



THE SALMON CREEK POST

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September 2011 *Salmon Creek American Legion Post 176 * Vancouver Wa..* VOL24 No 122

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COMMANDERS NOTES:

For all those who attended the Post Picnic - thanks for coming out. It was wonderful to see you, especially the staff! For all those who didn't attend - you missed out! Sally and I decorated and Mike and Phil set up everything. THANK YOU goes out to Lee McCalister and his wife for loaning us the Fruit Valley Community Center for this event. We had games to play, people to visit with and lots of great food. The squirt guns were a real favorite with the young and the young at heart. Lots of pictures were taken so make sure you come to the September membership meeting on the 8th and check them out.

Looking into the future (which is rolling up on us quickly). We want to identify a couple folks to ride with Gary Zilm in the Veterans Day Parade. If you are interested please let us know, the sooner the better. September has a whole lot going on so check out the events calendar and GET INVOLVED.

What's happening at thePost? Well, we are still considering the cell tower contract, it doesn't exactly read the way we understood the agreement so we may not go through with it. We have a young man who is doing his Eagle Scout Project by restoring, rebuilding and repacking the flags and crosses that are used in the cemeteries on Memorial Day. This is going to be a great help to all of us and the volunteer scouts that set them out every year. A big Thank You goes out to Andrew Hallas of Boy Scout Troop 328 as he undertakes this project under the guidance of Mr. Hoyt. The Post is still considering offers to relocate - we have not identified a piece of property that has been presented that we would be interested in, nor have we been offered a current building that we would be interested in having. The search goes on, when it's right we will know it. The new security system that the Post has purchased is being installed. We have not advertised for a new Post Manager as of yet. Revenue is down this month so we are taking it slow to see what happens when school starts up again. If you know of someone who would be qualified for this position and is looking for part time work - keep an eye on the newsletter, we will announce it when we decide to fill it.

POST HOURS

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

CLOSED - FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY

The current staff is Great and doing a superb job. I have a lot of confidence in them. Come by the Post and let them know you support them, say Hi, stay for lunch and play some Bingo.

Roxeanne Boose' Post 176 Commander

September Calendar of Events

- 5 - Labor Day Holiday
- 8 - Post 176 will hold its monthly membership meeting beginning at 6pm with a potluck and social with the meeting starting at 7pm.
- 8 - The Artillery Barracks on Hathaway Rd, Vancouver Barracks will hold its Grand Opening from 5-7pm. All are invited to tour the newly renovated historical building.
- 9 - CMAC Meeting.
- 10 - CVI will hold its monthly meeting at a new location, they will meet at 9am at the new VFW building.
- 11 - Operation Homefront is hosting the Freedom Walk, a 2.5 mile loop starting at Fred Meyers off Hwy 14. Registration begins at 9am and the suggested donation is \$5 for those over 12 years old and free for under 12. Families are encouraged to participate to honor our service members and veterans, renew our commitment to freedom and the values of our country, and to reflect on the events of September 11th. For more information and registration go to: <https://www.operationhomefront.net>
- 11 - Patriot Day and Grandparent's Day.
- 12 - DAV monthly meeting.
- 13 - Forty et Eight Convention in Vancouver begins.
- 14 - This years MIA/POW Ceremony will be held at the Vancouver VA Memorial Gardens at 1pm. POC for the Ceremony is Dan Tarbell at 360-521-0540. Tours of the new Military Museum are available before the ceremony starting at 11am. Contact Jeff Davis at 360-892-6263 for information.
- 17 - There will be a "Grand Opening" of the new Vancouver City Hall from noon to 3pm.
- 18 - Everyone is invited to a "Coffee Social" sponsored by the Army National Guard and Reserves. This is an opportunity for community members, military spouses and family members to learn about supporting their local military. There will be a FRG (Family Readiness Group) presentation, a short tour of the new building, and time to mingle together while we enjoy snacks. Join us at the new Center (147th & Fourth Plain) starting at 10am. POC is Roxeanne Boose' at 360-524-1142.
- 20 - Central City Concern will host a "Job Fair & Stand Down" at the Oregon Convention Center from 8 to 4pm. This is open to all veterans and current military - all services are free. Contact Melissa Bensink at 503-226-7387, ext. 212.
- 22 - Post 176 e-board meeting will begin at 6pm.

26 - "Vancouver Stand Down" will be held at the Elks Lodge from 9 to 3pm. This is open to all veterans and current military and all services are free. For information contact Jerry Keen at the Veterans Center at 360-693-7030.

FINANCE OFFICER

The 2012 membership renewal year is in progress. We have 227 members already renewed. Our goal for the year will be 431. With a little bit of help from our members, we should be able to make that goal a reality. If you are still sitting on the first renewal notice, please put it in the mail with a check for forty dollars. You have until December 31st, 2011 to pay for your 2012 membership card. On January 1st, 2012, you are listed as delinquent.

The American Legion Headquarters has started a new method for you to pay dues. You may re-new on line using your credit card. So far we have had ten members who have used this system. It saves you money. Go to <http://www.legion.org/renew> and fill in the blanks.

Each member has a personal file in the headquarters computer. You can log in and check your information to make sure they have it correct. Go to <http://mylegion.org> and set up your account. You need your legion number to set up the account.

Do we have your e-mail address? You can receive your monthly newsletter much quicker via e-mail, and save the Post some vital dollars. Each month the postage costs are about \$150 to print the newsletter, and almost that much to mail it out. If we have your e-mail address we can save a bit. Please send us your address when you move. We pay to mail you the newsletter and first class postage when it is returned to us. You can send your e-mail address via our web page www.post176.com or send it direct to the Post at scal@pacifier.com.

If you are donating to a charity, please check them out on the internet. You may be surprised to find that you are sending your hard earned money into a black hole.

The road construction is moving along very well on NE 20th Ave and 139th Street. WSDOT has paved a wide portion of both roads, making it much easier to enter the Post property.

Phil Yasson Post 176 Finance Officer

Do you know that the majority of states post unclaimed property information at <http://www.missingmoney.org> or <http://www.unclaimed.org> both endorsed by the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators. You can also check a states website for unclaimed property, which can include un-cashed paychecks, stocks, bonds, insurance proceeds and the contents of safe deposit boxes. You would be surprised at who doesn't cash their pay checks.

NEW LEGION AUTO CLUB

Then if you're old enough, you may have an unclaimed pension. The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation currently holds more than \$265 million in unclaimed benefits due to more than 37,500 workers whose private pensions have been terminated. You can search your name, your employer or the state where a pension is based at to find out if you qualify at www.pb.gc.gov. Maybe you lost track of a 401(k) or traditional pension fund that's still up and running. For help in reconnecting call the Employee Benefits Security Administration's participant assistance office at 1-866-444-3273.

Then there is our favorite group of people. The Internal Revenue Service. Do you know each year the US Postal Service returns a small percentage of tax refunds as undeliverable because a taxpayer has moved? The IRS releases the names to media outlets each November. If you think you're missing your tax refund, check "Where's my Refund?" at <http://www.irs.gov> or call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

When you were a kid, as a birthday gift there was always that Grandmother who wanted to help prepare you for your future. You open the envelope expecting that your Grandmother would give you \$20 to buy that new album or cassette. Instead it was a US Saving Bond that is worth \$50 in 7 years. If you are one who kept your Savings Bond that has matured, especially Series E and certain other issues in 1974 or later, search the "Treasure Hunt" page of <http://www.treasuredirect.gov>. The site will ask for your contact information if it uncovers something, and a customer service agent will be in touch. To redeem a bond that is lost, stolen or destroyed, fill out Form 1048, which is available on that site.

I hope you find your treasure.

Did you know that we have American Military Cemeteries scattered throughout Europe with 104,366 brave American servicemen and women buried in them who were killed defending these countries?

France has 10 cemeteries with 46,511 Heroes
Belgium has 3 cemeteries with 13,689 Heroes
England has 2 cemeteries with 4280 Heroes
Italy has 2 cemeteries with 12,263 Heroes
The Netherlands has 1 cemetery with 8301 Heroes
Luxembourg has 1 cemetery with 5076 Heroes
The Meuse-Argonne has 1 cemetery with 14,246 Heroes

How many French, Dutch, Italians, Belgians and Brits are buried on our soil after defending us from our enemies? We don't ask for praise and we don't want to occupy their countries. All we ask is a piece of land to bury our dead HEROS.
And we don't owe anyone an apology.
God Bless the Veterans and God Bless the USA.....

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.

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

September

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AUXILIARY NEWS

LET'S REALLY HONOR OUR VETERANS FOR HAVING SERVED OUR COUNTRY AND KEPT IT THE HOME OF THE BRAVE.

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Debra Hathaway 573-0336

1ST VICE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

Donna Casciato 576-4404

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Thelma Hathaway 573-0362

CHAPLAIN

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Lucille Harwood 573-6723

HISTORIAN

Carla Whitson 695-5456

LEGION MEMBERS WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP

In the absence of the President who is in Spokane on vacation, I decided to see if I could help out.

Legionnaires, we need your help. Do you have a wife, mother, sister, daughter, or maybe a grand daughter who is not a member.. WHY? Because we have the least amount of members now that we have had since we were first organized in 1948. Only 47.

We also need members to come to our meetings. We will have election of new officers at our

September 8 meeting. Could you help us there?

Now I have a question? If we changed our meetings to an earlier time on Thursday or changed the day but we would not be able to meet at the hall, could you women come to the meetings? Or if someone picked you up could you come to the meetings?

Let me know how we can get more members to the meeting.

Thelma Hathaway 573-0362

QUESTIONS

What did you do this summer that benefitted a Veteran or his or her family?

It is kind of nice isn't it when a good deed benefits someone. We should do more acts of kindness. It's time well spent.

Do you have one or more Service men and women who get a letter or card from you? It's a nice way to be a blessing and give yourself a special kind of joy also.

You need not tell anyone but just think back over your life and think of a person who inspired you.

Chaplain's Column

by District Auxiliary Chaplain

Whenever I write an item for publication, I invite God's help as I consider my readership.

I hope you will enjoy this true story. I was at Lincoln City recently where I was hosted to a birthday dinner by a friend who is a nurse, lives in Reedsport and works in Coos Bay. She was spending a few days with her father who lives at Gleneden Beach.

I was telling my friend that I read a book called DAILY GUIDEPOSTS 2011. I told her that in it I read LETTERS

FROM THE HEART on July 18 written by Marion Bond West and that I cheated and read ahead the same night through the 24th.. I went on to tell my dinner host I had talked to my 81 year old lady friend in Vancouver. Believe it or not I had barely got started on the story when the 81 year old interrupted me and said, "I did the same thing."

There's more to the story. I have received an e-mail from my nurse friend and she wants to know exactly how Marion Bond West spells her name. I'll tell her she can find three writings by Marion in the book I mentioned. She also has stories in CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL books. ..

In closing I suggest learn from the Bible, inspiring writings and wonderful music. Seek good friends and be happy

Lucille Harwood.

**SEPTEMBER BUSINESS MEETING, THURSDAY, 8TH
POTLUCK -- 6 P.M. LEGION HALL, SALMON CREEK
BUSINESS MEETING 7 P.M. PLEASE COME.**

Thanks to those who helped or attended the local Post's Picnic or who went to the District Picnic at Washougal. Thanks to Dale Hathaway for computer work on our August newsletter page.

Photos Taken At Our August 13 Picnic
by Roxeanne Boose



