



THE SALMON CREEK POST



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COMMANDERS NOTES

I want to extend my apologies and thanks to Floyd Zwer, who assisted with our Walmart recruitment over the September 11 & 12th weekend. I had listed Floyd Hebdon and it was actually Floyd Zwer who came out and assisted.

Please note: November's regular membership meeting will be held **November 18th**. Normally it would be November 11th Veteran's Day, we moved it this month only so that everyone might take advantage of the many community events being held that day.

We will begin at 6:00pm with our potluck, then we are going to hold an Induction Ceremony to recognize and welcome all our new members. Immediately following we will have a Service Star Presentation. Service stars are awarded upon completion of continous service every five years, another reason to ensure that you don't forget to renew your membership every year. Service stars are cloth and get sewn onto your hat. If you haven't purchased an American Legion split top hat, you may order them from Phil Yasson. All those who have served 5, 10, 15, ...years will be recognized and receive the appropriate service star during this meeting. It is important for you to contact Phil Yasson and make sure your name is on the list, which star you are due and confirm you will be at the meeting. We want to recognize you, please help by communicating with us and by coming to the meeting.

POST HOURS

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

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

As you know, November holds a special occasion for veterans and there are many community events planned. I encourage you to get out and participate in these events, most are free. Invite your family and make it a special time to pass on the history of our nation and your part in it. It is important for our youth to understand our past and the sacrifices that were made to obtain and maintain our rights, liberties and freedoms. The fight is not over. They need to be informed so they will stand firm against those who would take our rights from us. Our job is not over. We are the ones to make them ready. Veterans Day is to honor all veterans, but it is also to remember how and why they served.

Just a reminder - your membership dues for the 2011 year are due, please get them in as soon as possible. It's simple to remember if you tell yourself "Pay my dues before Veteran's Day". That way you don't get caught short in time or money by the holidays.

November also brings a special day of thanks, to remember our God and all He has lovingly provided this year. Those who have faced heartache, struggles or devastation sometimes find it difficult to thank Him. Remember, He stood with you through those challenges and brought you through. He held you close and shared in your tears, you were not alone. You gained strength, wisdom and a closer bond with friends and family as together you weathered the storms. His promise is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow - He will never leave you. Whatever blessings you have received don't forget to thank Him who provided all.

Proud to continue serving
Roxeanne Boose' Post 176 Commander

Member Moments:

Tom Dornbeck slipped by the guard and landed at the Fort Vancouver Care Center located at 8507 NE 8th Way, Vancouver Wa. 98664. His room # is 60 and his phone # is 360-449-1584. Steady improvements daily. Give him a call. He appreciates all the prayers and good wishes.

(Editor) I talked to Tom on Tuesday morning, 10-26-10, and he is hoping to go home this week sometime. He has an appointment with his primary provider on Thursday, 10-28-10 and he will know then what he will be doing. He says he feels really well and wants to be in his own bed at home. He thanks everyone who has stopped by to visit, called him, for the cards and for all the prayers issued up to our Lord on his behalf.

Mark your calendar

Nov 4th - Veterans Job Fair held at Clark College from 9am - noon at Gaiser Hall.

Nov6th - The Buffalo Soldiers will be honored this year at the Veteran's Parade beginning at 11am at Fort Vancouver. Royce Pollard will be the Grand Marshall

Nov 7th - Veteran's Day Massing of the Flags at the VA Hospital. Service starts at 11am. Be there 30 minutes early if you have your flags. All are invited; please bring a dish for potluck luncheon following the service.

Nov 10 & 11th - Sears inside the Westfield Mall has offered to have an information/ membership table from 10am - 9pm each day. We need volunteers to man the table, please contact the Post to add your name and the times you are available.

Nov 11th - Veteran's Day Free Lunch for Veterans at Smith - Reynolds American Legion Post #14.

Nov 11th - Veterans Appreciation Dinner for all Veterans and their families at the Elks Club. Please call to make a reservation at 360-256-0823.

Nov 18th - **CHANGE:** Due to all the events on Veteran's Day, Post #176 membership meeting will be held one week later than usual. It will include an Induction Ceremony for all new members and service stars will be presented. Potluck begins at 6pm.

Nov 25th - Thanksgiving day.

Nov 28th - Salvation Army Toy Run.

Dec 4th - Dornbecked Toy Run.

Dec 4th - Post #176 will hold their annual Beef-n-Brew to honor our membership. All members who have paid their 2011 dues are invited to bring one guest and join the festivities at 6pm. Members who have not paid their dues can do so at the dinner or call the Post for more information. Please RSVP to the Post no later than Nov.26th so we can get an idea of attendance.

Dec 7th - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

Dec 7 & 8th - The Army National Guard will hold a FREE two day training on suicide prevention (ASIST) for anyone who volunteers, works or assists veterans in any way. The exact time and location TBA (it will be in Vancouver). You must attend both days to receive the certificate, Please contact Post #176 to sign up not later than November 22nd.

Dec 9th - Post #176 will hold its monthly membership meeting. Potluck will begin at 6pm.

Dec 23 - Post #176 Executive Board meeting at 6pm.

Dec 25th - Christmas Day.

December 31st - New Years Eve.

FINANCE OFFICER

Membership renewals have picked up now that the 2nd dues due notice has been sent out. 21 of our members took advantage of the 2nd notice and mailed in a 2011 renewal. With Veterans Day creeping up on us, I hope to receive many more renewals. At this writing we have 304 renewed members for 2011 for 69.7 percent of our goal.

Phil Yasson, Post 176 Finance Officer

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Someone Close Is Lost

Work through your thoughts, accept your feelings. With the sadness may come: anger, despair, fear, loneliness and many more feelings. Share your needs with other people in your life. Grieve in your own way but be open with your broken heart. God is near to tend your every need. Use your faith to set you free with healing. Be kind to yourself and give the healing process time to work through the many stages. To feel abandoned and alone is very real. Support groups can help to find healing. Remember Matthew 5:4, Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted.

Jerry Keesee, Post 176 Chaplain

MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

My name is Clarence C. LaLonde and I joined the Naval Reserve for the Duration of Hostilities in August 1942. I received an Honorable discharge on May 19, 1946 as a aviation Chief Machinist Mate.

Boot camp was 6 wks. in San Diego and then sea draft to Destroyer base in San Diego where we chipped diesel from the submarine tanks for 3 wks. Sea Draft A - K went to San Pedro Destroyer base and L - R went to North Island for aviation duty. There we helped in servicing carrier planes with A.C.T.G. (Advanced Carrier Training Group).

Jan 1943 I joined the C.Q.T.U. (Carrier Qualifying Training Unit) stationed in Glenview Ill. Naval Station. Here we used Lake Michigan and two converted cruise ships to teach pilots to land on carriers.

When I became AMM1/c I was sent to San Diego North Island to get experience in PBM's seaplanes.

I was in charge of the aviation detail assigned to the USS#39 Gardiners Bay to join the fleet for the Okinawa Campaign. We had 6 PBM's called VH-4 aviation hospital picking up pilots from the sea, if shot down.

August 28, 1945 found us in Sagami Bay Japan. Then Yokosuka. Then September 2, 1945 I was on the AVP39 next to the Missouri (BB63). November I became a ACMM (Aviation Chief Machinist Mate) and joined VH-4 as Flight Engineer of a PBM seaplane.

From Japan's surrender our squadron went to Saipan, then Eniwetok then to Bikini Atoll to begin the "Crossroads" Atomic experiments.

I was discharged in Seattle in May 1946.

I married a Navy lady in 1947 who was a radioman 3/c in Astoria. She was assigned to monitor the West Coast from Tongue Point. Her name was Helen Waananen and we were married 62 1/2 years. She died April 23, 2010. She was also a member of Post 176.

We appreciate the article you were brave enough to write and share with us. We also thank you for helping make and keep our country free. (Editor)

HALL RENTAL IS NO LONGER OPEN
TO THE PUBLIC.
CALL 360-573-2331 FOR INFORMATION
OR RESERVATIONS

BINGO HOURS 11:00AM-6:30PM
MON - TUE - WED
PULL TABS AND KITCHEN AVAILABLE

Articles for the newsletter need to be e-mailed to me by the 21st of each month for the following months newsletter so I have enough time to get it out by the 30th.

garyzilm@comcast.net

Thank you.

Articles for the Auxiliary need to also be e-mailed to Lucille Harwood by the 21st of each month to give her time to get it ready. lucillerussell@comcast.net

Thank you

AUXILIARY NEWS

November 2010

Armistice Day, Nov. 11 celebrates anniversary of armistice of World War I.

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GIVE WHAT YOU CAN

Thoughts about what kind of gifts to give and when to give and who to give gifts to are varied, that's for sure.

Have you been pleasantly surprised by an unexpected gift? That happened to me recently. At Pomona Grange where I'm musician, a member came up to me with a pretty sack and said, "Here's a gift for you." I took out of the sack a nice Teddy Bear she had made for me. His arms and legs move and his eye are bright. I asked her why she was giving me the gift. She said, "I wanted to do something in appreciation for your playing for us. The gift is also because we like you." I named the bear Smokey.

Sacrifice a bit and give gifts this Christmas, help in the VA gift shop, or help someone. Merry Christmas to you.

Lucille Harwood

District 5 Aux. Chaplain

PRESIDENT'S

Dear Ladies,

We had a good meeting Oct. 14. I was glad to see all who were there.

In December our Legion will be putting on a Members' Appreciation Dinner. We used to call it Beef and Brew. We are working on what will be happening. Don't forget to bring your white elephants. There will be some nice things and there will be a couple of nice door prizes also.

The Legion will be putting on the dinner. The ladies will do the decorating of the hall and get the other things going such as the tickets for things.

Hope you all come as the more the merrier and it's fun, too. May be some singing and maybe we can get Lucille Harwood to play some good old fashioned Christmas songs. Wouldn't that be nice.

Christmas is my favorite time of the year. I get so fuzzy and feel so warm and fuzzy and feel really good. (continued upper right)

MESSAGE

This the time of the year that our Lord was brought into the world and walked here with us as Man. What a wonderful time for us.

We have started to get some meals ready for military people for Thanksgiving. We want to do that for Christmas also. It is better to give than to receive. We have people who really need the help and what better time than now.

Our meeting in November will be postponed until the 18th of November because the 11th is Veterans' Day and there will be lots of things going on that day.

We are hoping there will be more news about Beef and Brew in our next newsletter.

I am pleased to tell you we have two new Auxiliary members. One is our Commander's Mom, Virginia Martin. The other is Marsha Keen. We're glad to have you ladies here with us. Thank you for your membership. I think you will enjoy our group of ladies.

Thank you.

Nancy Zilm, Auxiliary President

PLEASE KNOW MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE NEEDED

Ladies, your membership is needed. Please mail your \$25 check payable to American Legion Auxiliary Post 176 to Debbie Hathaway, 507 E. 99th St. Space 10, Vancouver WA 98665. Official notification should have been received.

Please don't put off your renewal as we feel there is strength in numbers and certainly your presence and ideas are needed and very much appreciated.

Read your Post Newsletter carefully and you'll want to come to Beef and Brew on Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Post 176 Legion Hall. It's bound to be a good meal and a fun time. The ladies are asked to remember to bring nice items for the raffle. Please save Dec. 4 for **Beef and Brew**.

"Tears on Black"

I was but a young man
Coming home from Vietnam
Coming home to the world of hurt

I departed the Nam
I'm going home again
Going home to be treated like dirt

Many years have passed
And maybe at last
Real Americans can finally see

That the real scam
In Vietnam
Was not by my brothers and me

But the people up high
No not in the sky
But the place they call D.C.

Now, in this place
People walk and face
An endless long black "Wall"

The moisture there
Is not from the air
But for those who walked so tall.

My hurt's not subdued
By the people so rude
From a time people seemed not to care

But my life's somewhat changed
By my brothers so named
On the "Wall", they'll always be there.

Dale E. Surface
U.S.M.C.
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