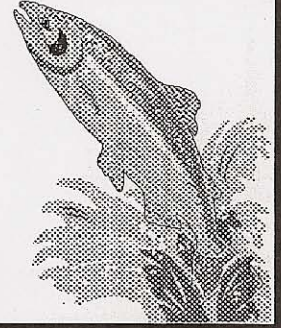




THE SALMON CREEK POST



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COMMANDERS NOTES

For all of those who missed our Post BBQ on August 14th - you really missed out! It was a wonderful time. The food was tasty and plenty of it, the music rocked, the games were fun and it was great to visit with those I haven't seen in awhile. Maybe we'll see you at our next Post blow out, - I believe it will be the Beef - Brew in December. Stay tuned for more information about it.

Don't Miss This - Post 176 has been given clearance to set up a recruiting and information table at the super Walmart on Mill Plain by I-205 on September 11th & 12th. We will have a decorated table with lots of brochures and information set up from 9:00am till 7:00pm each day. We'll have a couple of camp chairs and a ice chest with cold sodas for those who spend time manning the table. **I am asking people to volunteer some time for this.** I would like to have at least two people at the table throughout the allotted time. We need both Legion members and Auxiliary to talk with people, invite them to take our information, talk about available benefits, introduce them to the Posts goals and recruit them to Post 176. It would be helpful if volunteers could plan to do at least a two hour shift and would volunteer to do a couple of shifts if they are available.

POST HOURS

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

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

Please contact the Post or talk with me directly at the September 9th meeting to arrange your shift(s).

I also want to bring to everyone's attention the no-host luncheon held in the Post lounge every Monday morning starting at 11:00am. This is an opportunity to get together casually and socialize. You may order from the Post menu at the kitchen. There is no set agenda and everyone is welcome.

The 5th District is going to hold a one day Legion College at Post 176 in October and is looking for those with experience and knowledge to help present the various topics. Many of our members have been in the Legion for years and have served in almost every available position - we need you! Please contact the District Commander or our Post if you are available to assist with this endeavor.

Where did the summer go? September is here again and with it the change of seasons, families gearing up for school to start again, and we all start planning for the upcoming holidays. Time waits on no one so live each day with no regrets.

Proud to continue serving
Post 176 Commander Roxeanne Boose

Mark Your Calendar

September 6th is Labor Day

September 9th is the next regular membership meeting starting at 6:00pm with a pot-luck dinner.

September 11th is Patriot Day. Post 176 will have a recruiting/information table from 9:00am to 7:00pm at the Super Walmart. Contact the Post to volunteer.

September 12th is Grandparent's Day.

September 15th is Cowlitz County Stand Down.

September 17th will be the MIA/POW ceremony, 1:30 - 3:00pm at the Veterans Medical Center by the Vietnam Memorial Garden. Open to everyone so bring your family and join us.

September 20th is the Clark County Stand Down. 0900-1500 hrs at the Vancouver Elks Lodge, 11605 McGillivray Blvd.

They still need volunteers and donations. Contact Karla Bean at 360-696-2326 or Jeri Flowers 360-993-1924.

September 23rd is the e-board meeting at 6:30pm at the Post. Board members contact the Commander or Adjutant if they cannot make the meeting.

October 14th is the regular membership meeting

October 16th the 5th District College will be held at Post 176 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. All Legion, Auxiliary, Riders and S.A.L.. are invited to attend this no cost training. Instructors are still needed. Contact the District Commander to volunteer. This is an opportunity to pass on your knowledge and experience, so I hope those who can, will step forward.

FINANCE OFFICER

Our membership quota for 2011 has been set at 412. As of August 17th we have 243 members renewed for the 2011 membership year. Many thanks to all of you for renewing early. If the remainder of our members do likewise and everyone is renewed before Veterans Day, the Post would receive its first award in many years. If you renew early you will have the EARLY BIRD stamped on your card. If there is no EARLY BIRD on your card, you have been renewing your membership LATE, which affects any benefits the American Legion offers to you. Remember, dues are due on December 31st or earlier.

Some of the individual awards that you can receive is a Department of Washington Pin for recruiting three new members. If you recruit five new members, you are eligible to receive the National Commander Pin. From there it goes to 25 and 50 new members. Only a few attain that level and receive money, or a jacket, a shirt or other article of clothing. When you sign up the new members, I will do the paperwork for you.

Post 176 Finance Officer
Phil Yasson

POST CHAPLAIN

Do you need, or do you know another veteran in need of a power wheel chair. By a special donation we have one ready to place into service. The only request from the donor is that it go to a needy veteran. If you can help me place this chair, please contact me at 360-573-1035 or e-mail me at, saverflag@yahoo.com. Don't delay. Thank you.

Post 176 Chaplain
Jerry Keese

When our members get together, we are able to hear the stories from when they were in the service. If we all would write a short article about our time in the service, we could share our stories by printing it in the Post newsletter. Everyone could enjoy the stories many of our members provide and we could get to know each other better.

All of us some time, at a party, dinner or just members getting together could talk about what each did while serving their country.

We would ask each of you to write up a short story about your time in the service.

Thank you for your service to your country. We are all blessed by the privileges we enjoy as citizens of this great United States of America through your service and sacrifice.

God bless this great land we all enjoy.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Post 176 member Thomas P. Dombeck

OUR FIRST MEMBER MOMENT

September 14th Roxeanne Boose' will celebrate her 54th birthday. Also in September she will begin a one year program at Portland State to earn her Advance Certificate in Nonprofit Development and Management.

Congratulations Roxeanne and Good Luck.

HALL RENTAL IS NO LONGER OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

CALL 360-573-2331 FOR INFORMATION OR RESERVATIONS

BINGO HOURS 11:00AM-6:30PM

MON - TUE - WED

PULL TABS AND KITCHEN AVAILABLE

Articles for the newsletter need to be e-mailed to me by the 21st of each month for the following months newsletter so I have enough time to get it out by the 30th. garyzilm@comcast.net
Thank you.

Articles for the Auxiliary need to also be e-mailed to Lucille Harwood by the 21st of each month to give her time to get it ready. lucillerussell@comcast.net
Thank you

AUXILIARY NEWS

September 2010

On LABOR DAY be reminded to thank those whose labors of love benefit you.

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FROM YOUR CHAPLAIN

To the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave we have lost some and many have come back home.

In our country AMERICA, we have freedom to serve and to worship where we choose. Let us remember all of our Troops still fighting for our country and bring them home safely and may the war soon stop.

Marlene Bahner



Proudly fly your flag.

Honor the flag in parades.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

Our Girls State Chair person is Roberta Gapsch who received a "thank you" from **Ashlyn Saltzman** who our Auxiliary sponsored. We are pleased to give you words of appreciation from Ashlyn:

"I want to thank you so much for making possible for me to go to Evergreen Girls State! While I was there, I had the opportunity to be on the countig board, a Precinct Officer and was elected to the House of Representatives where I really enjoyed passing and failing bills in the House. I know that these experiences, like participating in Thursday's Candlelight Ceremony will be in my heart forever! I really appreciate you and all you have done for me and my community." *Ashlyn Saltzman*

The Auxiliary officers hope to have Ashlyn come to a business meeting to tell us more about her experiences at Girls State. We are all so pleased she enjoyed and learned during her week at Girls State.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies,

Our first meeting of the new Auxiliary year is September 9, 2010. The pot-luck is at 6:00 p.m. and our meeting is at 7:00 p.m.

Would like to see more ladies at our meeting so we can get more people and ideas on the table to help our Veterans and their families. We also need to do things to draw in the people from the community and whet their interest so maybe they will want to join us. Wouldn't that be nice!!!

Remember, if the husband is a member of Post 176, the wife can join the Auxiliary.

Gary and I will be in Minnesota in September, leaving on the 10th and will not be back until sometime towards the end of the month. The meetings at our home on Mondays will be cancelled for September, but will resume in October.

See you at the meeting Sept. 9th.

Auxiliary President

Nancy Zilm 576-0774

MEMBERSHIP MAKES YOU FEEL PART OF THE UNIT

Ladies, you have the opportunity to become a member of our local Unit. Have \$25 on hand and be ready to pay your dues for the new Auxiliary year beginning in September. Any time you may mail your check to Debbie Hathaway, 507 E 99th St., Space 10, Vancouver WA 98665. Please make your check payable to American Legion Auxiliary Post 176 for \$25. Official notification should arrive soon.

The Unit always sets a membership goal for the year. We'd surely like to reach our goal and exceed it.

Membership adds strength. Increased membership is satisfying and encouraging. We send along kind regards to our members and invite each of you to join us in our mission to help Veterans and their families.

TO ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS AT SALMON CREEK POST 176

HERE'S AN EXPLANATION OF SOME OF OUR PROGRAMS

How many **programs** does the Auxiliary have that we can help with or be involved with or be in?

Here are some of them: Americanism, Child Welfare, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Community Service, Girl State, Legislation, Publicity, National Security and Veterans Affairs.

Americanism is anything to do with the flag. Just being involved in helping our country to stay safe is Americanism.

Child Welfare is those that help children in any way that are children of Veterans. Past or present.

Community Service. This takes in a lot of territory. If you volunteer in a school, food bank, church or any other community project. Report your hours.

We have an **Emergency Fund** through Department for those who need emergency help, one time only.

Girl State: We try to send a girl to Girl State each year. This means we furnish the fee and the transportation. Both cost money. This is an education for them to learn about our government.

Legislative. Everyone of us can write to our elected Senators and Representatives. This can be to let them know how we feel about what they are doing and how we feel they should vote on a matter before Congress. (continued in right column above.)

Publicity. Our Unit needs to let the public know more about what we do.

Veterans Affairs. When we think of Veterans Affairs we automatically think of the VA Hospital or Medical Center as they are called now. Did you know that Vancouver has several areas there. **SRO** is where veterans can get rent cheaper than outsiders. **TLU** is the Trans Lodging Unit. This is where veterans can stay for a time to get over drugs etc. **Liver Transplant Unit.** The patients in this area also have to supply their own food etc. This area is for veterans waiting for a new liver and after surgery. They also need to have a care giver. When I say help, I do not mean just money. They also need volunteers in a lot of places. All they need in time.

For every hour or dollar you give, please let some one in the Auxiliary know. The more time and money we report on our reports all goes into the reports for National and we as an organization will be noted by Congress. This makes a difference in how the organizations are given credit and money from Congress.

More programs will be noted next time.

Thank you for your help.

Researched and compiled by

Thelma Hathaway

PROGRAMS

Please read over carefully the listing of some of the Auxiliary programs that are available to benefit Veterans and their families. Become involved. You'll be glad you did.