

# The Buckboard Bulletin

## COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Comrades and Sisters,

We had a great September with lots of activities. Our post joined with #4248 and Tualatin as a combined fundraiser Luau that was a lot of fun. We also participated in making care packages to send to troops in Afghanistan. Melissa Samels and your truly attended a homecoming for Tony Vacha's unit and we gained seven new members. Tim Wilson arranged a very successful golf tournament and Melissa Samels led a new annual fundraiser called "Veterans Climbing for Veteran." The climbers braved severe weather to ascend Mount St. Helens.

Thank you to Dan Copher, Tim Wilson and Todd Kruckenberg we kicked off our Wednesday night meals. Come by on Wednesday nights and join a poker game or just spend some time with your comrades and sisters.

Assisting veterans and their families is our number one job. A robust canteen, however, helps accomplish this objective by serving as a base of operations where we can gather to plan and support our common goals. Our canteen needs your active support in order to serve its purpose.

A significant way to directly assist veterans is to encourage their membership in the VFW. Increasing membership provides the funds and a strong voice with the government to protect and improve veteran benefits. As we move more strongly into our membership drive for 2010-2011 I ask each of us to reach out to potential members. If you see or meet potential members engage in a brief conversation. If they have served in a combat area get their name and phone number and give it to a post officer for follow-up. Also, remind annual members to pay their dues now instead of waiting.

Veteran's Day and our fall Buddy Poppy distribution are just over a month away. In 2008-2009 this was a major fundraiser. We really need your support. Please sign up for three hours to help our veterans. Details will follow.

In October we have several events. October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> is a home building project for a severely wounded Sandy veteran called the Build Brigade. Helpers are welcome. The opening ceremony will be conducted at 8:30 AM on Friday at the build sight. Parking is limited so those who wish to carpool can meet at our post at 7:30 AM and travel together.

On October 16<sup>th</sup> is the District meeting and School of Instruction. Potluck will follow at the post. October 30<sup>th</sup> is our Halloween costume party. Come down and learn more about other activities we have planned.

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**LADIES AUXILIARY  
PRESIDENT  
Loretta Wilson**

Dear Ladies,  
October 16<sup>th</sup> is our District meeting and School of Instruction. Ladies will be at the Sandy Senior Center at 10:00 AM for SOI with a potluck to follow. If you could bring a dish to go with a brisket it would be appreciated.

Make a Difference Day is on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Let's make a difference to some veterans in our community!

Thank you Ken and Bonnie Hershberger, Todd and Anni Kruckenberg, Helene Hawkins, Jeanie Hawkins, Laura Baron, Susan Knotts, Voriece Blair and Tim Wilson for your help with the rummage sale. I would also like to say a big thank you to all those who donated merchandise.

Please remember to pay your dues by October 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact me for assistance.

If any of you have a couple hours to help fundraisers and breakfast, it would be greatly appreciated.  
Thank you,  
Loretta Wilson

**MEN'S AUXILIARY  
PRESIDENT  
Gregg Radford**

Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup> is our next Men's Auxiliary Meeting. Attendance has been almost non-existent. We have some important issues to discuss and vote on. One issue is the possibility of changing the date and time of our meeting to accommodate more people's schedules and therefore hopefully increasing attendance.

Our auxiliary has to the potential to be a great asset to our post and it would be a shame to see our charter be discontinued. We need more participation!!

Your input and suggestions regarding ways to improve the auxiliary will be appreciated and considered.

Hope to see you then!

Gregg Radford

**CHAPLAIN  
Melissa Samels**

Gene Hoerling and Jim Lamb, both long time members of our post. Our deepest sympathy goes out to their friends and families.

Please keep Tom Rutledge and Robert Finn close to your hearts as they both are battling health problems.

For the comrades who made pledges for my climb on Mount St. Helens, I would like to let you know the climb was challenging and fun! The weather was not to good and was raining when we started. It hailed and got windy as we ascended the mountain and then became so foggy we could no longer see the trail markers. We were forced to turn around just a half mile from the summit.

Thank you to those of you who made pledges and supported this event. Those of you who have made a pledge but have not yet turned in your money can do so at the canteen. The deadline is October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Thank You!

Melissa Samels



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Sisters,

Our hearts go out to Becky Ping as she recently lost her father-in-law. Becky is the daughter of Ladies Auxiliary President, Loretta Wilson.

Ruthie Jackson unexpectedly lost her niece and let us keep her in our hearts and prayers as well.

I am available for home visits so please feel free to give me a call. God Bless all the fine women of our post!

### VORIECE'S VOICE:

**Voriece Blair, Cancer Chairperson**

First off, I would like to thank everyone that helped out with our car wash. Tony Vacha and his daughters Elisabeth, Emma and Abigail, his fine soldiers Tim Hohman, Heather Johnson, Samantha Brodehl, Skyler Corpuz, David Hearn and Wesley Stawn, Todd and Anni Kruckenberg and all of you who came by and support our fundraiser. We raised \$627.00 for our breast cancer program!

Our breakfast for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure for breast cancer raised \$445.75. THANK YOU

TO EVERYONE THAT CAME TO THE BREAKFAST AND BOUGHT RAFFLE TICKETS and a big thank you to my team, VA VA VORIECE for coming out and doing all the work. Thank you Cody for the wonderful music. We had a great time! Thank you to Sandy Liquor Store, Mt. Moka and Tollgate Inn for their generous contribution in prizes for our cancer raffle! EVERYONE REMEMBER TO GET YOUR CHECK UPS! Breast cancer does not just affect women. Men can also get be afflicted with this disease.

### RAMBLINGS FROM the WAGON ROOM

**Anni Kruckenberg**

October is here.... my favorite month of the year! It's a time when we have the chance to have fun and relax after the busy days of summer. Halloween gives us the opportunity to be like kids again and just have a wacky good time. I think this is why I enjoy it so much! On this note, our Halloween party will be Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. There will prizes for costumes, but only for those that make an effort to dress up. This is an opportunity to be creative and be a kid so have fun with it! Who knows... maybe you won't even recognize me!

Monday Night Football at the post begins at 5:30 PM every Monday. We have prizes, football pool, snacks and drink specials. A few people have already made out on the pool!

Wednesday is Taco night from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Proceeds support the canteen. Speaking of our beloved canteen.....we really need more support!

I know ma lot of you have been busy over the summer months and some of us are experiencing the effects of our economic decline. Our canteen is also suffering from this is well.

We are very fortunate to have our canteen because many other posts do not have that luxury, As we work together to fulfill our obligations as post members, I would like everyone to think

about what it means to be able to have a place to socialize with each other and participate in activities which may include a thirst quencher now and then. I hope October brings us together with optimism, enthusiasm and one heck of a good Halloween party!

## DISTRICT 15 METING and SCHHOOOL of INSTRUCTION

There will be a District School of Instruction (SOI) at 10:00 AM on Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup>. Post will be held upstairs in the hall and ladies will be at the Sandy Senior Center. Potluck will follow at Noon. The District meeting will begin at 1:00PM All Post and District officers and chairmen are encouraged to attend. This is a great opportunity to learn about the VFW.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Helene Hawkins Community service fundraiser breakfast & bingo	4 Monday Night Football @ 5:30PM House committee meeting @ 5:30PM	5 Wayne's Martial Arts Class upstairs 6-7:30PM	6 Taco Night 5-7PM Dance Class upstairs 6-7:30PM	7 Wayne's Martial Arts Class upstairs 6-7:30PM	8 MEETING NIGHT Ladies 6:45PM Post 8:00PM	9 Men's Aux. Meeting @ 2:00 PM Movie night & Bake Sale
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**Quote of the Month**

**“A man’s country is not a certain area of land, of mountains, rivers and woods, but it is a principle; and patriotism is loyalty to that principle”**

**-George William Curtis**



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