

# The Buckboard Bulletin

"First to serve our Veterans"

December 2008

## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Comrades and Sisters,

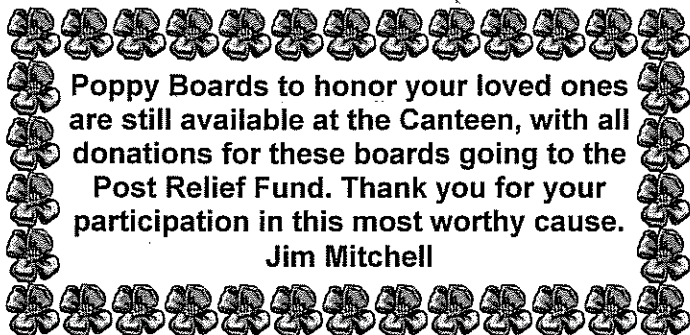
The end of the year is upon us and that means it is time to get those membership dues paid. We are way behind last year and we need a concerted effort by everyone if we are going to get to %100 as a Post. Senior Vice Mike Horttor is heading up the effort and will chair a membership committee meeting on 16 December at 5:30, and I need as many in attendance as possible. Membership is my number one priority as we go into the new year.

It saddens me to announce that long time member Phillip Setterlund passed away last week. I would like to say thanks to Mike Horttor and Marty Le-Doux for attending the funeral with me and performing the duties of our ritual for our fallen brother. Our prayers go out to Phillip's family.

We have several events coming up this month and I would like to invite you all to the Christmas Party on the 20th and the New Year's Eve on the 31st. A fun time is planned so try not to miss out. We will also have a Children's Christmas Party at 2:00 pm on the 21st for members children and grand children. It will be held in the upstairs hall and rumor has it that there will be a visitor from the North Pole.

Our recent success with the Buddy Poppies is attributed to the great organizational skills and hard work and dedication of Junior Vice Jim Mitchell. He was the catalyst that made it all successful. Thank you Jim!

I would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## Ladies Auxiliary President's Message

Ladies,

I cannot believe how fast this year has gone by. Before we know it, we will be into a new year. As the holidays are upon us I can't help but reflect and become a little sentimental. For me the holidays are full of happy childhood memories and now as an adult they are also full of wonderful memories with my children. My mother was an awesome teacher of what Thanksgiving and Christmas were really supposed to be about. I learned from her the importance of family and making sure to always tell the ones you love how much they mean to you. I only hope that I have passed these same principles and values on to my own kids. And as I grow older, I have come to know how important friends are as well. In the past couple of years I have been very blessed. I have formed wonderful friendships with not only some of America's great heroes, but as my own heroes as well, most of which are right here at the Post. I am also grateful to have been born here in this great country. To enjoy and perhaps sometimes even take for granted our freedoms. Freedoms that came at a price for so many of our Veterans. And although I can not truly understand the pain and hardships that they have had to endure, I have a great respect and (Cont page 3)

### December Calendar

Dec 7	Breakfast/BINGO (Men's Aux) 10:00 am
Dec 10	House Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
Dec 12	Ladies Aux Meeting 6:45 pm. Post 8:00 pm
Dec 13	Men's Aux Meeting 2:00 pm
Dec 14	Breakfast/BINGO (Ladies Aux) 10:00 am
Dec 16	Membership Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
Dec 20	Christmas/Birthday Party 6:00 pm
Dec 21	Children Christmas Party 2:00 pm
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party 7:00 pm
Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 8	Elvis's Birthday

**From Your Editor**

Bert Key

Newsletter articles are due 21 December for the January Newsletter.

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I want to thank Bier Chung for her outstanding catering of my Marine Corps Birthday party last month. She and Stuart did a wonderful job and I would recommend her service to anyone. Bert

**The Post Chaplain**

**May the good Lord bless us all as we enter into the Holidays.**

**Buddy Poppy Drive**

**We have just completed a very successful Buddy Poppy campaign, raising over \$2700 for our Post Relief Fund. Distributing poppies around Veteran's Day, in addition to the traditional Memorial Day, is a new venture that holds considerable potential for the future. Poppies were distributed on November 1 at Bi-Mart and Safeway, and on November 8 at Fred Meyer. A total of 27 members and Brownies and Cub/Boy Scouts participated to make the campaign a huge success. The entire membership owes a big "THANK YOU" to those who participated: Joy Helfrich, Laura Baron, Voriece Blair, Al and Dell Gagnon, Tim Wilson, Bert and Jackie Key, Joseph Thai, John Knotts, Allen Anderson, Sharkey and Betty and Matt Haider, Mike and Christie Horttor, Cindy Burke, Darrell Vaughn, Lori Merritt, Kathy Dunn, Brier Chung, Clyde Wentworth, Abigal and Wyatt and Dennis Carey, Josie and Zoey Remmik, Hannah Schoolcraft, and Montana Bidema. Jim Mitchell**

**The Auxiliary Chaplain**

**Brier Chung**

Sisters and Brothers,

We are saddened by the passing of long time life member and past Department President Jeanette Bell. There will be a memorial service for her at 11:00 am on December 13, at Echo High School. Our sincere thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

Long time member Phillip Setterlund passed away last week and his funeral was held on 22 November. Our heart felt thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Several post members attended.

We wish Hanna Lindholm a speedy recovery while she is on the mend.

May the good Lord bless us all.

**CANCER PROGRAM UPDATE**

**Sadly, all of us have a loved one who has had or has some form of cancer. But, we have also been touched by the fact that someone we know has been cured or is in remission—and that is our goal—to see that all forms of cancer are cured or put into remission until a cure can be found. Prevention is the best cure, so get your mammograms and yearly physicals. If there is a sister out there that has cancer and hasn't received a cancer grant please get in touch with me at 503-668-4237. I have applications. MAY ALL YOUR DREAMS BECOME RAINBOWS. Voriece**

**Men's Auxiliary**

**President's Message**

Hey guys I hope everyone had a good month. I want to thank the Vaughns and Larry Merritt for picking up the slack while I was under the weather. The next thing we have coming up is a Breakfast/BINGO on December 7. I will be able to do that one but I will need some help.

It is time that we need to pay our dues again. Actually we were supposed to start collecting them in July but we are all still just getting used to this. They are still just \$20, so could you get them to me as soon as you can? Thanks.

Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and I hope to see as many of you as possible at the next meeting on December 13. Thank you.

I wish you all the Happiest of Holidays.

Bob Dunn, President

**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	
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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 Pro Tem	Marty LeDoux	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

**CANTEEN CORNER**

**Lori Merritt**

We had our first Membership Committee meeting November 18. I want to thank Jim Mitchell, Marty LeDoux, Bert Key, and Allen Anderson for helping to get this drive started. We are now at 68% strength with 184 unpaid members. Membership is something everyone should be involved with. We need this to be a top priority for the post and encourage those unpaid comrades to bring their dues current. We need a lot of help on this committee. I would like everyone who can, to attend our next meeting on December 16 at 5:30 pm at the post. One last thing I would like to remind those of you that are not yet a Life Member, to please consider becoming one. I, for one will be upgrading my membership and becoming a life member and hope others will consider the same. There are several programs available to allow paying the life dues on a monthly basis. Please see me if you would like to become a life member and need information about payment plans. Thanks again and see you at the next meeting on 16 December at 5:30 pm.

**Mike Horttor**

**Senior Vice Commander**

**Membership Committee Chairman**

Auxiliary President (Cont. from page 1)

admiration for each of them. A simple thank you does not seem enough, but thank you all just the same.

We had a good turn out for the Veteran's Day Service. Commander Allen did a nice job with that. Thank you all for contributing to the potluck afterwards. You may not know that one of our sisters, Hanna Lindholm was in the hospital for a couple of weeks. She has now been moved to a nursing home. If you would like more information about her, contact me anytime and I will be happy to update you. Al could also use some support from his friends as he is going through a rough time right now. Our special thoughts and prayers go out to Rich and Kit Spitzengel and Bob Dunn. Know that we are thinking about you. I would like to say a big thank you to Samantha Carlson and Susan Johnson for helping with November's Breakfast/BINGO. Proceeds from that went to our Adopt-A-Family program. Also thanks goes to Carol Engblom and Marty LeDoux for calling BINGO. I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you.

President Lori Merritt.

Many thanks to all of those who helped out with the Wilson's Rummage Sale. The sale brought \$450 into the Post Treasury. Thanks also to those who participated in Loretta Wilson's Quilt Auction. That auction brought \$198 into the Ladies Auxiliary Treasury.

We have a couple of great parties coming this month, so do not miss them. On the 20th will be our Christmas and December Birthday Party. For those who would like to participate in the gift exchange please bring a gift of \$10 or less.

We are also planning a New Year's Eve Party. There will be a band! Put your dancing shoes on and come in and join us upstairs. Drivers are available for pick up at your home and return. The charge for that service is \$10 per couple each way. If you would like a ride please let me know by the 29th so I can line that up for you.

Do not forget Taco's (2 for \$1) every Wednesday from 3-7:00 pm.

Thank you to:

**Dan Copher, Dora Fitzpatrick and Al Gagnon** for Taco preparation and serving last month during Taco Wednesdays.

**Loretta Wilson and Betty Haider** for donating soup and bread for BINGO Sunday.

**Tim Wilson** for his Sante Fe Soup on November's Meeting night.

**Dan Copher** for his plumbing expertise in fixing our problem at the bar.

A big "WE MISS YOU" to **Hanna Lindholm and Rich and Kit Spitzengel**.

See you at the Post!

Auxiliary Continuous Membership Pins will be awarded at the December 12, business meeting. Please be present to receive your pin. Congratulations to these members for their support of our Ladies Auxiliary.

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| 5-year Pins:  | Joy Helfrich   | 25-year Pins: | Julie Kallem     |
|               | Myrtle Orr     |               | Mary Page        |
|               | Penny Wilson   |               | C. Rippenkroeger |
| 15-year Pins: | Sarah Audas    |               | Jackie Key       |
|               | Kaye Gomes     |               | Clara Turin      |
| 20-year Pins: | Mona L. Nafts  |               | Charlene Beck    |
|               | Ida D. Swanson |               | Shelly Burks     |
|               | Irma Wilson    |               | Annette Radford  |
|               |                |               | Barbara Stadstad |

**30-year Pins: Janet Johnson, Aleta Johnson, and Claudia Pullen**

