



# THE SALMON CREEK POST

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Chaplin:  
Carl Bahner 883-1175

Historian:  
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Lynn Jefferies 887-2307

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Greg Whitson 695-5456

Jr. Past Commander:  
Jonathan Frederick 576-9078

## COMMANDERS NOTES

The 90th Annual Department of Washington Convention was held from July 14 - 20 at the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay, in Vancouver. Our delegates were Jonathan Frederick, Wayne Sharp, Rick Fulgaro, Jerry Keen, A Everett Cook, Edith Levulett and Phil Yasson.

Convention highlights included presentations by our Washington State Governor, The Honorable Christine Gregoire and Governor Candidate Dino Rossi. We enjoyed meeting old friends and making new ones, seeing the PT boat and the elections of Officers for the upcoming year.

Richard Langenbach, Area II Vice Commander, was elected Department Commander. Richard is well known to us since he has been 5th District Commander and was also the 2008 Convention Corporation Chairman. Morris Giesler, 5th District Chaplin, was elected Department Chaplin.

## 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](http://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, it was voted NOT to have a meeting in August. Our next General Membership meeting will be September 11, 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

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#### FINANCE OFFICER

Perhaps everyone is not aware of the changes made to the United States code title 4, Chapter 1, Section 9. Conduct during the hoisting, lowering, or passing of the United States Flag. It now reads, all persons present in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the Armed Forces and Veterans who are present but not in uniform, may render the military salute. All other persons present should face the Flag and stand at attention with their right hand over their heart, or remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, with the hand being over the heart.

Our renewals for 2009 have taken off like a wildfire. As of this writing, we have 215 members renewed.

At this pace, we should have everyone renewed before the end of August 2008. That would be a first for the state of Washington. Please send your renewal in with the notice you have already received. Don't put it up and forget about it.

At the Adjutants meeting during the 2008 Department Convention, it was announced that you must initiate your \$1000.00 accidental insurance policy. It is a piece of mail you receive once or twice a year with an offer to purchase additional insurance. If you don't want the additional insurance, mark the NO box and mail it in and your FREE insurance goes into effect and stays in effect as long as your dues are up to date. Everyone that renewed after December 31st needs to reinitiate their insurance, and every year that you renew after the end of the year you must do so also. So keep that in mind, renew early and your benefit stays up to date. As a safety measure, you may want to send the next mailing in just to make sure your policy is on the books.

Phil Yasson, Finance Officer

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#### GENERAL MANAGER

We have seen an increase in our Bingo revenue for the month of June. In July we are having our annual Doernbecher Fundraiser on the 30th. We have been selling raffle tickets for over a month. Prizes that were donated include a Wii gaming system ( including a Wii fit), a Baha Mini bike and five \$100.00 gas cards. We are running specials all that week, culminating with our big special on Wednesday, July 30th. We have been taking reservations from customers and response has been favorable. In August, Salmon Creek American Legion Bingo will be running \$1.00 Econo all month long with electronic bingo machines starting at \$26.00.

Peggy Brooks, General Manager

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## BINGO

Monday Thru Wednesday

11:00AM & 6:30PM

Pull Tabs - Kitchen

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## HALL RENTALS

Weddings, Receptions, Parties

Post Members Discounts

For Reservations or more

information call

Peggy @ 360-573-2331

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## HUNTERS EDUCATION

For information call

Peggy @ 360-573-2331

Post 176 members Tom Dombek and Richard Quatier were presented with the " You Make A Difference " Award for their volunteer services at the VA hospital during the 2007 - 2008 membership year. The awards were presented by Jerry Keese, VAVS representative at the June and July General Membership meetings.

Jerry Keese has pledged to enroll two new volunteers this 2008 - 2009 year while keeping the 19 existing volunteers.

If you can volunteer your time to help out at the VA hospital, please do so. It is one of the best ways you can help out our Veterans. Call Jerry at 360-573-1035 or send him an e-mail at [save-r-flag@webtv.net](mailto:save-r-flag@webtv.net) to sign up.

# AUXILIARY NEWS

August  
2008

Enjoy the gift of life. Endeavor to do something special for Veterans often.

## AUXILIARY OFFICERS

2007-2008

### PRESIDENT

Thelma Hathaway 573-0362

### 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Nancy Zilm 576-0774

### SECRETARY

Donna Casciato 576-4404

### TREASURER

Ruby Martin 823-4767

### CHAPLAIN

Lucille Harwood 573-6723

(New officers will assume responsibilities in September.)

## Chaplain's Comments

*Here are some thoughts for you Womens' Auxiliary members.*

Do you have something you read regularly to lift your faith and inspire you? I hope you do and that you always try to carry happy thoughts with you when you go to bed.

One daily devotion that I read is **The Upper Room**. Folks from around the world share thoughts as follows: "God can bless others through our gifts only if we share them." A woman wrote each of us has something to share. She mentioned sharing our time, money, possessions, words of faith and also encouragement.

I admire the men and women who believe strongly in doing something often to benefit Veterans and their families.

A writer from Alaska sent a good thought for the day. He wrote, "Life is about letting God use each of us for a purpose."

Summer blessings to you. LH

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is half over and there are still plenty of activities ahead. Our picnic is August 2. I will not be able to be there because I will be in Everett WA. 5th District picnic is at Cape Horn Post on the Washougal River, August 24th at noon. If you can go, you are asked to bring a dish. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be furnished by the District.

At our June Rest Stop our income was \$280. How can you have pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and bills and still come out to an even amount. Strange. I would like to Thank those who helped. They were: Bryan Collins, Duke Silva, Gary Zilm, Dale Hathaway, Marlene Bahner and Roberta Gapsch plus myself. I also signed up for next year, but then we have four days in a row. They are June 15, 16, 17, and 18. Thanks again.

**Convention:** Representing our unit we had Nancy Zilm, Marlene Brahner, Lucille Harwood, and myself. Lucille did a great job with the music.

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Each Convention has its own ups and downs. We had several resolutions which took up a lot of time. Two members running for the same office. One resolution will affect our dues in the coming years, but the rest is just mostly normal items. Department officers for the coming year will be: President: Dee Caughlin; First Vice President: Kathy Kerr; Second Vice President: Jane Montaney; Chaplain: Rose Ring and Historian: Terre Angel. We were down on delegates and alternates this year.

No meeting in August.

I would like to thank everyone for the help I have had this year. Now we need to help the incoming officers get the help they need. Not only do we need to get out dues in early, but we need to be at the meeting. Three new officers in one year means we are reaching out to new members. We old members soon can retire and just come to the meeting and relax.

Thank you all again for this year of service.

*President Thelma Hathaway*

## KEEP A RECORD OF YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

Do you volunteer your time any place? This includes church, school, food banks, hospital, Red Cross, or any other place where you do not get paid.

Even if you do not attend the meetings, we need your hours. At the end of the year which is April 1 we can put those hours on a report of some kind. We have several reports so it can be used some place. Keep track of them and at the end of the year call either the president or secretary and let them know how many hours you have.