



THE SALMON CREEK POST



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COMMANDERS NOTES

We have some busy times in the months ahead at our Post. May, Memorial Day activities are being planned. June brings Flag Day. In July, local Posts host the annual Department of Washington Convention. Plan to be a part of both preparation and execution of these events.

Our Evergreen Boys State Chairman, Ev Cook, could use some help contacting the local schools. The Boys State Program, June 15-22, is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for a High School Junior to experience "leadership civics and government". I strongly recommend the program. Visit the website www.evergreenboysstate.org for a virtual tour and application details.

Committee Chairman vacancies and other good opportunities for service remain. If you prefer working at the committee level choose one of these committees: Americanism, Children & Youth, Rehabilitation & Hospitalization, SAL Advisory, Membership, Public Relations, Community Service and Post Activities. The Post needs your leadership and expertise.

POST HOURS

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

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

It is easy to volunteer, just send me an e-mail message at the Post website or give me a call.

We will have to go through years of accumulation of both useful material and records that are no longer required in preparation for our move in 2009. We will be asking for volunteers to assist us as warm weather arrives.

Stay informed about our Legion by visiting www.post176.com and follow the links to the Dept. of Washington and National websites.

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

Jon Frederick, Commander

FINANCE OFFICER

Military Retirees: Check your Retiree Account Statement you received this year. Make sure the information is correct. A retired Marine Lt. General said his designated beneficiary had been changed. This may have been an error by a data entry person in the wrong file, or as a result of compromised VA data, or a stolen laptop computer.

510 members of our 628 goal have renewed their dues for 2008. Some members don't renew because they don't have time to participate, but a day may come when you want to participate, so keeping up your dues is important. The Legion spends a lot of money trying to convince Congress to keep up or improve assistance to our Veterans. Congress would eliminate all Veterans programs if they could. Current programs may not do you any good, but it will help someone on the battlefield in your place. Dues money is used in many ways at all levels. Children programs, an Emergency fund for disasters like our recent tornado. You must be a current Legion member to obtain these benefits.

When you pay your dues you are not donating unknowingly to someone's scam, so send in your \$40.00 and help someone who appreciates it. You may be helping your grandchildren along the way.

Phil Yasson, Finance Officer

GENERAL MANAGER

On March 14th there will be a Jeremiah Johnson Benefit Concert/Dance at the Post from 7:00PM to 9:00PM. Cost is \$10:00 at the door with proceeds going to the Jeremiah Family house project. Jeremiah lost his life in 2007 while serving in Iraq. He leaves behind a wife and two children here in Clark County. Community volunteers were able to raise the money to build his family a new home. If you are unable to attend and would like to donate to the fund, you may call Jack McClary @ 695-4522.

Bingo will be introducing new ways to win Big Bucks in the coming months. The Crystal Ball pick 8, played like Keno. March specials will feature our St. Patricks Day Pot of Gold. Each time I-17 is called we put \$5.00 in the pot. Be a single winner on I-17 and win the GOLD. February was our Lucky Heart Pot. So far no one has won the POT and it is up to \$615.00. The total amount will be guaranteed on the last packet game on February 27th if it isn't won before then. A must reason to be here. Join the excitement and come play BINGO.

As you may have noticed at the last General Meeting, the Post has a new cook in the kitchen. Jennifer has increased our kitchen sales with a new menu and fresh ideas. Stop by and have a Club Sandwich or a big juicy hamburger and the best french fries in town.

Hunters Education starts March 6th and runs through April 3rd. You may want to get certified before hunting season starts. No cost! Just a \$6.00 donation.

Peggy Brooks, General Manager

AUXILIARY NEWS

March
2008

It's Forward, March to Victory. Ladies, come join the Auxiliary and help Veterans.

AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2007-2008

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was in the last newsletter that at the end of the January meeting Anita let us know that that was her last meeting. We did not have time to elect a new president. Therefore, we were without a president until the meeting in February.

I was elected president. It is only until we have our election of new officers in May. All members in 176 has the potential to be president. All you need to do is follow the manual of ceremonies booklet. There are a few other things but none that you can't do with help from the Unit. In May we need someone to step up to the challenge.

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We have two special dates coming up. First off is the National President Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan and Department President Eva Wallace will be in our District for a potluck luncheon at Smith Reynolds, March 6th at 12:00 noon. It would be nice to have several members from our Unit there. If you can go, let me know by February 29. Spring Conference will be at Longview, April 27th. We will have more on this later.

I need the help of members of 176 to help with all the work we still need to do until the end of the year.

More dates next newsletter.

President Thelma Hathaway

Chaplain's Comments

To my readers, I ask, "What are your goals and hopes for 2008?" The following thought was given me to share: **Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift; that's why they call it the present.**"

I feel I must remind you that nothing gets properly done if we fail to direct our thoughts and our actions. It's true, each of us is only one person in millions. We can, however, use our time, our talents, our strength, and even our smile to bring a bit of joy and help to someone. We can only be ourselves, not someone else.

Study the Bible on your own or attend a good Bible Study and you will be amazed by the workable suggestions it has to offer. I wish you the best in 2008.

---GOOD NEWS---

Congratulations to Everett Cook, who won \$46 in the 50-50 raffle, February 14.

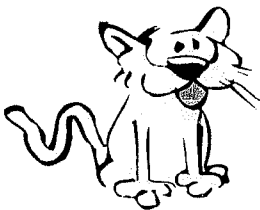
Donations from our Auxiliary Poppy Fund include \$500 to Vancouver Medical Center Gift Shop; \$500 to Fisher House that helps with housing near VA Hospitals for Vets & families; \$500 to Vancouver VA Medical Center Liver Transplant Unit; \$100 to Sea-Tac USO and \$100 to McChord USO. Thanks for your Poppy Fund Donations. See how they help Veterans.

YOU'RE NEEDED

As officers of #176 Women's Auxiliary, we thank each of you for your donations of time, cash, and labors of love. We would like to invite each of you to join in to help.

Thanks to Nancy Zilm for her work as head of the Membership Drive. She plans to call all the ladies she can to encourage them to join in and be active in the Auxiliary. Just take a look to your left on this page to learn about our work.

SPRING INTO ACTION



Friends, Here's an Invitation. Get out your American Legion Auxiliary 2008 Winter magazine that all members receive. It's filled with "interesting, helpful stories." On page 26 read about David and his dog Annie, how he got her, what she does for him, etc. Pictures are great and copy readable...Go to page 35 to read a feature about the Four Immortal Chaplains in World War II who stayed on a sinking ship, gave up their life jackets, etc....Join me in congratulating Editor Misty Wick for this splendid Winter Issue. It's fabulous. You won't want to miss National News that says our National Chaplain Jeri Books Greenwell will offer prayer as guest chaplain on April 1 at U.S. House of Representatives.