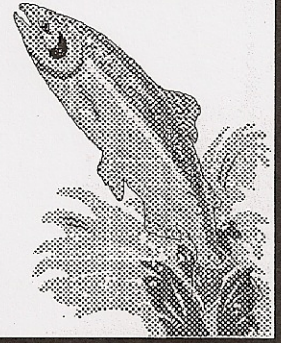




THE SALMON CREEK POST



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COMMANDERS NOTES

The time on the Visconsi deal seems to be dragging but in fact it is going pretty good. Every time they miss a date because of engineering or the wetlands mitigation, or trouble getting a permit they need, we get another \$10,000.00 in escrow. We have been told that the end is getting close and that March 2015 should be the closing on the property. We have also received a letter from Walgreens stating they are committed to this site and they are willing to wait for everything to be all legalized so when they take ownership there will be no problems. It will be nice to see this deal all done with. Phil and I have put a lot of time and effort into this so we can keep our Post and have the finances to keep it safe and in a condition we can be proud of. We have plans to do some things and when the time is right and the main hall has all the needed repairs done, then we will talk about them, but nothing will be done without approval of the e-board and the membership. That is another reason to attend the membership meetings so you can give your input. Everybodys input will be taken into account and discussed before decisions are made. I for one don't want to make any major decisions with the approval of only six or ten members who have given input. I want as many members as possible to be satisfied with the final results.

On December 6, 2014, at our Post from 11am to approx. 2pm there will be a Veterans Employment & Information Fair that is open to all Vets and their spouses. This is being put on by Members of our Post who are with Worksource Disabled Vets and from Clark College Vets Center. It will deal with Job Interview Tips, Resume Writing Tips and using the Federal Job List and other services will be available.

POST HOURS

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

CLOSED - FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY

Please bring a printed copy of your Resume with you if you have one. You can check this out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/salmoncreekpost176.

On december 6, 2014 is the Walk & Knock for the Clark County Food Bank. The volunteers would like you to have your donations out by 9am so they can be picked up and you won't be missed. Please give generously and make sure the "use by" date has not passed. Outdated food has to be hauled away and disposed of at a cost to the Food Bank. Your donations will go to the Food Bank located on Minnehaha street for distribution to those in need of help in feeding their families. The Columbian provides bags for subscribers but any bag you may use is okay. The Food Bank also accepts monetary donations. Lets make this our best year ever.

We are off to a great start in membership renewal for 2015. Many of you have stopped by and paid your dues directly to me, which gave me an opportunity to meet you and also put a face with the name. Some of you have paid on-line which is a good and safe way to pay. The site for that is www.legion.org/renew. Lots of you have paid by snail mail which is also good but a bit slower. No matter how you pay your dues, the important thing is to get them paid. I appreciate each and every one of you who has paid and those of you who are yet to pay. We reached 100% renewal last year and received another banner for our Post Flag for your participation. As of this newsletter we have 80% renewal for 2015. Please get your dues paid as soon as you can as the money helps our efforts to keep our benefits and makes Congress aware of just what we and our returning soldiers needs are. Thank you and I pray a Blessed and Merry Christmas to all of you.

Gary Zilm Post 176 Commander

CHAPLIN

I was recently inspired by the words of Brennan Manning in his *Reflections for Ragamuffins*.

In 1980, the day before Christmas, Richard Ballenger's mother in Anderson, South Carolina, was busy wrapping packages and asked her young son to shine her shoes. Soon, with the proud smile that only a seven-year-old can muster, he presented the shoes for inspection. His mother was so pleased that she gave him a quarter.

On Christmas morning as she put on the shoes to go

to Church, she noticed a lump in one shoe. She took it off and found a quarter wrapped in paper. Written on the paper in a child's scrawl were the words " I done it for love ".

When the final curtain falls, each of us will be the sum of our choices throughout life, the sum of the appointments we kept and the appointments we didn't keep. The glory of the shipwrecked will be that they habitually failed to turn up for duty. In their defense they claim they were detained by a baby in swaddling clothes. When interrogated as to why they hung out at the stable, they answer, "We done it for love".

In their integrity the shipwrecked preserve the meaning of Christmas in it's pristine purity-the birthday of the Savior and the eruption of the messianic era into history.

This Christmas may you belong to their number.

Roxeanne Boose' Post 176 Chaplain

BINGO

We are open to the Public
Mon-Tue-Wed 11am and 6:30pm

Our New Year Eve's Special is
6:30pm on 12-31-2014

Sales Start at 5:pm
Packets are \$10 for the first one and \$5 for each extra one bought.

Machines are \$55 with 6 packets and 4 of all Blackouts. You can add extra to the machines.

Game 7 will pay \$1199.00
Game 13 will pay \$1199.00
Game 20 will pay \$2015.00
All packets will pay \$215.00

The Kitchen will have Beef Stew & a Roll for \$5. As a reminder, Coffee is free.

We also have some new employees we would like you to welcome to our Bingo staff, Tina Lamb and Garrett Paulson.

We are also working on a Facebook page and posting flyers in the community to help get the word out that we play BINGO at Post 176.

Cora Lane Post 176 Bingo Manager

HISTORIAN

Your Post Needs You

I just wanted to reiterate a section from the mission of the American Legion.

Legionnaires sense of obligation to community, state and nation drives an honest advocacy for veterans in Washington. The Legion stands behind the issues most important to the nation's veterans community, backed by resolutions passed by volunteer leadership.

The American Legions success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives.

Why did you join the American Legion? Everyone has a story of why they ultimately joined. I think as the holiday season approaches we should all take a moment to think about why we joined and what we intended to gain from membership in the American Legion. I joined for the camaraderie and to continue its legacy of advocating for veterans and veterans issues. Our Post needs participation, and we're calling on all of you to consider joining us in more community events. Help us make a difference in the community by offering much needed assistance and support to our fellow veterans and their families. We all lead busy lives these days, but at the end of the day, it's still about taking care of each other. There are many veterans in need and many programs that need volunteers. Please consider joining those of us who are already volunteering to strengthen our community.

Kelly Jones Post 176 Historian

Come to the meeting and help decide when to hold a Members Appreciation dinner in January and the Menu.
NO POT LUCK!!

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 5:00pm 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 need to use them for. Call us at 360-573-2331 and tell us what you want to do. If you don't get an answer right away, leave your number and we will do our best to set up your activity on the date you need.

Weddings - Receptions - Memorials
Birthdays - Anniversaries - Parties

Any event that is important to you.