



THE SALMON CREEK POST



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COMMANDERS NOTES

The Executive Board has decided to terminate bar operations and suspend our liquor license. We will reduce our insurance and liquor license costs by over \$15,000.00 annually. Although there has been some small income from bar operations and hall rentals where liquor has been served, the income is FAR SHORT of paying for the insurance and liquor license. After the Post has relocated to our new, presently undetermined location, we will again consider liquor operations.

July 14 - 20, local Posts host the Annual Department of Washington Convention at the Vancouver at the Quay, Red Lion Hotel. Our delegates this year are: Jonathan Frederick, Wayne Sharp, Rick Fulgaro, Jerry Keen, Everett Cook, Edith Levulett and Phil Yasson.

In addition to the business of the Convention, there will be Legion Baseball games, luncheons and dinners and the PT boat will be at the Quay. Plan to be a part of both the preparation and execution of these events.

POST HOURS

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

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

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, their families and the community as their guiding priority.

Our annual Post picnic is scheduled for August 2, 2008. This is the traditional "1st Saturday of August" date. It is currently scheduled to be at the Post. If there is a change in location, a notice will be posted. Plan to attend the picnic.

At our July General Membership meeting, we will probably move NOT to have an evening meeting August 14, 2008.

Congratulations to our Post for the installation of officers for next year. They will take office after Convention. Pledge your support to their, and our Post's success.

Thank you for your support to me as your Commander during these past two years.

Jon Frederick, Commander

FINANCE OFFICER

Post 176 finished the 2008 membership year with 550 renewals, 78 short of the goal established for our Post. Keep in mind that dues for the 2009 year are payable between July 1st and 31 December. If you renew your membership during that six month period, your card receives an "EARLY BIRD" stamp. Please consider taking care of your renewal when you receive the first renewal notice. Help save your Post time and expense. It's been quite a few years since we earned a 100 percent banner for our Flag pole. Let's work on changing that.

Are you moving? Have you moved? Many times throughout the year, newsletters are returned to the Post because no one has informed us of their new address. The Post not only paid to send you the newsletter, but we must also pay to have it returned.

A lot of research goes into finding out your new address. If we are unable to find your new address, your newsletter will be stopped and you will lose contact with us. Your Legion magazine is returned to the American Legion Headquarters, and they must also pay to find out you moved. A lot of unnecessary expense is created. This expense was one of the causes for the last dues increase. It is not difficult to change your address. You can telephone the Post, send a message via e-mail, or use the Post Office address change card when you move.

Phil Yasson, Finance Officer

1ST VICE CMDR.

We are continuing our search for a new home. Unfortunately the last location did not work out for the membership. We have another possible location we are researching and we should have more information by the next General Meeting. I will be out of the country from June 25th to July 15th. Phil Yasson and Wayne Sharp will continue to look for other possible locations.

Jerry Keen, 1st Vice Commander

BINGO

Monday Thru Wednesday
11:00AM & 6:30PM
Pull Tabs - Kitchen

HALL RENTALS

Weddings, Receptions, Parties
Post Members Discounts
For Reservations or more
information call
Peggy @ 360-573-2331

HUNTERS EDUCATION

Call 360-573-2331 For information

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AUXILIARY NEWS

Enjoy each new day all Summer long. Make your summer a perfect one.

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

2007-2008

PRESIDENT

Thelma Hathaway 573-0362

1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Nancy Zilm 576-0774

SECRETARY

Donna Casciato 576-4404

TREASURER

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Lucille Harwood 573-6723

(New officers will assume responsibilities in September.)

Chaplain's Comments

"Greetings to each of you"

It seems to me that time passes quickly. Because of that, I try to make each day worthwhile in the way I think, what I do, and what is really accomplished. I hope to attend the Convention in July in Vancouver and be refreshed as I learn more about the good works of the Auxiliary.

I checked out from the library of a church I attend the **Daily Guideposts, 1983**. I was looking for writings by Van Varner who died. His writings were touching and his work as Editor at Guideposts outstanding.

Mr. Varner had a boyhood friend who impressed him with his Christian Faith and desire to be a minister. He and his friend were the only ones who knew he had \$1.37 in a Prince Albert can. It turned up missing. Later on he saw the can that had his initials on it at his friend's house. Van told his mother he was so hurt. She said, "Don't give up on him, he needs you." She emphasized, "Keep your eye not on the Christian, but on Christ." --Outgoing Chaplain Lucille

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have come to the close of another year. Summer is here.

Each year at this time we reflect on some of the things we have done that year. We have concentrated this year in helping our Veterans both in our local VA Hospital as well as those who live elsewhere in Washington. We also sent girls to Girl State. We helped with local Food Banks plus other programs.

Sad to say but we have lost to death 8 members since the December meeting. We draped our charter in December and we have lost a member or more every month since then.

On a happier note I would like to Thank those who helped with the May rest stop. They are: Gary Zilm, Bryan Collins, Duke Silva, Marlene Bahner, Don and Rose Trotter and Roberta Gapsch. I also want to Thank those who furnished or made homemade cookies. Those people who are traveling enjoy being able to stop and find us there. (Continued upper right)



Thank you for all your help. By the time you get this, we will be done with the June rest stop. I will report it in the next newsletter. I will need something to report on.

Convention in July in Vancouver is shaping up to be very interesting. We will have 4 unit members there. I have been attending the meetings for both the Legion-Auxiliary meetings combined and also the Auxiliary meetings. There are quite a few things planned. Come to the next Legion Convention meeting at the 40 & 8 Chateau and see what I mean. It is planned for June 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Our new officers were installed at the June 12th meeting. They will take over at the September meeting. We will not have a meeting in July or August. July meeting is during Convention and August is picnic month.

Hoping to see all of you at the September meeting and also in between that time at our functions.

President Thelma Hathaway

From Nancy Zilm, 1st Vice -- Please know that September is the beginning of the 2009 membership drive.

I want to thank each woman who paid dues for 2008 and for your cooperation. I have enjoyed being Chairman of Membership and wish each of you an enjoyable summer. I look forward to serving as your President come September.

Magazine Magic: Now and then it's nice to recognize the writing of a person from the Pacific Northwest, Portland, to be exact. Ken Olsen wrote "Saddle Magic" that appeared in June AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE. The article begins on Page 20 and is filled with thoughts about equine therapy for disabled veterans. A master certified therapeutic riding instructor selected four steeds for the pilot program at Ft. Meyer VA that's known as "Horses for Heroes." One veteran with rheumatoid arthritis says riding improves stability, etc. The "Horses for Heroes" program is expanding with good results.
