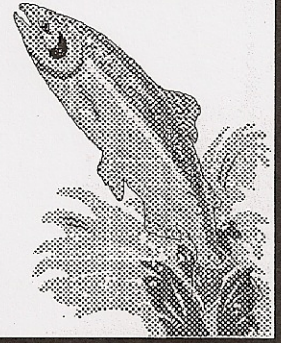




# THE SALMON CREEK POST



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## March 2012 \*Salmon Creek American Legion Post176 \* Vancouver Wa.. \* VOL24 No 128

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### COMMANDERS NOTES:

Legionnaires,

All of you who missed our February meeting missed out on meeting our four new inductees. We had the pleasure of welcoming Janet Clinton, Everret Clinton, Craig Sessoms and Curtis Aldenhassen into our Legion family.

On the other hand, we have lost a valuable member of our Bingo team. Jen decided she didn't want to be a part time mom so she is staying home with their new little girl. We wish Jen and her family all the best and we will miss her.

At February's meeting it was announced that Fred Robertson, Jerry Keen and Gary Zilm will be this year's nominating committee. Yes, it's already that time again. Time to select Post Officers for the next year. If you would like to put your name or someone else's name in for a position please contact one of the nominating committee members. There is still time to get those nominations in. The Post will vote at the May membership meeting so please come and make your choice heard.

We are planning to present and vote on the changes to our by-laws during our March membership meeting. Come join us and find out what the changes are...it's your opportunity to voice your opinion.

Please take a look at the events calendar. Most of us are members of several organizations and that's why I post everything I find out about. If you would like something included, please contact myself or Gary Zilm. We want our members to know what's coming up and what the opportunities to serve in our community are.

Some good news about Bingo. It seems to have really picked up lately. It's agreed between staff and management that the repair work on our building sign and the "public welcome" message has spurred some phone inquiries and public interest in our Bingo sessions. Business is looking up and that means we'll be able to fund more requests for donations this next year.

It's also a busy time for one of our own. Everett Cook is working his full schedule of contact schools about Evergreen Boys State and the opportunity it provides. Now is the time if you know a high school Junior that may be interested in this program, please contact Everett so he can make sure they get the details.

### POST HOURS

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

CLOSED - FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY

This is a big project we have every year and we are looking for members who would like to be a part of it. Even if you don't know much about the project yet, we need you to step forward and we'll get you up to speed.

As some of you have noticed our flags in front of the Post are not flying. Our lanyard broke and we've been waiting on a new line from New York to get it repaired. The line has arrived and we will get it up as soon as we can get the pulley system inspected and are sure it is in good usable shape. We have to rent a bucket truck or a high lift to check on the pulley and to re-string the new line.

There has been a request for the Post to purchase the red, white and blue outdoor bunting for occasions such as Memorial Day, Veterans Day and July 4th. This will be one of the topics of discussion at the March membership meeting. Please bring your ideas, suggestions and expertise so our Post can make the best well informed decisions possible. Let all the voices be heard!

Roxeanne Boose' Post 176 Commander

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## Events Calender

Clark County Veterans Assistance Center at 1305 Columbia is open to all veterans daily throughout the week from 9:00am to 4:30pm.

**Mar 3** - CVI Birthday Party in Cle Elum.

**Mar 3** - Young Marines "Yellow Footprint" interviews will be done at Vancouver Elks Lodge #823 from 0900 -1200.

**Mar 4** - The Portland Va Medical Center is sponsoring it's 6th Annual Welcome Home celebration at the Portland Rose Garden Arena. It's the Portland Winterhawks vs the Tri-City Americans. Registration is at 4pm with game time at 5pm. No cost to OEF/OIF/OND Veterans and their guests. Contact [Welcomehome@va.gov](mailto:Welcomehome@va.gov); 503-220-8262, ext. 53062 or 1-800-949-1004.

**Mar 6** - Point Man Ministries meets every Tuesday at 2pm at Friends of the Carpenter.

**Mar 6** - Veterans Who Care fundraiser at Elmers, 5-8pm, must have flyer.

**Mar 8** - Post 176 American Legion membership meeting. Potluck and social hour start at 6pm and meeting begins at 7pm.

**Mar 9** - CMAC at Vancouver City Hall.

**Mar 16** - State of the City, Kiggins Theater 10:30am.

**Mar 17** - St. Patrick's Day.

**Mar 22** - Post 176 American Legion Executive Board meeting at 6pm.

**Mar 23** - CMAC at 40 et 8

**Mar 24** - DAV District Conference at American Legion Post 176.

**Apr 6** - CMAC at 40 et 8.

**Apr 8** - Easter.

**Apr 13** - Veteran Center's Black and White Gala Dinner, 6:30pm, 7607 NE 26th Ave. Tickets \$50 per person.

**Apr 20** - CMAC at 40 et 8.

**Apr 21** - Redheart Ceremony and free salmon lunch at Fort Vancouver, 10am.

**Apr 28** - Community Salute for kids going into the military after High School, Reserve Center, 2pm.

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## Membership

The number of membership renewals is up to 329. That is 75% of our goal of 431. Please send in your 2012 dues or any benefits you have will be lost, as well as your number of continuous years in the Legion, and your membership will be cancelled. Don't put it off until it is to late. If you are not sure if you have paid your dues, call the Post to find out. 360-573-2331. Leave your name and you will be contacted with that information. You should have a new 2012 membership card if you have paid them. We need all members to be renewed so our organization is able to help our veterans programs. A lot of people are working hard at Department, at Headquarters and on Capitol Hill for you to keep and increase your rights and benefits. They need your support so send in your dues.

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There is a FREE Veterans packet of information on military burial arrangements. It can be gotten by calling Smart Cremation at 1-800-700-2203. Weather you decide to get a plan through them or not, it is smart to order the packet, which has all the forms and instructions on applying for military burial, which can take about two months and a lot of headaches for those left behind. With the packet information, arrangements can be put together and applied for in advance.

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The Korean war is a war where almost 58,000 American military members lost their lives. Many others were taken prisoner and some of them were never heard from again. We must remember this war, as well as all the war's our country has fought in, and the sacrifices of so many to keep our freedom. Democracy and freedom is important and a right of all people who live in this country, which was provided by our forefathers.

At the Vancouver VA campus there is a memorial garden for Vietnam military members who fought in the jungles of Asia and did not return home alive. Some are still unaccounted for, but many of them have a brick in the memorial garden dedicated to them.

There is a memorial for the military members who fought in Korea, right behind the museum and in front of the Lady Bell helicopter and dedicated to all who fought and died, were POW'S and MIA'S and whose whereabouts are still unknown today.

We must never forget or forsake any of our Brothers and Sisters who are unaccounted for, and we must keep the pressure on our elected officials to use all means available to have them accounted for so their families can have closure and peace.

## Bingo News

I would like to let everyone know that Jen has elected to stay at home and take care of their new daughter. We are going to miss her but we wish her only the best.

We have been doing very well with Bingo. We have a lot of new faces coming in to play Bingo and that is nice. Our building sign and message seems to be part of the reason for the increase in people coming, but keep on letting people know we have Bingo on Mon, Tue and Wed 11:00am and 6:30pm with good payouts.

We have brought Steve back out onto the Bingo floor from the kitchen where he is much needed, and we have hired a new person to help Kristie in the kitchen. Her name is Sandy. Stop by and say Hello to her and play some Bingo.

Cora Lane  
Assistant Bingo Manager Post 176

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## Adjutant Message

Vow To Hire Heroes Act of 2011, has been signed into law. This act creates a new benefit for Unemployed Veterans. The new program becomes effective on July 1, 2012.

To find out more information on this law you should go to the VA GI Bill website at; [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) and look for the link at the bottom of the website entitled "Vow To Hire Heroes".

This new program will be limited to a number of veterans, so if you or someone you know qualifies for this program, you should look at the information provided now. Do not wait till the last minute, otherwise you may lose out. Not everyone will qualify for this program so it is important to look at all the eligibility criteria to determine if you qualify.

All eligibility criteria can be found at the GI Bill website as previously mentioned.

Mike Gibson  
Adjutant Post 176

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We have two members who have volunteered to fill in as acting Sgt. at Arms and acting e-board member until the elections are held. They are William Dupen and Floyd Zwer. All of the positions are open to nomination, so if any of you are interested in serving, please let the nominating committee know. Or maybe you have someone in mind who you would like to nominate.

Any member is eligible to be elected to any office as long as they are current with their dues and are in good standing with the Post.

## Baseball

Do you like to watch baseball? Do you get excited when the season is about to begin?

Showtime Baseball is proud to bring the US Military All Stars to the Vancouver Metro area this August for 2 exciting days of baseball.

This Red, White and Blue Tour delivers unique patriotic events designed to honor America, with pregame ceremonies to celebrate American history, honoring wounded veterans and those lost in the 911 tragedy.

The US Military Team is the world's only barnstorming team featuring Armed Forces, Wounded Warriors, Amputees and First Responders.

This exhibition game will be a fun family event to celebrate our military and the sacrifices made for our freedom. Tickets are \$20.00 and go on sale March 5th. Purchasing information will be available at [www.showtimebaseball.com](http://www.showtimebaseball.com). You can also visit the website [usmilitaryallstars.us](http://usmilitaryallstars.us) for some information on the players and how they became members of the Military All Stars. Join them and have some fun and maybe you will be honored to meet some of these Heroes.

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

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This is the time of year when we think of Jesus' trek to the cross for his Crucifixion and the Resurrection on Easter as our Lord and Saviour. It is what Lent is all about. We need to walk in our daily lives as though we were making the trek with Jesus, knowing what was in store for him but loving us so much that nothing or no one could stop him from giving his life for us to have salvation. It is truly *Agape love*.

May we prayerfully consider how we can heal a hurting world by trusting HIM and seeking to be in and share HIS word more.

May we try harder to bring others to think of CHRIST and learn to know HIM by having the desire to share the story of our love and salvation through HIM.

We need to set our mind and thoughts on Divine things and pray to serve HIM as best as we can. All we have to do is to supply the will and desire to serve and JESUS will give us the tools to do HIS will.

As JESUS has said, "I give you the greatest commandment of all, To Love One Another As I Have Loved You."