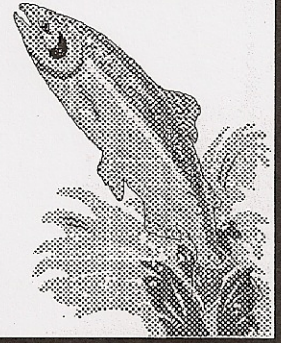




THE SALMON CREEK POST



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COMMANDERS NOTES:

Legionnaires,

Mark your calendar and come to the May meeting on May 10th. The membership will be voting on Post positions, so please come and make your choice heard. Don't forget to come at 6pm for the potluck social. Lots of wonderful food and good conversations.

Check out the events list for all the things going on this month so you don't miss out. A couple of dates to remember are Mother's Day {May 13}, Armed Forces Day {May 19}, Massing of the Colors {May 20}, and the BIG one - Memorial Day {May 28}. I'm looking for someone to help me at the Massing of the Colors since we take in two flags. We are still making our list of volunteers to help out with the free Memorial Day breakfast, come to the meeting and let us know you'll be here to help or to just attend the ceremony. Help us to show a good turn out for our Post and Honor for our servicemen. Bring your families and friends for this wonderful service.

We are still asking for someone who is talented with computers to step forward to take over our website. It is badly in need of updating! We have plenty of photos and information that would make our website inviting and informational. We need your talent...HELP...

American Legion Post 176 is now the official meeting place of Combat Veterans International {CVI}, combat veterans who ride motorcycles. They meet the second Saturday of every month at 9am so if you're interested, come to a meeting and check it out.

We are looking into having an official Service Officer Training in 5th District and I'd like to know how many folks are interested in attending to get certified, or just for your own personal information.

It has been my pleasure recently to meet and shake hands with some of our long standing legionnaires at a couple of meetings. I encourage those who haven't been by for some time to come in and say hello. Some of us haven't had the

POST HOURS

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

CLOSED - FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY

opportunity to meet you yet and some have missed your company. Come to the meeting and spend a little time catching up with friends and making new ones.

My personal thanks, respect and admiration go out to all of you who continue to serve in whichever way and whatever capacity you are capable of - THANK YOU!

Roxeanne Boose' Post 176 Commander

EVENTS CALENDAR

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

May 3 - National Day of Prayer

May 10 - American Legion Post 176 general membership meeting. Potluck and social hour begins at 6pm and meeting at 7pm.

May 12 - Free Spaghetti feed and raffle at Post 107 at 222 SW 1st St, Kalama, 5-8pm.

May 13 - Mother's Day

May 17 - American Legion Post 176 e-board meeting at 6pm.

May 17 - American Legion Awards presentation to Prairie High Jr. ROTC, 7:30pm.

May 18 - American Legion Awards presentation to Battle Ground Jr. ROTC, 6-8pm.

May 19 - Armed Forces Day.

May 20 - Massing of the Colors at the VA starting at 11am.

May 26 - Chapter 5 Unforgotten Run CVI.

May 28 - Free Community Breakfast and Memorial Day Ceremony at American Legion Post 176 beginning at 6am.

May 28 - Memorial Day Ceremony, Fort Vancouver at 11am.

May 28 - Vancouver Barracks Decommissioning, 1pm.

Jun 3 - American Legion Evergreen Boys State Orientation for the 5th District at Post 176 beginning at noon - everyone is invited.

Jun 14 - Flag Day.

June 14 - American Legion Post 176 general membership meeting with flag retirement ceremony, swear in new officers and potluck at 6pm.

Jun 17 - Father's Day.

Jun 21 - American Legion Post 176 e-board meeting at 6pm.

Jun 23 - American Legion Cruisers Auto Show in Post 176 parking lot. Starts at 9am. All Hot Rods, Vintage Autos, Restored Vehicles, Motorcycles and Trucks are welcome.

\$10.00 entry fee for Veterans, \$15.00 entry fee for non veterans.

OPERATIONS MANAGER

April, and all the flowers are blooming with the temperature up and we are looking forward to May and seeing more Legion members out and about, as well as people playing BINGO. We have all our reports completed for the first quarter of 2012 and things look good. We are receiving a number of calls from veterans who need a little help, for example, automobile repairs, basket of food, tank of gas, rent, as well as other items. We in Clark County have a number of organizations who have programs to help people in need. There is a resource guide compiled by the Red Cross, Southwest Washington, for veterans and military families at the Post listing all the organizations who help. Look for some new things happening at BINGO and here at the Post. You may want to stop by and take a look. BINGO starts at 11:00am and 6:30pm, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week. The kitchen is doing well and is open for Breakfast at 9:30am, Lunch at 11:00am and Dinner at 5:00pm on BINGO days.

Morris Giesler Post 176 Operations Manager

CHAPLAINS CORNER

The story of the Cross

a day of grief and loss,

a day when HE who knew no sin

was burdened with a cross.

we see HIM fall beneath its weight

and toil the mountain road.

til steps forth, Simon of Cyrene

to help him bear HIS load.

we see the crown of thorns HE wore.

we hear the frenzied throng;

we feel the hours of suffering

which bore HIS soul along.

the nails, the words, the Roman guards

mixed victory with loss

to write for all centuries

the story of the cross.

Jerry Keen Post 176 Chaplain

POST ADJUTANT

Hey Folks! It is time to get information together for the (CPR) Consolidated Post Report. I need your help. Every year CPR's are under reported because we never hear of all the good things our Post Members are doing.

Are you a volunteer at the VA Hospital or at another Veterans organization? Do you donate blood to the Red Cross? Are you a member of the Legion Riders? Are you a volunteer in any other Community Service projects or Organizations? If so, we need to know.

This is our time to report to the American Legion National Headquarters, the community service and volunteerism you do as a member of Post 176 to foster Americanism and "inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation".

Please contact the Post Adjutant by phone 360-694-8005 or by e-mail at: mdgibson72@hotmail.com to report any volunteer work or community service you have participated in this past year.

Thank you

Mike Gibson Post 176 Adjutant

MEMBERSHIP

I would like to thank all of you people who have taken the time and made the effort to send in your 2012 dues. It makes a big difference in helping support the people who represent us in getting the programs through Congress that gets us the benefits we need, and have earned. With your efforts we have reached 82% of our membership goal which is just 79 people from reaching 100%. It is still not too late to send in your dues for 2012. The new year begins in June after the convention, and then your dues will be in arrears by two years, 2011 & 2012 and at that point you will go into a dropped from roster file and lose all benefits and years in the Legion. It would be more costly than the \$40.00 per year dues to keep everything active and in force.

I would hope we can keep all of our members as part of our Legion because you are the people who earned and made us what we are today. Without the support of all of you helping, the American Legion will eventually go the way of many businesses and no longer be around. It would be a tragic loss for all Veterans to lose everything you have fought for, and many have died for, and future generations to never have the organization to help them with war related injuries and sicknesses.

Please send in your dues and help keep us rolling. Thank you and God Bless America.

Gary Zilm Post 176 Membership

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

Please send me anything you would like to announce in the newsletter to our membership. Send it to me at ; garyzilm@comcast.net Anniversaries, Births, Deaths, Weddings, Graduations, Change of address and e-mail address are all acceptable and whatever else you have that is important to you. If it is important to you, then it is important to us also.

I can also use your military history, dates, places and duties performed. We have many people who may have also served in the same places as you did, and there could be some good memories between you there, so send in your information so we can try to hook people up with each other.

I served from 1959 thru 1962 and spent most of my time at Hindenburg Kaserne in Wurzburg Germany. I worked in supply and in the motor pool. We had a lot of field duty because we were only 44 clicks from the Russian sector and were always on alert.

I was there during the time the Berlin Wall went up and was (fortunate?) extended for six months because of it. My time in the military was a good experience. I was taught all the things needed to be respectful, helpful and to care for others and to practice my teachings. Plus, Germany is a beautiful country and I was able to see a lot of it and Europe, which I would not trade for anything.

Gary Zilm