



THE SALMON CREEK POST



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Commander's Notes:

The way to stay informed about our Legion is to visit our website, www.post176.com and follow the links to both the Department of Washington and the National websites. In particular, I recommend that you visit the Department "The Weekly Legion Update" for news, inspirational stories, and legislative is-

sues important to all veterans. Follow the link on the lower right side of the page.

In January, I reminded you that with a new United States Congress in place, we have an opportunity to let our collective voices be heard. Contact our Senators and Representatives and let them know what you think concerning national and regional issues. A good place to start is by visiting the website of the National Association of Veteran's Program Administrators (www.navpa.org). Look at the possible legislative issues and send your message to our elected officials.

Our Post By-Laws need to be reviewed and updated. Morris Geisler, House Committee Member, has agreed to chair this review. The Board also requests that 2 at-large members be part of the effort. Please call the Post and tell us how you want to help.

Phil Harris and Bill Frederick, longtime Post 176 members, announced that their efforts to Charter a Legion Riders motorcycle chapter is successful. This is a great way for motorcyclists (must own or operate a motorcycle at least 350 cc) to enjoy the Comradeship of other Legion members. Contact the Post to

tell us of your interest. They meet the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Post. This spring, great riding weather is coming.

This spring is the time to resolve to make a difference in the Veteran's community with more participation in your American Legion Salmon Creek Heights Post 176. Elections for next year's officers are scheduled for May. Nominations for officers are welcome. If you prefer to work at the committee level, choose on 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 on the phone.

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

Jon Frederick, Commander



Finance Officer Report

Phil Yasson

In 2005, the U.S. Census Bureau surveyed our community and came up with these statistics: there were 39,022 Veterans living in Clark County. 4,370 are between the ages of 18-34 years old, 13,033 are between 35-54 years of age, 9,717 are 55-64, 6,634 are 65-74, and 5,268 are 75 years old or older. 39,022 Veterans is about ten percent of the population of Clark County. Ten percent of these Veterans are World War II Vets. Next time you are out side, ask your neighbor if they were in the military during a war period. If they were, sign them up as a new Legion member, bring him out to a meeting and get him and yourself involved with the goings on. We need everyone's attendance.

I have received some mailed in renewals at the post, without the proper amount of money. Our dues have been \$ 40.00 since 1 January 2007. Anything less than this does not cover the amount of money that is required for the per-capita set by the Department of Washington and the National American Legion Headquarters.

If you have not paid your 2007 dues, this will be your last newsletter. There are 512 members renewed for 76.3 percent.

House Committee:

Rocky has suggested that at the next General Meeting, scheduled for March 8th, that all of the proceeds collected from the dinner are donated towards a drawing. Tickets will be given at the door. You must be present and current on your membership dues in order to partici-

pate. The drawing will be done immediately following the meeting.

Hunter's Education Program begins March 1st. There is still time to sign up. Registration forms are located at the Post. Children 10 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and the cost is \$ 6.00 per person. Call the Post for dates and times, or drop by the post and pick up a form.

Everett Cook is scheduled for open heart surgery on February 26th at SWMC. We wish Everett the best and a speedy recovery.

Gayle Pimm and Carl Bahner are recuperating at home after having open heart surgery. Gayle has visited the Post several times and Carl was at the last general meeting. Their both looking GREAT!

March 17th
St. Patrick's Day!

Every American who can claim even the most tenuous link to Ireland celebrates St. Patrick's Day. But, did you know that St. Patrick was not even born in Eire? He was born in Wales.

General Manager:
Bingo will be starting their new game of "Speed" bingo April 2nd. This is a fast calling game that is quite popular up North and has brought a lot of excitement down here at Salmon Creek Bingo.

The Post kitchen is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please stop by and have a bite to eat. Tuesday's is TACO night.

Peggy Brooks

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

3-2-07 Friday

Radio Club (Large Hall)

7:00 PM

General Meeting

3-8-07 Thursday

Ticket Drawing

E-Board Meeting

3-22-07

AUXILIARY NEWS

March
2007

March has 31 days, so does Jan., May, July, August, October, & December.

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

2006-2007

PRESIDENT

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MEMBERSHIP

We still need members to pay their dues. We have 12 seniors and 7 juniors whose dues were paid in 2006, but have not been paid in 2007.

Notices are now going out from National. Remember numbers count in Congress. Now, I will explain. Membership even in the local level counts when money is designated to help veterans.

If you have paid your dues and still receive a notice, this is the reason. From the time you send in you dues until National gets it recorded could take as much as 30 days plus. Why? Because it can go through as many as five people. Don't get upset. This is life today.

It should start getting better because we now have a full-time secretary in Department for the first time in two years.

Hoping to receive your dues quickly. *Thelma Hathaway*



-----AROUND & ABOUT-----

The ham dinner was delicious and enjoyed on Feb. 8, with great applause for the cooks.

Special thanks to each of you who made the 50/50 raffle a nice win for Jerry and a boost in funds for the Auxiliary.

Welcome to Fran Mae, our new member. It's a joy to have her in our midst. We always need new active members

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies,

It was great having so many friends back at our meeting. There are so many changes coming up, and I hope we can bring the enthusiasm with these changes. Several suggestions came forth at our last meeting on how we can help the Post. We do need all the auxiliary ladies to help, so come to the meetings and find out how you can participate in these.

In March we will be having our Corn Beef and Cabbage. Dessert will be our delicious Bread Pudding made by our very talented auxiliary ladies. Remember to wear something green. This is our birthday celebration to the American Legion and St. Patrick's Day party combined.

Thelma attended Mid-Winter Convention in Seattle and gave a very thorough report of all the changes, especially concerning Girl's State. Girl's State is coming up pretty fast (June 10th-16th). If you know of any girl qualified to go, please contact Roberta Gapsch (573-1885). The girls should be juniors or seniors in high school. It is an excellent program for the girls to attend, not only to better their education, but to have this on their resumes for job opportunities. There are some processing steps to go through, so let Roberta know a.s.a.p. The two girls we sent last year were very happy that they went, and are helping Roberta in recruiting some more this year.

Congratulations to Jerry Bloss for winning the 50-50 Raffle. See you at the next meeting.

President Anita Stadey



Chaplain's Comments

Greetings, As your Chaplain, I try to zero in on topics that I hope will comfort you, increase your faith, and brighten your day. Let me know how I can encourage or help you.

Please know that this Auxiliary needs funds to carry out its projects. Contributions are always appreciated and used wisely. It's nice to remember a special friend. Cash gifts in memory of someone you wish to honor may be mailed to The American Legion Auxiliary #176, P. O. Box 829, Battle Ground WA 98604. We invite you to donate in memory of Betty Ross. She was a diligent worker in the Auxiliary, had a flare for parades and patriotic activities. We miss her.

May I remind you and myself as well that we never can relive a day, nor can we be any other person but ourself. We must have a positive attitude toward life as wealth and things don't guarantee happiness.

A Thought from national magazine: Lord, help me to keep remembering that all the survival preparations in the world can't make up for having friends to help on the journey.