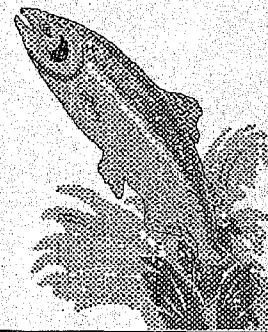




THE SALMON CREEK POST



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November is the month for veterans to celebrate their service. Veterans related activities are scheduled in the Greater Vancouver area this month. Enjoy and participate in as many as you can with family and friends.

Sunday, November 4, 2007, the annual Veterans Convoy will travel the Veterans Memorial Highway (I-205) from the Clark County Fairgrounds to the Korean War Memorial in Wisonville Oregon for a FREE salmon bake. Fairgrounds gate opens at 7:00 AM, activities at 8:00 Am, ceremony at 11:00 AM and the Convoy leaves at noon. Optional: Donte a new toy for children of deployed personnel. For more information call the Coalition of Troop Support at 503-777-1707 or Veterans of Oregon at 503-622-6084 or visit their website at www.vvoamc.com.

Tuesday, November 6, 2007 ELECTION DAY! Don't forget to VOTE.

POST HOURS

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

THURSDAY and FRIDAY 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

Saturday, November 10, 2007, the annual Vancouver Veterans Day Parade will be held. The Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust will provide organization and leadership to make this event happen, but they need our help and participation also. A Hanger Dance is planned at Pearson Air Park in the evening. Attend if you can.

Our landmark UH-1B helicopter, "Lady Belle" is now on the VA Complex grounds near the Vietnam Peace Garden and near the planned museum. She will be mounted on a pylon visible from I-5. Moving costs were donated and thanks go to Mike Harding for coordinating the move and many others who helped in refurbishing her.

Our Post 176 will remain at the current location while our agreement with Gramor Development Company is being reviewed. We will continue to keep the membership informed.

We have Committee Chairman vacancies and a need for Committee members. The Post needs your expertise and leadership to make things happen. It is easy for you to VOLUNTEER. Just send me an e-mail at the Post 176 website or call me to see where you fit and Committees we need help in.

Salmon Creek Post 176 is no longer a collection site for items for "Give2TheTroops.org". You can make monetary donations by going to their website: www.Give2TheTroops.org.

Stay informed about our Legion. Visit our website, www.post176.com. Follow the links to the Dept. of Washington and the National websites.

American Legion members are reminded to focus on service to fellow Veterans, their families and the community as their priority.

Jon Frederick, Commander

ADJUTANT

We need VOLUNTEERS to help with the VAVS annual Christmas gift wrapping in November. The gift wrapping will take place at approximately 1700 (5:00 PM) on Thursday November 8, 2007. This is the night of our Dinner and General Meeting. Come and participate in this worthy event. Last year it only took 30 minutes to wrap the gifts.

Mike Gibson, Adjutant

FINANCE OFFICER

At the time of this writing, we have 421 members dues renewed toward our 2008 membership goal of 628. You may receive a second notice from National HQ asking you to renew. These notices are sent out on a schedule that does not always synchronize with the time of your dues payment. If you receive a renewal notice and have already paid your dues, discard the notice in the usual manner.

The Beef n Brew will be on December 1, 2007. The Beef n Brew is a "Thank You" to our Post 176 members who have renewed their 2008 membership prior to December 1, 2007 and have an Early Bird stamp on their card. Each member may bring one guest to the dinner. The dinner is free but you must have a 2008 Post 176 membership card in your possession. Members who have elected to change to another Post are not eligible because you can only belong to one American Legion Post.

Phil Yasson, Finance Officer

MANAGER'S MESSAGE

The specials we ran during the Summer met with incredible success. We have decided to run these specials for the Fall season.

We have brought back our Turkey Pot for the month of November and have begun to plan our New Year's Eve specials.

Look for our specials in the months to come and join us for BINGO each and every Monday, Tuesday And Wednesday.

The November specials can be found on our website

Peggy Brooks, General Manager

5TH DISTRICT COMMANDER

**TEAMWORK! DON'T JUST TALK THE TALK,
WALK THE WALK!**

Fellow Legionnaires of Post 176. I would like to thank you for allowing me to write an article for your newsletter. I feel it is very important to keep the flow of information moving both ways. Feel free to call me with any 5th district concerns you may have. Days 360-887-8351 or nights/weekends 360-263-5043.

I have visited all but two posts so far and I am amazed at the efforts being put forth for our veterans and their families. I can assure you that almost every post has the same issues. How do we get more involvement from our membership? I only wish I had the answers. The one thing I know for sure is every person likes success. When you are working a Legion program, work it hard and make it successful. Let the membership know how successful it is. Replace the word "I" with "We" from the Department level to the Post. It takes all of us working together to get the job done. I could not do this job without support from the Area II, the Post Commanders and other 5th District Officers. Teamwork wins every time and the more people you can get on your team, the easier it is to win. Remember we do this to help support Veterans, their families and those less fortunate. The best medicine in the world is helping someone. Doesn't your heart feel good when you lay down at night knowing you've done the Lord's work? I know mine does. Let's all move forward together to promote your Post, The American Legion and our Veterans. **TOGETHER THERE IS NOTHING WE CANNOT ACCOMPLISH.**

On December 7, 2007, the 5th District will be holding the first 5th District Awards Dinner featuring a Primw Rib Dinner. It will be hosted by Post 14 starting at 6:00 PM. Tickets will be \$15.00 per person. There will be raffles, entertainment and door prizes. Proceeds will go to VAVS, Children & Youth and the 2008 Convention. For God and Country, your 5th District Commander, Bob Ford

PATRIOT GAURD RIDERS GET TOGR^UTHER

Hosted by the American Legion Riders
Harley H. Hall Chapter

WHERE

Salmon Creek American Legion Hall
Post 176
114011 N.E. 20th Avenue
Vancouver Wa. 98686

When

Saturday November 17, 2007

TIME

11:00 AM to Whenever

MENU

Potluck
Hot Dog and Chefs Special provided

This is a great time for the public to meet
The Patriot Guard & The American Legion
Riders.

AUXILIARY NEWS

November
2007

In spite of everything, I still believe people are really good at heart. --Anne Frank

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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2007-2008

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Hello Ladies!

In the last newsletter that did not get mailed out, I wrote about our Installation of Officers. 5th District Betty O'Connor did the honors with Faye Dewey and Priscilla Ford. Betty, also, presented her project for the year.

At our last meeting in October, we welcomed Marlene Bower as a new member. Congratulations, Marlene! We then had a special visitation from our 2 Girl's State (Molly Zink and Sarah Klemsz) who gave a report on Girl's State. Both of them thoroughly enjoyed being there. Molly and Sarah have agreed to help Roberta Gapsch, Girl's State
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Chairman, to acquire more girls to go next year.

I'm hoping your notices for membership dues have arrived. Even if they haven't, you can still pay your dues (\$20.00) now. Nancy Zilm, our Membership Chairman, will make sure your membership card is sent back to you.

Upcoming events (1) November 10 - Veteran's Day Parade, (2) November 11 - Flag Ceremony at the Vancouver VA Hospital Columbia Room at 11:00 AM, (3) November 23 through 29 - Gift Shop Vancouver VA Hospital Columbia Room with our assigned date for Unit #176 on November 27, and (4) December 1 - Beef and Brew (bring presents to be raffled off).

Now due to low attendance some of our programs will be omitted. We need your support, particularly in keeping our Auxiliary intact as a unit. We need a quorum to hold meetings and that means attendance. So please come and join us.

President Anita Stadey



Chaplain's Comments

Christian Greetings, Ladies

Since I wrote you meaningful thoughts, I've had victories and disappointments. I've learned in my long life to be a winner by always seeing something good every day. I hope you join me in practicing that thought. We must give life our best. I share portions of a writing called "Take Time."

Take time to **think**; it is the source of power.

Take time to **read**; it is the fountain of wisdom.

Take time to **pray**; it is the greatest power on earth.

Take time to **love** and be loved; it is a God-given privilege.

Take time to **be friendly**; it is the road to happiness.

Take time to **laugh**; it is too short to be selfish.

Take time to **work**; it is the price of success.

Take time to **do charity**; it is the key to heaven. (Cont. by a member)

"A Thought to Ponder"

Some people touch our lives only briefly while others leave a lasting impression and are never forgotten.

There are special people who touch our lives in a certain way and having known them we will never be the same.

(Contrib. by an Auxiliary Member)

MEMBERSHIP INVITATION

It is time to start collecting dues for 2008.

By this time you should have your notice from National. It is important that you renew promptly.

Senior dues are \$20.00 and Junior dues are \$5.00. You can send your dues to me or send them to the Post and I will get them. Either way is okay.

Salmon Creek American Legion Auxiliary, 14011 NE 20th Ave., Vancouver WA 98686 or Salmon Creek American Legion Auxiliary, c/o Nancy Zilm, 1314 NW 104th St., Vancouver WA 98685.

Hoping to see the dues coming in real soon. The sooner they are in, the better it makes it for you and me. Thanks very much.

Membership Chairman
Nancy Zilm