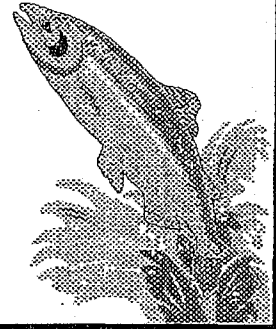




THE SALMON CREEK POST



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COMMANDERS NOTES:

This is a great time of year to fly the flag and enjoy the great outdoors. Independence Day, family gathering and organization picnics highlight the season.. Plan now to attend our annual picnic scheduled for Saturday, August 11, 2007 from 11:AM to 3:00 PM. The picnic will substitute for our August General Membership meeting.

Installation of officers for the 2007 - 2008 year was a highlight of our June General Membership meeting. Bob Nichols, District 5 Vice Commander conducted the ceremonies. The officers will assume their responsibilities immediately following the State Convention in mid-July. Please express your thanks to those members that have volunteered to serve as Post 176 officers.

Committee Chairman vacancies and other good opportunities for service 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,

POST HOURS

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

THURSDAY and FRIDAY 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

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, just send me an e-mail message at the Post 176 website or call.

The Executive Board meets every 4th Thursday evening at 6:00 PM. This is the meeting where the business of the Post is conducted. Although only Board Members can vote, all members are welcome to attend and participate in the discussions. Guests are also welcome. Usually, the meetings are about 2 hours long. Please come and help your Post succeed.

Due to lack of interest and low attendance our lounge will no longer be open on Saturday afternoons. Further, our pancake breakfasts on the 3rd Sunday mornings have also been suspended.

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.

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

"The American Red Cross warns military spouses about a new identity theft scam that involves a person telephoning a military spouse who identifies themselves as a representative of the Red Cross, and tells the spouse that her husband was hurt in Iraq, was medically evacuated to Germany, and that they need the spouse to verify her husband's Social Security number and date of birth to start the paperwork".....Source, Military.Com.
Any time you receive a phone call or email

asking for your personal information, it is a sure thing that you are being scammed. Do not give anyone your personal information unless you instigate the phone call and the person on the other end can be trusted.

To learn more about scams and other ways that you can protect yourself, attend the monthly meetings of Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT). Many subjects of interest to citizens of all ages are covered each month. The SALT group meets at 11 AM on the third Monday of each month at the 40 et 8 Chateau, 7607 NE 26th Ave. (next to the bingo hall). A second meeting is held on the fourth Monday of each month at the Camas Police Department, 2100 NE 3rd, at 11 AM. Sign up for the SALT newsletter, which is mailed before each monthly meeting. Call the Sheriffs Office Outreach at 397-2211 Extention 3380. This is a free newsletter full of valuable information.

The new Military Advantage benefit guild for 2007 has just been released. This book is of interest to us all. Some items included are the GI Bill, Tuition Assistance, Military Pay, VA Loans, TRICARE etc. It is currently advertised on Amazon.

Do you have an interest in tracking pending bills currently in the U.S. House and the Senate? Go to <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/billsearch.xpd>

Washington Lt. Gov Brad Owen is looking for youth to apply for a seat on the Legislative Youth Advisory Council. The Council advises the state legislature on legislation and policy matters of importance to you. The age group is 14 to 18 year olds. They will advise on issues of education, health, and fitness, test reform, school safety and other topics.

There are 22 members who serve for two-year terms. They meet up to six times a year. The Application can be down loaded from the Youth and Communities section of the LT. Governor's website at <http://www.ltgov.wa.gov>.

In early July, you will receive a dues notice for the 2008 membership year, I urge you to send in your check without delay. Your 2007 card is

good until December 31st 2007. After that you become a delinquent member. If your 2008 card has the cumulative years written in the star, it is because you were delinquent for 2007. Also, if you paid after December 31st, you will not have an early bird stamp on the card. The date you joined the American Legion is not your renewal date. You are required to be renewed before December 31st of the preceding year.

GENERAL MANAGER: Peggy Brooks

The Post Picnic is scheduled for August 11, 2007 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, here at the Post. Please plan to attend as there will be plenty of food, cold drinks and a drawing for prizes and CASH!!!

Bingo will be having their "HOT AUGUST NIGHTS" on the 22nd of August. Please join us for a exciting evening of bingo games, BQ, and prizes.

COMMUNICATION TO OUR TROOPS

"Message to our Troops"

You may do so by e-mail to...

ke7HGC@Arri.net

They need to hear from you!!!!

EVENT SCHEDULE

JULY 6 - Friday @ 7 PM

CCRC (Radio Club-large hall)

JULY 12 - General Dinner/Meeting

Dinner @ 6 PM

Meeting @ 7 PM

JULY 26 - Executive Board

Enjoy the 4th of July fireworks at:

FORT VANCOUVER BARRACKS

LEGION RIDERS:

UPCOMING EVENTS!!!!!!!

21 July-Battleground Harvest Days

28 July-Camas Days Parade

8 September-Remembrance Run from Vancouver to up North

HALL RENTAL

HALL RENTAL IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

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

Post 176 members get a discount!

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

Call the Post for more information.

HUNTER'S EDUCATION

Classes begin August 24th.

Register at the Post or e-mail

Tom at: ovombo@msn.com

OR

Brian at: peters@pacifier.com

BINGO HOURS:

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday

11: AM and 6:30 PM

Please Join us !!!

AUXILIARY NEWS

July
2007

Make July a patriotic month with parades, flying of the flag & renewed hope.

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

2006-2007

PRESIDENT

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Lucille Gukeisen 687-2760

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Roberta Gapsch 573-1885



REST STOP

At the Rest Stop in May we made \$214.16. I would like to thank the following members for your help. On Tuesday, May 29, we had Rose Trotter 4 hours, Roberta Gapsch and daughter Kathy for 2 hours each, Phil Yasson 6 hours and Gary Zilm 6 hours and me 4 hrs.

Wednesday, we had Anita Stadey 4 hours, Roberta Gapsch 4 hours, Gary Zilm 4 hours and myself 12 hours. Twelve hours in one day is a long day. I hope June will be better. I realize that a good way to make money for our budget is the rest stop. Unless more help is given, I suggest this be our last year. Maybe we need a new chairman who would or could do a better job at getting more help.

I would like some ideas to raise the money that can be done with less effort that we can do. I will have June's report next time. --Thelma Hathaway

Please know that Paul Morin is National Commander. On page 10 of the June 2007 magazine he wrote about the Flag and the need once again to return Old Glory to the national agenda. He believes our flag unites us.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies,

Well, Memorial Weekend is over! Thelma and I attended the Flag Ceremony at the VA Hospital in the Columbia Room. A very touching sermon was given by the Pastor there. We, also, did the Flag Ceremony at our Post 176 on Memorial Day. On May 29th and 30th, Thelma had her Rest Area going, and on June 18th and 19th will be the other half. A big thanks to all who volunteered and helped Thelma with the Rest Area. Our two girls, Molly Zink and Sarah Klemsz, attended Girl's State. We are looking forward to their report in the Fall.

American Legion Convention is coming up on July 16th-22nd in Yakima. Thelma and I will be attending as delegates for our Auxiliary Unit 176. I will, also, be installed as Vice-President for the 5th District. There will be a report in September. As usual, there will be no Auxiliary Meeting in July or August due to Convention in June and a scheduled Picnic in August.

A reminder - at our September meeting, we will be doing Installation of Officers. Officers be sure to wear your red-white-blue colors.

Please enjoy your summer days, and we will see you in September.

President Anita Stadey

Chaplain's Comments

Greetings Auxiliary Members and Readers

Thanks to those of you who set goals, work towards them and always include good deeds and prayers for Veterans.

This month I'd like to share a few Scriptures and Prayers from "Pray for Our Nation."

"...Daily frame me more and more into the likeness of Thy Son Jesus Christ."

--President George Washington

"We all can pray. We all should pray. We should ask the fulfillment of God's will. We should ask for courage, wisdom, for the quietness of soul which comes alone to them who place their lives in His hands."

--President Harry S. Truman

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ."

Philippians 4:7 (King James)

COMMENDATIONS to the cooks for a delicious June 14 dinner with strawberry shortcake for dessert. Quite enjoyable.

Thanks to those members who did the narration, prayer, and burning of flags at the June meeting. A well-organized impressive event.

Someone to read about is **Baxter Black**. Not only is he a veterinarian, but also a cowboy and poet, writes books and has a column "On the Edge of Common Sense." See pages 45-48 of the June magazine for his picture, his writing "THE FLAG," and his views on patriotism, etc.

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1 CLOSED	2 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:30 PM	3 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:30 PM	4 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:30 PM	5 V.V.A. 7:00 PM	6 CCRC 7:00 PM	7
8 CLOSED	9 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:30 PM	10 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:30 PM	11 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:30 PM	12 General Meeting Dinner @ 6 Meeting @ 7	13	14 Legion Riders 9-11 am
15 CLOSED	16 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:30 PM	17 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:30 PM	18 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:30 PM	19	20	21
22 CLOSED	23 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:30 PM	24 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:30 PM	25 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:30 PM	26 Executive Board Meeting 6:00 PM	27	28 Legion Riders 9-11 am
29 CLOSED	30 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:30 PM	31 BINGO 11:00 AM 6:30 PM	FOURTH OF JULY EVENTS: FORT VANCOUVER FIRE WORKS			

**BINGO SESSIONS = MONDAY - TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY
11 AM & 6:30 PM
3 # BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY 2:30 PM TO 5 PM**