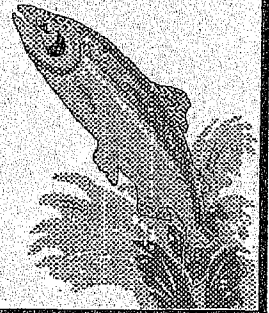




# THE SALMON CREEK POST



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## COMMANDERS NOTES

This is my first article since our elections in June. Elected officers take office after the Dept. (State) Convention each year, which was July 21st. So my first order of business is to thank you for electing me to serve as Post Commander for the 2008-2009 year.

We have several challenges facing us, which include financial obligations, income growth, compliance issues, membership and of course the pending sale of our property, which when completed will allow the purchase of a new Post home. With your help and support to myself and your elected officers, I am confident we can have a very successful year at meeting these challenges.

I ask each of you to be as active a member as time will allow. Take part in the issues facing our Post, by insisting your officers keep you informed and that we ask for your vote on major transactions by the Post. Please don't feel that you elected us and that now it is up to us. We understand the authority and obligations you, the members, bestowed on us when elected. However we have membership meetings each month for the members to provide advice and consent to our actions. Please do so. I assure you, we will have better decisions with your active participation.

## POST HOURS

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

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

We are no longer negotiating the purchase of the 1st Independant Bank property on 13th Ave. The search committee and Executive Board were unanimous in the decision to discontinue consideration of the site. Several considerations were a part of the decision, but foremost was that we are to many months away from concluding the sale of our Post to enter into a contract of purchase for a new property.

Myself and delegates from the Post participated in the American Legion Department Convention. The District Convention Committee members worked hard on the convention, and the membership statewide had excellent remarks for their work. It was also a great financial success for the committee.

Department Vice Commander Area II, Richard Langenbach, was elected as the 2008-2009 Department Commander and past 176 Post Commander, Morris Geisler, was elected the Department Chaplin.

The annual Post Picnic was held on Saturday, August 2nd. There was a wide selection of food and the Grill Master in Chief was Adjutant Mike Gibson who did an excellent job at both the grill and preparation for the picnic. Thanks Mike. Thanks also to all who pitched in for the final layout of the food and last minute preparations. Our 2nd Vice Commander John Treosti will be responsible for the picnic planning and preparation for next year. Talk to John about ideas and activities and offer help where you can.

This is too long an article and I want to close by asking you all to do something that can provide immediate help with what I consider to be our most urgent challenge-finance. If you or someone you know is a Bingo player please come to Post 176 and play. Bingo and associated activities are what allows us to do all that we do as a Post. Thank you. See you at this same place next time, if not before.

WAYNE SHARP, Post Commander

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#### FINANCE OFFICER

I want to thank everyone who has sent in their renewal dues for the 2009 membership year. Our goal has been set at 609 members for 2009. As of this writing I have processed 309 renewals. You almost had me buried under paperwork, but it is finished, and I am waiting for the rest of you to renew your dues.

Think of your dues money as an investment in the future of our military members that are out there protecting our freedom. When you were in the military, the members of the American Legion were investing in your future by keeping their dues current. Look at how far our military has progressed since you were on active duty and the benefits that have been bestowed on us by Congress. Part of your dues money is used to let Congress know how we feel about their actions when they try to take a benefit away from us. Of course all the actions taken may not affect you directly, but they will affect the current and future military members. As you read the Legion Magazine, you can get a better picture of what the American Legion is pushing for. The American Legion is our nation's most influential, effective and dependable advocate for Veteran affairs. Keep us strong, RENEW TODAY.

Recently the GI Bill was raised almost \$8000.00 as of August 1, 2008. This will help pay for tuition, books, school supplies and other fees. The value of the GI Bill is now almost \$47,556.00. Many schools give credit for military service; it's up to the member to search these schools out to receive these credits. Did you know there would not be a GI Bill had it not been for American Legion Members?

Senator Hillary Clinton and Representative Peter King are leading an effort to have the U.S. Postal Service issue a "Purple Heart" stamp as a new and permanent "Forever Stamp". The effort is widely supported by 12 Senators and 80 Repeentatives who have sent letters to the USPS Citizens' Stamp Advisory Council.

FINANCE OFFICER, Phil Yasson

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#### GENERAL MANAGER

The "Western Days" Bingo special held July 30th was a great success. The proceeds from the ticket sale in the amount of \$1500.00 was donated to Doernbecher Childrens Hospital. Our goal next year is to double the donation.

Please come out and join us for Bingo!! Our kitchen serves up a great breakfast and Tuesdays we have \$1.00 taco's. Hope to see you there.

GENERAL MANAGER, Peggy Brooks

## BINGO

Monday Thru Wednesday

11:00AM & 6:30PM

Pull Tabs - Kitchen

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## HALL RENTALS

Weddings, Receptions, Parties

Post Members Discounts

For Reservations or more

information call

Peggy @ 360-573-2331

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## HUNTERS EDUCATION

For information call

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It's wondrous what a hug can do.  
A hug can cheer you when you're blue.  
A hug can say "I love you so",  
or "Gee" I hate to see you go.

The hug! There's just no doubt about it,  
we scarcely could survive without it.  
A hug delights and warms and charms,  
it must be why God gave us arms.

Hugs are great for fathers and mothers,  
sweet for sisters, swell for brothers.  
and chances are some favorite aunts,  
love them more than potted plants.

## THE FOLLOWING IS THE PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY WE ASSOCIATE  
OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING  
PURPOSES:**

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

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This is an election year and we have the obligation as Veterans and citizens of this great country to vote for whomever we, in our opinion, is best suited to lead our country. Take that right and vote your candidate. Many Veterans have died, and are dying, to preserve our right to make our own free choices.

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### FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

This will be my last message as the outgoing president.

This year has been different from the past. At the beginning of the year I had no idea it would end as it has. From Sergeant at Arms to President is not normally done.

I would like every member to support your new officers. This can be done by paying your dues, letting them know they have your support and come to meetings.

This has been a busy summer for me. I was on the committee for the Legion and Auxiliary convention which was July 16 - 20. July 31st to August 3rd I was in Everett with the 8/40 La Marche. I was in Missouri August 11th to 19th. This was a vacation with what is left of my family. I missed the Legion picnic because I was in Everett. You cannot be every place you want to be, so sometimes we have to make choices and follow through with a commitment. I hope you know what I mean. Thanks for all your help this year.

**PAST PRESIDENT, Thelma Hathaway**