

The Buckboard Bulletin

“First to serve our Veterans”

June/July/August 2010

COMMANDER’S COMMENTS

Comrades and Sisters,

This will be the last time I address you as Commander of this magnificent Post. Jim Mitchell has been installed and will officially take over on 26 June. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate the effort and hard work put forth by so many of you to make this year so successful. Just like all families, we have experienced adversity together. And together we have overcome that adversity and become a much stronger family because of it. With the same support for Jim and his line officers, Post 4273 will reach even greater heights next year. This VFW Post has become recognized by many in the community as a leading Civic Organization. You have become known as an organization of doers, people who get the job done.

I would like to thank all of you who came out and helped Voriece Blair preparing all the flags for Memorial Day. Voriece does a great job of organizing that each year. It is through her tenacity and perseverance that this task gets done each year and she deserves a great big thank you from all of us. Many thanks also to Brad Polluck, owner of Mt. Hood Cleaners for cleaning the flags at no expense to the Post. Brad is a patriot friend to us all.

We have an entry in the Sandy Mountain Days Parade made up of several military vehicles. There will be room on some of those vehicles for your children and grand children to ride during the parade. If you want to ride in the parade meet the vehicles when they are staged on Hood Street at about where the funeral home is located.

One of those vehicles is a pre-WWII recon tank.

Thanks to Pat O’Malley, owner of All Ways Towing for transporting the tank to Sandy for the parade and then back to Camp Withycombe. Pat is another patriotic friend of ours.

Finally, I want to wish you all a great Summer. We have seen a lot of rain this Spring. Hopefully that means a great Summer is on the way. Semper Fi!
Bert Key, Commander

June/July/August Calendar

June 17	VA Rep Janice Raisl at Post 10-Noon
June 19	Texas Hold'em (Post Hall) 6:00 pm
June 20	Breakfast/BINGO (Ladies Aux) 10:00 am Father's Day (Breakfast free to Fathers)
June 24-27	State Convention (Seven Feathers)
June 27	Breakfast/BINGO (Men's Aux) 10:00 am
July 2-9	Field of Honor
July 4	Independence Day Breakfast/BINGO (Ladies Aux) 10:00 am
July 8	Sandy Mountain Days Parade 7:00 pm
July 10	Men's Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 pm
July 11	Breakfast/BINGO (Post) 10:00 am
July 12	House Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
July 14	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 6:45 pm Post Meeting 8:00 pm
July 15	VA Rep Janice Raisl at Post 10-Noon
July 18	Breakfast/BINGO (Men's Aux) 10:00 am
July 24	School of Instruction (Molalla) 9:00 am Celebrate America BBQ at the Post 1:00 pm
July 25	Breakfast/BINGO (Ladies Aux) 10:00 am
July 31	School of Instruction (Hermiston) 9:00 am
Aug 1	Breakfast/BINGO (Post) 10:00 am
Aug 7	Post Picnic (Barton Park) 1:00 pm Canteen Closed for the day.
Aug 8	Breakfast/BINGO (Men's Aux) 10:00 am
Aug 9	House Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
Aug 13	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 6:45 pm Post Meeting 8:00 pm
Aug 15	Breakfast/BINGO (Ladies Aux) 10:00 am
Aug 19	VA Rep Janice Raisl at Post 10-Noon
Aug 22	Breakfast/BINGO (Post) 10:00 am
Aug 29	Breakfast/BINGO (Men's Aux) 10:00 am
Sep 5	Breakfast/BINGO (Post) 10:00 am
Sep 6	House Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
Sep 10	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 6:45 Post Meeting 8:00 pm
Sep 11	Men's Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 pm
Sep 19	Post Golf Tournament

From Your Editor

Bert Key

Newsletter articles are due 21 August for the September Newsletter.

Contact your editor at:
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The Post Chaplain

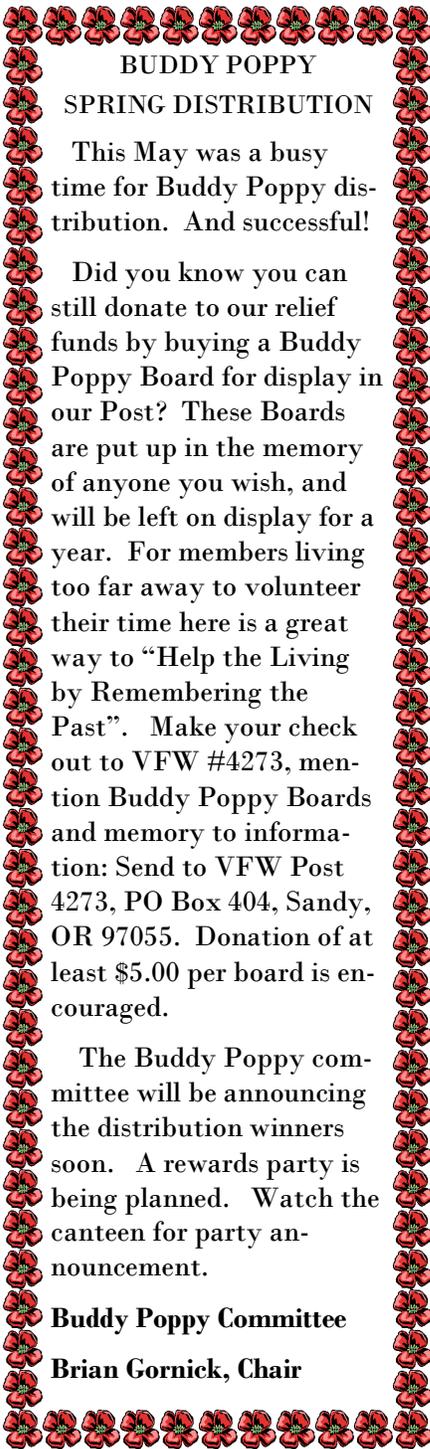
Melissa Samels (503) 668-4849

Our prayers and thoughts are with family and friends of Donald Schenk, who was a charter member of the Post. He will be missed by all of us. Let us continue to pray for Richard Steffl as he recovers from his illness. I hope everyone has a great Summer. Don't forget to stop by the Post to keep up to date with all the fun activities for the season. If any of you, or your family members would like to participate, please call me.

The Auxiliary Chaplain

Voriece Blair (503) 668-4237

Our sincere condolences to the family of Claudine 'Snookie' Pullen. She will be greatly missed. Fran Taylor is recuperating from surgery on her foot. Hope to see you soon Fran. I hope everyone else is doing well. Be sure to let me know if someone needs cards or phone calls. Maybe we will get some sunshine soon and everyone will feel better. I sure hope so. God be with all of you.



**BUDDY POPPY
SPRING DISTRIBUTION**

This May was a busy time for Buddy Poppy distribution. And successful!

Did you know you can still 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 here 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.

The Buddy Poppy committee will be announcing the distribution winners soon. A rewards party is being planned. Watch the canteen for party announcement.

Buddy Poppy Committee

Brian Gornick, Chair

July Post & Auxiliary

**Meeting changed to
Wednesday, July 14!**

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP

My Thanks to all of you who came out and helped with our flags. We had 36 workers for 226 hours of service time. The flags were put up at 9 am, Friday May 25th and were taken down Monday, May 31st at 5 pm. The flags were flown for 80 hours. I hope you did not miss seeing them. They were beautiful. An extra thanks to those that gave up their nights at home to do guard duty in the cemetery. I really appreciate all of you. Thank you from my heart. Voriece

CANCER AID AND RESEARCH FUNDRAISER

The Ladies Auxiliary has a new fund raiser for Cancer Aid and Research. It is the sale of hand made patriotic costume jewelry. A sample board of the jewelry is located behind the bar at the Canteen. Order forms are also at the Post for your convenience. You may leave your orders and pick up your jewelry at the Post or you may order and receive your jewelry by mail. All details are on the order form. 20% of all sales will be donated to the cancer fund. This is a great opportunity for you to get some fun things to wear for the 4th of July, and help to increase our donation to the cancer fund. Please direct any questions to Jean Bettencourt at 503-663-0510. Thank you for your support.

Post Officers	2010-2011	Auxiliary Officers	
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Commander	Jim Mitchell	President	Loretta Wilson
Senior Vice Commander	Brian Gornick	Sr. Vice President	Helene Hawkins
Junior Vice Commander	Todd Kruckenberg	Jr. Vice President	Janet Misner
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Judge Advocate	John Lamb	Secretary	Becky Ping
Adjutant	Glenn Yeager	Guard	Janet Misner
Surgeon	Sharkey Haider	Conductress	Dora Fitzpatrick

WHEN THE MUSIC STOPPED...

(For those who are unaware: At all U. S. military base theaters, the National Anthem is played before the movie begins.) This is written by a Chaplain in Iraq:

"I recently attended a showing of "Superman 3" here at LSA Anaconda. We have a large auditorium we use for movies, as well as memorial services and other large gatherings. As is the custom at all military bases, we stood to attention when the National Anthem began before the main feature. All was going well until three-quarters of the way through the National Anthem, the music stopped.

Now, what would happen if this occurred with 1,000 18-22 year-olds back in the States? I imagine there would be hoots, catcalls, laughter, a few rude comments, and everyone would sit down and yell for the movie to begin. Of course, that is, if they had stood for the National Anthem in the first place.

Here in Iraq, 1,000 Soldiers continued to stand at attention, eyes fixed forward. The music started again and the Soldiers continued to quietly stand at attention. But again, at the same point, the music stopped. What would you expect 1,000 Soldiers standing at attention to do? Frankly, I expected some laughter, and everyone would eventually sit down and wait for the movie to start.

But no, you could have heard a pin drop, while every Soldier continued to stand at attention.

Suddenly, there was a lone voice from the front of the auditorium, then a dozen voices, and soon the room was filled with the voices of a thousand soldiers, finishing where the recording left off: 'And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. Oh, say does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave, o'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.'

It was the most inspiring moment I have had in Iraq and I wanted you to know what kind of Soldiers are serving you. Remember them as they fight for us. Pass this along as a reminder to others to be ever in prayer for all our soldiers serving us here at home and abroad. Many have already paid the ultimate price. God Bless America and all of our troops serving through out the world."

Chaplain Jim Higgins

REMEMBER!
JULY MEETING CHANGE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 14TH
AUX—6:45 pm POST— 8 pm

BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF OREGON

Donations of high energy food stuffs such as: packaged tuna and nuts, protein bars and dried fruit 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 be sent in prepaid USPS boxes. Cash donations of \$12.95 for mailing these boxes are also welcomed. Auxiliary sister Patty Klascius is your contact Call (503) 695-2824 for more information

SANDY LADIES AUXILIARY

ANNIVERSARY TEA

The Sandy Ladies Auxiliary honored four charter members in attendance at their 35th Anniversary Tea on June 5. Pauline Allgeier, Delores Jordan, Jeannette Sandercock, and Dorothy Lindland were presented their 35 year membership pin at the Tea. Post #4273 Commander, Jim Mitchell praised the ladies on their 35 years of support to the Post and it's programs. Past presidents were introduced and thanked for their contributions to the Auxiliary. Special guests included the Ladies Auxiliary Department President, Carol Ege, Department Treasurer, Judy Jackson, and Department Secretary, Paula Bell. Judy Jackson is also a Past President of our Auxiliary and a Past Department President. Wonderful piano music filled the hall, thanks to Judy Gascon. In total 40 ladies had a great afternoon full of memories and friendship. A big thank you goes to the our tea committee. Jackie Key, Chair, Dora Fitzpatrick, Vice-Chair, JoAnn LeDoux, Voriece Blair, Judy Gascon, Nancy Davis, Anni Kruckenberg, and Loretta Wilson. A special thank you goes to Marguerite Inman and Carol Engblom for sharing their beautiful tea cups and Kit Spitzengel for transporting the tea cups; Todd Kruckenberg for taking pictures; and Jan Freiley and Danielle Holmes for being servers. It was a great day!

Quote of the Month:

“A hundred times every day I remind myself that my inner and outer life depend on the labors of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received.”

Albert Einstein



Join Us for Post and Auxiliary meetings!

Post & Ladies - 7/14/10

Men's Auxiliary - 7/10/10



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