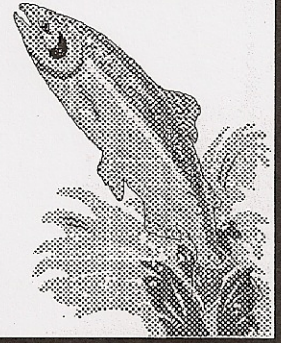




THE SALMON CREEK POST



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COMMANDERS NOTES

March is upon us and the year is almost a quarter over. The time just flies by and waits for no one. We will be selecting our nominees for Post Officers and voting for our choice in the next few months. We need to have some people to step up and accept some Officer's position's so we can get a break for the people who have been serving for so long. People who are getting tired and need some time to recharge. No one can be effective in what they do when they are tired and can't get the help from the membership they need. Sometimes it feels like being stuck out on an island and forgotten but still expected to do the Post business. Please volunteer. I know you will get all the help and support from us who are currently officers that we can give you to do the job in whatever position you choose.

I am still in need of information from anyone who has anything they want to share with the Legion members. We are interested in communicating with all of you even though getting to the meetings are a problem for a lot of our members for one reason or another. We are still all Brother's and Sister's who served and went through tough times. We want to hear about your times and experiences. Let us know of any events in your lives you would like to share with the membership through the newsletter. You can send it to me at garyzilm@comcast.net and I will get it out to our members.

We are doing well with our Bingo at the Post. Player participation is starting to rise as the economy begins to get a bit better, taxes get done and Cabin Fever is pushing more people out of the house to do more things. The Spring like weather and the days getting longer is helping too. We are making some good changes to our Bingo during March. Come on out and see what is being changed and play. We play on Mon-Tue-Wed. We have two sessions per day, one at 11am and again at 6:30pm. We also have pull tabs and the kitchen is open during Bingo hours for some good food.

POST HOURS

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

CLOSED - FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY

Our membership renewals are at 309 which is at 78% of the goal Department has given us. Still a ways away from the goal but we can still get there if we can get your renewals in now as you are thinking about dues renewals. Please make every effort to get yours in asap. It makes our Post look good and it also helps pay the bills. Your dues are like our pay-check and when they don't arrive when we need them, then we have to find alternate ways to pay our bills or delay payments, which is bad for our credit when we have to use it. Thanks to everyone who has paid their dues and I am looking forward to the magic number of 100% members paid for 2013.

Check your membership card and if it says 2012 on it, then you need to renew for 2013. You do not need to wait for a reminder from Department to pay your dues. Just send a \$40.00 check with a notation for your dues renewals on it or stop by the Post and pay them. I am usually there from 9am till noon on Mon.- Tue. & Wed.

We have had our first contract from Visconsi gone through by a lawyer and it has been rejected. It had a lot of holes in it, and had we signed it as it was written we would have been on the hook for a lot of things that were not to our benefit. We communicated that to the representative from Visconsi and they want us to tell them what we want. Our Lawyer is currently doing that for us and it should be ready to send off by the 7th of March. We are trying to do everything we can to get the best deal for both sides but we are not going to give the property away or end up in a court battle later because we didn't do our homework. The monetary offer is a good one and is more than what the appraisal we had done came in at.

We have tentatively set up a date of April 27th as a fun night of food and music to Honor all of the people who have served in the military, both from now and from a different era. We want to get the younger people to meet up with the older crowd and try to get them into the mind frame that they are part of all of us too and that we are here to help them.

Come join us as we endeavor to do this and make it a success for all. The younger people are the future of the American Legion and it is our duty to enlighten them as to who we are and what we do. The music group is a high level energy group and they get the crowd into what they do. There will also be dancing if you want to do that. Bring your spouse, or significant other, have dinner and enjoy a time of music and comradship for a couple hours. Lets make our Post visible to all in the community and get it active again.

Gary Zilm 1st Vice Commander / Membership

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Point Man International Ministries of Clark County provides a safe environment and a listening ear for veterans of all eras. We speak the language of the veterans and understand their needs. Our goal is to provide healing and peace in their lives by restoring faith in God to help heal their emotional wounds.

Point Man meets weekly at the Friends of the Carpenter at 2 pm. Friends of the Carpenter is located on 20th St. in West Vancouver. The one hour meeting consists of a short study, fellowship with other veterans and closing in prayer. Things discussed include experiences in the military, spiritual life and what we can do to help our fellow veterans.

In addition to weekly meetings, Point Man sponsors events like:

* Hunting /fishing with heroes which takes 30-40 veterans on an all expense paid hunting and fishing trip annually. This trip will be 11 -13 October this year.

* Operation Salmon in conjunction with The Community Military Appreciation Committee is taking 100 veterans on a salmon fishig trip scheduled for July 22

* Point Man also sponsors an annual retreat in August for Northwest Point Man Outposts. This retreat in held in Vantage, Wa. on the banks of the Columbia River in August with about 80-90 vets and their families attending. Eating, fishing, eating, fellowship and eating are on the agenda.

If you are interested in participating with Point Man just let your Chaplain know. His contact info is (360) 907-9473 or E-mail jerrykeen@juno.com.

Jerry Keen Post 176 Chaplain

On the third Saturday of every month at 1:00pm at Post 176 the 5th district round table meeting is held. Anyone who wants to come is welcome. It lasts for about an hour and is very informative.

After the meeting last month with a group of people working together, we were able to transfer seven people from Post 110 into Post 176 and more into other Posts in the 5th District, giving them a home Post instead of a mailbox only.

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 that 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 accomodate you.