

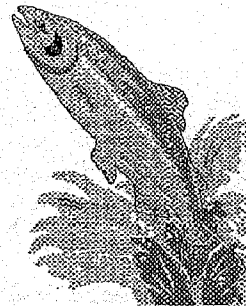


# THE SALMON CREEK POST

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## April 2008\* Salmon Creek American Legion Post 176 \* Vancouver Wa. \* VOL24 N098

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Lynn Jefferies 887-2307

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Jr. Past Commander:  
Fred Robertson 576-9151

### COMMANDERS NOTES

The Executive Board has recommended and the Post members present at the March 13th General Meeting approved, a dinner meeting price change from \$5.00 to \$7.50 per person. The Post has been losing money on meeting dinners for some time. Each segment of Post Operations, including the kitchen, needs to operate "in the black". This increase will help us to achieve that objective. Thanks for your understanding and co-operation.

Decisions concerning Lady Bell, our beloved UH-1, were made at a meeting of interested and concerned Veterans on March 15, 2008. Group consensus is that Lady Bell should remain at the VA Complex adjacent to the Peace Garden, and furthermore will be mounted with a base height of 20 to 22 feet. Some re-engineering will have to be done to the post and base. I will remain as the committee Chairman.

This is a call for nominations for Post Officers. Elections will be held in May. Also, the 5th District Commander and Vice Commander positions are open. Contact the nominating committee if interested.

### POST HOURS

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

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

Stay informed about our Legion by visiting our website, [www.post176.com](http://www.post176.com) and follow the links to both the Department of Washington and the National websites.

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

Jon Frederick, Commander

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## FINANCE OFFICER

As of this writing we have 517 members renewed for the 2008 membership year for 82.3 percent of our goal. We are way behind the requirements set by the National American Legion headquarters. I hope in the coming weeks we will be delighted with many renewals. Members renewing for their second year will receive an American Flag and an American Legion window decal with the membership card.

The Department of Washington annual convention will be in Vancouver Wa. at the Red Lion Inn at the Quay during the week of July 14-20. The schedule is available on the [www.walegion.org](http://www.walegion.org) web page. Many of our local members have been working on this convention for well over a year. Thursday through Saturday are the best days and nights to attend. Thursday, seminars will be held all day that explains the Legion programs and the money spent on them by the Dept. of Washington. Friday, the caucuses are held. This gives you a chance to meet the candidates. Saturday is an all day meeting followed by the Saturday night banquet. A reservation with pre-payment is required for the banquet.

If you want to become a delegate, please call Mike Gibson. Only delegates may vote and each vote is important. Richard Langenbach from Amboy is running for the Wash. Department Commander's position. It would be nice to have a Department Commander from this area.

The U.S. Postal Service now allows priority mail in the large flat rate boxes, 12"X12"X5.5" to be used to send a package to service members overseas to APO and FPO addresses. The cost for the box is \$10.95, a two dollar reduction from the regular cost. The boxes became available on March 3rd and will be an on-going benefit.

Phil Yasson, Finance Officer

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## GENERAL MANAGER

Bingo & Pull Tab sales continue to increase. Our bingo players have remarked again and again about the structure of the games being so much more enjoyable. We are adding new challenges such as the " POT OF GOLD" each month increasing the attendance. This summer new games will be introduced.

The Jeremiah Johnson Benefit held here at the Post was very successful with all proceeds going towards the completion of the new home being built. The family would like to thank you for the support you gave towards the benefit. This is what the American Legion is all about.

At February's Executive Board meeting, the Board discussed raising the price of the monthly General Meeting dinner from \$5.00 to \$7.50. This was voted on and approved at the March 13th General Meeting.

Peggy Brooks, General Manager

## BINGO

Monday thru Wednesday

11:00AM & 6:30PM

Pull Tabs-Kitchen

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## HUNTERS EDUCATION

Call the Post for more information

360-573-2331

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## HALL RENTALS

Weddings, Receptions, Parties

Post Members Discounts

Call Peggy @ 360-573-2331

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American Legion Riders meet at

the Post on the 2nd Saturday of

each month at 9:00AM.

Call Lynn at 360-574-6715 for

more information.

Join the Seattle Mariners for a special pre-game program honoring the United States Army Reserve as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary.

Festivities start at 6:30PM. Honorees to throw out "First Pitch"-Band to perform prior to the game-Honor Guard to present Colors-USAR presentation to the Mariners-Display tables on the lower concourse-Vehicle Display in the Parking Pavilion-USAR 100 Anniversary Flag flying in the Ballpark-special ticket prices.

100th Anniversary of the U.S. Army Reserve Baltimore Orioles vs. Seattle Mariners on Wednesday, April 23rd, 2008 at 7:10PM. Discount tickets available for all Army Reserve personnel, their families and friends.

Reserved seats reduced to \$11(regular price: \$20) Field seats reduced to \$25(regular price: \$40) Terrace Club seats reduced to \$30(regular price:\$47). To get more information and ticket ordering instructions contact SGT Thomas Heaton Human Resource Sergeant (Awards NCOIC) 70th RRC, G-1, HRD-Fort Lawton, WA. TEL: 206-301-2136

Remember, during the 2008 season, present your Military ID on Tuesday home games and receive 20% off regular price merchandise at all Mariners Team Store Locations. (Restrictions may apply)

# AUXILIARY NEWS

April  
2008

"Remember that God is our only sure trust." (by George Washington's mother)

## AUXILIARY OFFICERS

2007-2008

### PRESIDENT

Thelma Hathaway 573-0362

### 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Nancy Zilm 576-0774

### SECRETARY

Donna Casciato 576-4404

### TREASURER

Ruby Martin 823-4767

### CHAPLAIN

Lucille Harwood 573-6723

### SERGEANT AT ARMS

## YOUR MEMBERSHIP NEEDED

I have started calling members of the Auxiliary about their unpaid dues. You can still send them in, either to me or to the Post. My address is:

Nancy Zilm  
1314 NW 104th Street  
Vancouver WA 98685

I hope to hear from you soon. I want to get the dues all taken care of so we can concentrate on Officer nominations and election. Thanks for your help. Come out and support your Auxiliary. You may call me at 576-0774.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the next few months we will have a number of things come up.

First will be 5th District Spring Conference at Longview, April 6. I was elected delegate from our unit. At the next meeting I will give you a report. District Officers to be endorsed will be Anita Stadey from Smith Reynolds for District President; Faye Marie from Smith Reynolds for District Vice President. If no other endorsements are read they will be elected.

Next up, we will have our Rest Stop dates of May 12 and 13. We will need lots of help for the booth and lots of cookies. This is south bound. I will have a sign up sheet at the April 10 meeting. I know this will be early, but we need to know we have help. We also have a Rest Stop scheduled for June 23 and 24. The same will be true, we will need help and cookies.

We also have Girls State orientation scheduled for our hall, May 18th. That is if there is a need for the District orientation. More on this next time.

Dates for the filling of the envelopes with poppies and the making of the Girl State corsages will be decided at our next meeting. This will give you a reason for attending.

Hoping to see more of you at the next meeting. You need to get your ideas to us. Don't forget if you have not sent in your dues this will be your last newsletter.

Hoping to hear from you.

*President Thelma Hathaway*

## Chaplain's Comments

What do you like especially about the month of April? Maybe you think of early Spring flowers or maybe you have some fun with April Fool's Day. Whatever suits your fancy, just keep in mind that time is not renewable. When today passes, it's not coming back.

I heard Dr. Laura say on her radio program that real happiness comes when we do things for others. I feel she's right. I try to be a doer.

Please enjoy this prayer by Dr. Robert H. Schuller: Thank you God that you are a positive God. Teach me to be open and honest before You. Thank You that I can stand upright before You, erect and confident in my salvation through the Cross. Through Your eyes may I experience anew the good within me. Amen.

## Around and About

Congratulations to Carla Whitson who won \$43 in the 50-50 raffle in March. And thanks to those of you who generously bought tickets. You helped us with funds needed for our Veteran's Projects.

A hand of applause for our unit President Thelma. As District Secretary she sat at the head table for the March 6 luncheon at Post 14 whose special guest was National Auxiliary President Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan. President Jan was in Vancouver especially to tour the Liver Transplant area at the VA Hospital.

**EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY:** We are sorry to announce the passing of **Patty Colvin** and **Sherry Kim**. We will miss these departed members.

**THANKS** to Thelma Hathaway who took Irene Shropshire and The Harwoods to the Dinner for the Longview Post's 84th Birthday.. During the program Irene told about the Liver Lodge; there's 17,000 waiting for liver transplants, the Vancouver facility is the largest of its kind west of the Mississippi.