



# The Buckboard Bulletin

"First to serve our Veterans"

April 2011

## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Comrades and Sisters,

We had a lot going on during the month of March with a number of activities that have the potential to impact the future of the Post in a very positive way. These activities included: an intense effort to increase the membership using letters, phone calls and door to door visits by Brian Gornick, Bert Key, Marty LeDoux, Melisa Samels, Merle Stewart, Tim Wilson and yours truly; Merle Stewart and Jenell Mitchell, with the help of their committee, have been planning for an expanded Buddy Poppy distribution in May with extra days and the addition of Safeway and Bi-Mart in Damascus so mark your calendars for the tentative dates of May 14,15,17,21,22,24,27,28 and 29; plus Mt. Days preparations are underway to support the chicken concession that for the first time will be the full responsibility of the Ladies Auxiliary, Post and Men's Auxiliary.

Nominations for Post officers in the coming year were held at the March monthly meeting with the following results: Commander – yours truly, declined; Senior Vice – Merle Stewart; Junior Vice – Glenn Yeager; Quartermaster – Bill Miller; Chaplain – Melissa Samels; Surgeon – Dan Copher; Judge Advocate – none, Three-year Trustee – yours truly. Nominations will again be open at the meeting on April 8 with elections later that same evening. This is a most important meeting, especially with the positions of Commander and Judge Advocate having no nominations at this time, so please make every effort to be in attendance and let your voice be heard. NOTE: a post must have a Commander and a Quartermaster to maintain its active status.

Items to keep in mind:

Report your community activities providing your name, activity, hours and miles in a note placed in the box by the front door at the Post.

The VA representative, Janice Raisl, will be at the Post on the second Thursday, April 14, instead of the third Thursday for April only.

Plan to attend the VFW convention June 23-25 to celebrate the expected election of Bert Key to the office of State Commander. Give your meal reservations to Voriece before April first.

Many thanks to all who have supported the canteen and kept it a going operation that in turn helps with the financial position of the Post. Special thanks go to Tim and Dan and Laura for the St. Patrick's Day food and drinks, Jose and Dan for the stroganoff dinner and Voriece for the cancer donation breakfast on March 20.

United We Stand ! Jim Mitchell, Commander

## Ladies Auxiliary President's Message

Ladies,

It is that time again when we must elect new officers. Please attend our April meeting as it is a very important part of our organization. I also need any community reports that have not been turned in as of March 31st.

Jr. Vice Jennell Mitchell will be putting on our April 3rd. Breakfast and Bingo. All proceeds go to our Buddy Poppy Fund. Please come and support this fundraiser event.

Quilting ladies are in request of cotton fabrics and fiber fill materials to make neck pillows for the VA hospital. Help if you can.

Jean Bettencourt is still doing dance every Wednesday night upstairs from 6pm to 7:30pm. Come join the fun and get great exercise. Remember summer is coming.

I hope to see a lot of you at the next meeting. Please be on time and upstairs no later than 6:45pm. A lot needs to be done in a very short period of time.

Buddy Poppy time is in the month of May our next meeting is Friday April 15th at 6pm. Come join us if you have any suggestions.

Sincerely, President Loretta Wilson

## April Calendar

Every Day	Canteen Menu (Except Monday)
Every Wed.	Taco Night—5pm
Every Sun.	Breakfast—10am
Every Sun.	Bingo—1pm
Every Mon	Canteen Closed
April 3rd	B&B, Bingo Ladies Aux. Buddy Poppy Fundraiser
April 8th	Mtg Night Ladies 6:45pm Post 8:00pm
April 10th	Post B & B
April 15th	Buddy Poppy Mtg. 6pm
April 17th	B & B Men's Aux.
April 24th	Easter Sunday ( Closed )
April ???	Luau Party (Call Post)

## POW/MIA

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (March 17, 2011) - An investigation team from the U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) recently deployed to Europe searching for MIA's from World War II.

The seven-member team will investigate 10 cases in the Federal Republic of Germany and Netherlands, searching for information associated with 17 servicemen unaccounted-for from World War II. The team will authenticate leads from witnesses, conduct field research, and gather information to determine whether or not there will be a return visit for excavation at a later date.

More than 6,000 regularly scheduled VFW volunteers provide more than 1 million hours of service annually to our nation's veterans in federal, state and community hospitals and nursing homes through VAVS. Volunteer opportunities vary by VA location. Here are just a few experiences offered by some VA facilities:

- reading to patients
  - transporting patients to appointments
  - manning clothes closets
  - providing camaraderie
- If you're interested in volunteering, please contact your local VA facility or Al Foust at the post.*

### Post Web Site

[www.vfw4273.org](http://www.vfw4273.org)

### From Your Editor

Newsletter articles are due Mar. 20 for the April Newsletter.

Contact your editor at:

[admin@vfw4273.org](mailto:admin@vfw4273.org)

## The Post Chaplain

**Melissa Samels 503 668 4849**

Life time member Arnold Huggins passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. We will miss him greatly.

“I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.”

Easter Holiday is approaching and I would like to wish everyone a happy and blessed occasion.



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### Help Save Money for the Post

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## The Auxiliary Chaplain

**Judy Gascon 503 668 3748**

Greetings Sisters:

Voriece Blair has recovered from pneumonia and is feeling much better.

Roni Homsley is having a difficult pregnancy and must rest a lot. She needs our prayers.

Susan Johnson was quarantined at Good Samaritan. She is doing better. She has been released and has gone to a rehab facility in Beaverton. Please pray she recovers and remains in good health when she is able to return home.

Helene Lambert was admitted to Mt. Hood Hospital for congestive Heart Failure. She is one of our life members.

Susan Knotts had 2 rods put into her back on March 28 at Providence Hospital. Update to come next month.

Helene Hawkins surgery went well and returned home on March 22 to recover.

Sharon Limrick, District 2 President from St. Helens lost her husband. He was Buried March 10th. So very sorry to hear of your loss, Sharon.

Our ladies need lots of prayers this month! I am always available for visits.

Sincerely, Judy Gascon 503-668-3748



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Commander	Jim Mitchell	President	Loretta Wilson
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Junior Vice Commander	Merle Stewart	Jr. Vice President	Jennell Mitchell
Chaplain	Melissa Samels	Treasurer	Jackie Key
Quartermaster	Tim Wilson	Chaplain	Judy Gascon
Judge Advocate	John Lamb	Secretary	Becky Ping
Adjutant	Glenn Yeager	Guard	Janet Misner
Surgeon	Sharkey Haider	Conductress	Dora Fitzpatrick

**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**

**Cancer Aid & Research**

I want to thank my workers, Jean Bettencourt, Betty & Matt Haider, Tim Wilson, Nancy Davis, Wanda Michaels, Karen Taylor, Ronie Homsley, Bonnie Hershberger, Jackie Key, & Dan Vaughan.

I would also like to thank everyone that came and participated in our fund raisers for Cancer. We took in \$194.00 at Breakfast, \$154.50 at Bingo, \$15.00 on sales of Pink Items, \$57.00 on 50-50 Drawing for a total of \$420.50 THANK YOU EVERYONE. Dennis was the big winner of the 50-50 Drawing WAY TO GO DENNIS. We had total of 156 miles & 34 hours. I will have a Grand Total of everything we've done for this calendar year in next newsletter. I appreciate all the support everyone has given me this year in raising money for CANCER AID & RESEARCH

Voriece, Cancer Chairman

2011 Buddy Poppy Update:

We had a committee meeting Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>. Loretta and Jennell from the Ladies Auxiliary, Matt from the Men's Auxiliary, Commander Jim Mitchell and I attended the meeting. Thanks to all.

We now have the dates and times set for the different stores for the POPPY DRIVE .

*FRED MEYER OF SANDY: MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 22<sup>ND</sup>, 27<sup>TH</sup>-28<sup>TH</sup> and 29<sup>TH</sup>*

*SAFEWAY OF SANDY: May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>*

*BI-MART OF SANDY: MAY 17<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>*

*DAMASCUS- BI-MART and SAFEWAY: MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> and 15<sup>TH</sup>*

All times will be 9:00 to 6:00 in three hour shifts. The only difference will be at the Bi-Mart store in Damascus; they do not open until 10:00 on Sundays.

So as you can see we have lots of dates and times and need volunteers to cover them. We are hoping for everyone to volunteer and make it a successful POPPY DRIVE.

Be looking for the sign-up sheets located in the canteen in the next few weeks.

The next POPPY meeting will be April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the Canteen. All are welcome and so are your ideas and help with setting up the POPPY cans, banners and posters.

Poppy Chairman-Jr. Vice-Commander  
Merle Stewart



**USO Operation Phone Home**

Established in 2003, USO Operation Phone Home delivers prepaid international phone cards to deployed troops free of charge. The phone cards are distributed through USO centers overseas and most often or delivered directly to military units abroad. As deployments increase and the needs of the military change, the USO has developed a private telephone network (PTN), available in USO centers throughout Southwest Asia.

The phone cards and PTN are ways deployed troops can stay connected with their family. One hundred percent of the money raised for the USO Operation Phone Home program goes to the purchase of phone cards and operation of the PTN.

Visit [USO.ORG](http://USO.ORG) for more information

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

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

**Post & Ladies - 4/8/11**

**Men's Auxiliary - 4/10/11**



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