it allows us to maintain our level of activity by adding members who can support our various programs as some of our older members become less active. Remember that dues goes from 1 January to 31 December. Dues notices that are sent in July are for the following year. However, they do need to be in before 31 December to stay in good standing. THANKS TO ALL FOR A GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT BY A GREAT POST. Jim Mitchell, Senior Vice Commander**

Post Officers	2009-2010	Auxiliary Officers	
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Commander	Bert Key	President	Loretta Wilson
Senior Vice Commander	Jim Mitchell	Sr. Vice President	Helene Hawkins
Junior Vice Commander	Brian Gornick	Jr. Vice President	Janet Misner
Chaplain	Melissa Samels	Treasurer	Jackie Key
Quartermaster	Red Davis	Chaplain	Voriece Blair
Judge Advocate	John Lamb	Secretary	Joy Helfrich
Adjutant	Glenn Yeager	Guard	Kit Spitzengel
Surgeon	Sharkey Haider	Conductress	Dora Fitzpatrick

**FROM THE JUDGE**

- Q:** What do annual dues cost?
- A:** Each post sets their own annual dues, usually between \$25 and \$35. Sandy Post 4273 dues is \$27 for new members, and \$26 for continuing. The Ladies Auxiliary dues is \$25 for new members and \$20 for continuing members. The Men's Auxiliary dues is \$20.
- Q:** Can members of a post wear their military decorations on VFW uniforms?
- A:** Yes. DOD guidelines allow for the wearing of military decorations by former/retired military personnel on appropriate civilian clothing.
- Q:** Should members always wear their caps at post meetings?
- A:** The National By-Laws require that elected and appointed officers wear regulation caps in VFW meetings, it would be optional for other post members. The regulation cap is the only cap approved to wear at a post meeting however.
- Q:** When the Commander is at his station and is not wearing his official cap, would he/she be entitled to a salute?
- A:** The Ritual of the VFW provides that when addressing the Commander, all officers shall salute in a military manner, however all elected and appointed officers are required to wear caps at meetings.
- Q:** When a member is wearing a VFW cap, is he/she required to render a hand salute or should he/she place his hand over his heart?
- A:** While wearing a cover, it is appropriate for the person to render the hand salute. Wearing the VFW cap is considered to be "in uniform".
- Q:** What is the difference between a Fort Knox style cap and a Regular style cap?
- A:** The Fort Knox style has a square top. The Regular style is rounded.
- Q:** Can retired military wear their uniforms to VFW functions?
- A:** Yes. The wearing of uniforms by retired personnel is dictated by regulations by the Department of Defense.
- Q:** How can I receive my medals to which I am entitled?
- A:** You may access your medals the same way you access records by logging onto the National Personnel Records Center website at [www.vetreccs.gov](http://www.vetreccs.gov).

John Lamb, Judge Advocate

**CANTEEN CORNER**

**Jolynn Johnson**

Hello everyone!

As Spring starts and the sun comes out please do not forget to stop by the Canteen and spend time with old friends and make some new ones.

The Post is in the middle of making changes. The first is that we had to change the operating hours of the Canteen. We now open at 3 pm during the week, 1 pm on Saturday and at our regular time, 10 am on Sundays. We have fixed the cooler for our beer taps and will be ordering new beer very soon. Also, due to price changes with our vendors we will have to adjust our prices as well. We hope that these small changes will make for a better Canteen.

\*Poker is still every Wednesday night. Stop by and play a few hands, enjoy good food and drinks.

\*4th-Easter Sunday will be celebrated at the Canteen with a breakfast of Easter Ham, Eggs to order, Biscuits and Gravy and Hash browns, all put on by the Ladies Auxiliary.

\*17th-Join us for a new dice game (LCR) and Braut Burgers.

\*24th-The Birthday Party will be really fun with cake, drinks and games.

Special thanks to Anni and Todd for donating \$25 for the costume contest on St Patrick's day. Judy Gascon was our St Patrick's Day costume contest winner and she donated the \$25 prize to the Bake and Sew Ladies. Thank you Judy.

Thank you everyone for supporting our Post!. See you at the Canteen!

I would like to thank everyone that came out and made our day for Cancer a huge success. We took in \$235 on breakfast, \$247 on raffle (we had lots of winners) and \$150.25 on BINGO, for a grand total of \$632.25, WOW!!! Thank you, thank you, thank you. Please, everyone remember to get your yearly check ups. Early detection is the best cure for Cancer for both men and women. Thank you very much. Voriece, Cancer Chairman

**BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF OREGON**

Donations of high energy food stuffs are being collected to send overseas by Oregon mothers of deployed soldiers. A box has been placed in our Canteen. Please donate soft packaged items that can sent in prepaid USPS boxes. Cash donations for mailing these boxes are also welcomed. More information at the Canteen.

**Quote of the Month:**

**“A government that robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.”  
George Bernard Shaw**



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

**Post & Ladies - 4/9/10**

**Men's Auxiliary - 4/10/10**



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