



THE SALMON CREEK POST



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June 2011 *Salmon Creek American Legion Post 176 * Vancouver Wa.* VOL24 No 119

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COMMANDERS NOTES:

Wow, May was a busy month! Let me recap a few events for those who missed them. I'm proud that people can **SEE** that Post 176 is involved in the community. I urge everyone to find an event to support.

On the 6th Everett Cook represented Post 176 and presented the awards at the Prairie High School JROTC Awards dinner. It was Phil Yasson and Sally Garcia who represented Post 176 and presented the JROTC awards on the 13th at Battleground High School. These are events that we have the honor of participating in every year, yet many of our members know nothing about it. We would love to have more than one or two representatives from our Post attend and support these young awardees. I encourage you to put it on your calendar for next year. It will be in the events section of the newsletter in advance. We want these young people to know just how much we support them and recognize their efforts.

We held the Evergreen Boys State Orientation at Post 176 on the 15th. It was a great turnout. We had 12 boys and 7 girls who showed up with their families for an awesome barbeque. Kitchen staff, Mike Gibson and John Treosti were our volunteer cooks and they did a wonderful job. Pictures of the event will be available at the next membership meeting so make sure you look for them near the sign in.

May 17th brought out members from several military organizations to support Troop 41978 of the Girl Scouts. The VVA, DAV, CVI and the American Legion were represented as we taught the first of two classes on Flag etiquette to these young scouts. It was Lenora Oftedahk, Troop Leader who contacted the Legion to request our assistance in this very important endeavor. Teaching youth Americanism is one of our main missions. We want to extend our thanks to her for allowing us this opportunity. Since we didn't get enough volunteers just from the Legion to do this, we invited other organizations to assist and they came through to help. It was a great experience and the pictures will also be available at the Post during the meeting so please look for them.

A very important event was held at the Post on the 21st. Disaster Preparedness Training was presented in a free community class. As we see around us every day, more and more disasters happening, we can no longer think "it won't happen here".

POST HOURS

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

CLOSED - FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY

Could you and your family survive if the power and water went off for a week? Have you taken the basic steps to be prepared? Everett Cook attended the training and I'm sure he'd be happy to relay some of the important things he learned. Come talk with him during the social/potluck before our membership meeting.

Then on the 29th there was the "Massing of the Colors" held at the VA. This is an awesome ceremony! All military organizations are invited to participate with their colors. It's quite a sight to see.

The big event of the month was our Memorial Day Breakfast and Ceremony. This year we had several much appreciated volunteers come out to help cook and serve the community breakfast. We hosted both Boy and Girl Scouts with the Honorable Jamie Herrera Beutler sharing her own thoughts.

May was a busy month but June looks a little easier, maybe we can all take a breath. Two events you don't want to miss this month are the membership meeting on the 9th, and Flag Day ceremony on the 14th at 3:30pm at the Fort Vancouver Bandstand. We will be doing an Induction Ceremony at the membership meeting and I encourage you to come and welcome our new members and show your support.

Roxeanne Boose'
Post 176 Commander

EVENTS CALENDAR

June 6 - D Day

June 9 - Oregon Military Support Network meets at the Wolf Den at Fort Vancouver at noon. Lunch is free.

June 9 - Post 176 will hold its monthly membership meeting, potluck at 6:00 and meeting at 7:00pm. There will be an Induction Ceremony for new members. Come and greet them as they join us in continuing to serve.

June 14 - Flag Day Ceremony will be held at the Fort Vancouver Bandstand at 3:30pm. This is a free community event.

June 18 - Women Veterans Summit held in Bellevue.

June 19 - Evergreen Boys State begins, Fathers Day.

June 23 - Post 176 E-Board meets at 6pm at the Post. All voting and non voting members are asked to attend. Everyone's opinion matters and we want to hear yours.

July 4 - Independence Day at Fort Vancouver. General admission tickets available at Post 176 for \$5.00, \$7.00 at the gate. This is a community event.

July 14 - Post 176 monthly membership meeting starts with potluck at 6pm and the meeting at 7pm.

July 21 - Post 176 E-Board meets at the Post at 6pm.

FINANCE OFFICER

You will probably receive your June newsletter before the end of the month, so I am reminding you of some of our events. May was a very busy month at the Post. On May 10th Everett Cook presented the Prairie High School JROTC Awards where he presented the American Legion Scholastic Award and the Military Excellence Award. On May 13th Sally Garcia and I presented the same awards at the Battleground High School. All of us enjoyed the programs. Attending these programs and seeing the cream of the crop of students all decked out in their uniforms and looking ready for a military inspection was a wonderful experience. The JROTC at Battleground now consists of 117 boys and girls. The JROTC programs are sponsored by the cadets with fund raising projects. If you have a few dollars left over at the end of the month, send one or both JROTC units a check. They will appreciate it. Let them know you belong to the Salmon Creek American Legion. They will participate in the Parade of Bands on May 21st, and we always see them in the Veterans Day Parade.

On May 28th the Boy and Girl Scouts will be at the Post ready to be assigned to post American Flags and Crosses on the Veterans graves. Each unit will be assigned to one of seven cemeteries. Also Jan Wojciechowski has several cemeteries that he takes care of. If you have a couple of hours to spare come on down, they will be at the Post at 8am. Generally they are done well before noon. We always need another volunteer.

On May 30th, Memorial Day, we have a free breakfast at the Post beginning at 6am until about 6:45am. This is followed by a memorial service at 7am by Legionnaires from Kelso, Castle Rock and VFW members from Silver Lake who will participate. The Kelso Chorus will sing several songs and we will have a rifle salute. After our Ceremony we will travel to the Kelso cemetery and Castle Rock cemeteries for a service. We end up at the Castle Rock American Legion Post where lunch will be awaiting us.

Phil Yasson
Post 176 Finance Officer

OPERATIONS MANAGER

Greetings from Operations Manager, Morris Giesler. After 13 weeks in the best position I have ever had and the opportunity to work with the best staff, things are going well at Salmon Creek American Legion Post 176. All the required reports are completed and submitted, helped a number of veterans with their needs by sending to the agencies who can provide the service they need. The staff works hard to provide our BINGO players with great entertainment on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and

The kitchen is open at 9:30am to 10:55am for breakfast; lunch 11:00am to 1:00pm and dinner from 5:00pm to ? (around 8:00pm). Come in, have some fun and enjoy good food. The members lounge is available for members to gather for fun and games or a meeting. WE HAVE A CHANGE IN HOURS OF OPERATIONS; Monday through Thursday (9:00am to 5:00pm); closed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Please help us out by bringing your good ideas and suggestions to us at the Post or stop by and use our suggestion box to make a difference for:

Community, State and Nation

Morris Giesler
Post 176 Operations Manager

CHAPLINS CORNER

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the great works of art.

When the Vietnam conflict broke out the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his son.

About a month later, just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a huge package in his hands. He said "Sir you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart and he died instantly. He often talked about you and your love for art". The young man held out the package. "I know this isn't much. I'm not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this".

The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture. "Oh no sir. I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift". The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the great works he had collected.

The man died a few months later. There was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collection.

On the platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel. "We will start the bidding with this picture of the son. Who will bid for this picture". There was silence, then a voice in the back of the room shouted, "We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one". But the auctioneer persisted, "Will somebody bid for this painting? who will start the bidding? \$100, \$200". Another voice angrily, "We didn't come to see this

painting. We came to see the Van Gogh's, the Rembrandts. Get on with the real bids". But still the auctioneer continued, "The son! The son! Who'll take the son?".

Finally a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the longtime gardener of the man and his son. "I'll give \$10 for the painting", being a poor man it was all he could afford. "We have \$10, who will bid \$20?" - "Give it to him for the \$10 Let's see the masters".

The crowd was becoming angry. They didn't want the picture of the son. They wanted the more worthy investments for their collections. The auctioneer pounded his gavel. "Going once, twice sold for \$10".

A man sitting on the second row shouted, "Now let's get on with the collection".

The auctioneer laid down his gavel, "I'm sorry, the auction is over". "What about the paintings?" a man shouted.

The auctioneer said, "When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings". The man who took the son gets everything.

GOD gave his son over 2000 years ago to die on the Cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message today is "The Son, the Son, who'll take the Son?". You see, whoever takes the Son gets everything!

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHO SO EVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHALL HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. ...THAT'S LOVE.

Jerry Keen
Post 176 Chaplin

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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

AUXILIARY NEWS

June 2011

FATHER'S DAY, A time to honor your father and your Heavenly Father, too.

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PRESIDENT'S

Hello Everyone!!!

We are going to have election of officers in September. We need some new blood! Our meetings are from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., second Thursday of the month. We have a potluck at 6 p.m. Lots of yummy food.

If there are women that would like to come to the meetings, we possibly could pick you up if (continued, upper right column)

MESSAGE

you aren't too far from the hall. We only have about 7 members at our meetings and ladies are getting up in years and don't want to do officer positions anymore. It's hard to get things done for our community when we have only the same 7 women here. We could lose our charter. We would really like seeing some new faces!

Thanks so much! Hope to see you, June 9.

Debra Hathaway, President

RESPECT & HONOR VETERANS

REPORT ABOUT OUR POPPIES

Thanks to all of you who have sent in your donations for our poppy program. As of May 16, we have received \$805.

Here are some of the things your money will go for. First, I get heavier cups to serve coffee in at the VA Medical Center on Thursday and Friday during the winter. This is where and when I volunteer. This year we furnished 50 meals for the Transplant Lodge for their Thanksgiving Dinner. We also helped one Veteran who is retired as he had bone cancer replacement. We paid \$250 for his expenses that were not covered by insurance.

We also bought gifts for the Gift Shop Program at the Vancouver gift shop. We also sent to other gift shops in our State. Plus we did other things for Veterans.

Written by **Thelma Hathaway.**

Congratulations to Janet Hendrickson from LaCenter High School who will attend Girls State in June and is sponsored by our Auxiliary. We wish her a great week!

REST STOP NEWS

On June 27, 28 and 29th we will be doing the Rest Stop at Gee Creek south bound. from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

We will have 4 hour shifts as follows::

6 a.m. to 10 a.m., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Since Gary and Dale will not be available, I will need all the help I can get. If you can help, please give me a call at 573-0362. I will have a sign up sheet at the June meeting. We will also need lots of cookies, homemade or bought. If you can furnish cookies and are unable to get them to the Rest Stop, you can leave them at the hall and I will pick them up. Just let me know.

Thank you for all your help,

Thelma Hathaway

From District 5 Auxiliary Chaplain, Lucille Harwood: Edward Grinnan is the top editor for **Guideposts**. He wrote a devotion called "Mom's Best Birthday." On his mother's 83rd birthday he went to celebrate it with her in a group home where she lived, her mind and body were failing.. She introduced him as "my youngest" and said to Edward, "Remember my birthday when you played trombone?" He was 9 then and just learning to play it.. His mother had just lost a son in a tragic death, two of her children attended college and her husband was also away that day. Now at the group home he wondered what she might say next. She said, "Until you came down the stairs playing Happy Birthday on your trombone, it was the worst birthday of my life. Now I think it might have been the best." Then she was silent and gave him a weak hug. It is the strength of the Spirit when the body fails and God brings out the best in us.