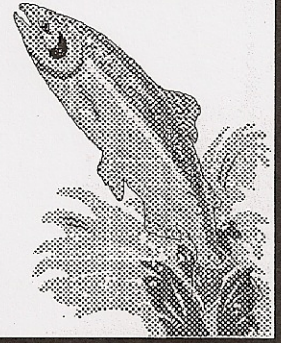




THE SALMON CREEK POST



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COMMANDERS NOTES:

As I write this newsletter, we have been able to accomplish some of the clean-up in and around the Post. A lot of the outside clean-up credit goes to a man and his wife who were homeless and needed temporary employment as they worked their way to Southern California and on into Mexico. They were with us for about 45 days and have now left to continue their quest for whatever their destination may be. Thanks to them for doing for our Post what our own members were not willing to do, which was to give a few hours of their time to help out.

Along with the cutting and stacking of brush and blackberry bushes was how do we get rid of it? After checking on rental prices for a chipper or a truck to haul it away, we determined we could not afford the cost to haul it and dump it. We couldn't get any reduced rates or donations to have the brush chipped or hauled away so we were stuck with it. That is until one AMAZING MEMBER of Post 176 heard of our dilemma and volunteered to help us out. This man was recovering from a serious illness, yet he brought us his truck and a dump trailer about 15' long with side boards, to haul the brush and a tractor with forks on it to load the brush. Plus he drove the loads to the dump site for us, furnished his own fuel for the truck and tractor and wants nothing in return. That man's name is AL CASCIATO and I am proud to be a member of Post 176 with him. He is a true example of what a veteran helping veterans is all about and you can all thank him for the way the Post grounds look now. I was able to finally get the brush dumped for no cost to the Post, at H&H Wood Recyclers. They accepted nine loads which would have cost us almost \$600 if we would have had to pay for it. Thanks to a business in the community who believes in helping veterans and steps up when it counts. Give them your business when you have brush or scrap wood to dispose of or barkdust to buy and thank them for helping our Post.

POST HOURS

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

CLOSED - FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY

I would also like to thank Floyd Zwer for coming to the Post with his weed eater and knocking down the constantly growing weeds and the blackberry starts that never seem to die. It helps the Post look like someone cares about it.

Thanks to Tom Dombeck for his assistance in buying parts and helping plumb our roof drains into the sewer so water doesn't run under the building anymore. Hopefully we won't have to worry about our floors anymore, or our heat units.

Thanks to both of you for what you do to help out and always volunteering to help where and when you can. You are truly appreciated.

We have finally received our membership goal number for 2013 from Department of Washington. It is 401 and at this point we have 210 members renewed for 2013. It is a great start to be over 50% of our goal. Along with that said, we still have a ways to go to reach goal and only you members can help us achieve our numbers by paying your dues before the end of December. It has been years since we have had more than 83% of our members renewed and it would be a great show of caring and dedication to our veterans to have 100% members renewed by December 31st. Remember, it is your dues that helps to support the benefits you have earned, and that our representatives fight for in Congress every day, not only to keep what you have but to push for more of what you have earned and deserve to have.

Send in your dues so we can save some money on printing and mailing costs for Dept. and the money can go where it is really needed.

We also need to have more members take the time to come to our membership meetings on the second Thursday of each month. The meeting starts at 7pm and only lasts about an hour, and prior to the meeting we have a pot-luck that starts at 6pm. A couple of hours a month isn't much of your time to give to your Legion, especially when you consider the returns you get for just being a member. Come and give us your ideas so we can get a better feel for what the majority of members want to see happen with the Post, instead of letting the minority make all the decisions, be it what you would want or not.

Our next meeting on November 8th will be a very important one for the future of our Post. Visconsi Companies LTD has made a proposal to locate a Walgreens store on our property, and this could be the fix we need to be sure the Post survives into the future. All members should come to hear the proposal and to vote on whether to continue to

pursue negotiations with them or not. We need your input.

Gary Zilm First Vice Post 176 /Membership Chair

POST MANAGER

Veterans Parade at Fort Vancouver on November 10th - the 26th annual community parade presented by Lough Legacy at 11:00am. The reviewing Officer will be Joe Jackson, a Medal of Honor Recipient. The Grand Marshals will be CMAC Co-Chairmen Larry Smith and Dan Tarbell.

Veterans Day - A Federal and State Holiday in America honoring military veterans. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed this holiday on November 12, 1919 to celebrate the signing of The Armistice that ended World War 1. The Veterans Day Ceremony will be on November 11, 2012 at 11:00am in the Post Cemetery across the street from the VA Medical Center on 4th Plain by the I-5 Exit and On ramps.

Thanksgiving - A harvest celebration - Pilgrims - Native Americans - autumn of 1621 - no pumpkin pie - not certain that wild turkey was part of the first feast, as the term "turkey" was used by the pilgrims to mean any sort of wild fowl. The feast included fish, berries, watercress, lobster, dried fruit, venison and plums. Of the original 102 who sailed on the Mayflower, only 56 Pilgrims and 91 Native Americans celebrated the first Thanksgiving Day feast. There is little evidence that the first feast of thanks led directly to our modern Thanksgiving Day holiday. Thanksgiving can however be tracked back to 1863, when President Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving Day. The holiday has been a fixture of late November ever since.

BINGO - November has some specials, but you will need to come by and see what the staff has put together for fun at Post 176. Pull Tabs - everyone is having a good time with this activity. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the Post entertainment and fun starts at 11:00am and again at 6:30pm. The kitchen is up and running during the two sessions of Bingo on all three days. We have a new rug with our Post Logo on it that will greet you at the front door. We have begun to paint the exterior of the Post. Our new color looks good and really gives the Post a new look. Stop by and take a look at it and stay to play some Bingo and have a bite to eat. We are planning a Blood Drive for the Red Cross soon. More to come on the date as it is confirmed.

Morris Giesler Post Manager Post 176

CHAPLAINS CORNER

An Invitation

You are invited to come dine with Me,
From now through all eternity.
Believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
And dine with Jesus as your host.
To live in heaven eternally,
All you must do is...

R.S.V.P.

Message from Billy Graham

The Legacy we leave behind for our children, grandchildren and this great nation is crucial. As I approach my 94th birthday I realize this election could be my last. I believe it is vitally important that we cast our ballots for candidates who base decisions on Biblical principles and support the nation, Israel. I urge you to vote for those who protect the sanctity of Life and support the Biblical definition of marriage between a man and a woman. Vote for Biblical values this November 6th and Pray with me that America will remain One Nation Under GOD.

I pray that the invitation from GOD to live with Him eternally is your desire. I pray you will one day attain this desire through accepting Jesus as your Saviour and the only way into Heaven.

Jerry Keen Post 176 Chaplain

As you can all see, I have empty space left in the newsletter. I would be happy to include anything you would like to share with the Post members. I just cannot advertise or put items in for sale. Send your articles you want to have me add at,

garyzilm@comcast.net

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

We are once again offering to rent the Post Halls and the Parking lot for activities. Call us at 360-573-2331 and talk to Morris Giesler, the Post Manager, about making arrangements for your next activity, no matter what it may be.

You will be surprised how easy it is.
