

March 2010 * Salmon Creek American Legion Post 176 * Vancouver WA *

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FROM THE COMMANDER

This is the first newsletter from the Post in some time. Our finances have improved and our current plan as I write this article is to publish a newsletter at least once a quarter. Newsletters are a very expensive undertaking, especially with the cost of mailing them. We will continue our policy of sending the newsletter by email to all those that we have an email address for and will do standard mail to all others.

Please help us, if you receive this by standard mail and have an email address, send us an email to gmscal@pacifier.com so we can save the postage and get your news to you electronically. Also when it comes to allocating resources it is difficult to know how important the newsletter is to you. Please take a minute and let us know if you read it, how important it is to your membership and how we might improve it. The Post email address is shown above and our mailing address is:

**The American Legion,
Salmon Creek Heights Post 176,
14011 NE 20th Ave.,
Vancouver, WA 98686-1442.**

Help us serve you better, send us your thoughts today -Thank You!

With a lot of hard work and the leadership to make difficult decisions your Post Executive Board and the membership have brought your Post to near full recovery. In the past two years we have paid off thousands of dollars in debt, secured a clear and full title to our Post home and are in the process of making some much

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 Monday - Wednesday 9 am - 5 pm
 Thursday - Friday 10 am - 4 pm

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needed capital improvements to the property. Some challenges remain but they pale in significance to our circumstances two years ago.

Things wear out and break and that requires expenditures to fix and replace. Leadership also needs replenishment and we cannot exist as a Post unless that happens. We are approaching our elections for the 2010-2011 membership year and it is essential that we find officers and committee members to fill our elected positions. I have talked to several individuals who have not been active participants and said that they wanted to be more active in the future. We next meet on the 8th of April (the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm) come join us and be one of those "veterans helping veterans".

The key to our finances is our "Bingo" operation. Bingo is the business that allows us to maintain our Post home, pay our utilities, pay taxes and most of all provides the income to support our American Legion programs. We do two sessions of bingo on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week; come join the fun, bring a friend. When you come, thank the employees who work for us - it is their dedication and hard work that make it all come together for a successful business operation.

As of the 1st of March more than 170 members have not yet paid their 2010 dues. With a membership just short of 600, that means we are slightly less than 70% paid for the current year. If you have not yet sent your dues check, please help and do so now. Thanks.

If you haven't been to a meeting in a while or if you have yet to attend your first meeting, join us on the 2nd Thursday of each month for a Potluck meal at 6:00 pm and/or the Post and Auxiliary meetings that follow at 7:00 pm.

WAYNE SHARP
Post Commander

VA Hospital Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed at the VA Hospital. There are several areas to choose from and you can set your own hours and when you work.

If you are interested, call Toni Davis at 360-690-1842.

We can also use another person to help with Bingo every 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Victory Room in Bldg. D-8. Call Chaplin Jerry Keesee at 360-573-1035 if you have any questions.

Veterans Tribute Wall Comes to La Center

A date to mark on your calendars. From August 4th thru August 8th the American Veterans Traveling Tribute Wall will be in LaCenter Washington.

This wall honors WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraqi Freedom Enduring and Freedom 911.

Plan to visit it and lend a helping hand setting it up, patrolling it while it is set up and taking it back down. Call Tim Hopkins at 360-263-2745 if you can help out. There is also a web site you can visit at www.lacenterhonorsvets.info

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Salmon Creek America Legion Bingo is still being played on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 11:00 am and 6:30 pm. Bingo, Pulltabs and our Snack Bar are generating exciting increases in revenue. With our seasoned staff we are offering our customers a trained and courteous crew who wants to help you in any way they can to make your visit a pleasant one. Most employees have been with us a year or more.

Our crowds are gaining in number and show no signs of stopping. Right now our Pick 8 progressive game has topped out at \$5000.00. Once this game tops out we begin to add a number to the game. Currently our Pick 8 game is at 22#'s or less for the \$5000.00 prize. We invite you to come in and check out

"The Friendliest Place in Town."

Just a reminder that the County will be disrupting traffic on 20th avenue and 139th street when they start their road construction, but we will still be playing BIN-GO so keep on coming back. We'll be here to serve you.

AUXILIARY NEWS

April 2010

April is a good month for spring flowers, seeing birds, & doing good deeds.

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Nancy Zilm 576-0774

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Debbie Hathaway 241-4685

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Thelma Hathaway 573-0362

CHAPLAIN

Marlene Bahner 883-1175

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Lucille Harwood 573-6723

FROM THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

Please read in Nancy's message about our day-time meetings. Ladies who do not drive at night can get out during the day.

Let us keep in our thoughts and prayers our troops serving our country.

Marlene Bahner

YOUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies,
Want to thank you ladies who have taken the opportunity of coming to my house to have fun and fellowship the first and third Monday of each month. As you know, we bring a brown bag lunch and I serve coffee, tea and some kind of dessert. This week I made Banana Nut Bread. Everyone seemed to enjoy it. We only have a few more months until the end of this Auxiliary year. Want you all to know that we will still be at my house on the first and third Monday of every month, even after the year ends. We start at 11 a.m. until you want to leave.

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WELCOME

to Florian Reutz who is our newest Auxiliary member. We invite her to become an active member.

We need more ladies to come to our monthly second Thursday evening meetings at the Legion Hall. If you aren't there, you can't plan anything that you might want to be a part of. We still have our Pot Luck with lots of different foods and desserts. On the left side of this page are all the Officers and their phone #'s. Please feel free to call any of us if you have questions.

Please save the pull tabs off soft drink cans (and beer cans). These are turned in to the Liver Ward at the VA Hospital where they are turned into cash for the patients to use for different activities. You can drop them off at the Legion Hall after 9 a.m. Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, or better yet, bring them to the monthly meetings. That will give you a reason to attend.

Nancy Zilm, President



NEXT MEETING, THURS., APRIL 8, AT 7:00 p.m. AT HALL

THIS AND THAT

Please be sure to read--

- Our President's Message
- Our Vice President's rundown about dues and membership.
- Our Chaplain's comments
- View the listing of officers

Thanks to Post 155, Longview for the invitation to their dinner celebration of 91st birthday of American Legion, Mar. 20. Several of our officers made plans to attend.

MEMBERSHIP and DUES REMINDER

HELLO HAPPY SPRING!

We now have 38 paid Senior members and 2 paid Junior members. It's getting pretty late. We need dues in as soon as possible. Please make checks of \$25 payable to American Legion Auxiliary and mail them to Debra Hathaway,

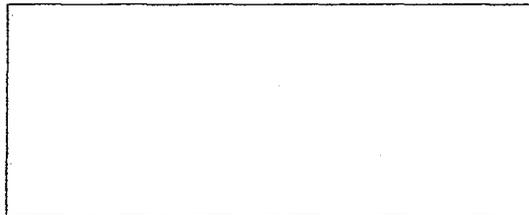
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Enjoy the lovely weather and have a great day. Thanx,

Debra Hathaway, V.P.

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