

The Buckboard Bulletin

"First to serve our Veterans"

October 2007

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Ladies and Gentlemen, time continues to fly by. It just will not slow down. The Post has been very busy. We have accomplished a lot over this past year and I am very proud of this Post. However, there is much left to be done, and I am asking you to donate your time and energy. Recruiting is well underway and we are in good shape for so early in the year. I am going to ask all of you who did not recruit a new member last year to make an extra effort this year to recruit at least one. Membership is everyone's responsibility. Contact Chuck Lutz if you have recruiting questions. Please give this issue your undivided attention.

As you know, last year some of our great volunteers renovated the inside of the Canteen, and it looks great. It is now time to work on the appearance of the outside of the building. You have probably noticed the new paint job that is underway. Loretta Wilson has done a great job of organizing the paint crew and getting most of the job done. There is some painting to do and we need more volunteers to finish the job. In addition to Loretta, I cannot thank the following volunteers enough for their help in preparing the building and painting it: Tim Wilson, Larry Merritt, Gary Lightcap, Chuck Lutz, Mark Johnson, Jim Mitchell, John Lamb, Bonnie Hershberger, Woody Caywood, Nick Roth, Lori Merritt, Ken Kautz, Al Gagnon, Al Gunderson, and Charles Jordan. Volunteers continue to be the backbone of the success of this Post. Without them we would not be the strong team we have become. Who are these volunteers and where do they come from? They are people like you and I. They are not all members, but still deserve our respect and admiration. They have a variety of talents and expertise. What ever is your special talent, we can put it to good use. If you have not volunteered your services to this Post for a while it is now time for you to step up to the plate and offer what ever it is that you do, and volunteer. A team is only as strong as its least involved member.

The City of Sandy is beginning the power line underground project. When that is done we will have room to raise a taller flag pole that will be more appropriate for the height of our building. Leo Johnson was able to negotiate a new flag pole for us from Brad Picking, a businessman in the community. We cannot thank Mr. Picking enough for his generous donation of the pole. As soon as the power lines are buried we will replace our present flag pole with the taller one. I will be needing volunteers to help with that project when the time comes. Let me know if you would like to help.

We will also be conducting a Veterans Day Ceremony at the Stature on 11 November. Please plan to attend. Semper Fi!

Bert Key, Commander

President's Message

Ladies,

Fall is upon us and with it comes the time for most of our programs to start up again. The Bake and Sew Ladies are back and hard at work again. These ladies do a tremendous job each week sending cookies to our troops stationed overseas and quilts to our veterans in hospitals. I know they can always use another pair of hands so, if you find yourselves free Thursday mornings come on down and join in on the fun. We had two very successful Breakfast/BINGO Sundays in September. A big "Thank You" goes to Kathy Dunn and Loretta Wilson for helping me with the Ladies breakfast and to Bob Dunn, Larry Merritt, Mike Horttor and Clyde Wentworth for putting on the Post Breakfast. Also, I would like to thank Mike and Christie Horttor for putting on the dinner for meeting night. They stepped up to the plate on very short notice to make us a delicious dinner. The money raised from the Ladies Breakfast/BINGO and the dinner both went to the Fisher Home. Thank you to all of you who supported them.

If you have not been to the Post lately I am sure you will be pleasantly surprised by the new look of the building. Our Commander and his work crew did a great job power washing the building. Am I the only one who did not realize the building was actually yellow? Loretta Wilson did an equally good job organizing the paint crew. The new paint gives the old building a fresh, clean new look. Thanks to all of those who volunteered their time in making our Post look so terrific. With this, my hope is that we all have a new found pride in our Post.

We have some great activities planned for this month. Check out the calendar for dates and times. See you at the Post!

Thank you,

Lori Merritt, President

From Your Editor

Jackie Key

Let's not forget why we are members of this organization. Attend your next meeting and get involved to help make sure our veterans are never forgotten.

All committee reports and news needs to be turned in by October 20, for the November newsletter to be on time.

Contact your editor at:
Jackie.Key@vfw4273.org

Has your address or phone number changed? Don't forget to notify your Post or Auxiliary .

Applications for a Men's Auxiliary are being taken. The requirements to join are similar to the women for the Women's Auxiliary. If you know of any man who might be interested in joining, please contact Bob Dunn or Larry Merritt. We now have 21 people. As soon as we get 25 we can petition to the state for our charter.

**REMEMBER
VETERAN'S
DAY
November
11th**

The Post Chaplain

Nick Roth

As we prepare for the upcoming holidays it is time for all of us to pause and give thanks for our good fortune. Our hearts go out to all those in the world who are suffering. We pray that the future holds a wonderful life for all of the people of the world.

May God bless us all.

**Remember to pay
your membership
dues.**

**Help make our Post
and Auxiliary 100%**
(Auxiliary Dues increase Jan. 1)

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The Auxiliary Chaplain

Bonnie Hershberger

Millie Lentz had successful cataract surgery. Iris Shaw is undergoing dialysis. Our prayers and good wishes go out to them.

Long time Auxiliary member, Carol Cutsforth passed away on September 9th. A memorial was sent to Mt Hood Hospice in her name. Our condolences to her family, and to Betty Haider for the loss of her sister-in-law.

May God Bless us one and all.

Calendar of Coming Events

October 10:	House Committee Meeting 5:30 PM - VFW Hall
October 12:	Auxiliary Meeting 6:45 PM Post Meeting 8:00 PM
October 14:	Breakfast / BINGO (Aux) 10:00 AM/1:00 PM
October 18:	County Veterans Service Rep VFW Hall 10:00-12:00
October 20:	District 15 Meeting (Molalla)
October 27:	Halloween/October Birthday Party 7:00 PM
October 28:	Breakfast / BINGO (Post) 10:00 AM/1:00 PM
November 4:	Veteran's Convoy

Post Officers	2007-2008	Auxiliary Officers
Commander	Bert Key	President
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Chaplain	Nick Roth	Treasurer
Quartermaster	Ken Hershberger	Chaplain
Adjutant	Allen Anderson	Secretary
Surgeon	Jim Mitchell	Editor

Thanksgiving Dinner Anyone?

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- Brenda Truesdale is volunteering to cook
- and prepare a traditional dinner on
- Thanksgiving Day at the Post Canteen.
- She just needs 10 hungry appetites. Contact the post if you plan to be there so she can get an accurate head count. Spend the day watching football on the big screen TV, and enjoy a wonderful meal.
- We thank Brenda for volunteering all the hard work providing this wonderful meal for our members and their families.
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If you would like to help with any of the following youth programs please contact your Post Commander or your Auxiliary President.

Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and/or the Patriots Art Contest. You can help students in our area win scholarships with these programs.

Thank you for your service. Effective 25 July 2007 the Eagle Creek Golf Course is offering a 20% discount to members in good standing in the VFW and/or American Legion. This discount is good for any day of the week. Green Fees are as follows: 9 holes for \$8.00, Power Carts \$9.00; 18 holes for \$15.00, Power Carts \$18.00. Be prepared to show your ID card. This is their way of thanking you for your service to the defense of this nation. If you wish to make a tee time the number is 503 630-4676.

CANTEEN CORNER

Lori Merritt

There is always something happening at the Canteen. Stop by:

- *Monday Night Football on the big screen.
- *Wednesday night is Poker Night.
- *Movie Night on Thursday. We are currently watching the HBO special "Band of Brothers".
- *Breakfast and BINGO on Sundays always brings out a big crowd. Dates in October are the 14th and the 28th. Breakfast is served from 10 am to Noon, with BINGO starting at 1 pm.
- *This month's birthday party will also be our Halloween Party. Come in costume or not and be a judge. Bring your favorite potluck dish and join in the fun.
- *If you have an activity you think we would enjoy there is always room for more activities. Contact your Bar Manager.
- *A big THANK YOU to Lois Leavitt for donating the new faucet for the kitchen sink and to Tim Wilson for installing it.
- *Many thanks to Dora Fitzpatrick, Larry Merritt, Darrell Crall, Mike Horttor, Lew Barnes, and Lori Merritt for all of your hard work cutting and stacking firewood for the family of one of our local soldiers who is serving in Iraq. That family is going to be much warmer this winter because of you. You are all true comrades.
- *Thanks to Clyde Wentworth for donating the Pizza each Thursday for Movie Night.
- *Thanks to Charles Jordan for donating to the paint fund.
- *Thanks Sparky Hershberger for a great job as Quartermaster and Leo Johnson for helping with securing the new flag pole.
- *Brenda Truesdale for volunteering to cook for Thanksgiving.
- *Thanks Nick Roth for all your Community Service work.

Veteran's Convoy

"Bringing Communities Together, One Highway At A Time"

The Convoy will travel the full length of the Veteran's Memorial Highway (I-205) starting at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Vancouver and ending at the Korean War Memorial in Wilsonville for a FREE salmon bake. Gates open at 7am, activities begin at 8 am, ceremony at 11am and the Convoy leaves the Fairgrounds at noon! There is no cost to be a participant and/or show your patriotism. Request participants to fly the American flag with headlights on during the single file journey to salute our veterans. For more information contact: Veterans Of Oregon, John Neuman, Committee Co-Chairman, (503) 622-6084. Mark this event on your calendars and make plans to attend.

November 4, 2007

Quote of the month:

"The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good."

Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

Halloween Party

7:00 PM

October 27

**VFW Post Canteen
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