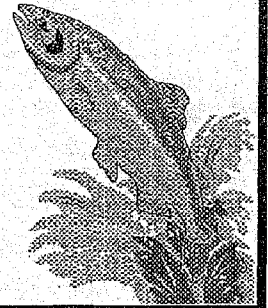




THE SALMON CREEK POST



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COMMANDERS NOTES

Thanks to all who turned out for our Beef-n-Brew and made it a success.

The American Legion Department of Washington, offers Washington High School students an opportunity to win Scholarships and College Credits through an Oratorical Scholarship Program.. Scholarships of \$5000 at home in Washington and \$138,000 nationally.

The Constitutional Speech Contest is in Moses Lake Washington on February 8th and 9th 2008.

Student applications must be certified by District or Local Post before January 15, 2008.

District 5 Chairman is Marc O'Connor, his e-mail is ocannonred@comcast.net

For more information and to download student applications go to

www.waconstitutionalspeechcontest.org

Jonathan Frederick, Commander

POST HOURS

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

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

FINANCE OFFICER

467 members of our 628 member goal have renewed their dues for 2008. That leaves 161 renewals to go to reach the top percentage. Only a dozen renewals came in during the last month. For those who do not renew their 2008 dues before the end of December 2007, this will be your last newsletter.

On November 27, 2007, Greg Whitson and Phil Yasson attended the opening of the Northwest Neighborhood Association meeting. We presented the Three Creeks Library with a U.S. Flag and a Washington State Flag. The attendees and the Head Librarian were beaming with appreciation of the donation from the Salmon Creek American Legion Post 176.

Phil Yasson, Finance Officer

GENERAL MANAGER

With the holidays upon us, Bingo is having some great specials. The "12 Days of Christmas" is a favorite, with a gift placed under the tree each of the 12 days. We have already had a player win 5 of the gifts, and she won them on her birthday. All packet games will pay out at \$208.00. We have two blackout games. The first blackout pays out \$1008.00 and the second blackout pays out \$2008.00. Please come join the fun, win some money and support YOUR POST with a NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION.

Peggy Brooks, General Manager

BINGO HOURS

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday

11:00 AM & 6:30 PM

Starting in January 2008. Come join us.

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? Have them contact the General Manager for more information.

Post 176 members get a discount on hall rental.

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

2008 WOMEN ONLY CLASS

NRA HANDGUN TRAINING & CERTIFICATION

Minimum 21 years of age to enroll

This class is for women only. No husbands, children or significant others.

Those attending will be able to obtain Washington State Hunter Education Certification.

Instructors are Certified NRA Handgun Instructors and Certified Washington State Hunter Education Instructors.

This class teaches firearm safety, survival, compass, conservation and sportsmanship. (Required to purchase a hunting license in Washington if born after 1/1/1972)

You will be shooting at a range .38 handgun, .22 rifle, .243 rifle, 20 gauge shotgun, Black Powder rifle and Archery.

Classes will be held at Salmon Creek American Legion Post 176. Time is from 6:30 to 9:30PM.

Dates are: January 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31.

February 1, 8 are Test nights.

Saturday February 2nd is Range day.

Class cost is \$30.00 and includes all books, manuals, use of firearms and ammo.

Any questions you may have e-mail to Brian.peters@pacifier.com or Tom ovombo@msn.com

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2007-2008

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Chaplain's Comments

"Happy New Year" and please do your best for Veterans in 2008.

I believe in the brook as it wanders from hillside into glade.

I believe in the breeze as it whispers when evening shadows fade

I believe in the roar of the river as it dashes from high cascade.

I believe in the light of shining stars.

I believe in the sun and the moon.

I believe in the flash of lightning.

I believe in the faith of the flowers.

I believe in the rock and sod,

For in all of these appeareth clear

The handiwork of God.

Contributed

PRESIDENT'S

Hello Ladies!

Hope all of you had a very joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year! We had our Beef & Brew, December 1st. Did all of you have a good time?

We originally had our regular scheduled meeting set for December 13th, but it was cancelled on us without any notification given to us in advance. It seems Bingo wanted to use our room for that night. Our next meeting will be January 10 where we will have to get caught up with our agenda's.

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MEMBERSHIP & NEWS

We had a good turnout and a fun time at the Beef & Brew. The meal was good and plentiful. Thanks for your raffle donations and thanks to all who helped to make it a success. January 1, 2008 is fast approaching and we still have a number of members who have not paid their dues (\$20.00) for 2008. We have 66% of members paid for 2008. Please pay your 2008 dues before 1-1-2008. Come to the meetings and support **YOUR AUXILIARY.**

*Membership Chairman
Nancy Zilm*

MESSAGE

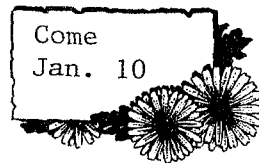
There are a lot of things coming up, especially with the Convention 2008 in the month of July. Our Auxiliary is very much involved in the planning and participation of our Convention 2008.

With the Convention 2008 we need door prizes, Gift donations, and Ditty Bag items. If anyone would like to contribute something, come to our meeting so arrangements can be made.

We had our Gift Shop at the VA Hospital. I would like to thank Thelma for all the years she has been organizing the Gift Shop. Thelma has announced that she no longer wishes to do this any more, and if someone would please take it over. I, also, would like to thank Gary Zilm for all the time and work that he did. He was down there every day wrapping and delivering to the UPS.

Remember to still send in those membership dues. See you at our next meeting if it's not cancelled on us again.

President Anita Stadey



ABOUT THE AUXILIARY RAFFLE

At the Beef and Brew, December 1, the Auxiliary had their raffle. Our ticket sales were \$258. We also had 77 prizes given out. We had several real nice gifts. The rest of the gifts were not expensive, but real welcome. We would like to Thank the Legion and Bingo for 2 nice Wreaths. We would like to Thank all who brought gifts and those who were there and bought tickets. We would like to Thank **Thelma Hathaway** for her help. It all made for a nice evening.

Co-chairmen—Rose Trotter & Marlene Dahner

ABOUT THE VANCOUVER VA GIFT SHOP

Our gift shop this year was not as big as in the past. We do not have as many patients now.

We sent gifts to 163 family members from 49 patients. We mailed out 67 packages; our postage this year was \$711.37. We had three members from our Unit volunteer. They were Anita Stadey, Nancy Zilm, and myself. Between us we volunteered 47 hours. Come to the next meeting for a full report.

Chairman, Thelma Hathaway