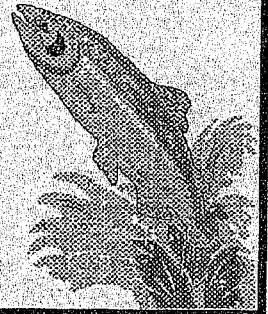




# THE SALMON CREEK POST



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## October 2008 \* Salmon Creek American Legion Post 176 \* Vancouver Wa. \* VOL24 NO104

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### COMMANDERS NOTES

The cool mornings remind us that we have seasons, and in about a week of this writing we will have moved from Summer to Autumn. It is also a time when the fun and life break of vacations has passed for many. At our American Legion Post it means we will likely see some familiar faces back at our Post meetings. If this description fits you or if you haven't attended a meeting for a while, we welcome you back and hope that October 9th will find you in our company at the next Post meeting.

A commander would be remiss to not say a word about membership, because in the end we could not do the things we do at the Post, Department and National levels for veterans, their families and our communities; were it not for our membership numbers. While membership participation at the Post level is vital for survival of our organization, it alone is not sufficient to accomplish our puposes. The unsung heros of all we do are the faithful members that pay their dues year after year and add to our National membership base of over 2 million. You are the members we do not often enough thank; for without you we would not have the membership numbers or resources to do the work we do for veterans, their families and our communities. Thank you!

### POST HOURS

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

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

On a local level, our Post continues to have challenges which include financial obligations and income growth. The economy certainly has an impact on disposable income and that has a direct impact on dollars for entertainment ( think Bingo). For those who can fit Bingo participation into their budgets, we welcome you to our Post on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday where we hold two bingo sessions a day, (11:00am & 6:30pm). Bingo is the primary source of income to support the programs and non-profit activities of our Post.

Speaking of programs reminds me of an activity supported by our Post. If you would like to mark your calendars for the 13th of November, that will be the day for "gift wrapping" at our Post. The Veterans Hospital Chairman will be asking for volunteers to help wrap gifts to be taken to the local VA Hospital. If you can help, mark your calendars for November 13th at 5:00pm.

As of this writing I can tell you that the sale of our Post and relocation are issues that we are dealing with and will be for some time. I have nothing new on these issues at this time, but will report to you when I do.

If you would like to have your newsletter sent to you by e-mail instead of by the United States Postal Service to help save on postage, then please send your request with your e-mail address to [www.post176.com](http://www.post176.com).

See you at this same place next time, if not before.

Post Commander, Wayne Sharp

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#### FINANCE OFFICER

More than 600 civilian recruits took their enlistment oath to become active duty members during the American Legions 90th National Convention. The swearing in was initiated by the American Legion. It was conducted at the US Airways Center in Phoenix, AZ as part of the American Legion Family's Tribute to Service. Bdigadier General Michael Colangelo administered the oath. He said " I've done my share of swearing-ins over the years, but already I am emotional. The American Legion has done an awesome job putting this together. What makes us the strongest military in the world is standing right in front of you today."

Have you updated your record in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, better known as DEERS? Your DEERS record needs to show your Medicare entitlement, a marriage, divorce etc. Any change in your status. To make changes visit the ID Card office at Fort Vancouver Barracks, or go to web page <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appi/address>, or call 1-866-363-2883.

Our 2009 membership renewals are now at 342 of our 609 goal for 56.2 percent. This puts us over the required October 8 goal of 55 percent. This is great. We have not met a goal for a few years and now we have met the first two for 2009. Congratulations to everyone who has renewed. The next goal is November 14, Veterans Day at 65 percent. Surely everyone would want to have their membership card by Veterans Day. You will need to be renewed no later than November 27 to avoid getting another renewal notice.

Remember that your renewal goes from the Post to American Legion HQ in Lacey, and then at the end of the week they send them to National HQ in Indianapolis, IN. This is a time consuming process. Besides, what member wants a renewal notice before Christmas?

Finance Officer, Phil Yasson

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As of the end of September, our Post General Manager, Peggy Brooks is retiring. She and her husband are going to Arizona ,at least for the winter months. We all wish her the best in her retirement.

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#### Overheard at an airport in France

An elderly gentleman of 83 arrived in Paris by Plane. At customs, he took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry on. The customs officer asked, "Have you been to France before?" The gentleman admitted to having been to France before. "Then you should know enough to have your passport ready" the officer said. The elderly American said "The last time I was here I didn't have to show it." The officer said, "Impossible. Americans must always show their passport when they come to France." The American senior gave the officer a long hard look. Then he quietly explained. "When I came ashore at Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1944 to help liberate this country, I couldn't find a single Frenchman to show a passport to."

You could have heard a pin drop.

## 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

360-573-2331

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## HUNTERS EDUCATION

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE PREAMBLE TO THE  
CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY WE ASSOCIATE  
OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING  
PURPOSES:**

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

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This is an election year and we have the obligation as Veterans and citizens of this great country to vote for whomever we, in our opinion, is best suited to lead our country. Take that right and vote your candidate. Many Veterans have died, and are dying, to preserve our right to make our own free choices.

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# AUXILIARY NEWS

## AUXILIARY OFFICERS

2008 - 2009

### PRESIDENT

Nancy Zilm 576-0774

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### SECRETARY

Donna Casciato 576-4404

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### CHAPLIN

Marlene Bahner 883-1175

## CHAPLIN'S COMMENTS

Hi everyone-

To introduce myself, I am Marlene Bahner, elected to serve as Chaplin for Post 176 American Legion Auxiliary.

This is a new type of service for me. I will do my best in representing the Auxiliary

Hoping to get something in the newsletter each month.

Thank you.

Marlene Bahner, Chaplin

## PRESIDENT COMMENTS

As we start another year I want to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to be your new President. I am sure that with your help and attendance we will have a good year.

We had our Girl's State representative at our September meeting. Her parents came and attended our meeting also. She is a lovely girl and she had much information on Girl's State. She learned a lot about how the Government works and she had a lot of fun while doing so.

Dues for 2009 are now due and you should have gotten your renewal notice by now. Our 1st Vice, Debra Hathaway is dues chairman. Send dues to her attention at Post 176 or to her Home.

Thank you

Nancy Zilm, President

## 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone!

Let me introduce myself. My name is Debra Hathaway and I am your new Vice President in charge of Membership. So lets get those dues paid and I will get your cards out as soon as possible. I'm looking forward to doing a good job as Vice President so I need as much help from the experienced members as I can get.

Thank you

Debra Hathaway, 1st Vice President

**Dinner Menu for October 9, 2008  
General Meeting**

is

**Ham - Baked Potatoe With Toppings  
Vegetable - Roll - Salad - Dessert**

**Dinner is Served at 6:00PM - Meeting Starts at 7:00PM**