

# The Buckboard Bulletin

"First to serve our Veterans"

May 2009

## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Comrades,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you as your Commander Elect. I want to thank you for your confidence in voting for me and pledge to you to do my best in the upcoming year.

We have had another good year in meeting our responsibilities as a civic organization in this great community.

We have done a lot to help take care of our veterans and their families. We have done a lot to help the young people of our community reach their educational goals. In addition to that, we have been represented quite well at the National, Department and District conferences and conventions. This Post is well recognized throughout the state.

However, we still have a number of things to improve on. We need a wide variety of input into our decisions. That means attending meetings. We have a few people carrying a lot of the work load.

If you have not been to a meeting lately, I invite you to attend and make your voice heard. I am anxious to meet each of you throughout the year. If you cannot make it to a meeting, stop by the canteen sometime and just say "hi".

We are a close knit post. I will lay out my goals to you upon taking command, but one of my goals is to build us into an even closer group of American Patriots.

There is a lot going on in the next couple of months. Please get involved and have a positive impact in this community. Thank you.

Mike Horttor, Commander Elect

## Ladies Auxiliary President's Message

Ladies,

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me as the new president of the ladies Auxiliary. I will do my very best, so that we can have a great year to remember. I am hoping that we can work together and have a good year together. I would like to work on team effort this year and to see people respecting each other. I would like all of us to do our best when it comes to supporting our programs. The main program that I will be working on this next year will be the Snowball Express. Let's have a great year. Thank you.

Christie Horttor, President

## May Calendar

May 1	Flag Pole Dedication 5:00 pm (Pot Luck)
May 2	Post Golf Tournament
May 3	Breakfast/BINGO (Men's Aux) 10:00 am
May 5	Buddy Poppy Meeting 5:30 pm
May 6	House Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
May 8	Ladies Aux Meeting 6:45 pm, Post Meeting 8:00 pm (Pot Luck)
May 9	Men's Aux Meeting 2:00 pm
May 10	Mother's Day (Mothers free breakfast)
Mat 10	Breakfast/BINGO (Post) 10:00 am
May 17	Breakfast/BINGO (Ladies Aux) 10:00 am
May 18	Large Flags on Flag Poles Work Party 5 pm
May 22	Small Flags to Cemetery 9 am
May 25	Memorial Day Ceremony 11:00 am, Large Flag Poles will be in place at 8:00 am
May 26	Put away all Memorial Day Flags 5 pm
May 31	Breakfast/BINGO (4-H) 10:00 am
June 7	Breakfast/BINGO (Post) 10:00 am
June 10	House Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
June 12	Ladies Aux Meeting 6:45 pm, Post Meeting 8:00 pm (Pot Luck)
June 13	Men's Aux Meeting 2:00 pm
June 14	Breakfast/BINGO (Men's Aux) 10:00 am



**From Your Editor**

Bert Key

Newsletter articles are due 6 June for the June-August Newsletter.

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

**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 Mike Horttor for the loss of his father.

**Memorial Day 2009**

Memorial Day is observed this year on May 25. This is a very special day. A time for us to remember the sacrifice of our veterans. We do this by putting individual flags on the graves of veterans in our local cemeteries. This year we will decorate Firhill Cemetery (near Safeway) and have our Memorial Day Ceremony there at 11:00 am. Please volunteer to help on the work days listed in the calendar on page one.

**The Auxiliary Chaplain**

**Brier Chung**

*Sisters,*

*We are saddened by the loss of two of our Sisters in April: Donna Schell and Rose Baldrige. We send our heartfelt condolences to their families.*

*We send our sincere sympathies to Faith Gilliland for the recent loss of her husband. To our Auxiliary President we send our care and concern at the recent loss of her father-in-law.*

*April was a difficult month for many of our Sisters. May spring bring us all renewed Peace and Happiness.*

Welcome to new sponsor, Mike Wentworth. Business and Personal Insurance. Cell: 503-310-4111, or mrwins41@comcast.net His card will be posted on page 4 next month.

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**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	Christie Horttor
Senior Vice Commander	Mike Horttor	Sr. Vice President	Helene Hawkins
Junior Vice Commander	Jim Mitchell	Jr. Vice President	Loretta Wilson
Chaplain	(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 for May is right around the corner. **PLEASE SIGN UP NOW** to help at a store. We can't do the Buddy Poppy Drive without you. It is just 3 hours for one day—May 9, 16, 23, or 24. Either join with someone and sign up together or just sign up and get to know someone new. Sign up sheets are next to the calendar in the Canteen. **PLEASE HELP!**

Buddy Poppy Boards are available in the Canteen. A donation of \$5.00 or more will get the board posted as a remembrance for a friend or loved one.

Buddy Poppy distribution is one of our main fundraisers and is a tribute to all veterans, but especially for those who gave their life. They gave, won't you? 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. Thank you

Jim Mitchell

Junior Vice Commander

Poppy Chairman

**CANTEEN CORNER**

**Lori Merritt**

Spring has finally sprung!

We have a few great events planned this month, so do not miss them. You will have a few opportunities to show off your great cooking abilities this month in the way of potlucks.

First, there will be a potluck on May 1 after the Flag Pole dedication. Then there will be one on the Post/Ladies Auxiliary Meeting night on the 8th. Next, we will have a pot luck after the Memorial Day Service on the 25th. And finally, on the Birthday Party night on the 29th.

Do not forget to come down to the canteen for the Breakfast/BINGO's every Sunday starting at 10:00 am.

Thanks this month for helping with Wednesday Taco nights goes to Susan Knotts, Jim Mitchell and Al Gagnon. I could not do it without their help. Thank you!

We really need help on Wednesday Taco night. If you can help out please do.

We are in need of part-time bartenders. If you are interested in working part time please contact me at the post anytime and pick up an application.

Do not forget the May Birthday Party on the 29th.

Thank you for all you do for our veterans.

See you at the Post!

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

**VOD: Does America Still Have Heroes?**

If you have children or grand children in high school, be sure to let them know about this VOD contest.

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

If you have children or grand children in junior high school be sure to let them know about this Patriot's Pen contest.

**Help get the word out about both of these great opportunities for students to participate in.**

**Reminder:** A representative from the County's Veteran Service Office is available in Sandy at the VFW Hall from 10 am to Noon, the third Thursday of every month. The county offers a free service to assist veterans and their eligible dependents in filing for, advocating for, and obtaining federal VA entitlements and other pertinent ancillary benefits. If you have questions about your entitlement to VA benefits, including using the VA for health care needs, or you need help with filing a claim or an existing claim, please stop by the VFW Hall during one of their visits. Please also feel free to come by to get acquainted or to ask questions about VA benefits. If you are unable to come in during their visit to Sandy, please contact the County Veteran Service Office at 503-655-8796

**Quote of the month:**

**“Now, more than in recent years, the enduring relevance of Memorial Day should be clearly evident. With two wars under way, the public has no excuse not to remember.**

**I strongly encourage every American to spend some time on Memorial Day actually commemorating that day as it was intended.”**

**Glen M. Gardner, Jr.  
Commander-In-Chief**



**Happy Mother's Day  
May 10, 2009  
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