



THE SALMON CREEK POST



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Commander:

Johnathan Frederick 576-9078

1st Vice Cmdr:

Jerry Keen 907-9473

2nd Vice Cmdr:

Russell Alway 573-0088

Adjutant:

Mike Gibson 694-8005

Finance Officer:

Phil Yasson 574-1152

Chaplin:

Carl Bahner 883-1175

Historian:

Edith Levulett: 693-1569

Sgt. At Arms:

Lynn Jefferies 887-2307

Jr. Color Bearer:

Service Officer:

Greg Whitson 695-5456

Jr. Past Commander:

Fred Robertson 576-9151

COMMANDERS NOTES

Please be present at our next General Meeting and make your voice and your vote for your preferred Post Officer candidates heard. Pledge your support to the success of them and the needs of the Post and ultimately, our District.

The Post is also considering purchase of a new property for our new Post. Post membership approval is necessary, so come hear about and vote on a possible location for your new Post.

Looking forward to early summer, the Salmon Creek Post will keep us busy. Late May, Memorial Day activities are being planned. June brings Flag Day. In July local Posts host the Annual Department of Washington Convention.

We are optimistic that Lady Bell, our beloved UH-1 Helicopter, may be up on her pedestal prior to Memorial Day. The location is at the VA Hospital complex, adjacent to the Peace Garden. Furthermore, Lady Bell will be mounted with a base height of 20' to 22' so to be visible from many different viewpoints.

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 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

FINANCE OFFICER

As of this writing we have 542 members renewed for the 2008 membership year for 86.3 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 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

1ST VICE COMMANDER

As the closing date for our Post nears, relocation efforts become more important. The Relocation Committee has been working to secure a viable location we could move into when we vacate our current site.

The committee is looking at a location near the corner of Hwy 99 and 68th St. just over three miles South of our current site. The address is 905 NE 68th St. Drive by and take a look at the property. Post activities would be on the bottom floor. The top floor is occupied by small businesses with longstanding lease agreements that would provide about 26K income to the property owner. The property has an appraised value of \$1,010,000.00 and the asking price is \$975,000.00. No financing would be needed for the purchase if this is the site chosen by the membership.

To, date the only expenditure has been to purchase a property inspection report at a cost of \$600.00. The owner of the property is willing to work with the committee and is sympathetic to our needs. A previous commitment of \$5,000.00 in the form of a promissory note has been recinded and there is no obligation at this time. Negotiations will continue with the closing of the sale of our property as a contingency to the purchase of another location.

Plans and options will be provided at the May General Meeting with a possible vote to pursue an appropriate location. Call me at 907-9473 with questions.

Jerry Keen, 1st Vice Commander

BINGO

Monday thru Wednesday

11:00AM & 6:30PM

Pull Tabs-Kitchen

HUNTERS EDUCATION

Call the Post for more information

360-573-2331

HALL RENTALS

Weddings, Receptions, Parties

Post Members Discounts

Call Peggy @ 360-573-2331

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.

e-mail: www.iraqwarheros.org

FROM THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Election for the 2008-2009 Post Officers will be conducted at the May General Meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. If you are interested in serving in one of the positions or wish to nominate someone, please let me know. Following nominations to date are listed below.

Commander:	Wayne Sharp
1st Vice:	Jerry Keen
2nd Vice:	Open
Finance Officer:	Phil Yasson Constance Zollo
Adjutant:	Mike Gibson
Chaplin:	Carl Bahner
Historian:	Edith Levulett
Sgt. at Arms:	Lynn Jeffries
Jr. Color Bearer:	Open

Our present commander, Johnathan Fredericks, will serve as Junior Past Commander and has expressed his intent to remain active in that capacity.

You can all help by participating in the process and encouraging persons you feel qualified to serve in one of the positions.

Jerry Keen, 1st Vice Commander
{ Nominations Committee Chair }

May 12th and 13th and June 24th and 25th the Auxiliary has the Southbound Gee Creek rest area on I-5. They need help working in the booth from both the Legion and Auxiliary members and they also need donations of cookies. The more who can help makes it easier on all of us who participate in spending some time out there. Plus you meet a lot of interesting and sometimes strange people. Give of yourself, if you can and contact Thelma Hathaway at 573-0362.

May 26, 2008 is The Post Memorial Day Breakfast starting at 6 AM to 6:40 AM. Congressman Baird will be joining us. We will be serving Pancakes, Bacon & Eggs, Hash Browns and Toast.

Jerry Brister District 155 Service Officer has set-up Service Officer Training for May 31, 2008 from 9 am to 4 PM here at Post 176. Legion members and Aux. members are welcome.

Our Bingo attendance has been increasing due to our monthly specials. Although, towards the middle of the month we have noticed that Monday & Tuesday seem to be our slow days.

I encourage all of you to join in the fun of BINGO. You have a terrific and fun staff. They would enjoy meeting our members and they are soooo helpful to those new at the game. We have a full kitchen with evening dinner specials.

Happy Mothers Day!!

Peggy Brooks, General Manager



Prospective View of New Post -- Bottom Floor

AUXILIARY NEWS

May
2008

"Proudly fly your American Flag on Memorial Day."

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

Chaplain's Comments

Ladies, as your Chaplain I greet you with kind wishes for the nice month of May.

I invite each of you to put your best foot forward. It will make the world a better place and you, too, will feel uplifted.

I visited a church recently in Elmira, Oregon. The Pastor's wife gave me a left-over copy of the Easter Edition of OUR DAILY BREAD. Here's two good thoughts from it: "The Good News of the resurrection is too good to keep to ourselves."

"Faith sees what the eyes cannot."

I suggest you join me in the practice of always reading true inspiring stories at bedtime. I have DAILY GUIDEPOSTS, various CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL books, THE UPPER ROOM, a daily devotional LIGHT FROM THE WORD, and magazines such as "Angels" and "Guideposts." Try memorizing Bible verses, too. It is great food for the soul.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where do you start? So much has happened. Also, we have a lot coming up.

We will start with what has gone on since the last newsletter.

Spring Conference was at Longview, April 6th. At that time we elected new District Officers. They are **Anita Stadey** as District President and **Faye Marie Dewey** as District Vice President. They are both from Smith Reynolds. Secretary will be **Thelma Hathaway**. Anita will name the rest of her officers and chairman later. There were a few changes made to the District Constitution & Bylaws as well as the budget. It will affect our budget as well. (Continued above r)

"Even if you have nothing else to give, you can give encouragement"

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have just recently finished going through the membership and contacting as many as we could.

Some of our dear ladies have gone to be with the Lord. Our condolences and prayers go to their families. We have lost one member who transferred to another Unit. On a brighter side, we have one new member and another lady who is joining.

Thank you all for paying up your 2008 dues. Officer election takes place this month so come out and nominate and vote for your person of choice.

Membership, Nancy Zilm

At our May 8 meeting we will have election of new officers. Would you like to help out the Unit by being an officer? We need new blood to keep the Unit going.

May 12 and 13 we will have the Gee Creek rest stop, Southbound. We could use help and lots and lots of cookies. If any Legionnaires or Auxiliary members can help man the booth or bake or buy cookies, let me know, 573-0362.

We also have the rest stop in June. More on it next month. The dates are June 24 and 25.

We will also be making poppy corsages for Girls State. At this time I do not know how many we will be asked to make.. Time and date to be confirmed when the hall will be available. My house may be used if necessary. We also will be sending out our poppy letters.

Come to the next meeting..

President Thelma Hathaway

Welcome home to Rose Trotter who with her husband enjoyed winter months in the San Diego area..

A ceremony to honor departed members Patty Colvin and Sherry Kim was conducted at the Unit's April meeting.

The Unit received a nice plaque for its contribution toward decorative windows for the VA Chapel.

Watch for news about the May 26 free breakfast and Memorial Day activities.

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**Dinner Menu for May 8, 2008
General Meeting**

Is

**Baked Ham-Baked Potato-Mixed Veg.
Dinner Roll and Dessert**

Lounge Opens @ 5:00PM-Dinner Is Served @ 6:00PM