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### POST COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Greetings:

Here we are well into spring and closing in on summer. I want to thank any and all who have helped with our post recruitment. With your hard work and dedication we have reached our goal of 105%+. Again, that makes us eligible for All State honors and status.

It is my belief, that if we stay focused on our VFW mission in the helping of our veterans and their families we will again reach our goal of 105%+.in 2013.

Our state meeting is in June for the installation of all new state officers. If you run into are State Commander make sure and tell Bert what a great job he has done for us. Congratulations to our new post and auxiliary officers. At press time results weren't in on everyone. Keep doing your best to make our post the best in the state.

All gave some, Some gave all.

Terry E. Boyer  
Post Commander

### May Calendar

Every Day	Canteen Menu (Except Monday)
Every Mon	Canteen Closed
Every Tues.	Domino night
Every Wed.	Taco and Poker Night—5pm
May 1	Loyalty Day Ceremony & Potluck
May 5	Dist 15 Potluck and Meeting 12:00 Senior Center
May 6	Ladies Auxiliary Breakfast 10am Entertainment at Noon
May 9	Birthday visit to VA Hospital car pool 8:00am
May 11	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 6:45pm
May 13	Post Brunch—Mothers Free 10am
May 18	Post Meeting 6pm
May 19	Youth Group 12:30
May 23	Assemble Isle of Flags 5:30pm
May 25	Place small flags at 3 cemeteries 9am
May 28	Place Large Flags at Firhill 8am
June 6—10	Department Convention North Bend
June 17	Ladies Auxiliary Father's Day Breakfast and Bingo

### Ladies Auxiliary President's Message

This past month, I prepared our final reports for all of the work that we have done this past year. I cannot tell you how proud I am of this Auxiliary. We did a tremendous amount of work in support of our honored veterans and community. I believe we will be among the best in the state. Thank you so much for all of your time and effort.

We elected our officers for next year and the results are as follows; President Jean Bettencourt, Sr. Vice President Dora Fitzpatrick, Jr. Vice President will be elected during our May meeting, Treasurer Shari Carter, Conductress Voriece Blair, Guard Midge Wadkins, Chaplain Judy Gascon, Trustee 3 Jackie Key and Secretary Kay Gomes. We will need a new Patriotic Instructor, so if you are interested in that position, please let me know. I appreciate everyone who stepped up to the plate to serve our Auxiliary this coming year.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all of the officers who served this past year. You all did a great job and I could not have asked for a better team.

We are approaching Memorial Day and will need help distributing Buddy Poppy's. Merle tells me that he will have signup sheets soon, so please give of your time generously as this is a huge fund raiser for the Post and Auxiliary. We will also be needing help with the flags so watch for those signup sheets also.

August 11th is the date that has been set for the annual Post picnic at Barton Park. So please put that on your calendar.

Beginning in July, the Auxiliary meeting time will be changing to 6:00PM on the second Friday of each month. Another reminder, due to the convention, the June meeting will be on Thursday the 14th instead of the usual date.

Please don't forget our Loyalty Day ceremonies on Tuesday May 1st and our District meeting at the Senior Center on Saturday May 5th.

Once again, thank you all so much for all of your time and hard work. This Auxiliary is the BEST!

Jean Bettencourt  
Auxiliary President

**Post Membership**

Thanks to all of you who kept current with your membership to VFW Post 4273. We realize that money is tight these days so we're proud that your VFW membership is a priority for you. Your membership dues will support the VFW'S mission to serve and represent our veterans at the Local, State and National level. Your membership will be valid through 12/31/2012. Thanks again for your support.

Merle Stewart; Senior Vice Commander

**Buddy Poppy Campaign – 2012**

Baseball season is starting; spring is in the air, and our annual May Buddy Poppy drive is up and running. We'll be asking for lots of help and support as we plan to do a couple of weekends at the Damascus Safeway and Bi-Mart stores again, as well as our Sandy Fred Meyer, Safeway and Bi-Mart stores.

As you know the more contributions we collect, the more aid we are able to give to our local veterans and their families when they are in need.

First, we need to form a buddy poppy committee in the next week to check the condition of our banners, posters and poppies, and contact the local Boy and Girl Scouts troops to assist us in the drive.

Please contact Jennell Mitchell, the Ladies Aux. Poppy chairperson, Charles Scantling, Junior Vice Commander and Poppy Chairman, myself, or anyone of our other officers if you can volunteer some time to help get things organized. If we can get an early start on this poppy drive, it will run smoothly and be easier on everyone. I hope many of you will be able to give a few hours of your time this month to make this a successful event for our community and VFW Post 4273.

Please check the Post Canteen in the coming weeks for the sign-up sheets with the various store event schedules with times and dates. It makes such a difference in your life when you volunteer!

Thanks again for your time and support.

Merle Stewart

**The Auxiliary Chaplain**

**Judy Gascon**

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Sardi Bowyer's son passed away suddenly and he was only in his forties. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Sardi and her family.

Amy Lunati, Laura Baron's daughter who is also a member of our auxiliary, had a liver biopsy and radiation treatment for her eye in April. She needs our prayers.

Russell Hawkins, Helene's husband, had an emergency visit to the hospital for a GI problem. He is home now and doing well.

Marty LeDoux, Joann's husband, had serious surgery for an aneurism, but is home now and doing OK.

Our dear sister Elaine Hurling passed away this past February. Our sympathies go out to her family.

Judy Gascon

Auxiliary Chaplain

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**Post Officers**

**Ladies Auxiliary Officers**

- Commander Terry Boyer
- Senior Vice Commander Merle Stewart
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Merle Stewart Sr. Vice

**Cancer Chairman**

I would like to thank Wanda Michael & Family for the delicious breakfast, bingo & raffle they put on April 1-2012, they raised \$226.75 for Cancer Aid & Research. This gives us a great start for the coming year. ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU!!!

Happy Mother's Day to all my Sisters

Voriece Blair, Cancer Chairman

**Quartermaster's Corner**

The Post needs members to step forward and help out. Our greatest needs are: 1) Information Technology Specialist, Computerized Bookkeeping and Clerical - Computer Data Input. We need your help to keep our Post running. Please send me an E-mail at "quartermaster.vfwpost4273@frontier.com"

Yours In Comradeship Bill

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**Isle of Flags**

Once again it is time to get our flags ready for Memorial Day. I will need lots of help, we will be putting the big flags on the poles upstairs at the V.F.W. Hall Wednesday May 23rd, at 5:30 P.M. Then on Friday May 25th at 9:A.M. we will place the small flags in all 3 cemeteries. On Monday May 28th at 8:00 A.M. we will put up the large flags in Firhill Cemetery and take them down at 5:00 P.M. I want to thank everyone ahead of time for all your time in volunteering for this program. We have alot of fun and it makes you very proud to see our cemeteries with all the flags flying.

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**NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN**

Please keep saving your Campbell's soup/UPC symbols. Eligible products include Campbell's soups, Spaghettios, Super Bakes, V8 caps, Franko American gravies, Prego, Swanson and Pepperidge Farm Products.

These labels go to help the National Home for Children near Grand Rapids, Michigan. This is where spouses and children of deceased or disabled veterans can go for help.

The labels have helped to buy vans for transportation of children and families to school, appointments, sports practice and community service activities.

So, save those labels and bring them into the VFW Post. As of Feb. 15th we have only received 260 of them. I will be sending them in sometime in March. This is an ongoing program, so try to bring what you have in often.

Nancy Amonson

NHFC Chairperson, Post 4273



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## CANTEEN CORNER

We have a lot of activities coming up in May. We had a great month in April with all the great breakfasts and dinners. Thank you Kris, Carol, Mathias and the rest of the Engblom family for a wonderful "White Linen Affair" it was a wonderful dinner. Thank you thank you!

May events will begin with the Loyalty Day Potluck on Tuesday May 1st. The District meeting will follow on Saturday May 5th.

May 6th, the woman will be cooking up a wonderful breakfasts and don't forget Bingo it starts at 12:30.

May 11th Ladies Auxiliary meeting at 6:45 pm, I will be serving Home made Clam Chowder and sourdough rolls for \$3.50. Please come and join us for a great evening!

May 13th The Men will be cooking up a grand breakfast, free to all the Mother's. We will have Strawberry Mamosa's and Bloody Mary drink specials \$3.00.

May 18th Post meeting night, 6:00pm, I will be cooking up a batch of Lasagna with Salad and Garlic bread for \$3.50.

Don't forget our Tuesday night Domino's and our Wednesday night Taco and Poker. Fawnda makes a mean Taco and even if your real nice to her she will make you a wonderful quesadilla.

We have a lot of things coming up over the next few months. It will be a great summer.

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets (\$1 each or 6 for \$5) for the Quilt of Valor, designed by Tony Jacobson, made by Jean Bettencourt. It is a beautiful quilt and the drawing will be on Memorial Day May 28th !

Thank you for your service I appreciate all of you Veterans!

Your Bartender  
Pamela

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~ NEWS ADVISORY ~

Full military honors for unaccounted-for Americans from World War II, Vietnam War

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii The U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command will host an Arrival Ceremony Friday, April 27 at 9 a.m. in Hangar 35, to honor fallen U.S. personnel whose identities remain unknown.

An honor detail made up of joint military members will escort four flag-draped transfer cases from a U.S. military plane to JPAC's Central Identification Laboratory for analyses.

The remains receiving full military honors represent losses associated with World War II and the Vietnam War. The first transfer case represents individuals unaccounted-for from World War II and was recovered from Papua New Guinea. The final three transfer cases were recovered from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia and represent Vietnam War losses.

Once the transfer cases arrive at JPAC's laboratory, the process of forensically identifying the individuals will begin. If and when identifications are established, the names will be announced following next-of-kin notification.

Media interested in attending the ceremony must contact JPAC Public Affairs before noon April 25 to receive instructions for base access. All media will be escorted.

Falling directly under the U.S. Pacific Command and employed by more than 400 joint military and civilian personnel, JPAC continues its search for the more than 83,000 Americans still missing from past conflicts. The ultimate goal of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, and of the agencies involved in returning America's heroes home, is to conduct global search, recovery, and laboratory operations in order to support the Department of Defense™s personnel accounting efforts.

"Until They Are Home"

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Daily Canteen Menu (Closed Monday)

Halibut Fish & Chips	\$5.50
Chicken Strips & Fries	\$4.50
Hamburger & Fries	\$4.50
Cheeseburger & Fries	\$5.00
French Fries	\$2.50

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

**Post - 5/18/12 6pm**

**Ladies - 5/11/12 6:45pm**



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