



# THE SALMON CREEK POST



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## COMMANDERS NOTES

It has been too long since the last newsletter was published (January). I reported to you that because of our finances it would be a while before the next newsletter. We did not think it would be nearly six months before this issue. We are sending this issue by e-mail to everyone we can. We requested your e-mail addresses in the last issue but we received few responses, so I would like to try again. If the newsletter is important to you and you have an e-mail address, please send an e-mail to [scal@pacifier.com](mailto:scal@pacifier.com) and just write NEWSLETTER. The newsletters will also be available for viewing or download at our Post web site, [www.post176.com](http://www.post176.com). Thank you.

We continue to have financial challenges which limit our ability to do as much as we need to with our programs for veterans, their families, currently serving military and community activities. The closing on the sale of our Post home in March of this year did not happen and our Post is free of contractual obligations in this matter. We are now concentrating on all of the benefits

## POST HOURS

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

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

of the site we own and with the sale off the table, our full attention is focused to paying off all our long term obligations and ending up with a Post home that is free of long term debt. BINGO remains our primary source of income and we invite your attendance on any morning or evening session on Mon - Tue - Wed of each week.

You will have this in hand prior to our membership meeting on the 14th of May and I urge you to consider finding some time to join in the rewarding work of the American Legion, if you are not already doing so. We will have our first nominations for office for the 2009 - 2010 Legion year at the meeting on the 14th, and we will have second nominations and hold the election on the 11th of June. We will be electing all of the named officers as well as two Executive Board members, a total of eleven positions to fill. With the challenges at hand, individuals with business and financial backgrounds could bring that experirnce to the table at our Executive Board meetings; you would be welcome and I urge you to consider doing so.

On Sunday, May 17th, our Post will be hosting all of the area Boys/Girls State attendees and their families for the annual 5th District Boys/Girls State orientation. This is both a welcome to the program they are entering as well as an introduction to the schedule and activities that these 11th grade students will participate in at the Boys/Girls State program. The event starts with a sign-in, then lunch at noon and the orientation follows lunch.

Our annual Memorial Day program will start off on the 25th of May at 6:00AM with a full breakfast. Congressman Brian Baird has found time on his schedule to join us each year for the last several years, and our hope is that his schedule will accomodate his presence with us again this year. If you have not experienced this event, please join us for music, remembrance and ceremony for those who gave so much for their country.

We owe a special thanks to the Post 176 employees, our bookkeeper, custodian, kitchen and bingo workers who come to work each shift, day afrer day and give us all that we ask of them and more. Their hard work and dedication and the income they produce is the glue that holds the activities and programs we support together.

Come by the Post and meet them and thank them for a job well done.

As you enter the front door of our Post, there is a small lounge area through the door to you immediate left. Each Monday for the last several weeks from 11:00AM to 1:00PM, a group of Post 176 members have been meeting there for lunch and a social get together. They welcome your participation. Join them when you can.

If you have not renewed your membership for 2009, please do so today. Thank you in advance for doing so. Your membership is so important to our objective of "Veterans helping Veterans and their Families."

I know I have exceeded my intended 500 - 600 words for this column and will close mindful that my term of office is fast coming to a close and to say thank you for the opportunity you gave me to serve as Post 176 Commander this year.

Post Commander, Wayne Sharp

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#### FINANCE OFFICER

The 2009 membership year is just about history. We appear to be at the end of renewals with 477 members renewed of our 609 member goal. I suppose the economy had something to do with some of those who have not renewed. We also had 26 members who passed away during the year. The new membership year for 2010 will be starting in July after the Department of Washington's Convention. Consider signing up for a Life Membership(PUFL) before the 2010 membership year begins. You can deduct this years dues from the overall cost. In other words, if you were to fall in the age group with the total of \$400, deduct the dues cost of \$40, so you would pay \$360 for a lifetime membership. In so doing, you do not receive any more notices to pay your dues. And, if there is another rate increase, it will not affect you. Rates are posted on the American Legion National web page, or call the Post and leave me a message.

Finance Officer, Phil Yasson

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## 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

360-573-2331

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## HUNTERS EDUCATION

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## 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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We would like to welcome some new faces to Salmon Creek American Legion.

**CORA LANE** is our new Bingo manager. She has worked for our organization in the past and brings a positive attitude and plenty of enthusiasm to keep Salmon Creek the Friendliest Place in town.

Also welcome to **BONNIE DYKSTRA**, our new bookkeeper. Bonnie has worked many years in the banking business and is doing a fantastic job for us.

Starting April 1st through summer, we will be offering \$1 Economy packets and \$26 Economy machines. This special is allowing our business to flourish during this difficult economic time. Also our monthly special of offering \$1,000 days, \$1199 nights, twice a month has increased our attendance and per player spending.

Dauber giveaways over St. Patrick's day met with incredible success and we will be doing another giveaway May 11th for Mothers Day. We invite all of you to come in and see why Salmon Creek American Legion is known as "The Friendliest Place in Town."

We also offer some very good daily specials from our kitchen, available during the time bingo is being played. Treat yourself and try them.