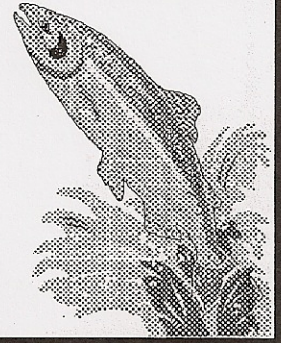




THE SALMON CREEK POST



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COMMANDERS NOTES:

At our membership meeting in November it was decided by the members who were present, that they want to know what the offer is for the piece of our property that Walgreens want's to purchase for their store. They have been called and given the okay to start their offer. As soon as we receive it and the e-board has had a chance to look it over, we will present it to the membership. We will need to have a real estate lawyer look it over also so we are sure of what the offer says and everything is understood by everyone before it is approved, if it is an offer we want to accept. I am open to hearing from all of you about what you would like to see happen with our Post, once we agree to sell the parcel, and we know what kind of money we will be getting. I have already heard a lot of ideas and they are good ideas but until we know our compensation for the property we have to just sit on them.

We will be having a membership meeting on December 13th that starts at 6pm. It will be a short meeting to just address what we must talk about. It should be over by 6:30pm at which time we will be having a potluck type dinner. The Post will be supplying a ham, and a smoked turkey is being supplied by our Commander. We are asking everyone to bring some type of dish or casserole to compliment the ham and turkey. The Post will supply the coffee and soda's. There will be a gift exchange also. We are asking everyone to bring a wrapped gift with a value of no more than \$10.00.(NO GAG GIFTS PLEASE). When you bring a gift, it will be numbered. You will be given a number that is different from the gift you bring, and when that number is called by the Auxiliary ladies, you can pick up the gift with your number on it.. The important thing is to come and be a part of the Post meeting and dinner and give your input. Hopefully you will be able to meet up with some old friends you haven't seen for awhile, or make new ones and just have some fun.

On December 28th from 1-6pm we have a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Post. Come by and donate some blood that is needed by so many people every day. If your blood type is a rare type, we need you especially to come donate. Thanks.

POST HOURS

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

CLOSED - FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY

We are receiving some membership renewals, but at a slow rate. We are at 69% renewal and only need 99 more to reach 100%. It doesn't matter what time of year you joined our Post as a member, dues are always due before December 31st every year. If they are not renewed by December 31st, your insurance will be cancelled and you will have to re-apply to reinstate it. Just a hassle no one needs to deal with. You also do not need to wait for the renewal notice from Department to renew your dues. Send your dues to the Post with 2013 dues noted on the check. When you get the Department notice, check your membership card, and if it has 2013 on it, then you can just discard the notice, but if it still has 2012, then you know you need to renew. The best time to do it is as soon as you receive the renewal notice and it is fresh on your mind. Always check your membership card before sending in a check. I have received checks for renewal and the dues have already been paid. I normally send them back but I have also had some of them donated to some of our programs. I always try to get your new membership card in the mail the same day I receive your check and I notify Department every Wednesday of all the renewals for the week so they won't send you a renewal notice once your dues are paid. I thank all of you for making the effort to get your dues paid. If any of you have any questions, you can call me at 360-904-5544 or e-mail me at garyzilm@comcast.net.

Gary Zilm
Post 176 1st Vice / Membership Chairman

CHAPLAINS CORNER

THE 7 UPS

1. Wake up

"This is the day the Lord hath made
let us rejoice and be glad in it"
Psalms 118:24

2. Dress up

"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at.
Man looks at outward appearance,
but the Lord looks at the heart."
! Samuel 16:7

3. Shut up

"He who guards his lips guards his soul"
Proverbs 13:3

4. Stand up

"Let us not be weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest, if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good."
Galatians 6:9-10

5. Look up

"I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me."
Philippians 4:13

6. Reach up

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge him, and he will direct your path."
Proverbs 3:5-6

7. Lift up

"Do not worry about anything; instead PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING."
Philippians 4:6

If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it. If He had a wallet, your photo would be in it. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen. He could live anywhere in the universe, but He chose your heart. What about the Christmas gift He sent you in Bethlehem; not to mention that Friday at Calvary. Face it, He's crazy about you.

Jerry Keen, - Post 176 Chaplain

POST MANAGER

The Holiday Season; a time of family, friends and comrades to exchange greetings at Church, parties, stores, on the street, at the Post or at BINGO. The staff is working hard to make this Holiday Season one to remember.

The Post has had a good year. Looking back, the staff has worked hard to make this the best BINGO Hall in Clark County. The customers / players have been outstanding this year and have had lots of fun here at Salmon Creek American Legion Post 176. We are scheduled to play on December 31, 2012, a Monday, and we have some good things to bring in 2013.

Mark your calendar and bring your family and friends to American Legion Post 176 to play BINGO, pulltabs and to take advantage of what our kitchen has to offer in the way of food and refreshments. You will have a good time.

Post Manager Post 176 - Morris Giesler

POST ADJUTANT

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 Assistance).
- > Are not in receipt of VA compensation due to unemployability
- > Are not enrolled in a Federal or State job 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 this program, you should 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 about this at 360-735-4981/4985, or call the Clark College Veterans Affairs Office at 360-992-2112.

Mike Gibson Post 176 Adjutant

BINGO DAYS & HOURS

Mon - Tue - Wed, 11am & 6:30pm

For your enjoyment we offer Pulltabs on the same days and times as BINGO.

Our kitchen is open at 9:30am for the first session and at 5:30pm for the second session on the same days and times as BINGO.

We have a staff we are very proud of and we would like you to meet them and say "Hello". They truly are the BEST and they will do whatever they can to help you.

We are again offering the Halls and the Parking Lot for activities you may want to use them for. Call us at 360-573-2331 and talk to Morris Giesler, our Post Manager, and see how easy it is to set up. We will do our best to accommodate you.