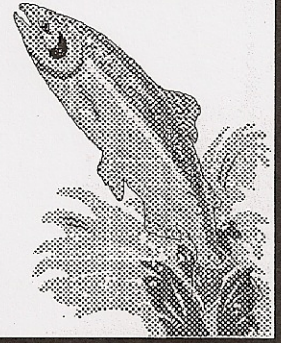




THE SALMON CREEK POST



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COMMANDERS NOTES:

There is no article from the Commander this month. She is out of the country, furthering her education in India so she can receive her degree. We want to wish her the best in this endeavor.

As you all probably know, there will be no membership meeting this month, July, because of the convention in Wenatchee. Newly elected Officers will assume their duties after the convention at the next regularly scheduled meeting which will be on September 13th. There will also be no e-board meeting in July

The Post Annual Picnic for 176 will be held on August 11 starting at noon at Fruit Valley Park. The picnic takes the place of the August membership meeting. Bring your family, lawn chairs and games you want to play. Food and Drinks are provided by the Post, but don't hesitate to bring anything you want to eat other than what is provided.

There will be an e-board meeting on August 16th at 6:00pm at Post 176.

Calendar Events

Board Members
John Treosti 574-5746

Jonathan Frederick 576-9078

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

July 4 - Independence Day at Fort Vancouver.

July 9 - DAV Meeting at 7pm.

July 9 - 13 - Nature Camp for Children of Active Military, Jim Moody (Kiwanis Club) is asking for grant money or sponsorships for this camp. Contact 360-576-5315 or e-mail edwardjamesmoody@gmail.com.

July 12 - American Legion Post 176 will not hold a monthly meeting for July.

July 14 - CVI meeting at Post 176 at 9am.

POST HOURS

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

CLOSED - FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY

July 19 - American Legion Post 176 will not hold a e-board meeting.

July 19 - 22 - National Gathering CVI - Brinnon Wa.

July 20/21 - Veteran Assistance Center Fundraiser - Wine & Music Fest in downtown Ridgefield. There will be wine tating, food, vendors and music. Tickets are \$10.

July 27 - Folds of Honor Patriot Golf Day, Tri Mountain Golf Course (1701 SW 299th St. Ridgefield Wa. 98642). Call 360-887-3004 Ext. 12.

Or e-mail cacosta@trimountaingolf.com.

July 29 - Northwest Battle Buddies Annual walk at Battle Ground. Contact Shannon Walker, 360-601-9744 or e-mail northwestbattlebuddies@gmail.com.

Aug 1 - Clark County Stand Down at the Reserve Center.

Aug 4 - CVI Chapter 9 Remembrance Run Fundraiser. Starts at American Legion Salmon Creek Post 176 at 8:30am, KSU at 9:30 am. Last Bike out at 10:00am.

Aug 11 - CVI meeting at Post 176 at 9am.

Aug 11 - American Legion Post 176 Annual Picnic at Fruit Valley Park starting at noon. Bring your family and your lawn chairs.

Aug 13 - DAV Meeting at 7pm.

Aug 24/25 - Showtime Baseball Military All Stars at Volcanoes Stadium, Keizer OR. at 7pm. Tickets are \$20. e-mail www.usmilitaryallstars.us

Aug 25/26 - Fossil Pit Campout CVI.

CHAPLINS CORNER

When we are standing face to face with our God some of the questions He won't have to ask us.

1...God won't ask what kind of car you drove. He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have their own transportation.

2... God won't ask the square footage of your house. He'll ask you how many people you welcomed into your home with love and kindness and sincerity.

3... God won't ask about the clothes you wore or had in your closet. He'll ask how many you helped clothe who had nothing to wear.

4... God won't ask what your highest salary was. He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it and who you may have stepped on to get it.

5... God won't ask what your job title was. He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

6... God won't ask how many friends you had. He'll ask how many people you were a friend to.

7... God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived. He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.

8...God won't ask about the color of your skin. He'll ask about the content of your character.

9...God won't ask why it took you so long to seek salvation He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in Heaven and not to the gates of Hell.

10..God won't have to ask how many people you passed his message of Love and Salvation to. He already knows.

As an all seeing and all knowing God, He knows all the answers before He asks the questions.

My prayer for all of us is that when we stand before God our answers will be pleasing to Him and the Gates of Heaven open wide for us.

Jerry Keen Post 176 Chaplain

POST MANAGER

Independence Day, commonly known as the Fourth of July, a Federal holiday in the United States of America.

During the American Revolution, July 2,1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five. Congress debated and revised the Declaration , finally approving it on July 4. A day later John Adams wrote:

The second day of July will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as a great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.

Adam's prediction was off by two days. From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4, the date shown on the much publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress. In our community, with well over 160 years of Americanism, we clebrate Independence Day each year.

The Post has made some improvements in June. The administration office has been moved to the old lounge space. We have new carpet ordered for the front area of the hall. Stop by and take a look. We have a number of citizens who come by on Monday, Tuesday and Wenesday mornings and evenings for some

entertainment and fun activity (BINGO & PULL TABS) on those days.

We have had all the broken doors and casings repaired and now have a secure area for Bingo supplies.

Come by the Post and play some Bingo or just come by to see the difference the Post has undergone and to visit with the people who come regularly.

Morris Geisler Post 176 Manager

Membership

The new membership cards for 2013 have arrived and I will be sending them out as you send in your dues. I have received six payments for dues for 2012 from members who did not check their cards before sending in another payment with the dues notice that is sent out by Department. Always check your card before sending in your dues to be sure you are not double paying. The six members I received payments from will have their checks applied to their 2013 membership dues and I will send their card to them. I always appreciate you sending in your dues but if you do it at the start of the membership year, you will not receive any more renewal notices until the 2014 year. If any member pays their dues and receives a renewal notice, and you have your card in your possession, then you can destroy the renewal notice.

Our membership dues paid total for 2012 was 83.2%. I am hoping we can beat that in 2013. We have at this point 432 total members and we had 357 paid members. The members who did not pay for 2012 will be dropped from our membership if they do not pay for 2013, and their continuous years will start at 01 unless 2012 dues are paid in conjunction with 2013. (\$80.00 for the two years).

Gary Zilm Post 176 Membership

VRAP

New Program for Veterans - Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP) for unemployed Veterans.

The VRAP offers up to 12 months of training assistance to Veterans who:

- > Are at least 35 but no more than 60 years old.
- > Are unemployed on the date of application.
- > Received an other than dishonorable discharge.
- > Are not eligible for any other VA education benefit

program (e.g.: the Post 9/11 GI Bill, Montgomery GI Bill, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment

- > Are not enrolled in a Federal or State training program.

Please spread the word about this program, if you know of any fellow Veterans who may qualify. To apply or learn more about the program, go to www.gibill.va.gov and at the bottom of the home page look for "VOW to Hire Heroes". You may also contact WorkSource at 360-735-4981 or call the Clark College Veterans Affairs Office at 360-992-2112.

The only two enemies a rifle has is Rust and Politicians.

Law allows Retirees and Vets to Salute Flag.

SEC. 595. MILITARY SALUTE FOR THE FLAG DURING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES NOT IN UNIFORM AND BY VETERANS.

Section 301(b)(1) of title 36, United States Code, is amended by striking subparagraphs (A) through (C) and inserting the following new subparagraphs.

(A) individuals in uniform should give the military salute at the first note of the anthem and maintain that position until the last note.

(B) members of the Armed Forces and Veterans who present but not in uniform may render the military salute in the manner provided for individuals in uniform and

(C) all other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, and men not in uniform, if applicable, should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart.

Part (C) applies to those not in the military and non-vets.

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