



THE SALMON CREEK POST



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Each Spring, we recognize high school ROTC student Scholastic and Military excellence with American Legion Awards. The Prairie High School awards ceremony is scheduled for Thursday April 26 and the Battleground awards ceremony is Friday May 4, 2007. Thanks to Gayle Pimm for representing us at these memorable events.

Our Legion was founded in part to "...preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the Great Wars." Being together, enjoying each other's company, and developing new veteran friends is an important part of "What we do." In addition to being a great service organization.

Join other Salmon Creek Heights Post 176 members at our monthly meetings and each Saturday from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Although the initial trial period was set at 8 weeks, we plan to continue opening the Post on Saturday afternoons as long as enthusiasm and interest continues.

Join us for our pancake breakfast on Sunday mornings from 7:00 to 11:00 AM. As a suggestion, enjoy breakfast on your way TO and FROM other Sunday activities.

Stay informed about our Legion by visiting our website, www.post176.com and follow the links to both the Department of Washington and the National websites.

Our Post By-Laws are being reviewed and updated. The Executive Board decided to defer the initial reading of the changes for membership approval.

The Legion Riders motorcycle group has met monthly with more members at each meeting. Phil Harris, President and Bill Frederick, Membership Chairmen, both longtime Post 176 members, are planning and have announced some great rides this Spring. This is a great way for motorcyclists (must own or operate a motorcycle at least 350 cc.) to enjoy the com-

radeship of other Legion members. Contact the Post to tell us of your interest. They meet at 9:00 AM, 2nd Saturday of each month at the Post. This Spring, great riding weather is coming!

Elections for next year's officers are scheduled for our May General Membership meeting. The initial slate of Nominees was announced, but vacancies remain and good opportunities remain. If you would prefer to work at the committee level, choose one of these committees: Americanism, Boy's State, Children and Youth, Rehabilitation and Hospitalization, Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Advisory, Membership, Public Relations, Community Service and Post Activities. The Post needs your expertise and leadership in order for us to make things happen. It is easy to volunteer, just send me an e-mail message at the Post 176 website or call.

American Legion members are reminded to focus on service to the fellow Veteran, to their families and to the community as their guiding priority.

FINANCE OFFICER: Phil Yasson

Our membership renewal number is 552 for 82.3 percent. I personally called over seventy members that had not paid their dues and over fifty responded that they would get it right in the mail. Those who did not respond and renew their membership have been removed from the mailing list. This leaves us with 725 active members on our roster. When a member does not renew, we have to reduce our donation money to Children's programs and helping Veterans. This month, we have donated \$ 500.00 to the VAVS program. This money will be used to purchase items for the shut-in veterans at the Vancouver VA Hospital. Last year, we had to pass us this donation. You can donate some time to these veterans by assisting in the Thursday night Bingo's that brighten up the veterans lives. Call Richard Langenbach at 247-5235 and let him know that your want to help. Post 176 has always been in the forefront when assistance is needed.

On April 5th the US Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago dismissed the ACLU's lawsuit against the Dept. of the Defense for supporting the national Boy Scout Jamboree. In 2005, a federal district court concluded the Jamboree statue was

unconstitutional under the Establishment Clause because Scouting has a nonsectarian "duty to God" requirement. The American Legion filed a "friend of the court" brief supporting the Dept. of Defense. Seven Presidents have attended the Jamboree since President Franklin D. Roosevelt did in 1937. The Jamboree is held at Fort A. P. Hill. The American Legion is one of the nation's largest sponsors of scouting units across the country.

The Vietnam Memorial Wall is coming to Chehalis this summer. The 370 foot long traveling wall is an 80 percent replica of the one in Washington DC. Public viewing will be from June 21st through June 24th at the Veterans Museum. This is something that you do not want to miss. I assisted when the Wall was here in Vancouver, and also visited the Wall in Washington DC. It is very heart warming. On June 23, Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day, the keynote speaker will be Col. Bob Howard, one of America's most decorated soldiers from the Vietnam War. He was nominated three times for the Congressional Medal of Honor. President Nixon awarded him the Medal of Honor in 1971. During the closing ceremony on Sunday June 24th Major Ed Leonard will be the speaker. Leonard, and Air Force pilot from Winlock was shot down during a rescue mission over Laos and spent five years as a prisoner of war in the Hanoi Hilton.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

May 19th has been set aside for a day of "Spring Cleaning" at the Post. Starting time will be at 10 AM with lunch (BBQ hamburgers, Potato Salad, and drinks) from Noon to 1 PM. We will be cutting the brush, mowing, and general cleaning. We will need volunteers for this project and would be pleased with your help. Call the Post for more details. The lounge will be opened from 3:00 to 6:00 PM.

Our Sunday Breakfast will be on May 20th from 7:00 to 11:00 AM. Pancakes, eggs and bacon/ sausage for just \$ 5.00. PLEASE join us for some good home cooking.

The Memorial Day Breakfast is scheduled for May 28th at Post 176. This will be an all day event.

GENERAL MANAGER: PEGGY BROOKS

Bingo has done very well this last month. We continue to have new players every session. Our new 3 # Bingo game is a success and I will be adding a Special 3 # session Wednesday nights for the month of May. The game will run from 10 PM to 12 midnight.

The Bingo Staff is great! They work hard to make the American Legion Post 176 the "Friendlist Place in Town". Take the time to stop by and have a cup of coffee or a bite to eat. Try playing BINGO! PULL TABS! There are great things to WIN!!!!!!

MONEY!!! MONEY!!!!!! MONEY!!!!!!

Our kitchen cook, Jeana, has the best "TACO's" every Tuesday evening from 5:30 until their gone. Stop by for dinner, you will be glad you did. But get there EARLY!!!!

Hunter's Ed starts August 24th. Register at the Post. Children must be accompanied by a parent.

COMMUNICATION TO OUR TROOPS

Larry Bloomquest has asked that the Post place in our Newsletter a request that our members might send a "Message" to our Troops. You may do so by E-Mail to: ke7HGC@ArrL.net. These will be sent to the MCO of a Unit and distributed to Troops. Any news from HOME is a gift and would be greatly appreciated. Thank You for your Support!

HALL RENTAL

Know someone who is looking for a place to have a Wedding, Reception, or a Party?

Hall Rental is open to the Public!

Post 176 members get a discount!

All party events may require the use of our Bartender, Cook and Security Guard for an additional fee.

Call the Post for more information.

BINGO HOURS

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday

**1st & 2nd Session - 11 AM to 2 PM & 6:30 to 9:30 PM
3 # Bingo - 2:30 to 5 PM
Wednesday ONLY 10 PM to Midnight.**

PLEASE JOIN US

EVENT SCHEDULES

**MAY 4th - FRIDAY @ 7 PM
CCRC (Radio Club - large hall)**

**MAY 10th - General Dinner/Meeting
Dinner @ 6 PM - \$ 5.00
Meeting @ 7 PM**

**MAY 12th - Post Spring Cleaning
Starts @ 10 AM to whenever we get done.
Lunch @ Noon to 1 PM**

MAY 13th - MOTHER'S DAY

**MAY 20th - Pancake Breakfast
From 7:00 to 11:00 AM**

MAY 24th - Executive Board Meeting

MAY 28th - Memorial Day Breakfast

POST HOURS

**MONDAY - WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
THURSDAY and FRIDAY 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

AUXILIARY NEWS

May
2007

MOTHER'S DAY: HONOR WOMEN WHO HAVE CARED FOR CHILDREN.

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

2006-2007

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AUXILIARY REST STOP SOUTH
May 29-30 June 18-19

MEMBERSHIP

This is to the Post members who were members of Post 110, but who are now members of Post 176.

If you have wives, daughters, mothers, sisters, granddaughters or great granddaughters who do not belong to the American Legion Auxiliary, then get in touch with me and I will get you an application for them.

National has added for membership in the Auxiliary great granddaughters. This gives us more possible members who have now become eligible to join the Auxiliary. My telephone number is 573-0362. Call me.

Thelma Hathaway
Membership Chairman

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Auxiliary Ladies!

Hope all of you had a very pleasant Easter celebration! At our last meeting we gave honor to Thelma Hathaway for her award of Service Excellence 2007 she received from the VA Hospital. A Crystal Vase was presented to her at a banquet given by the VA Hospital. Congratulations Thelma for all the years of service you have given to help our Veterans!

Our letters with the poppies are being mailed out now. Please read the letter and reply promptly with your donation. Thank you to all who have helped getting these letters stuffed and mailed. Also, please note the Rest Area dates given by Thelma. She will have sign-ups at the next meeting. Sign-up for a couple of hours and enjoy the nice people who stop by for some coffee and cookies. It's a perfect time to get Veterans to join the American Legion.

Spring Conference was held April 29th at Washougal Post #122. Election of officers will be announced in the newsletter along with other announcements. Girl's State is in June. Hoping we have our two delegates to represent us. Memorial weekend is coming up with our annual breakfast, ceremonies, and tours. Please come and join us as we give remembrance to our Veterans.

Congratulations to veteran Russell Harwood for winning the 50/50 Raffle.

See you at the next meeting.

President Anita Stadey



About Volunteers

Why do we need volunteers? One of our reasons the American Legion was organized was to help our veterans coming home from WWI.

We still have veterans who need our help in our VA Medical Centers all over the world. Each year the Portland-Vancouver VAMC has an awards ceremony. There the volunteers receive awards for their total time spent in the VAMC since they started. From

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November 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006, 570 volunteers spent over 100,000 hours as a volunteer. Special awards are also presented to individuals who have been outstanding in their work. This year three awards were presented and one of those went to **Thelma Hathaway** for her hours (16,931 as of September 30, 2006 and 48 years) as a volunteer.

More volunteers are needed. How would some of our Legion and Auxiliary members like to join the 570 volunteers who are already volunteering. Let Thelma know and she will help you get signed up.



Chaplain's Comments

Thanks to everyone who came to the April meeting and to the cooks for a delicious meal. I'm pleased we women could give Thelma a big applause for her award from the VAMC. When I gave Russell half the raffle tickets we had, I asked him which numbers he wanted. He said, "Just give me the winning ticket" and I did. Isn't that worth a laugh. He's 88 & a WWII 3 year Vet.

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BINGO SESSIONS = MONDAY - TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY

11 AM & 6:30 PM

3# bingo 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM Wednesday Late Night 10:00 to Midnight

LOUNGE OPEN EVERY SATURDAY= 3 PM - 6 PM