



THE SALMON CREEK POST



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COMMANDERS NOTES:

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Chaplain:
Carl Bahner 883-1175

Historian:

Sgt. At Arms:
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Greg Whitson 695-5456

Jr. Past Commander:
Fred Robertson 576-9151

Due to the death of Commander's sister, there will be no "Commander" information column.

the members of the Post express our sympathy to the Commander and his family for their loss.

POST ADJUTANT:

The annual picnic was a success. Thank you, to all who came out to the picnic. A special thank you to JR. Past Commander Fred Robertson and Post Commander Jon Frederick who cooked the hamburgers and hot dogs. And to Frank Falbee and Emmett Rushing for the delicious potatoe salad. All your hard work to make the picnic a successful event is greatly appreciated.

For those who were unable to attend the picnic--you missed out on some great prizes. A ticket was handed out to

POST HOURS

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

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

all members and their significant other, who attended the picnic. We had a drawing with five (5) prizes to give out. The following people were awarded prizes:

Lucille Harwood - 1st prize - Wal-Mart Gift Card (\$25) plus a SCAL T-Shirt.

Lyle Tallman - 2nd prize - Wal-Mart Gift Card (\$25) plus a SCAL T-Shirt.

Monica Coogle - 3rd prize -Wal-Mart Gift Card (\$25) plus a SCAL T-Shirt.

Mike Gibson - 4th prize - Applebee's Gift Card (\$50 value)

Marlene Bahner - 5th prize - Patio swing with awning.

Congratulations to all the winners!!

I particularly had a good time visiting with some of the more recent members of the Post. It is always a pleasure to meet new people and to share in good times with other veterans and their families. I hope to see you all at the next General Membership Meeting.

Anchors Aweigh!!
Mike Gibson, Post Adjutant

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Finance Officer: Phil Yasson

Thanks to the members who have renewed their membership for 2008. Remember to sign your membership card. Notice at the bottom of the card it says "Not valid unless countersigned by member".

Our 2008 membership goal has been announced. We need 628 members to be at one hundred percent. To date we have 345 members renewed for 2008. Please send in your renewals as soon as possible. Let's put Post 176 at the top of Washington Posts by attaining the one hundred percent goal be-

fore the last day of the year. Be a proud American Legion member; get the early bird stamp on your card.

American Legion Women Members: Come to the next meeting or come into the General Manager's Office and pick up a copy of the "Guide for Women Veterans". It is a booklet chock full of information just for women veterans. Best of all, it's FREE! A limited number of copies are on hand.

Now you can e-mail the General Manager Peggy Brooks direct at gmscal@pacifier.com. Please insert SCAL at the beginning of the subject line. Doing this will make your email stand out from the undesirable email that has become a way of life.

Veterans Charities.

A message received from the Department of Washington American Legion advised caution when donating money to telephone solicitors for any organization. They advise you to check out the organization before donating. One in particular that they used as an example was The Veterans Charitable Foundation. You expect nine of your ten-dollar donation to be used for the VA but the real fact is that eighty five percent goes to the telemarketer, fifteen percent goes to the organization and a very tiny fraction goes to the VA. This is generally the case with many organizations that hire telemarketers to solicit funds for them.

To check out a solitor, obtain the full name of the company. Go to <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/charties> and enter the solicitor,s company name in the search block. You can do the same with any charity that is trying to solicit funds from you. You could be surprised with what you see. Don't have Internet service at your house? Visit the library and use their equipment.

The Lady Bell helicopter has been removed from the grounds. The spot where it was located would put it in the middle of the street when the new on-ramp to I205 and the 139th street overpass is completed. The county purchased some of our property cutting a dia-

gonal line from the East side of the lot to a 70-foot wider piece at the corner of 139th street and 20th Avenue. In the agreement, the helicopter had to be removed by the middle of September. They have purchased 15 additional feet along the length of the lot on 20th avenue. The signboard will also be removed at a later date. Lady Bell is being given new windows, a new coat of paint and other items that are necessary. She will be placed in the Peace Garden at the new VA building, along I-5 where it will have maximum visibility.

Perhaps it is not a well-known fact that your wife is also invited to the functions at the Post. For instance, when we have our General Meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month. We have a full dinner meal that begins at 6 PM. After the dinner, the women will go into the room on the north side of the building because the Ladies Auxitiary has a meeting at the same time the Legionnaires do. Your wife is invited to participate. In doing this, both can carpool to the meeting or other functions. Many of our couples do this.

Phil Yasson.

GENERAL MANAGER: Peggy Brooks

August 22, 2007

"HAWAIIAN DAYS"

Bingo will be having their annual August Special Event. This year the theme is:

Please join us for a exciting day of bingo games, BQ, and prizes. All prizes are on display at the Post. Stop by the and buy a Raffle ticket for \$1.00 and join us for a day of FUN - BQ - RAFFLE - AND BINGO!!

TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT!!

NO LIMIT

Sign up at The American Legion Post for games played every Saturday in the

\$20 buy-in and receive \$2000. in chips.

1st prize 55% collected; 2nd prize 30% and 3rd prize 15%

20 minute rounds with NO RE-BUY'S!!

LOUNGE AND KITCHEN WILL BE OPEN FOR YOUR CONVIENCE.

SIGN UP NOW !!

Peggy Brooks

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.

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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

3 # EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 2:30 PM

AUXILIARY NEWS

September
2007

What do you know about the School of Hard Knocks? School days are here again.

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

2007-2008

PRESIDENT

Anita Stadey 737-8015

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Nancy Zilm 576-0774

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\$20

ABOUT
MEMBERSHIP
DUES

It is time to start collecting dues for 2008. I know you have not received your first notice from National yet. National will not be sending any notices until October.

I have the new membership cards. Senior dues are \$20.00 and Junior dues are \$5.00. You can send your dues to me or send them to the Post and I will get them. Either way is okay.

Salmon Creek American Legion Auxiliary, 14011 NE 20th Ave., Vancouver WA 98686 or Salmon Creek American Legion Auxiliary, c/o Nancy Zilm, 1314 NW 104th St., Vancouver WA 98685.

Hoping to see the dues coming in real soon. The sooner they are in, the better it makes it for you and me.

**Membership Chairman
Nancy Zilm**

ON THE FUN SIDE

Those of you who came to the Post Annual Picnic enjoyed some good picnic foods and seeing friends. Thanks to the fellows who did the outdoor cooking and others who helped.

Door prize winners were Lucille, \$25 Wal-Mart & t-shirt; Lyle, \$25 Wal-Mart & t-shirt; Monica, \$25 cash gift & t-shirt; Marlene, patio two-seat yard swing. After Monica's name was drawn, Mike Gibson's helper Chanc Coogle drew a number. In charge of prizes, Mike asked him to verify it. Yes, it was Mike's number. He won a \$50 coupon from Applebee's. Applause was great.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies!

Hope all of you had a very pleasurable summer! Now it's time to come to our meetings and support the Auxiliary. Bring friends and let's get more members. If you have any new suggestions, come to the meeting and let us know. Changes can be good!

In our September 13 meeting, we will have the Installation of Officers, so all Officers wear your red/white/blue outfits.

The Convention in Yakima was fun. Thelma went with my husband and me, and we learned how much Thelma likes Mint Milkshakes. We attended a lot of meetings. I got lucky on the Raffle. Betty O'Connor was installed as 5th District President and I was installed as 5th District Vice-President. We will give a report at our September 13 meeting.

At the Convention it was announced that the Auxiliary Membership Notices will not be sent out till October. This really puts us behind as to reaching our goal for October. If you want to send in your dues (\$20.00) now, a receipt will be given to you. If you want to wait for your notice (please-please-please) send in your dues right away. Please refer to our new membership chairman Nancy Zilm's column, middle of this page.

To those that attended the Picnic, hope you had a good time. See you at our September meeting.

President Anita Stadey



Chaplain's Comments

"Hello Auxiliary Women"

My role as Chaplain is always to lead the prayers at meetings, send get-well cards, call folks and attempt to encourage each of you to want a relationship with God. In spite of your religious preference, you make yourself a winner when you regularly and purposely seek to honor God and to strengthen your faith.

This morning in a motel at Lincoln City I picked up the Gideon Bible from the stand by the phone and read some tasteful inspiring Scriptures from Psalms like "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name." These Scriptures bring out the best in us.

I feel a strong desire to commend young people who do things for the elderly and handicapped. Let's always have a generous "thank you" for favors extended to us. (Lucille Harwood)