



THE SALMON CREEK POST



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Finance Officer Report Phil Yasson

Membership: Post 176 finished 2006 with 74% of our membership renewing their dues for the 2007 year. This gave us thirteenth place out of fourteen posts in the Fifth District. Currently there are five members making phone calls to those who

have not renewed their dues. The renewal rate is now \$40.

DD -214: Your DD-214 form should be kept with your other very important papers (Will, Birth Certificate, etc.). This form is needed when applying for VA benefits and also to close out your life with the VA your family can receive any final benefits due you, to name a few. If you have misplaced your DD-214, you can obtain a copy from the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC). They have provided access to your records via the Internet at <http://vetrecs.gov>. This is available to military veterans and your next of kin for requesting documents. **Aid and Attendance Benefit:** Wartime veterans who entered active duty on or after 8 September 1980, or 16 October 1981 for officers and have completed 24 continuous months of military service, could be eligible for this pension benefit. You may also be eligible if you were ordered to active duty for less than the required 24 months.

This benefit may be available to wartime veterans and surviving spouses who have in-home care or who live in nursing homes or assisted-living facilities. Claimants must be in need of regular attendance to assist in eating, bathing, dressing, undressing or nature calls.

This also includes individuals who are blind or those with mental or physical incapacity.

This pension benefit is not dependent upon service related injuries. A Veteran may be eligible for up to \$1470 per month, while a surviving spouse can receive up to \$945 per month. A couple may receive up to \$1743 per month.

For information to apply, call 1-800-827-1000. Applications may also be submitted on-line via the Internet at web page: www.vabenefits.vba.va.gov/von-app/main.asp.

Manager's Message

General Manager:
Peggy Brooks

Salmon Creek American Legion Bingo ended the year on a high note. With fewer sessions than the previous year, we managed to meet last years numbers. We have added a high expectations for 2007. Our attendance has increased and continues to do so. We have added a \$1,000.00 game to our evening schedule which has generated much excitement amongst players and workers alike. Due to positive feedback of our Turkey Pot than we ran in November, we are periodically adding this special every other month. With a year of the Smoking

Ban behind us, we are continuously growing in crowd size, and still maintaining the reputation of being "The Friendliest Place in Town."

February 14th Valentines Day!



ATTENTION Motorcycle Riders!

Bill Fredrick, Chairman of the Legion Riders, will meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month here at The American Legion from 9 am to 2 pm. Those of you interested in joining the excitement of Riding may sign up at the first meet schedules for February 10, 2007. Interested Riders should call Bill @ 896-1428.

Deadline for article submissions for this Newsletter is the 15th of the month. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated and ensure that the newsletter will be delivered to our members in a timely manner. Thank You!

Office hours:
Monday thru Wednesday
9 Am to 5 PM
Thursday & Friday
10 AM to 4 PM

Hall Rentals: Having a large event and need a place to rent? Call Peggy Brooks here the Post 176.

EVENTS SCHEDULE

BINGO SESSIONS
MONDAY, TUESDAY
AND WEDNESDAY
11 AM,, AND 6:30 PM

2-2-07 Friday
Radio Club (Large Hall)
7:00 PM

General Meeting
2-8-07 Thursday

E-Board Meeting
2-22-07

AUXILIARY NEWS

February
2007

WHAT'S LOVE: SHOW REAL LOVE, FEBRUARY 14 AND ALL YEAR LONG.

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

2006-2007

PRESIDENT

Anita Stadey 737-8015

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Chaplain's Comments

It's always my privilege to greet you as Chaplain. I'm tempted to write about women who showered me with love when I needed it. I must however refer you to our Jan-Feb **National News Magazine** and hope I inspire you to read it.

The American Legion Auxiliary was formed in 1919. Our National Auxiliary President JoAnn Cronin says, "I love the tenacity of World War II women. History records how they responded when the men were gone from home for years at a time..." Read message page 5.

There's a great story about Rosie, The Riveter, pages 8 to 14. You can bet this slogan was true. "We Can't Win Without Them." Women made it possible for factories to deliver huge quantities of war materials needed to hasten the war's end. In 1942 women really worked in the factories. I was a teenager in college and knew Rosie The Riveter women.

PRESIDENT'S

Hello Auxiliary Ladies!

Due to weather conditions again, attendance was low at our meeting. Upcoming events to remember are that we will be doing the poppy corsages on February 24th, at 10:00 A.M. and meeting at the Post. We need your help. The more help we have, the less amount of time to make them. The poppy corsages are for the girls attending Girls State, which is coming up pretty quick. The Mid-Winter Convention in Seattle on February 2-4 addresses the Girls State. Thelma Hathaway will be attending, and will give a report on the Convention at our regular meeting on February 14.(cont .top right)

MESSAGE

Hope you are staying nice and warm for the winter months. This would be an excellent time to make sure you've paid your membership dues. Thelma is in charge of Membership, and she would be more than willing to help you.

Since this is a slow month, I would like to thank you, Lucille Harwood, for doing such a terrific job as Chaplain, and for putting out the newsletter formats for the Auxiliary Ladies. I, also, would like to thank Ruby Martin for all the bookkeeping work she does for us. Ruby really keeps us in line. She has been doing this for several years, and knows all the technicalities. Both Lucille and Ruby are very much appreciated.

Stay warm!

President Anita Stadey



TO ALL LEGIONNAIRES

I have a question for you. Do you have a wife, daughter, sister, mother or granddaughter that does not belong to the American Legion Auxiliary? If so, I have applications, an information sheet on our programs and another sheet which is 19 reasons for becoming a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Not everyone is eligible to belong to the ALA. Just those who have Legionnaires in their family or who become a Legionnaire are eligible to belong.

If you have someone in your family who would like to belong, just give me a call and I will get you an application and the other information. Call 573-0362.

Membership Chairman
Thelma Hathaway



-----BITS AND PIECES-----

Congratulations to those women entitled to Membership pins. Thelma Hathaway presented a **5-year pin to Anita Stadey** at our January 11 meeting, has mailed one pin, and will deliver another.

Thanks to the Post for a tasty Meat Loaf complete dinner.

Member Donna Casciato gave splendid information and talked about how to be prepared for emergencies. She and her husband have taken the CERT course. See latest Auxiliary magazine pages 30-31 re CERT.

See page 26-27. **Baby Boomers American Generation 1946-1964.**