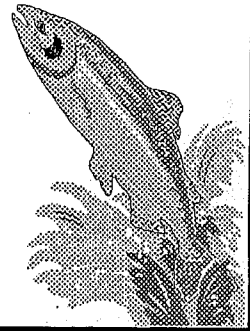




# THE SALMON CREEK POST



<http://www.post176.com>

Phone: (360) 573-2331

Fax: (360) 573-1475

APRIL 2007 \* Salmon Creek American Legion Post 176 \* Vancouver, WA \* VOL 24 NO 86

## POST OFFICERS 2006 - 2007

<b>Commander:</b>	
Jonathan Frederick	576-9078
<b>Adjutant:</b>	
Mike Gibson	694-8005
<b>Finance Officer:</b>	
Phil Yasson	574-1152
<b>Chaplain:</b>	
Carl Bahner	883-1175
<b>Historian:</b>	
	OPEN
<b>Sgt at Arms:</b>	
Lynn Jefferies	887-2307
<b>Jr Color Bearer:</b>	
Amos Beldon	576-8976
<b>Service Officer:</b>	
Greg Whitson	695-5456
<b>Jr Past Cdr:</b>	
Fred Robertson	576-9151
<b>House Committee:</b>	
Gayle Pimm	944-0977
Rocco Bisciegli	609-4399
Frank Falbee	256-6874
Bob Stadey	737-8015
<b>Webmaster:</b>	
Wayne Schuler	892-5580

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 6:00PM. The initial Saturday, March 10th, over 25 people were at the Post. 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.

Stay informed about our Legion by visiting our website, [www.post176.com](http://www.post176.com) and follow the links to both the Department of Washington and the National websites.

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. Start by visiting the website of the National Association of Veteran's Program Administrators ([www.navpa.org](http://www.navpa.org)). Look at the legislative issues and send your message to our elected officials.

Our Post By-Laws has been reviewed and updated. The initial reading of the changes for membership approval will happen at our April Meeting.

## COMMANDER'S NOTES

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".

The Legion Riders motorcycle group has met twice with more members each time. Phil Harris, President, and Bill Frederick, Membership Chairman, both longtime Post 176 members, are planning and have announced some great rides for Spring. This is a great way for motorcyclists (must own or operate a motorcycle at least 350cc) 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!**

**Elections for next year's officers are scheduled for May. The initial slate of Nominees was announced, but vacancies remain and there are plenty of good opportunities. 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.**

**Jon Frederick, Commander**

**Adjutant: Mike Gibson**

In the last Newsletter, the House Committee announced there would be a drawing at the end of the March General Membership Meeting and that all the proceeds collected from the dinner, be donated to the winning ticket holder. Congratulations to Gary Zilm!! Gary had the winning ticket and was awarded \$260.00.

If you haven't attended a meeting in a while, you may want to come in to see what's happening. We are always looking for new and interesting ideas to have more fun and enjoyable functions. The General Membership Meeting is one way you can have a fine dinner with fine friends and maybe even win a little money.

The Post is now taking nominations for anyone wanting to volunteer for Post Officer positions. There are still positions open. This is your chance to step up and take charge. The Post needs your participation. There are some exciting things taking place within the next couple of years and we want all members to be a part of these important events. Don't miss out! Get involved!

I would also like to say welcome to our two newest members who were initiated into the Post last month. Welcome Russ Harwood (US Army) and Carl Libhart (US Army). I hope you both will enjoy memorable comradeship at Post 176.

**Finance Officer: Phil Yasson**

Please join the Commander and the Post Officers in welcoming our 146 newest members. The Department of Washington has disbanded the collection Post 110 where a member was assigned who did not belong to a regular Post. The management task was overwhelming for the Department with over forty thousand Legionnaires on the rolls. So they assigned all members to a post based on the zip code.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of most months. We have a dinner prior to the meeting that begins at 6PM with a cost of \$5 per person. Both the Post and Auxiliary meetings begin at 7 PM. Wives-are also welcome to the dinner. The Ladies Auxiliary has their meeting in another room and they welcome new members.

To become an honorable Legionnaire, you should be initiated. The Legion Initiation is a solemn ceremony that you and all attendees will enjoy. We do our initiations at our regular meeting. And while it is not the most important event that occurs at the Post, it is a nice introduction to the Post. Our Executive Board business meeting is held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6 PM, anyone may attend.

We are currently accepting nominations for the 2007-2008 year. If you would like to run for a office, talk to Greg Whitson, Nominating Committee Chairman.

Salmon Creek Post 176 has a few members that are trying to organize activities for all of us but we need more volunteers to make things happen. If you are interested in helping out, call and leave a message with the manager at 573-2331, and we will get back to you.

Our Post supports Children's programs, Youth baseball, American Legion baseball, soccer programs and many other community activities. The American Legion also has it's own programs sponsored by each individual Post like Boy's State and the annual Oratorical contest. When you renew your membership, you can bet that some of your dollars will be invested in Children and Youth activities in which your Children or grandchildren may be part-

icipating. Here is some additional information of interest to all members:

If you subscribe to <http://www.military.com> then you are already aware that AAFES's BX and PX's have a new program called "We'll Match It". If a shopper sees a price differential of less than ten dollars on a product, he can tell the cashier who will match it on the spot. Or, if the difference is greater than ten dollars, you need to bring a current local competitor's ad with you to receive the "Match". The items must be identical. The Military.com weekly report covers many items of interest to active retired and former military members. It also has videos from the war zones that are not seen on television.

While you're on the Internet, visit our website at <http://www.post176.com>. There is a wealth of information contained on this site.

Our 2007 membership renewal is up to 536. This gives us almost 80 percent of our goal of 671 members. We have two months left before the renewal year ends.

If you or your wife are Bingo Player's, come on over and enjoy a game or two. The days and times are in another section of the newsletter. If you never played before our staff will keep an eye on you until you feel comfortable. We have paper cards and electronic machines.

We have a couple of volunteers who can pick you up and bring you to a meeting and return you to your home. If you are in need of a ride, call the manager, give your name and address and we will have a driver for you. Likewise, if you want to get on the drivers list, let us know. I see on our membership roster, that many of us live within a couple of blocks of each other. Let's help each other out. Jay Loseys health is not what he would like, therefore, he is stepping down leaving a spot open for someone who would like to take care of the loaning of medical equipment and the drivers list. We have equipment at the 40 et 8 and the Post for members and family to use as needed.

#### **HOUSE COMMITTEE:**

The House Committee has been exploring a number of things over the past few months which, I think, will benefit and enhance the social atmosphere of Post 176. With the approval of the Executive Committee and the consensus of the general membership, the **LOUNGE** at the Post **WILL BE OPEN** between 3PM and 6PM on **Saturdays** for the next 60

days. We conducted a trial run on March 10th and it proved to be a qualified success. More than two dozen members and their guests enjoyed an array of "munchies", lots of laughter, a wide variety of libations and generally, a very good time. Like all things "Legion" thought, we need your help and participation to make this a success. One doesn't need to drink to enjoy the company of other Legionnaires. In time (if this continues to be the success we anticipate) we will try to add things like dart boards, pool and card tables and even a large screen TV. Obviously, all this will not fit into the current lounge. So we are considering ways of expanding the Lounge operation into what is now the room used by the Auxiliary on meeting nights. There are other things in the process which I will be reporting to you in Future newsletters. But for now, set aside a few minutes on Saturday afternoon to stop in and say hello. We would love to **see you.**

#### **GENERAL MANAGER: Peggy Brooks**

A **Bunco** night is beginning this August. It will be held once a month on a Saturday at Post 176. Sign up will begin in June and is open for singles and couples. Call the Post (573-2331) for more information. The Post will be having a **Pancake Breakfast** the ~~3RD~~ Sunday of each month from 7 - 11 AM for just \$ 5.00. Come help us make this a Success!

**POST HOURS: Monday thru Wednesday 9 am to 5 pm  
Thursday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm**

#### **EVENTS SCHEDULES**

**BINGO SESSIONS 11 AM & 6:30 pm  
THREE (3) NUMBER BINGO (NEW) 3 -6 pm  
MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY**

**APRIL 6, 2007 FRIDAY  
RADIO CLUB (Large Hall)  
7:00 PM**

**GENERAL MEETING  
APRIL 12TH THURSDAY**

**E-BOARD MEETING - APRIL 24TH @ 6 pm**

# AUXILIARY NEWS

April  
2007

It's April. Wouldn't you rather be wise and wonderful than a fool?

## AUXILIARY OFFICERS

2006-2007

### PRESIDENT

Anita Stadey 737-8015

### 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Thelma Hathaway 573-0362

### SECRETARY

Liane Rushing 256-6190

### TREASURER

Ruby Martin 687-4163

### CHAPLAIN

Lucille Harwood 573-6723

### HISTORIAN

Lucille Gukeisen 687-2760

### SERGEANT AT ARMS

Roberta Gapsch 573-1885

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Easter!



Spring is here! Flowers are sprouting up with all their beautiful colors. It was so nice to see many new faces at our last meeting. It was especially nice to see Gayle Pimme back, and looking so much better.

The Corn Beef and Cabbage was a big success. Thank you Emmett, Frank and our Cooks in preparing such a delicious meal. That had to be the best Corn Beef we've ever tasted.

(continued, next column up)

Thank you ladies, also, for the Bread Pudding. Hope everyone had a taste of the Bread Pudding. I'd say the whole meal was so good!! We had the privilege from Annette in playing the bag pipes, and we had Gladys Kaleta winning the 50/50 Raffle. Congratulations Gladly!

At our last meeting our Constitution was finally finalized with all the corrections. Thank you Thelma for all the hard work you put into doing this for us.

There are several upcoming events, but one in particular is the time of year where we do our poppy letters. Please mark on your calendar to join us in putting poppies in the letters which will be mailed out to our members. We will be meeting on April 21st, 10:00 A.M. at the American Legion Hall.

See you at our next meeting.

*President Anita Stadey*

## Chaplain's Comments

Easter is an appropriate time of the year to reflect on God's plan of Salvation. We have the opportunity always to learn more about Christianity and how we can deepen our relationship with God. **Have a Blessed Easter, Christ Arose..**

## Around and About

In case you aren't sure about the 50/50 raffle at the business meetings, the Auxiliary benefits 50% of the sales and the raffle ticket winners 50%. Thanks for your participation.

It's quite enjoyable to see friends and meet new people at the meetings. See you there.

## MEMBERSHIP

In this fast moving world we live in it is hard to understand the reason to belong to an organization that has been organized since 1919.

Now we can reverse it. It was first organized to help those who fought during WWI and had come disabled. Those who were disabled needed help to get back

to being able to take care of their families. So the American Legion was organized. What is so different today? We still have those coming home with disabilities. So they still need our help.

By belonging to the American Legion Auxiliary you can still help. Part of your dues is used in our VA Hospitals to help those who need it.

As I said last month, in order to be counted by National for this year we do have a deadline. If you have not paid your dues, **PLEASE** do so as soon as possible. I am sending notices to those who need to pay yet. Send them as soon as possible.

Thank You for your help.

*Chairman Thelma Hathaway*



A P R I L 2007

S C A L

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 CLOSED	2 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:39 PM	3 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:39 PM	4 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:39 PM	5 HUNTER'S ED.	6 GOOD FRIDAY	7 Legion Riders 9-11 am Lounge 3-6 pm CCRC 7:00 PM
8 CLOSED  EASTER	9 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:39 PM	10 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:39 PM	11 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:39 PM	12 General Meeting Dinner @ 6 Meeting @ 7	13	14  Lounge 3-6 pm
15 CLOSED PANCAKE BREAKFAST 7-11 AM	16 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:39 PM	17 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:39 PM	18 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:39 PM	19	20	21  Lounge 3-6 pm
22 CLOSED	23 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:39 PM	24 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:39 PM	25 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:39 PM	26 Executive Board Meeting 6:00 PM	27	28  Lounge 3-6 pm
29 CLOSED	30 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:39 PM	HAPPY EASTER				

**BINGO SESSIONS = MONDAY - TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY**  
11 AM & 6:30 PM

**LOUNGE OPEN EVERY SATURDAY= 3 PM - 6 PM**