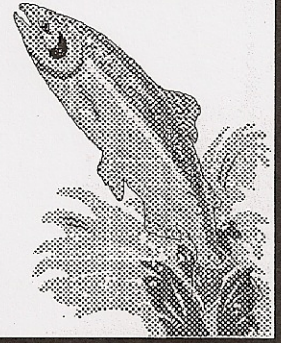




# THE SALMON CREEK POST



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## April 2012 \*Salmon Creek American Legion Post176 \* Vancouver Wa.. \* VOL24 No 129

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Roxeanne Boose

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John Treosti

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Jonathan Frederick

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At February's membership meeting, Fred Robertson, Jerry Keen and Gary Zilm were approved to act as this year's nominating committee for Post 176. It's not too late to nominate someone or volunteer yourself to serve as an officer of our Post. All positions are open for election. Contact someone from the nominating committee to get your nomination in. The membership will vote at the May 10th meeting so please come and make your choice heard.

During our April 12th meeting we will have the honor of presenting two of our own with awards for their continuous service in the American Legion. Harry Boyer will receive his 60 year gold star and Robert Gaudet will receive his 50 year gold star. Come join us as we honor and congratulate these long time members.

Did you know....every year Post 176 has the honor of presenting two special awards to members of the JR. ROTC from Prairie and Battle Ground High Schools? Two cadets from each school are chosen for the American Legion Scholastic and the Military Excellence awards. I would like to invite anyone who is interested in attending these presentations to contact the Post and sign up. Prairie will hold it's ceremony on May 17th and Battle Ground on May 18th. Details will be given to those who come forward. Post 176 always has at least two members to present these awards, however we encourage as many members as possible to attend. This is your opportunity to have a direct impact on our community's youth.

The recruitment process for Evergreen Boys and Girls State is underway. Everett Cook is working with two new Legion members, Everett and Janet Clinton, who have stepped forward to assist in this huge project. The 5th District Boys and Girls State Orientation is scheduled for June 3rd at Post 176. This is when all the candidates come with their families to finalize their arrangements. Post 176 will provide a BBQ lunch at 12:00 - noon. We need members to volunteer to assist with the lunch. This is a wonderful time to reach out to these young people, to encourage and inspire them. The entire Post is encouraged to come to this event and show their support.

### POST HOURS

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

CLOSED - FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY

Take a look at the events that are coming up, plan your involvement, volunteer, attend - be counted. I would love to see new faces at the meetings, stepping forward in community events, volunteering for our own events. Everyone's life is busy these days but if we all participate in a few events it makes things so much easier for all. This is your Post, your community, your opportunity to continue to serve and we need you! We need your ideas, support and participation because WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Currently, we are asking for someone who is talented with computers to step forward to take over our website. It's badly in need of updating. We have plenty of photos and information that would make our website inviting and informational. We need your talent.

Our free community Memorial Day breakfast and ceremony is coming up in May and we are in need of some volunteers. Every year this is put on by our Post and we try to not use the paid labor from our Bingo staff. This is where we honor those who served by serving others. Breakfast is only open for one hour beginning at 6am with our service at 7am. We do not want to overlap with the events at Fort Vancouver so we hold it early. This is a full Memorial service rendering all the honor and respect our service members are due. If you can't volunteer to help, then please come and attend, bring your family, friends and neighbors and make it your annual event!

My personal thanks, respect and admiration go out to all of you who continue to serve in whichever way and in whatever capacity you are capable of - THANK YOU!

Roxeanne Boose' Post 176 Commander

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

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

**Apr 8 - Easter**

**Apr 12 - American Legion Post 176 general membership meeting.** Potluck and social hour begins at 6pm and the meeting begins at 7pm.

**Apr 13 - Veteran Center's Black and White Gala Fundraiser Dinner, 6:30pm, 7607 NE 26th Ave.** Tickets are \$50 per person.

**Apr 13 - American Legion 5th District Spring Conference at Post 14, dinner is at 6pm.** Ham is on the Menu and cost is \$12 per person.

**Apr 19 - American Legion Post 176 e-board meeting at 6pm.**

**Apr 21 - 5th District roundtable meeting, 1pm at the Camas police station.**

**Apr 21 - Redheart Ceremony and salmon lunch at Fort Vancouver, 10am, open to the public.**

**Apr 26 - Clark County Veterans Assistance Center elections at 6pm.**

**Apr 28 - American Legion College at Post 44 beginning at 9am.**

**Apr 28 - DAV District Conference at American Legion Post 176 at noon.**

**Apr 28 - Community Salute for high school graduates going into the military at the Reserve Center at 2pm.**

**May 3 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

**May 10 - American Legion Post 176 general membership meeting.** Potluck and social hour at 6pm and meeting at 7pm.

**May 13 - Mother's Day.**

**May 17 - American Legion Post 176 e-board meeting at 6pm.**

**May 17-19 - Iron Butt Run.**

**May 17 - American Legion awards presentation at Prairie High Jr. ROTC at 7:30pm.**

**May 18 - American Legion awards presentation to Battle Ground Jr. ROTC, 6-8pm.**

**May 19 - Armed Forces Day.**

**May 26 - Chapter 5 Unforgotten Run CVI.**

**May 28 - Free Community Breakfast and Memorial Day Ceremony at American Legion Post 176 beginning at 6am.**

**May 28 - Memorial Day Ceremony at Fort Vancouver at 11am.**

**May 28 - Vancouver Barracks Decommissioning at 1pm.**

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## MEMBERSHIP

We are at 347 renewals out of 431 members for 80% of our goal for 2012. There is still time to renew your dues. You can send a check for \$40.00 to the Post at 14011 NE 20th Ave, Vancouver Wa. 98686 or you can renew on line and save yourself postage by going to your file and pay by credit card at <http://www.legion.org/renew>. As soon as we are notified that you have paid on line your membership card will be sent to you.

Keep in mind that dues are payable before the end of the year. Your 2012 dues should have been submitted before the end of December 2011. Your 2013 dues should be submitted before the end of December 2012. Paying after the end of December requires you to be reinstated into the Legion because on January 1st you are delinquent and any entitlements are terminated. If your renewal is sent near a cut off date, it is delivered to the Post, sent on to the Dept. of Washington in Lacey and they send it on to National American Legion in Indianapolis. This could take up to two weeks. If it is at National after the cut off date, a renewal notice is automatically printed and mailed to you. The company that prints them has no idea that you have already renewed your dues, which costs extra to print and mail. If you have already received your new membership card then toss the additional notice. If you have questions, call 360-573-2331 and speak to Gary Zilm. Please verify your home address with the Post and send us your e-mail so we can save on the printing and postage.

Thank You

Gary Zilm      [garyzilm@comcast.net](mailto:garyzilm@comcast.net)

## POST ADJUTANT

Hey Folks! It is time to get information together for the (CPR) Consolidated Post Report. I need your help. Every year CPR's are under reported because we never hear of all the good things our Post Members are doing.

Are you a volunteer at the VA Hospital or at another Veterans organization? Do you donate blood to the Red Cross? Are you a member of the Legion Riders? Are you a volunteer in any other Community Service projects or Organizations? If so, we need to know.

This is our time to report to the American Legion National Headquarters, the community service and volunteerism you do as a member of Post 176 to foster Americanism and "inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation".

Please contact the Post Adjutant by phone 360-694-8005 or by e-mail at: [mdgibson72@hotmail.com](mailto:mdgibson72@hotmail.com) to report any volunteer work or community service you have participated in this past year.

Thank you

Mike Gibson Post 176 Adjutant

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## OPERATIONS MANAGER

2012 is starting off very good with BINGO and PULL TABS producing a large amount of entertainment for our players on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week. The SNACK BAR has some goodies on the counter each day as well as your favorite snacks. The staff always has that American Legion smile to greet you when you come in to have some fun. There are some members I haven't seen for a long time and some I have not met yet. So everyone stop by and bring your ideas and suggestions to make Post 176 a better place to accomplish our programs. Do not forget the Post Meeting on the 12th of April with a potluck and social hour starting at 6pm. This is a good time to find out what the American Legion in the Salmon Creek Community and around Clark County is up to. I am happy to be back at American Legion Post 176 as your Operations Manager.

Morris Giesler Post 176 Operations Manager

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We have two members who have volunteered to fill in as acting Sgt. at Arms and acting e-board member until the elections are held. They are William Dupen and Floyd Zwer. All of the positions are open to nomination, so if any of you are interested in serving, please let the nominating committee know. Or maybe you have someone in mind who you would like to nominate. Any member is eligible to be elected to any office as long as they are current with their dues and are in goodstanding with thePost.

## CHAPLAINS CORNER

Jesus said:

If you never felt pain, how would you know I am a Healer?

If you never had to pray, how would you know I am a Deliverer?

If you never had a trial, how could you call yourself an Overcomer?

If you never felt sadness, how would you know that I am a Comforter?

If you never made a mistake, how would you know that I am a Forgiver?

If you knew all, how would you know that I will answer your questions?

If you were never in trouble, how would you know that I will come to your rescue?

If you were never broken, how would you know that I can make you whole?

If you never had a problem, how would you know that I can solve them?

If you never had any suffering, how would you know what I went through?

If you never went through the fire, how would you become pure?

If I never corrected you, how would you know I love you?

If you had all power, how would you learn to depend on me?

If your life was perfect, what would you need me for?

God our Father, walk through my house and take away all my worries and illnesses and please watch over and heal my family in Jesus name, Amen.

Jerry Keen Post 176 Chaplain

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