



THE SALMON CREEK POST



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January 2011 *Salmon Creek American Legion Post 176 * Vancouver Wa..* VOL24 No 115

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COMMANDERS NOTES:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I sincerely mean that. I pray that this new year will be one of happiness for each one of you. What exactly is so exciting about a new year? It's the *possibilities!* This could be the year that brings a new family member either by birth or marriage. There might be a financial windfall just waiting to happen. Or the world might actually find peace. Each year, each day, each hour holds *possibilities!* What will you do with your new year? You might get involved in your community, spend more time with family, make new friends or rekindle old friendships, learn something new, teach someone young...there are so many ways to reach out and touch other lives. Funny thing is when we reach out to others it often fills the void in our own lives. I would encourage you to make this new year an active one of reaching out to others. Mend a broken relationship, spend extra time with those you love, call an old friend, get to know your neighbors - reach out to others.

I wanted to thank all of you who renewed your membership and came out for the Membership Appreciation Dinner. It was a relaxing event in an otherwise hectic and crazy busy month. We all enjoyed socializing and eating GREAT prime rib (thank you Mike Gibson, John Treosti and Gary Zilm, our volunteer kitchen crew). Post 176 is doing things again and I hope all of you will come on out and be an active member of our Post. That includes inviting your young veteran relatives, your neighbor's kid who served, and even your veteran mailman to join us. Most people say the reason they've never joined before is because nobody asked them. Please extend that all important invitation. We all benefit when someone joins. We gain the pleasure of their company, their friendship, the benefit of their knowledge and experiences.

POST HOURS

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

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

It enriches all of our lives and makes our Post a more viable member of our community.

Our next scheduled membership meeting will be January 13, potluck begins at 6pm so please bring a dish to share. The meeting will be at 7pm and I look forward to seeing you all.

Once again, HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Roxeanne Boose'
Commander, Post 176

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 8 - CVI meets at Love Leathers, 9am
- January 10 - Disabled America Veterans meets at 7pm
- January 13 - American Legion Post 176 regular meeting, potluck begins at 6pm - meeting at 7pm
- January 17 - Martin Luther King Jr's. birthday
- January 21 - CMAC meets at the 40 et 8, 8:30am
- January 27 - Post 176 e-board meeting starts at 6pm
- February 2 - Groundhog Day
- February 3 - Chinese New Year - Year of the Rabbit
- February 4 - CMAC meets at the 40 et 8, 8:30am

MEMBERSHIP

The Post's membership renewals are now at 79.8%. We have 348 members renewed toward the goal of 436. We need 88 more renewals. Now is the time for the membership to begin looking for new members to sign up with the American Legion. When is the last time you have brought a new member into our Post? We have signed up two new members so far this year. Next time you are in the company of other people, ask them if they served in the military. If they have you have a candidate to sign up.

The following is from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service newsletter:
Did you know that each branch of service has a newsletter available online?
See <http://www.dfas.mil/rapay/newsletter/dec10.html> for links to Army Echoes, Navy Shift Colors, Marine Corps Semper Fidelis and Air Force Afterburner.

Phil Yasson, Membership Post 176

COME JOIN US FOR BINGO

Weekday sessions at 11am & 6:30pm
Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday

Packet prices - Econos \$1.00 pays out \$75.00

Regulars \$3.00 pays out \$100.00

Bonus \$6.00 pays out \$150.00

We are trying a new game here at the Post called Speed Bingo for a couple weeks, beginning on Jan. 3rd to help us generate more interest in playing Bingo. It is a fun, fast paced game. Come on out and try it.

Mondays and Tuesdays from 2:30 pm to 4:30pm
Wednesdays from 9:30pm to 1:00am

Regular games .50 cents
Blackout games \$1.00

SCAL BINGO CREW

On Mondays at 11:00am to approx. 1:00pm we have a no host lunch at Post 176 in the old lounge.

Lunch can be ordered from the kitchen at a modest cost and the food is pretty good.

We want to, as members, get together and socialize and to brainstorm on whatever is brought out. All members and veterans are welcome to attend. This is a good time to help recruit new members and maybe a member will renew their membership dues.

It is just a fun relaxing time to meet and talk about anything anyone wants to talk about.
Come join us .

CHAPLIN'S CORNER

As I was going through my files I ran across this prayer for the new year by an unknown veteran.

A Prayer for the New Year

God of the years that lie behind us,
Lord of the years that lie ahead
Weaver of all the ties that bind us
Keeper and King of the open door.

Grant us hope and courage blowing
White and pure as the stars above
Grant us faith in a full stream flowing
from the heights of your eternal love.

Out of the ruins of doubt and sorrow
Out of the aches and pain and tears
Help us to fashion a new tomorrow
Free from the anguish of blighting fears.

All through the season of sowing and reaping
All through the harvest of song and tears
Hold us close in your tender keeping
O Maker of all New Year's!

As we venture into new territory that each year brings, we can't help but remember the past. Our friends and fellow veterans from World War II to the present conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan remember, very vividly, their experiences. With the New Year upon us, I offer this prayer by an unknown author to give us hope for what lies ahead. May you and yours have the happiest of new years.

Jerry Keen, Chaplin, Post 176

JUST THE FACTS

Over the years and through many conflicts and wars, the United States has sent many of its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we have ever asked for in return for our assistance is enough to bury those that did not return.

The United States has eleven aircraft carriers that are nuclear powered and can supply emergency electrical power to shore facilities.
There are three hospitals on board that can treat several hundred people.
They have three cafeterias with the capacity to feed 3000 people three meals a day.
They can produce several thousand gallons of fresh water from sea water each day.
They carry half a dozen helicopters for use in transporting victims and injured to and from their flight deck.
Some of these carriers are often dispatched around the world to areas suffering from catastrophies, either man made or caused by nature.

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

A Member from our Post, Ray T. Schroeder,
has gone to Post Everlasting.
Ray passed away on Christmas Eve day.

AUXILIARY NEWS

January 2011

HAPPY NEW YEAR. Let's all do our best to make 2011 a good one!

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Nancy Zilm 576-0774

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Lucille Harwood 573-6723

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Carla Whitson 695-5456

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A personal note: We will not have in this issue one of the interesting writings by our President **Nancy Zilm**. We are sorry to tell you she was hospitalized and is now at home taking some much needed rest. We officers and members send her Get Well Wishes, offer prayers for her, and want her to be out and about soon. As District 5 Chaplain I will include a Devotion on the bottom of this page and also collect other information to print.

---District 5 Auxiliary Chaplain Lucille Harwood

AUXILIARY NEWS TO SHARE

Mid-Winter Conference is at the Marriot in Sea-Tac, Feb. 4, 5, & 6. Reservations should be in by Jan. 25. We hope some of our local Auxiliary ladies will attend. Great chance to learn new things, make friends, and renew acquaintances. Take some extra cash so you can participate in various fund-raising raffles.

Our District 5 Auxiliary President Priscilla Ford invites our unit to contribute to the Children and Youth program. She also would like reports in on time. In her latest newsletter she mentions our National President is going to visit our great state March 6th through the 10th. The District Newsletter is a fine publication to receive and read. Priscilla plans to visit our February meeting. Please be there.

Thanks to the men who prepared the **Membership Appreciation Dinner**, Dec. 4 with plenty of delicious Prime Rib and to the women who did the decorations, took care of the raffles, the white elephants, etc. Members seem to agree it was a very nice evening. Some members hadn't attended a meeting for some time. It's hoped they will begin attending and getting involved in activities that benefit Veterans and their families. The Auxiliary raised \$251 from the Christmas Raffle and the special decorative pillow made by Nancy Zilm. Thanks to everyone for their participation. Lucille Harwood played keyboard holiday music before dinner and for the singing of a few carols as a fun evening came to a close.

MEMBERSHIP

Hello Ladies,

Hope everyone enjoyed Christmas and New Years.

We still need to get dues in! We are almost there. Our meetings are the 2nd Thursday of every month. We have a potluck at 6 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m. and over at 8 p.m.

Would love to see more members there. Thanks So Much, **Debra Hathaway**, Membership Chairman.

Send your \$25 check payable to American Legion Auxiliary Post 176 to me at 507 E. 99th Street, Space 10, Vancouver WA 98665

"Consider the Turtle.

**He never gets anywhere.....
unless he sticks his neck out."**

WAYS TO FACE THE NEW YEAR 2011

The best way, I think, to live one's life is just to be yourself. Quit trying to be something you aren't. Instead accept your God-given abilities, try to be a warm caring person, develop a religious faith and live honorably.

These sayings from famous people have truth in them. **Harvey Mackay** says, "Find something you love to do and you'll never have to work another day of your life." **Orville Redenbacher** has it right when he says, "Do one thing, and do it better than anyone else." **Lou Holtz**, a great football coach quotes Proverbs 3:3, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart. On your own intelligence, rely not." (A Devotion)