



# THE SALMON CREEK POST



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## COMMANDERS NOTES

We are developing options to relocate Post 176 as we can only remain in the current location until early 2009, based on our agreement with Gramor Development Company. Relocation conversations have included other American Legion Posts. We will keep the membership informed as options are identified. In the meantime, spring cleaning at the Post means clearing years of both useful material and records that are no longer required. We will be asking for volunteers to assist as warm weather arrives.

Our Evergreen Boys State Chairman, Ev Cook, could use some help contacting the local schools. The Boys State Program, June 15-22, is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for a High School Junior to experience "leadership civics and government". I strongly recommend the program. Visit the website [www.evergreenboysstate.org](http://www.evergreenboysstate.org) for a virtual tour and application details.

Committee Chairman vacancies and other good opportunities for service remain. If you prefer working at the committee level choose one of these committees: Americanism,

## POST HOURS

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

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

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 to make things happen. It is easy to volunteer, just send me an e-mail at the Post 176 website or call. Stay informed by visiting our website [www.post176.com](http://www.post176.com) and follow the links to both the National and Department of Washington websites.

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

Jon Fredrick, Commander

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#### FINANCE OFFICER

A committee has been formed to help decide the future of Post 176 when we close the sale of our property in March of 2009. One option is to co-locate with Post 14. There is enthusiasm from members of both 176 and 14 to co-locate. This could create one solid Legion Post in Vancouver. No decisions have been made and only minor discussions have been started. Another option is to find a suitable building to purchase. With Legion Posts being started in Battleground and Ridgefield, our area for relocation has been greatly reduced. Both options are still very exploratory and the committee has a great deal of work to do. If you are interested in helping in anyway, please e-mail Phil Yasson at [ab7rw@arrl.net](mailto:ab7rw@arrl.net) and let me know your feelings or call me at 574-1152. If you know of a building we should look at, let me know. It will take many of us to accomplish either task. We would also like to have organizers ready to start up new building activities if that is the choice.

We now have 479 members of our 628 member goal renewed for 2008. This is a 76% renewal rate; we should be around 95% at this time. Those who have not renewed their dues will receive another renewal notice from National.

Some of you who renewed after the cut-off date mentioned in an earlier issue, will also receive a renewal notice. Just ignore it.

Phil Yasson, Finance Officer

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#### GENERAL MANAGER

Our Bingo sessions have continued to be consistent. With one large competitor, Victory Bingo in Portland shutting down, it has given us the opportunity to impress new customers and remind them that Salmon Creek American Legion Post 176 Bingo Hall is the "Friendliest Place in Town".

Our February specials are designed to offer our customers higher payout on their packet games. We will be raising the price of our Economy Packets from \$1.00 to \$2.00. The prize payout will increase as well from \$50.00 to \$75.00.

Also returning in February, to our customers delight, is our Lucky Heart Pot. A progressive game that increases every time we call B-14. For our customers to win the amount in the Pot, they must Bingo on B-14 by themselves. Any amount in the Pot that hasn't been won by February 27th, will be guaranteed to the winner on game 17 at our 6:30 session.

We invite all of you to come and see why the employees at the Salmon Creek American Legion Post 176 Bingo Hall are known as the "Friendliest in Town";

Peggy Brooks, General Manager

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#### BINGO HOURS

MONDAY-TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY

11:00AM and 6:30PM

# AUXILIARY NEWS

February  
2008

1st Pres. George Washington, born Feb. 22; 16th Pres. Abe Lincoln, born Feb. 12

## AUXILIARY OFFICERS

2007-2008

### PRESIDENT

Election pending

### 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Nancy Zilm 576-0774

### SECRETARY

Donna Casciato 576-4404

### TREASURER

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## Chaplain's Comments

**Greetings Ladies,** and special thanks for keeping me informed so I can send cards, etc. as needed. I appreciate extra cards given me to use in my work as Chaplain.

Writers, teachers, and others have ideas on prayer. Say what you wish we each need God's guidance and hope beyond the grave.

These thoughts are in a book called **THE TREASURE CHEST:** "Pray for the things that you need, especially for those that will make your life finer and more Christlike."

And finally, "Grant us grace, Almighty Father, so to pray as to deserve to be heard."

**Chaplain Lucille Harwood**

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

## 1st VICE PRESIDENT WRITES

I would like to thank all the ladies who have paid their dues for 2008. I will be calling those of you who have not paid your dues for 2008 to find out if you want to pay them and remain an Auxiliary member. If you don't want to pay them, you will be removed from the member list.

We will have Nominations and an Election for Auxiliary President at our next meeting on February 14, 2008. Anita Stadey resigned as President at our January 10, 2008 meeting. I would urge all members to come and make their nominations and vote for a new President and to support whoever is elected.

Priscilla Ford from District 5 was a guest at our meeting on January 10, 2008.

I would like to wish all of you a Happy Valentine's Day and to come vote and support your Auxiliary on February 14. I am looking forward to seeing you there. Dinner is at 6 PM and Meeting at 7 PM.

**Cordially, Nancy Zilm**

## CHARTER DRAPING

**Liane Rushing** and **Sarah Abernathy** were honored at the January meeting when the Charter was draped for them. Their labors of love are very much appreciated.

## MESSAGE FOR AUXILIARY MEMBERS

This message will not be from the President.

At our meeting January 10 Anita Stadey announced that this would be her last meeting. She was transferring her membership to Smith Reynolds, Unit 14.

At our Spring Conference last April at Cape Horn Unit 122 Anita was elected District Vice President. She is still District Vice President.

I understand there are times and circumstances that would make it easier to do what Anita did. Knowing why she did what she did, I understand.

At our meeting in February we will need to elect a new President. Come to the meeting and help our new President finish the year knowing you are behind her.

Most of the membership we have today has no idea how hard the earlier members fought for the rights they have today like the Bill of Rights or the G. I. Bill. The membership both Legion and Auxiliary is getting less each year because their attention is not for helping others like it was earlier.

We need new members. Help the Unit get them.

Written by

**Thelma Hathaway**

## QUOTES FROM A THOMAS KINKADE CALENDAR

I believe a radiant, light-filled tomorrow should be normal to the experiences of living.

Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold.

Resist the urge to take on all your complications at one time.

(Submitted by long-time member Thelma Hathaway. Contributions welcomed.)

Jerry Keesey came in to ask members to contact Pres. Bush to release money to help Vets with Post-War Stress.