

The Buckboard Bulletin

"First to serve our Veterans"

October 2008

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Comrades and Sisters,

This is my second letter to you all. This has been a busy month for us.

I had my retirement ceremony on 13 September. Thanks for all of you that stopped by.

We have also started Breakfast and BINGO back up so keep track of the Sundays and come by and support your post.

The time is here where we all need to get out and recruit new members. We have been a leader for the state so let's get out there and get these new members.

I wish to express my thanks to Mike Horttor for the \$500 grant that came from PGE.

Thanks to Kris Engblom and those who helped him cleaning up around the heat pump.

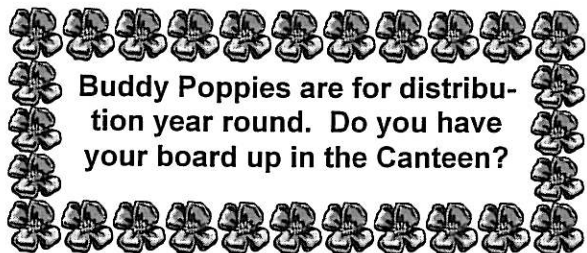
We have a dinner coming up on 18 October. Also District Meeting in Gresham so we should have a good representation from Sandy.

Also thanks to Ken and Bonnie Hershberger, Tim and Loretta Wilson, Marty and JoAnn LeDoux, and Jackie Key for the Spaghetti Dinner. If you missed it you missed a very good dinner comrades. This dinner raised over \$400 for the post.

Mens Breakfast and BINGO is on the 5th of October. We need volunteers to do the cooking and clean up afterwards. So show up on Sundays and eat with us and bring your family and friends.

Thank you.

Allen Anderson, Commander



Ladies Auxiliary President's Message

Ladies,

I would like to see better attendance at our meetings. I challenge each of each of you to call someone who has not been to a meeting in a while and invite them to come. We are doing great as far as membership goes but I feel we can do even better. If you have not paid your dues please get them in as soon as you can. We would like to be 100% by the end of December.

Our District Meeting is scheduled for October 18 at the Gresham post. Please plan on attending that and showing everyone in our district that we are proud members of the Sandy Ladies Auxiliary.

Voriece Blairs' Team Voriece "Race for the Cure Walk" was a huge success this year. She had 40 participants. Those who participated from our Auxiliary and Post were as follows: Karen Taylor, Marilyn Homsley, Karen Dahlman, and Brier Chung. Others that were "sleepers" are: Laura Baron, John and Jewel Lamb, Betty and Sharky Haider, Dorothy Searls, Ruthie Jackson, Millie Lenz, Christie Horttor, Larry Merritt and myself. The "walkers" said they had a great time. Benefits went to the Susan G. Koman foundation for cancer research. Thank you.

Lori Merritt, President

October Calendar

Oct 2	Buddy Poppy Meeting 6:00 pm
Oct 5	Breakfast/BINGO (Post) 10:00 am
Oct 8	House Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
Oct 10	Ladies Aux Meeting 6:45 pm, Post 8:00 pm
Oct 11	Men's Aux Meeting 2:00 pm
Oct 12	Breakfast/BINGO (Men's Aux) 10:00 am
Oct 18	District 15 Meeting 12:00 noon (Gresham)
Oct 18	Bob Dunn's Dinner 5:00-7:00 pm
Oct 19	Breakfast/BINGO (Ladies Aux) 10:00 am
Oct 25	October Birthday Party 7:00 pm
Oct 26	BINGO (Men's Aux) 1:00 pm
Oct 31	Halloween Party 6:00 pm
Nov 1	Buddy Poppy Table at Fred Meyer

From Your Editor

Bert Key

Newsletter articles are due 21 October for the November Newsletter.

Contact your editor at:

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Men's Auxiliary

President's Message

Gentlemen, the new year has started and it is going well. We had a Breakfast and BINGO on September 7 and we made \$256. That was great for the first one of the year. We have another one coming up on October 12, and I am doing a Shrimp Fettuccini Alfredo Dinner on October 18 from 5-7:00 pm.

It is that time of year when we need to start thinking about paying dues again for 2009. They are still \$20 and we have already had one member pay. We would also like to see some new members coming in. We just had one new member, Mike Dela Mater, sign up. Welcome aboard Mike. My wife Kathy is working on a prospect at the high school and Darrell Vaughn has three people who are interested. Keep up the good work everyone. I really think we can become bigger than the only other Men's Auxiliary in the state with just a little effort and we can really help out the Post and Women's Auxiliary. You never know where you may run into a prospective member, so talk us up. Have a great month everyone and I hope to see you at the Post.

Bob Dunn, President

The Post Chaplain

Laura DeLong reports that Charlie Sperr is healing up well at home after his hip replacement surgery. He also broke his arm and had his gall bladder taken out. We send our heartfelt sympathies to Charlie and his family.

Buddy Poppy Drive

We are planning to distribute Buddy Poppies at the Sandy Fred Meyer store on Saturday, November 1 and 8, leading up to Veteran's Day. We plan to be at both entrances each day from 9 am to 6 pm using 3 shifts: 9-12, 12-3, and 3-6. We would like to have 2 person teams for each shift. Buddy Poppy distribution and the donations received is the fund raiser for our Veteran Relief Fund as well as good "PR" and membership recruiting for the VFW and our Post. Your help is needed! Please give 3 hours of your time by signing up for a shift on the sign-up sheet posted at the Canteen. If you have any questions or recommendations please contact Jim Mitchell, Al Gagnon, Carol Engblom, or Christie Horttor. Thanks for your support. Jim Mitchell, Poppy Chairman

The Auxiliary Chaplain

Brier Chung

Sisters and Brothers,

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Kris and Carol Engblom for the speedy recovery of Kris's mother, Vivian.

If you know of any of our members who are in need please contact me at brier.chung@gmail.com or 503 887-9700, or leave a message at the canteen. May the good Lord bless us all.

CANCER PROGRAM UPDATE

Our new raffle will be starting October 1. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing for prizes will be October 19 between our Breakfast and BINGO. We will have door prize drawings every half hour during B & B. Please buy lots of tickets, come and have breakfast, play BINGO, win door prizes, enjoy visiting with our comrades and sisters, and most of all support our Cancer Program. With your help, "OUR DREAMS WILL BECOME RAINBOWS", when we find a cure for Cancer.

Sisters, we have Cancer Grants for any of you with Cancer. Just give me a call 503-668-4237. I will get an application to you. There is also a preventative vaccination for young girls between the ages of 9 and 26, that will help prevent Cervical Cancer, the name of the medication is GARDASIL. Check with your doctor.

Your Membership Dues ARE NOW DUE

Send in your dues NOW!

Lets make our Post and Auxiliaries 100% Again this year!

Post Officers	2008-2009	Auxiliary Officers	
Commander	Allen Anderson	President	Lori Merritt
Senior Vice Commander	Mike Horttor	Sr. Vice President	Helene Hawkins
Junior Vice Commander	Jim Mitchell	Jr. Vice President	Christie Horttor
Chaplain	Nick Roth	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

WHAT IS THE VFW ALL ABOUT?

Have you ever been asked this question? Just what do you VFW types do besides sit around, smoke, drink beer and tell war stories?

I tell them about how the VFW advocated for veterans' rights and benefits; how the VFW raises cane about the backlog of veterans claims before the VA; how the VFW here in Oregon helped get a bill passed that excuses college tuitions and fees for orphans and widows of soldiers killed in the war on terrorism; how the VFW at the national level just got a new G.I. Bill for the 21st Century.

"Yah, yah, I read about that stuff in the paper, but what do you old guys do at your post?" comes the reply. To answer that question one need only review the most recent year end Community Service Report. This report really lays out what the VFW does at the post level, where the rubber touches the road.

In the last year the Oregon Department of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary donated over 156,000 volunteer hours in support of community activities, such as hospital and school volunteers, helping with blood drives, youth essay contests, and living history days.

In addition to the hours, Oregon posts donated over \$500,000 in support of community activities. "This is what VFW members do at the post level!" is my usual reply.

Remember this the next time some curious citizen asks you what the VFW is all about. Wear your VFW badge with pride, and with pride go about your activities in support of your community. If you are not engaged in some volunteer work in the community, get engaged. It is never too late and every little bit helps. Demonstrate your pride in the VFW.

Bert Key, CSR Chairman

Thank you

The Roth family and I want to say thank you for all the cards and flowers that were sent for Nick's funeral. I know that he will be missed by all his comrades and friends, as his family and I will miss him very much.

Thank you again.
Penny Edwards &
The Roth Family

Tim and Loretta Wilson are holding a Rumage Sale at the Post on 8 and 9 November from the hours of 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. They need volunteers of both time and donations. If you can help call Tim at 503 319 8800, or sign up at the Post. Donations of items for sale can be dropped off at the post after 1 Nov.

CANTEEN CORNER

Lori Merritt

Some great things happened in September!

Post member Christopher Royce wed Natalie Mitchell on 13 September. Our congratulations and best wishes go out to them.

Congratulations to Kris and Carol Engblom on the arrival of their new granddaughter. Lilian Faye Violet Engblom was born to their son Nathias and his wife Candy on 11 September and weighed 8 lbs, 8 oz.

A big "thanks" goes to Kris Engblom for all his hard work cleaning up around the outside of the post. And to Mike and Christie Horttor for the donation of new telephones to the Canteen. Thanks guys!

Proud family members Karen Taylor, Marilyn Homsley and Voriece Blair are happy to announce that Corey Homsley left for U. S. Army basic training September 30th. We all wish him well.

The Spaghetti Dinner was a huge success. Thanks to all who helped out with that.

Bob Dunn is planning his delicious Shrimp and Fettuccini Dinner for 18 October. Tickets are available at the Canteen and cost \$12. Do not miss it!

Breakfast and BINGO's are back in full swing so come down and join in on the fun.

Check your calendar for upcoming events. See you at the Post!

**Ladies Auxiliary
ADOPT-A-FAMILY Program:**
If you know of a family that could use some help and they have children please tell President Lori Merritt.
We will be giving out a food basket at Thanksgiving and Christmas, as well as Christmas surprises to our adopted family. We are looking for a family of a veteran, but they do not have to be members of the Post or Auxiliaries.

DONATIONS REQUESTED

Auxiliary Community Service

We have a community family in need of infant baby girl clothing by December. If you have any hand-me-downs in excellent condition and/or new or homemade infant girl clothes that you can donate please bring them to the Canteen with Helene Hawkins' name on it. Be sure to let me know who gave the donation.

Thank you for your help.
Helene Hawkins, Chair

