

The Buckboard Bulletin

"First to serve our Veterans"

November 2007

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The holidays are soon upon us and we have much to be thankful for. With Veterans Day approaching and Thanksgiving Day just around the corner, we all need to pause and give thanks to all those men and women who are standing tall on that wall, at great peril to themselves, helping to ensure that our way of life stays safe and free.

In honor of our veterans we will conduct a ceremony at the Sandy statue, rain or shine, at 1100 hours on Veterans Day. We owe it to those who have gone before us to attend and pay homage to them. There will be a potluck luncheon at the Post following the ceremony. Please make plans to attend both.

I would like to thank Marty LeDoux, Tim Wilson, Mike Horttor, Paul Munsell and Chuck Lutz for representing Sandy at the District 15 Fall meeting in Molalla last week. You are grand gentlemen and represent us well. The next district meeting will be here in Sandy on 26 April.

We will also host the District School of Instruction on 17 November from 10-12:00. Everyone is invited, especially you newer members. The purpose of an SOI is to train members on the structure and make up of the VFW and how it all functions and interacts. Please plan to attend. Coffee and pastries and a light lunch will be provided.

As we get into the swing of things for this year, recruiting continues to be very important. We are presently standing at about 74% strength. It will take a total effort on everyone's part to get us to my goal of 105%. If we all pull together we can get there, but it will take us all pulling together. Senior Vice Chuck Lutz is always in need of volunteers to help with the recruiting effort. Please contact him and do what you can to bring in new members as well as reinstate old members. If you have not paid your dues yet please consider doing so.

I would like to thank Chuck Lutz, Tim Wilson, Allen Anderson, Ken Hershberger, Burt Darnielle and Lori Merritt for their recruiting of at least one new member so far this year. Way to go people!

I want to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving Day. This year is an extra special time for me. As Jackie and I prepare to become grandparents for the first time we hope this holiday season is an especially prosperous time of the year for you and your families.

Semper Fi!

Bert Key, Commander

President's Message

Ladies,

The first thing I would like to talk about is membership. In September I challenged all of you to recruit a new member this year and already some of you have done that. Thank you very much, and keep up the good work! Also, if you have not paid your dues, please get them in as soon as you can. We are well on our way to making 100% this year, which is very exciting!

Sisters, Veterans Day is just around the corner. Our Commander is planning a service at the statue. I am sure it will be as good as it has been in the past. I do hope you can join us as we show our respect and admiration for our Veterans who have served, and those who continue to serve. I have had the honor and privilege of getting to know many of our Veterans personally and I have to say that these men and women are some of the finest citizens I have ever known. They are all true heroes. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

I would like to thank Loretta Wilson, Kit Spitzengel and Christie Horttor for putting on the Breakfast/BINGO for us. They did a great job. If any of you have a program you would like to do a Breakfast/BINGO for please let me know. That would be a great way to support your project.

Finally, I would like to say let our actions be for the greater glory of our cause, and that is to help our Veterans, their families, and our fellow Sisters.

I wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

See you at the Post!

Thank you, Lori Merritt, President

Calendar of Coming Events

- November 4: Veteran's Convoy Leaves Post at 0800
- November 5: Remembering America's Heroes 0800
- November 7: House Committee Meets 5:30 pm
- November 9: Meeting Night Pot Luck 5:45 pm
Aux Meets 6:45 pm, Post 8:00 pm
- November 11: Veterans Day Ceremony 11:00 am
Sandy Statue—Pot Luck VFW Hall at Noon
- November 15: County Veterans Service Rep 10-1200
- November 17: District School of Instruction 10-12:00
- November 17: Birthday Party 7:00 PM
- November 18: Breakfast/BINGO (Post)
- November 22: Thanksgiving Dinner at Post 12-5:00PM

From Your Editor

Jackie Key

All committee reports and news articles need to be turned in to me by November 20, for the December newsletter.

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

Attention Ladies!

What is a Cancer Grant?

The National Ladies Auxiliary offers to its members a unique program. A cancer grant is a lump sum love gift given to a member who has been diagnosed as having cancer. To qualify you must be a member in good standing before you apply for a grant.

In addition to the National Cancer Grant our Auxiliary has additional grant awards to any member in good standing.

All Auxiliary members who pay their dues before December 31, each year are in good standing.

Contact your Auxiliary if you have questions or need a National Cancer Grant application.

The Post Chaplain

Nick Roth

Thank goodness no draping of our charter is needed this month. We do have some very challenged comrades and sisters in hospitals however.

Denny Bridges is still hurting and his situation has not gotten any better. He says his, "spirit is willing but his body won't". Our prayers go out to you Denny.

Jim Knoll has left the Veterans Home in The Dalles to live with his family. Our prayers go out to you, Jim.

The latest word on Gary Brandon is that he is holding his own. The chemo therapy is doing its job. More on this as information comes in. God bless you Gary.

Let us all keep our comrades and sisters here and abroad in our prayers.

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 24 people. As soon as we get one more we can petition to the state for our charter.

The Auxiliary Chaplain

Bonnie Hershberger

Our Chaplain, Bonnie has had a rough month and our well wishes are extended to her as she recovers from a back injury. We look forward to her speedy full recovery.

We pray for the safe return of all of the men and women of the U.S. Army's proud and noble 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment who are serving in Iraq.

Remembering America's Heroes

On 5 November the students and staff of Milwaukie High School will be honoring all of America's veterans with an all school Living History Day. Parking is available in all Milwaukie High School parking lots. Also, the City of Milwaukie has opened up free parking for the day on Washington Street. Student golf cart shuttles from your car to the cafeteria before and after the event will be available. There will also be wheelchairs on hand. The event begins at 8:30 am and will conclude at 2:30 pm. Morning coffee and pastries and lunch will be served to the attendees. In addition to recognizing all veterans they will be recognizing all Vietnam Era veterans individually at the Assembly of Honor. I will be leaving the post at 0800 if anyone wants to ride with me, or follow in your own vehicle. Questions? Contact: Bert Key

**REMEMBER
VETERANS
DAY
November
11th**

Post Officers	2007-2008	Auxiliary Officers	
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Senior Vice Commander	Chuck Lutz	Sr. Vice President	Kathy Dunn
Junior Vice Commander	Mike Horttor	Jr. Vice President	Helene Hawkins
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Quartermaster	Ken Hershberger	Chaplain	Bonnie Hershberger
Adjutant	Allen Anderson	Secretary	Dora Fitzpatrick
Surgeon	Jim Mitchell	Editor	Jackie Key

Quotes of the month:

**"It is never too late to give up our prejudices."
Henry David Thoreau 1817-1862**

**"I am free of all prejudices. I hate everyone equally."
W. C. Fields 1880-1946**

**Thanksgiving Dinner at
the Post from 12:00-
5:00 PM. Please bring a
dish. Questions? Call
503-668-5211**



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