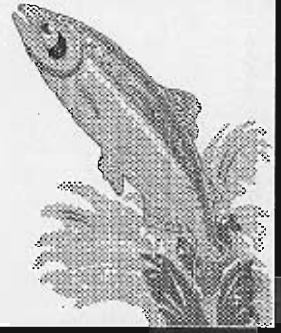




THE SALMON CREEK POST



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COMMANDERS NOTES

As the year winds down and we prepare to shift post officers, I'd like to extend my personal "Thank You" to all of you who served this year. Without those who give so selflessly of their time and resources our post would not exist. Some are very generous as they continue to give year after year to serve their fellow veterans. To all of you, I say "It is an honor to serve with you!" I extend my personal invitation to all members to come to our meetings and voice your ideas, concerns, proposals and initiatives so we can all work towards our common goals.

One of my goals this year is membership-specifically how our post interacts with its members. I would like to see our post offer encouragement and support for our members when life hands them a valley to transverse and to share in their joys when they are at the mountain top. We can only do so if we know. We need all members to keep us informed. Please let us know if/when you or a loved one is sick. If you are unable to get out anymore and need help getting to events. Maybe you are in need of a little help with upkeep of your place. We want to be a post that is in tune with it's members and reaches out to them. The American Legion is about helping veterans and that starts with our members. If you know of a member that has departed to the

POST HOURS

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

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

the American Legion in the sky, gone into assisted living or a nursing home, is ill or laid up for any reason please contact the post officers at 360-573-2331 and let us know.

We are now offering the newsletter electronically. If you have a computer and are active in using it, I urge you to receive the newsletter by e-mail. This will save the post funds and is the environmental choice-you can save a tree. E-mail the post at scal@pacifier.com to be added to the list. Or you can write, call, deliver it in person or send it with a fellow legionnaire.

On a fun note - for all of you who have slipped away from attending meetings over the years, let me invite you back! I am excited to announce that **August 14th is Post 176's annual BBQ.** The post will supply the food, We invite YOU to supply the fellowship. Bring your family and get reacquainted or meet new members. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and yard games (Frisbee, baseball, yard darts, etc.) to Arnada Park (heading east on Fourth Plain it's on the left side just past I-5, access at E 25th and G St.) It's a neighborhood park with plenty of shade, a playground area, basketball hoop and covered picnic area. We will begin serving food at noon, hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken fingers, sodas and side dishes to go with the music, laughter and fun.

Also bring your ideas. What you'd like to see our post doing, what you would enjoy and how we can get it started. We'll have paper, pens and a suggestion box for your input and you can do so anonymously if you wish. Be sure to buy your **raffle tickets** when you arrive for 50 cents each. The more you buy the better your chance to win. At the end of the BBQ we'll draw a lucky name to claim the entire pot.

I am looking forward to getting to know every one of you. I encourage you to get involved, come to the meetings, find out what's happening and join the fun. Proud To Keo On Serving!

Roxeanne Boose
Post 176 Commander

PAST COMMANDER NOTES

First the good news, this is the first newsletter in 2010 with an article from the Junior Past Commander, it is also the last.

The incoming Commander asked me to say a few words in closing out my year as Post Commander. It has been a time consuming effort for me and as I get older the more jealous I become of my free time. I would like to do many things and they all require our most precious asset - our time. We can't buy more and we don't know how much we have left. I feared the loss of our Post Charter and the loss of our gambling license. I leave office with no concern about either, knowing they are now secure. I am happy about the time I contributed during my tenure.

We have challenges in not knowing the impact of the I 5 interchange work on 20th Ave and 139th St on our Bingo players access. I have met with the county several times and until the contract is set and the contractor moves on site we will not know. One thing clear to me is we must put several months operating costs into reserve to see us through. If things go well we will spend little of it. In a different scenario we will have funds to pay our bills.

Gambling provides the income to do the programs in support of our veterans, their families and our community. We must remember that gambling and associated activities are business operations and must be supervised and administered to insure compliance with the bureaucracy of the IRS, Washington State Labor and Industries, State Business and Occupation filing and taxes, Clark County Treasurer, County Commissioners, payroll taxes and filings, Real Property Taxes, Personal Property Taxes and much more. I mention these issues because we can hire people to do some of the work but the responsibility for all of them lies with the Executive board. You can help if you are a problem solver, a bookkeeper, a CPA, an attorney. You don't need to be on the Board to be of help, just your attendance at our meetings to hear our activities and to provide your valuable experience would be a great value. We elected a new Commander effective July 11th, wish her well and contribute to her success by volunteering to help during her term in office.

As I have stated previously, the key to our finances is our Bingo operation. Bingo is the business that allows us to maintain our Post home, pay our utilities, pay our taxes and most of all provide the income to support American Legion programs. We do two sessions of Bingo on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week at 11:00am and 6:30pm. Bring a friend and join the fun. Call 360-573-2331 for more information. When you come **thank the employees who work for us** - it is their hard work and dedication that makes it all come together for a successful business operation.

I will continue to be active with the Post as a board member and to assist the Commander with the business operations to the degree I can.

Wayne Sharp
Junior Past Commander Post 176

CHAPLAINS NOTE

Our Commander Roxeanne Boose, has asked me to screen the post membership with attention to special needs. With over 400 members, I need some helpers to make phone calls and maybe e-mails to seek out those within our post who have needs, are ill or in need of prayer or a visit. If you would like to be a Chaplains helper, please let me know. We need to get started as soon as we can. It is written in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 "There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven". Let this be our time to build up and embrace the membership. Yours for Christ.

Jerry Keesee
Chaplain Post 176

Hall Rental

Hall rental is open to the public

Know someone who is looking for a place to have a Wedding, Reception or party?

Post 176 members get a discount

Call the Post at 360-573-2331 for more information or reservations

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 21st 5th District meeting at Ridgefield Post

July 22nd at 4:00 pm, Flag Retirement Ceremony at Post 176 - everyone is invited.

July 25th is Parents Day

July 25th 5th District Picnic, all are invited

July 30th at 8:30am CMAC (Community Military Activities Committee) meeting at 40 et 8. If you come early you can enjoy breakfast for \$6 - everyone is invited

August 1st is Friendship Day

August 4th thru 8th is The Wall (the traveling Vietnam Memorial , which includes memorials for other conflicts as well) will be in La Center. Everyone is encouraged to take their families and visit it while it is here.

August 14th 12:00pm is the Post 176 Annual BBQ at Arnada Park. Everyone is encouraged to bring their families and come out for an afternoon of fun.

September 6th is Labor Day

September 9th is the nex regular membership meeting, starting at 6pm with a pot-luck. There will be NO MEETING IN AUGUST.

September 17th is POW/MIA Day - ceremony details to be announced

September 20th is the Clark County Stand Down a variety of assistance for all homeless or struggling veterans and their families

In September there will be opportunities to staff our recruiting table to invite other veterans to join us - time and date to be determined

AUXILIARY NEWS

July 2010

It's the Good Old Summer Time. Let's remember our Veterans

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FROM YOUR CHAPLAIN

How wonderful it is to be an American and have the freedom to worship as one prefers in our own thoughts and way. Also being an American one can salute the flag. What a joy it makes one feel.

Thanks to all who have served in the Armed Forces of America.

Marlene Bahner

-----MEMBERSHIP-----

Hi Ladies, My name is Debbie Hathaway. I am the Vice President and I am also the member chairman. Our dues are due starting in September-for the new Auxiliary year. When you receive your notice, make your check payable to American Legion Auxiliary #176 and mail to Debbie Hathaway, 507 NE 99 St. #10, Vancouver WA 98665 Thank you.

Debbie Hathaway

YOUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Ladies,

I hope all of you are having a good summer. September will start our new Auxiliary year. Our first meeting will be September 9th at 7 p.m. I would like to see more of our members at our potlucks and meetings. The potlucks are really fun and begin at 6 p.m. There are lots of good things to eat and even good desserts.

We need more ladies coming to the meeting so we can have a lot of input on different things to do. We need more minds working.

I want to thank you who elected me as your Auxiliary president. I will try to do my best, but I do need you to help and offer input. Please be a part of the group at our Post.

I still have some of our ladies who come to my house on the first Monday and the third Monday of the month. We have a good time just getting together and getting to know one another if it is just to talk or to crochet or knit or just what crafts you are doing. We have a good time. Please come join the group of ladies. Thank you..

Auxiliary President Nancy Zilm 576-0774

THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW

REST STOP: I would like to Thank all of those who spent time at the rest stop this year. We had 5 days altogether--3 days one week and 2 days the next week. Altogether 128 hours were spent there. I deposited \$720.35. That was the most we have ever made in one year. Last year we had 6 days and made \$530.

Now my Question is? How many days should I ask for next year? I cannot sign up until August 15th. I need some others to help with this decision. Give me a call 573-0362. Thanks all of you for your help. (Prepared by *Thelma Hathaway who organized the Rest Stop*)

POPPY PROGRAM:

I would like to Thank all who donated to our Poppy Program this year. We had donations anywhere from \$1 to \$100. Our total income from poppies was \$1,144. This will go a long way to help our Veterans this year. Most of the money spent will be spent in our local VA Medical Center. Thanks again. *Thelma Hathaway*

CONVENTION (reported by *Thelma Hathaway*, a delegate)

We had an interesting convention this year at Great Wolf Lodge near Centralia. We had 76 Units represented with 96 delegates and 25 delegates at Large. Those at Large are Past Department Presidents and present officers. This was a good representation....Our new officers are President, Jane Montaney. 1st Vice President, Rose King. 2nd Vice President, Hanny Eiston. Chaplain, Kathie Naff and Historian, Lorna Ledoschuk. National Vice President 2012-2013 is Barbara Rutherford.