



# THE SALMON CREEK POST



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## July 2011 \*Salmon Creek American Legion Post 176 \* Vancouver Wa..\* VOL24 No 120

<b>Commander:</b>	
Roxeanne Boose	695-5935
<b>1st Vice Cmdr:</b>	
Greg Whitson	695-5456
<b>2nd Vice Cmdr:</b>	
Sally Garcia	735-5007
<b>Adjutant:</b>	
Mike Gibson	694-8005
<b>Finance Officer:</b>	
Phil Yasson	574-1152
<b>Chaplin:</b>	
Jerry Keen	907-9473
<b>Historian:</b>	
Edith Levulet	487-6849
<b>Sgt. At Arms:</b>	
Craig Hurley	718-8099
<b>Jr. Past Commander:</b>	
Wayne Sharp	892-0086
<b>Service Officer:</b>	
Jan Wojciechowski	573-3230
<b>Board Members</b>	
John Treosti	574-5746
Jonathan Frederick	576-9078
Gary Zilm	576-0774

### COMMANDERS NOTES:

Well, it's that time of the year again. Time to decide who will take the service of our Post upon themselves. For those who have missed a few meetings, we have held nominations and the official vote for Officers. I now announce Post Officers for the 2011/2012 year. I, Roxeanne Boose, will remain as Commander, Greg Whitson will be 1st Vice, Sally Garcia will be 2nd Vice, Mike Gibson will be Adjutant, Phil Yasson will be Finance Officer, Jerry Keen will be Chaplain, Edith Levulet will be Historian, Craig Hurley will be Sgt. At Arms, Wayne Sharp will be Junior Past Commander and Jan Wojciechowski will be Service Officer. In addition John Treosti, and Jon Frederick will remain as Board Members and Gary Zilm will also join the Board. It is our privilege to continue to serve our Post, Community and Nation! As the Commander, I say Thank You to the Board for all your efforts, time and support.

Some important things have been happening at the Post that I want to make everyone aware of. First off, we are actively entertaining proposals to sell our Post. There is a lot of history in the property we currently own and it would be wonderful if we could simply make repairs and continue on. However, the Post is sitting on top of a small lake and our furnace is drowning. There are other issues that border on safety as well. The Board would be remiss if we didn't look into some of the offers coming our way. What we want is a "turn key" situation. We pick out a piece of land, a building is built with our specifications and we swap keys, the new place for the old, deed for deed. Currently we are considering pieces of land being offered, no decisions have been made. We will keep the membership up on all developments, so stay tuned for updates.

Next is the decision to sell the lease to the tower on our property, just the lease and not the property it sits on. The deal includes a large up front payment and then 50% of all rentals each month. We will also be purchasing a new security system with many capabilities, and can be moved to the new Post when we go. Lastly, I'd like to mention that the construction around our Post continues. Due to the economy, it's difficult to determine how much of an impact we are feeling from it. If you are interested in more detail on any of these items, please feel free to contact the Post. Morris knows the details to these situations and can answer your questions

### POST HOURS

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

CLOSED - FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY

August 13th we'll have our annual Post Picnic so there won't be a general membership meeting that month. Be sure to put it on your calendar, invite your kids, grandkids, and great grandkids. It will be a wonderful afternoon of games, music, food and socializing. This year we are fortunate to have the Fruit Valley Community Center for our activity. The time and directions will be given out closer to the event. If you can help out, please contact the Post. Many hands make the work lighter!

Roxeanne Boose'  
Post 176 Commander

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### EVENTS CALENDAR

July 1 - CMAC meets at 40 et 8 at 8:30am. You are invited to attend and for \$6 you may participate in a wonderful breakfast buffet.

July 4 - Independence Day at Fort Vancouver. General admission tickets are available at American Legion Post 176 for \$5. They are \$7 at the gate. This is an all day community event including fireworks.

July 14 - Oregon Military Support Network (OMSN) meets at the Wolfs Den on Old Fort Vancouver at noon. Everyone is invited to come and share information in the interest of assisting Veterans. There is a free lunch at noon.

July 14 - Post 176 will hold its monthly membership meeting. The evening begins at 6pm with pot luck and continues with the general meeting at 7pm. There will be an Induction Ceremony - all new members are encouraged to join us and receive their newcomer items.

July 21 - Post 176 e-board will meet at the Post at 6pm.

July 29 - CMAC meets at the 40 et 8 at 8:30am. All are invited to attend and for \$6 you may participate in a breakfast buffet.

Aug 11 - OMSN meets at the Wolfs Den at noon. Everyone is invited to come and share information in the interest of assisting Veterans.

Aug 11 - Post 176 regular membership meeting is CANCELLED. We will be having the Post annual picnic instead.

Aug 12 - CMAC meets at 40 et 8 at 8:30am All are invited to attend and for \$6 you may participate in a breakfast buffet.

Aug 13 - Post 176 Post Picnic will be held at the Fruit Valley Community Center. Put it on your calendar and bring your whole family out for a day of fun.

Aug 20 - Combat Veterans International (CVI) is sponsoring a motorcycle run. "Remembrance Run" proceeds go to support Gold Star Families. The ride begins at Love's Outpost in Ridgefield at 8:30am and ends in Woodland with door prizes, music, food and a 50/50 drawing.

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### OPERATIONS MANAGER

Members of Salmon Creek, American Legion, Post 176; while helping your Adjutant complete the Consolidated Post Report, we find we have a need for help with a number of areas like The Children and Youth Activities, National Security program, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation as well as Public Relations. The Consolidated Post Report may be the most important document our Post will complete this year. Our Post's information, combined with that of other Post's, is used when the National Commander and others testify on Capitol Hill on behalf of all Veterans. Each Post has a story to tell and when we speak collectively our strength is magnified. Contact the Post and find out how you can be part of providing support to local Veterans organizations; community child and youth organizations and make a commitment to our COMMUNITY, STATE, and NATION. See you at Post activities.

Morris Giesler  
Post 176 Operations Manager

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### CHAPLAINS CORNER

In our journey through life we face many battles that will test our faith and try to pull us away from our God. We can be assured of victory at the end if we live our lives according to the Holy Alphabet.

Although things are not perfect  
Because of trial or pain  
Continue in thanksgiving  
Do not begin to blame  
Even when the times are hard  
Fierce winds are bound to blow  
God is forever able  
Imagine life without his love  
Joy would cease to be  
Keep thanking Him for all the things  
Love imparts to thee  
Move out of 'Camp Complaining'  
No weapon that is known  
On earth can yield the power  
Praise can do alone  
Quit looking at the future  
Redeem the time at hand  
Start every day with worship  
To 'thank' is a command  
Until we see Him coming  
Victorious in the sky  
We'll run the race with gratitude  
Xalting God most high

Yes, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad but..  
Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

### I AM TO BLESSED TO BE STRESSED

The shortest distance between a problem and a solution  
is the distance between your knees and the floor.  
The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything.  
Love and peace be with you forever, Amen.

Jerry Keen  
Post 176 Chaplain

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My name is Floyd Zwer.

As I turned 18, I was in my senior year of high school at  
the old Fort Vancouver High School. The Vietnam war  
was building up and I did not want to be drafted so I  
enlisted in the Air Force at the Armed Forces Recruiting  
Center in Portland Oregon.  
I decided on the Air Force because I had seen the Air  
Guard planes flying over from the Portland Air National  
Guard base and thought they were really neat.  
I went to basic training in July 1966 in Texas at Lackland  
AFB. After basic, I went on to Admin. Tech School in  
Texas at Amarillo AFB.  
When I finished Tech school I was assigned to the 48th  
TFW in 3rd Air Force in England. 3rd Air Force was  
subcommand in USAFE (United States Air Force Europe).  
England was very different from America with all of it's  
history and all the places to see.  
I worked in the mail and message center for three years  
before being reassigned to the 62nd MAW at McChord  
AFB in Washington. Six months later in July 1970 I  
received my seperation orders and in July 1972 I received  
my Honorable Discharge from the Air Force.

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### BINGO MANAGER

Summer has begun and Bingo is a little slow, as it always  
is at this time of the year. As some of you may know there  
is a lot of construction going on around us, but we are still  
here, open and ready to play Bingo on Mon.-Tue.-Wed. at  
11:00am and 6:30pm each day.  
On August 24th we are having our annual HOT AUGUST  
NIGHTS. We have some fantastic payouts this year, a car  
show and a BBQ. Bring in your show car, classic rod or  
restored vehicle and receive a free BBQ dinner with entry.  
Tell your friends and family to come on in and play BINGO  
with the best crew in Vancouver and have some fun, good  
food, enjoy the cars and maybe even win some money.  
The more the merrier.

Jen O'Neal  
Post 176 Bingo Manager

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### NEW LEGION AUTO CLUB

The name of the club is "The 5th District Legion Cruisers".  
The Legion Cruisers (TLC) is formed to promote the aims  
and purposes of the American Legion as a family oriented  
recreational activity for members of The American Legion,  
The American Legion Auxiliary and The Son's of The  
American Legion.

Membership eligibility of this club shall be any member of  
any American Legion post, unit or squadron within the 5th  
District, Department of Washington, so long as their  
membership dues are current.

Ownership of a Hot Rod, Custom, Restored Classic or other  
specialty vehicle shall not be required.

There shall be a regular meeting of the TLC held monthly on  
the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. The meeting  
location shall be Benny's Pizza & Hot Rod Cafe, 4219 NE.  
St. John's Rd. "A", Vancouver Wa. 98661.

Membership dues shall be \$20.00 per year per person  
except for the founding year, which ends 31 December  
2011, where in dues shall be \$10.00.

The dues year shall start January 1, of each year.

We are looking for and inviting anyone with an interest in, or  
who has a passion for nostalgia, a chance to re-live some of  
the experiences of a by-gone era.

We will be doing car shows and road runs with our friends  
and families of the American Legion.

This will be a good opportunity to meet members from other  
Posts and to promote the American Legion to the public in a  
new and different way.

Join us and help promote your Post.

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HALL RENTAL IS NO LONGER OPEN  
TO THE PUBLIC.

CALL 360-573-2331 FOR INFORMATION OR  
RESERVATIONS

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BINGO HOURS 11:00AM-6:30PM  
MON - TUE - WED

PULL TABS AND KITCHEN AVAILABLE

# AUXILIARY NEWS

July 2011

July 4 celebrate our Nation with parades, picnics, firecrackers & grateful hearts.

## OFFICERS

### PRESIDENT

Debra Hathaway 573-0336

### 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

### SECRETARY

Donna Casciato 576-4404

### TREASURER

Thelma Hathaway 573-0362

### CHAPLAIN

### SERGEANT AT ARMS

Lucille Harwood 573-6723

### HISTORIAN

Carla Whitson 695-5456

## HELP REST STOP

Thanks to everyone who signed up to work our Rest Stop at Gee Creek, south bound, June 27, 28, and 29; also special thanks for providing cookies. Get them to me, bring them to the Rest Stop or leave them at the Legion Hall.

We also need persons to work the 2 to 6 shift. Let me know at 573-0362 if you will help.

I send along words of appreciation to everyone who helps make the Rest Stop a success as we serve the public.

*Thelma Hathaway*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,

Please remember we will have voting for officers at our business meeting, September 8 at 7 p.m. Do come. We have a good potluck at 6.

We desperately need new ladies to come, join, and help us carry on the much needed work of our Auxiliary.

I hope you all have a nice summer.

*Debra Hathaway, President*

## To Poppy Program Supporters:

It is my joy to tell each of you that I am still receiving donations to our Poppy Program. It is amazing to get such a splendid response.

I am pleased to tell you that this year's giving so far tops any poppy program we've ever sponsored in our Auxiliary.

I gratefully say Thank You.

*Thelma Hathaway Chairman*

## DRAPING OF THE CHARTER

Marlene Bahner, our Chaplain since 2008 passed away, May 29 at age 70. Evergreen Memorial was in charge of arrangements.

Marlene had various hobbies, she was artistic, she really liked to cook nice meals, and she had a good listening ear as a volunteer counselor. She will be missed. The Auxiliary extends sympathy to her loved ones. We draped the Charter in her memory at its June business meeting.

## Chaplain's Column

by District Chaplain Harwood

Greetings: As Chaplains we are to inspire and encourage the people in our-jurisdiction.

Last issue I told you about Edward Grinnan's new book THE PROMISE OF HOPE. He is Editor-in-Chief of Guideposts Magazine. I am pleased to tell you I read that his book is helping people who are discouraged, need hope and seek a better life. I like 101 Moments of Hope which comes compli-

mentary with purchase of the book. I read it often.

Take my advice and fill your heart and mind with thoughts of God. Live for Him and let Him be the Judge. If you saw the look on the faces of the audience and the judges when Susan Boyle walked on stage to sing, you would have noticed they listened in amazement when she began to sing. Judging from outward appearances can often be wrong.

It's best to leave the judging to God and to do our best to live by the teachings of Jesus.

Read the  
Legion Newsletter  
carefully for news of  
**ANNUAL PICNIC**  
COME,  
ENJOY GOOD FOOD,  
VISIT WITH FRIENDS,  
HAVE A GOOD TIME.