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### POST COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Greetings:

Hope this article finds everyone well. Post is doing well in all aspects. We need volunteers in everything we do. Your help is what keeps us in business.

In order to help returning vet's and their families we have to keep up the great work that we've been doing so well. Thanks to all of you, my first year as Post Commander has went rather well for me. Not only did we reach state status, we attained all American status as well. This was confirmed by a letter received from national headquarters a week ago. Again, thank you all for your participation.

Summer is here, and to kick it off we start with memorial day celebration at Fir Hill cemetery may 28 at 11:00 am followed by post potluck. June 6-10 will be our state convention at Coosbay at the Old Mill casino. If able, please attend. There will be plenty of fun for all. June 15 will be our post meeting. In July we will have our national meeting in Reno Nevada. This will be as close to us as it will get for at least 5 years.

We had a great loyalty day celebration followed by a wonderful potato bar hosted by our ladies auxiliary president Jean Bittencourt. Thanks again Jean.

Thanks again to all new officers post and auxiliary. Your new terms will begin June 10 following our state convention. Wish you all great success.

July begins a busy time for us, with the sandy Mt. day parade and sandy Mt. day VFW chicken barbecue - the best in the state.

Hope everyone has a great summer.

All gave some, some gave all.

Commander Terry Boyer post 4273

### June Calendar

Every Day	Canteen Menu (Except Monday)
Every Mon	Canteen Closed
Every Tues.	Domino night
Every Wed.	Taco and Poker Night—5pm
June 6 - 10	Dept. Convention North Bend
June 14	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 6:45pm
June 17	Father's Day Breakfast 10-noon
July 1	Ladies Auxiliary Breakfast & Bingo
July 13	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 6:00pm
July 14 - 15	Bar-B-Q Booth Mountain Festival
July 21 - 25	National Convention Reno
August 4	School of Instruction Molalla
August 5	Ladies Auxiliary Breakfast & Bingo
August 10	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 6:00pm
August 11	Post Picnic Barton Park
Sept 2	Ladies Auxiliary Breakfast & Bingo
Sept 14	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 6:00pm
Sept 15	Sellwood Post Poker Run Visit 11:30

### Ladies Auxiliary President's Message

Summer is here already. Thank you for a great year, filled with many successes, a lot of work and fun.

The District 15 meeting Cinco De Mayo potluck was a real feast. Thank you to all who contributed and helped to get it setup and cleaned up. I would not have been able to get it done if Sardi and Midge hadn't shown up at around 9:30 to help.

Buddy Poppy sales and our Memorial Day ceremonies have just come to a conclusion. I appreciate your participation and time. I always get emotional when I see the caskets flags flying and all the small flags out at the cemeteries. It really brings home the true spirit of Memorial Day and the reason for the Poppies. If you were not able to participate this year, I hope you will set some time aside next Memorial Day to hand out Poppy's in honor of our veterans.

Our VA Hospital birthday visit was great. The hospitalized veterans are always so thankful to receive our surprise gifts. Thank you Wanda for shopping for gifts and making the arrangements for our visit.

I will need help to fix our annual Father's Day breakfast on June 17th. Please let me know if you are available to help. Thank you.

We will be putting up signup sheets for help at our Bar-B-Q booth at the Mountain Festival soon. This is a huge project. There is a lot of work and fun involved, please plan on helping.

Don't forget the Post picnic at Barton Park on August 11th. It is a potluck with the Post providing the Bar-B-Q.

There is a School of Instruction for all of our new and old officers in Molalla on Sat., Aug. 4th. There is critical information provided at this meeting and very one should plan on attending.

Ladies please remember our meeting change due to the Dept. Convention. Our next meeting will be on Thursday June 14th at 6:45pm. Starting in July our meetings will begin at 6:00pm on the second Friday of each month.

Have a safe and fun filled summer.

Jean Bettencourt

Ladies Auxiliary President

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**The Auxiliary Chaplain**  
**Judy Gascon**      **503 668 3748**

WASHINGTON, May 15, 2012 - Unemployed veterans ages 35 to 60 can apply for up to 12 months of paid training through a new program sponsored by the Departments of Labor and Veterans Affairs.

VA officials said the population the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program will serve is particularly in need. Of about 900,000 U.S. veterans who are unemployed, nearly two-thirds are between 35 and 60, according to the Labor Department.

The program, which began today, provides 12 months of training assistance equal to the monthly full-time payment rate under the Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty program, which currently pays \$1,473 per month.

Participants must be enrolled in a community college or technical school program approved for VA benefits. The program must lead to an associate degree, non-college degree or certificate.

To qualify, a veteran also must:

- Be unemployed on the day of application;
- Have a discharge that is not dishonorable;
- Not be eligible for any other VA education benefit program, such as the Post-9/11 GI Bill or Montgomery GI Bill;
- Not receive VA compensation for being unemployable;
- Not be enrolled in a federal or state job training program; and
- Pursue a program that leads to employment in one of 210 occupations the Labor Department designates as high-demand.

Eligible veterans may call 800-827-1000 to learn more about the program or For more information about the Department of Labor's Veterans programs, go to <http://www.dol.gov/vets/>

Russell Hawkins, Helene's husband, passed away peacefully in her arms at a rest stop outside of Salt Lake City, while on their way to Indiana. Helene is our Auxiliary Guard. The funeral was held May 4th at Living Way Fellowship.

Rich Spitzengel, Kit's spouse, is doing fine after having had a heart attack.

Tragically, Cleo Hottman's 15 year old grandson was killed after falling out of a tree on April 22nd. He was found the next morning.

Sandra Webb's mother passed away and her husband, Ted, fell off a ladder and is still hospitalized.

Arlene Kuykendall, a long time Auxiliary member and in her nineties, passed away on Mother's Day. Her daughter, Joan Gunderson, is a past president of our Auxiliary. The funeral was held at the Sandy Funeral Home on May 21st, lunch followed at the Sandy Senior Center.

Laura DeLong is doing fine now after a cardiac infection in one of her heart valves.

Bonnie Hershberger was in the hospital for five days with severe back spasms. Although still in some pain she is getting better.

Jean Bettencourt, our president, has pneumonia and we all pray for her speedy recovery.

Judy Gascon, Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain

Post Officers		2011—2012	Ladies Auxiliary Officers	
Commander	Terry Boyer		President	Jean Bettencourt
Senior Vice Commander	Merle Stewart		Sr. Vice President	Dora Fitzpatrick
Junior Vice Commander	Glenn Yeager		Jr. Vice President	Jennell Mitchell
Chaplain	Melissa Samels		Treasurer	Jackie Key
Quartermaster	Bill Miller		Chaplain	Judy Gascon
Judge Advocate	John Lamb		Secretary	Debra Glenzer
Adjutant	Brad Parkinson		Guard	Helene Hawkins
Surgeon	Dan Copher		Conductress	Jewel Lamb

## Canteen Corner

Well the month of June is upon us. Summer is here and it is a wonderful time for camp outs, bonfires and BBQ. So enjoy, enjoy, enjoy!

June will begin with the Convention June 6th thru the 10th , all of you that are attending enjoy your time at the Coast.

June 8th through June 11th, I will be out of town for a few days enjoying Sumpter, Oregon, hopefully there will be sunshine!

June 14th is the Ladies Auxiliary meeting. I will be cooking up a pot of homemade Chicken noodle soup with homemade rolls. \$3.00 a bowl, I will begin serving at 5 pm.

June 15th is the Post Meeting. I will be cooking up a homemade Beef Stroganoff served with a sour dough roll and green beans. \$4.00 a plate. I will begin serving at 5 pm.

June 17th is Fathers Day, the Woman's Auxiliary will be cooking up a great breakfast for our Fathers! Don't forget the Fathers will eat free!

Thank you to the clean up crew that came out on Monday May 1st to pressure wash the building and clean up around the post. Tim & Loretta Wilson and Terry Boyer. You all did a great Job!!!! Thank you Mr. Wilson for the wonderful Chili that you made to fill our tummies after we were all done.

Thank you Jean for Hosting the Loyalty Day Potato Bar, it was wonderful. Thank you!

There was a great turn out for the District meeting Potluck. Thank you to everyone that provided a food dish that made it even more enjoyable.

Mothers Day Breakfast was Grand.. Thank you to Terry Boyer, Dan Copher, Ken Hershberger for a great breakfast and Thank you to John Lamb, Bradley Parkinson and everyone that helped with serving and clean up. It was a Great Mothers Day!!

Have a wonderful Month and I hope to see all your wonderful faces around the Canteen.

Sincerely,

Pamela

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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 - 6/15/12 6pm**

**Ladies - 6/14/12 6:45pm**



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