



THE SALMON CREEK POST



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Commanders Output

With a new United States Congress in place in January, we have an opportunity to let our collective voices be heard. Contact our Senators and Representative and let them know what you think concerning national and regional issues. A good place to start is by visiting the website

of the National Association of Veteran's Program Administrators (www.navpa.org).

Look at the possible legislative issues and send your messages to our elected officials.

Our Post By-Laws need to be reviewed and updated. Morris Giesler, House Committee Member, has agreed to chair this review. The Board also requests that 2 at-large members be part of the effort. Please call the Post and tell us that you want to help.

Stop by the Legion during the day and admire the flag pole cleaning and painting work accomplished by volunteers.

Phil Harris and Bill Frederick, longtime Post 176 members, briefed the December General Meeting about efforts to organize a local chapter of the American Legion RIDERS. This will be a great way for motorcyclists (must own or operate a motorcycle at least 350cc.) to enjoy the comradeship of other Legion members. Contact the Post to tell us of your interest. The great riding weather of Spring is coming!

As we begin the New Year 2007, now is the time to resolve to make difference in the Veteran's community with more participation in your American Legion Salmon Creek Post 176. We have officer and committee positions that need your expertise. The 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander and Judge Advocate positions are open. Choose one of the committees: Americanism, Boy's State, Children and Youth, Rehabilitation and Hospitalization, Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Advisory, Membership, Public Relations, Community Service and Post Activities. The Post needs your expertise and leadership in order for us to make things happen. It is easy to volunteer, just send me an e-mail message at the Post 176 website or call me on the phone. We can get acquainted. As Commander, I will appoint you to the position as the By-Laws allow and we can continue to accomplish our joint mission.

American Legion members are reminded to focus on ser-

munity as their guiding priority.

Jon Frederick, Commander

Finance Officer: Phil Yasson

World War 1 Museum

If you are going to Kansas City, Missouri in the upcoming future, plan on stopping at the National World War 1 Museum that has just opened. It has a glass floor that is raised several feet above a field of nine thousand poppies. Each poppy represents a combat death during the war. For more information visit the web page at National World War 1 Museum where you can also find educational materials about the war.

Amateur Radio

Perhaps at some time in the past you may have wanted to get a HAM license but did not want to learn the Morse code. The FCC has recently announced that the Morse code requirement for obtaining a radio license has been eliminated. The Clark county Amateur Radio Club gives FCC Amateur radio license tests once per quarter at the Post and also holds their month meeting here on the first Friday of each month. If you are interested in amateur radio and would like to prepare for the license, or have questions, call Wayne Schuler / 892-5580 or Phil Yasson / 574-1152 and we will assist you in getting started.

Membership

Time is running out to renew your membership before the end of the year and to maintain continuous Legion membership. After January 1, 2007 the dues will be \$40.00 because of the per-capata increases by the National Headquarters and Department of Washington. By paying after January 1st, your \$1000.00 Accidental Insurance policy automatically terminates. Your continuous years of membership also are reverted back to 1 year, meaning that if you currently have 5 years as an American Legion member, those five years are erased.

House Committee :
Gayle Pimm/Frank Falbee/
Morris Giesler

If you hadn't noticed yet-take a good look at the flag pole in front of our Post. Work has been completed and the pole and support columns are looking about 100% better. I would like to give a special thanks to the following volunteers who contributed their time and effort to bring this project to completion: Daryl Williams, John Maynard, Emmett Rushing, Phil Yasson, Gayle Pimm, Peggy Brooks, and Melissa Michener. A very special thanks to Joe Schaefer, Grandson of Former Post 176 Commander Robert Schaefer, for doing the actual painting. And thanks to our unknown volunteer. A Gentleman named BOB. He was walking by the Post and saw that could use

some assistance in getting the pole up. He jumped right in and helped - NO questions asked.

Managers Message:
During the month of December, we ran a 12 days of Christmas promotion, where customers could win prizes along with their cash payouts if they bingo'd on a certain number. In doing this, we were able to unload some of our inventory that we have had for some time. Also, we gave away out \$5000.00 on Pick 8 on December 11, 2006. Bingo is continuing to grow in attendance with these Specials. Please come out and join us for some fun and excitement.
Peggy Brooks

EVENTS SCHEDULE

BINGO SESSIONS
MONDAY, TUESDAY AND
WEDNESDAY
11 AM., AND 6:30 PM

1/5/07 Friday
Radio Club (Large Hall)
7:00 PM

General Meeting
1/11/07 Thursday

E-Board Meeting
1-25-07

Deadline for article submissions for this Newsletter is the 15th of the month.
Office hours: Week days
9 Am to 4 PM

AUXILIARY NEWS

January
2007

HAPPY NEW YEAR. MAKE 2007 A GOOD ONE, A VERY SPECIAL ONE.

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

2006-2007

PRESIDENT

Anita Stadey 737-8015

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Lucille Gukeisen 687-2760

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Roberta Gapsch 573-1885

Chaplain's Comments

A longtime active member in the American Legion Auxiliary **Betty (Betsy) Ross** was born May 28, 1914 to early pioneers Louis and Evangeline Jay Reed. She was the youngest of eight children, a graduate of Laurelwood Academy, and of a beautician's school in Portland, OR. In the 1940's she worked in her sister's salon before opening her own shop.

Betsy was a homemaker 58 years. She was dedicated to her Scottish heritage and was a member of The Clan McClay Scottish fraternal organization. She made poppy corsages and went to many Veterans' Parades. Memorial services were held Nov. 30 in Gladstone followed by a graveside service at Willamette National Cemetery. Memorials may be presented to American Legion Auxiliary #176, PO Box 829, Battle Ground WA 98604.

GIFT SHOP SUCCESS

Gift Shop is over. Gifts were sent for 225 family members from 53 patients. From our Post we had three members who helped with getting the gifts to the gift shop from storage, mailing packages and returning left over gifts to storage for a total of 26 hours. Seven unit members worked a total of 60 hours. Thanks to all of you for helping.

Thelma Hathaway

MEMBERSHIP

We have 74 members paid up so far. If you have not paid your dues by now, you will be getting a reminder. You will also be receiving other information. We still need 23 members to make our goal.

Thelma Hathaway

DRAPING THE CHARTER

A sad but necessary part of our December business meeting was the draping of the charter in fond memory of **Patricia Blair and Betsy Ross**.

Patricia passed away on Dec. 13 at age 91. She was a longtime Auxiliary member and was known for her interest in certain activities at the VA Hospital. She especially enjoyed planning refreshments.

Betty (Betsy) Ross passed away Nov. 24 at age 92. Survived by her husband of 58 years Don, daughter Maryle Allen, son David McGuire, son Dennis Ross, sister Dorothy Schook, and seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's the New Year Ladies!

I hope all of you had a very joyous Christmas and New Year. Didn't expect to have a meeting in December, but because of the Beef & Brew scheduling, we had one despite the windy weather.

I hope you had a good time at the Beef & Brew. I want to thank all of you who brought presents to raffle off. The Auxiliary did really well this year, and we really appreciate all of you attending. I'd like to thank Rose Trotter for helping me with the table decorations, and doing the raffle with Liane Rushing. Liane did a tremendous job of getting the raffle tickets sold. She has such enthusiasm. The hall was decorated by Peggy and Don, with lights and a Christmas tree. The cooks gave a delicious meal, also.

So the New year is here again. It's time to make those resolutions again. One would be to pay up the membership dues. Congratulations Roberta Gapsch and Liane Rushing for your many years of membership with the Auxiliary. Roberta received her 60 year pin and Liane received her 25 year pin. If you want your pin for your 5, 10, 15, etc. years of membership, you must attend the meeting so we can give you recognition. Remember if you want your years to build up, your membership must be paid each year, or it goes down to 0.

We will be making poppies hopefully on February 24th at 10:00 AM at the American Legion Hall. Come join us! Thelma will be attending the Mid-Winter Conference held in Seattle this February.

Have a Happy New Year.
President Anita Stadey