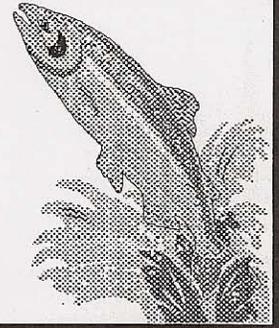




THE SALMON CREEK POST



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COMMANDERS NOTES

I would like to give a HUGE thank you to Fred Robertson, Jerry Bloss, Everett Cook, Floyd Hebdon and Lee Phillips for giving their time and assistance in passing out information and recruiting new members over the September 11 & 12th weekend. It was a beautiful weekend, which made it even harder to give up their personal time. We added 2 new members and 10 others signed up to get our newsletter and plan to join a little later. I need all the folks who are pushing for the post to be revitalized, who want more activities, who are voicing their desire for change to STEP UP! EVERY person can and does make a difference. Nothing will change without the efforts of many, because the few who have been doing will get tired and fade away. Do what you can, it's all I ask! We have a "Members Moments" and a Service Stories section of our newsletter and out of all the members we have we have not recieved one submission! No anniversary's, no birthday's, no new babies being born to members families, nothing new to share with any of our members for October! We few who produce the newsletter can't do it without YOU!

Here is another opportunity - we have gotten approval from Sears inside Westfield Mall to have a information/recruiting table on November 10th & 11th. We need to man the table from 10am to 6pm each day. Contact the post and sign up for whatever fits into your schedule.

October's membership meeting will begin with our pottluck, however we will deter in our usual meeting by holding a joint

POST HOURS

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

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

flag retirement ceremony followed by a Post Everlasting Ceremony. I had to postpone our original ceremony, which we had planned for July, due to high fire risk; now that we have had some rain it should be safe to proceed. We will hold these two ceremonies then proceed inside for short business meetings. I hope to see as many members as possible come to honor our flag as well as our fallen comrades.

For all those who couldn't attend the Service Officer Training held in Kalama on September 18th, there will be another training offered in February, so keep your eye on the calendar of events to get all the details. There was a good turn out at the training and Post 176 has two new certified Service Officer members.

At the September meeting it was decided that Post 176 will hold its annual Beef & Brew on December 4th. Details of this event will be in our upcoming newsletters.

For the little kid in all of us, a little reminder. Halloween is just around the corner so remember to think SAFETY! Take some time to prepare by checking your outdoor lights to ensure children will be able to see, clean off the front steps and porch so trick or treaters don't slip or fall, check regularly on any decorations that use real candles and pass out only store packaged candy so children know it's safe. Help keep your neighborhood safe by being aware.

Proud to continue serving,
Roxeanne Boose' Post 176 Commander

Mark Your Calendar

Oct. 2nd - Combat Veterans International will participate in the Oregon Defenders Ride to build awareness of the I-5 corridors involvement in human trafficking of minors for sex. Sign in is 9am at the Rose Garden, there will be a rally in Salem and the ride ends in Gladstone approx. 3pm. For more info go to www.the-defendersusa.org or call Tom Perez at 360-693-8100.

Oct 2nd - The Elks Club is holding a Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Benefit 5 to 11pm. Tickets are \$20 per guest and include dinner and 2 drinks. Contact 503-223-3177 for tickets or info.

Oct 8th - is National Children's Day.

Oct 9th - Kelso Post 25 is supporting a Pool Tournament to raise funds for a Christmas Party for the Children in Community Home Health & Hospice. All players are welcome; sign up is by noon at the Maltese Bar & Grill 100 Pine Street, Kelso. Contact Kandi at 360-423-2504.

Oct 11th - is Columbus Day.

Oct 14th - is the regular membership meeting beginning with a potluck at 6pm.

Oct 16th - the 5th District Legion College will be held at Post 176 from 9am to 3pm. All Legion, Auxiliary, Riders and S.A.L. are invited to attend this no cost training.

Oct 16th - is Bosses Day.

Oct 22nd & 23rd - the Disabled Americans Veterans, Vancouver Chapter 4 will have a Grand Opening Ceremony for their new Service Office at 9707 NE 54th St., Vancouver. Contact their office at 360-713-6004.

Oct 27th - Oster Run to Anacortes Wa.

Oct 28th - is Post 176 Executive Board Meeting at 6:30pm.

Oct 31st - 5th District Fall Conference will be held at Carson Post.

Oct 31st - is Halloween

Nov 4th - Southwest Washington Hiring Event "Jobs For Vets" will be held 9am to noon at Gaiser Hall Clark College.

Nov 6th - the Veterans Parade at Fort Vancouver "Honoring the Buffalo Soldiers Service at Vancouver Barracks" begins at 11am. Post 176 has signed up to participate - we have a car donated by Gary Zilm.

Nov 7th - Veterans Day Massing of the Flags at the VA Hospital. Service starts at 11am. If you have your flags please be there 30 minutes earlier. Everyone is welcome to participate in the potluck luncheon following the service.

Nov 10th & 11th - Post 176 has permission to have a information/recruiting table inside Sears at Westfield Mall. We need volunteers to man the table between 10am to 6pm each day. Call 360-573-2331 (this is the post number & they will take your message).

Nov 11th - American Legion Post 14 invites all Veterans to their Veterans Day Free Lunch.

Nov 11th - Post 176 will hold it's general membership meeting beginning at 6pm with our social/potluck. Please bring something to share and join us.

Nov 28th - is the Salvation Army Toy Run.

Dec 4th - is Dornbecker Toy Run.

Dec 4th - Post 176 Annual Membership Appreciation dinner.

Dec 9th - Post 176 will hold it's general membership meeting beginning at 6pm with our social/potluck.

Member Moment

Oct 12th Tom Dombeck is scheduled for heart surgery. It is projected that he will be in ICU for the first week, however he anticipates that he will be able to receive visitors after that. Please remember him in your prayers.

Finance Officer

Membership renewals have slowed down to a crawl. It is best to renew now before the holidays arrive and you find you are short of cash and we are calling you for your renewal. Take care of it now while it is fresh on your mind.

Currently we have 271 members of our 436 goal renewed for 62.2%. We have picked up six new members in the last month. Several from the membership booth at the Mall.

Members can now access their personal file in the National American Legion computer. Go to www.legion.org. On the right side of the screen, click on "the **MY LEGION.ORG**" box .On the next screen,read the instructions, and then click on "**MEMBERS click here.**" If you make any changes to your file, please send the changes to pyasson@pacifier.com so I can update your file in the post computer.

Phil Yasson, Post 176 Finance Officer

Post Chaplain

Sing with me, just like you did when you were 6 or 8.
This is the day This is the day that the Lord hath made that the Lord hath made. I will rejoice I will rejoice and be glad in it and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord hath made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord hath made.

Jerry Keesee Post 176 Chaplain

We have an article this month submitted by Phil Yasson about his journey from High School into the US Navy and his training and experiences. It is appreciated and is the type of article we would like more members to share with their Legion family. It is on the attached page.

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

TO ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS AT SALMON CREEK POST 176

HERE'S A CONTINUING EXPLANATION OF MORE PROGRAMS

We hope you read last issue and learned about our programs of Americanism, Child Welfare, Community Service, Emergency Fund, Girls State, Legislative, Publicity, Veterans Affairs, and the Transplant Unit.

Now I will tell you about our **Constitution and By-Laws**.

Our Constitution and By-Laws are a little different from our Government. However, it tells us who is eligible, what our organization stands for and how each Unit, Department, and National needs to make sure each one is in compliance with the rules.

That includes the list of officers that each one needs, chairmanships and what each one does to fulfill its obligation.

Who can belong, when we meet and how many needs to be at a meeting to conduct a meeting.

Next I'll give you **Membership**.

Membership is open for all those who are wives, mothers, sisters, daughters and grand-daughters of any one who served in the Service during the following times and is a member of the American Legion. 12/7/41 to 12/31/46; 6/25/50 to 1/31/55, 2/28/61 to 5/7/75, 8/24/82 to 7/31/84, 12/20/89 to 1/31/90 or 8/2/90 until now. (continued upper right)

Right now we think of men in our Legion but we are in the Military and they are eligible and are joining the Legion.

We need more members in the Auxiliary. Only one member is still a member that was a charter member, Roberta Gapsch.

My final topic is **Poppy**.

Our poppy is crepe paper in memory of those who died and are buried in France where the poppies were all over. It is made by Veterans in our VA Medical Centers all over the country. In the past we have made them in Vancouver VANC. Again this year we will be making them in Vancouver.

Those who put them together from the kits are paid 10 cents per poppy. They will be putting together 40,000 and that will help our Veterans in the TLU get a new start.

MORE INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

Researched and compiled by
Thelma Hathaway

SOME FACTS YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW

Do you know why many women donate volunteer hours to Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Programs? See six women's reasons with their pictures on page 14 of the August magazine.

What special thing do you think a Colorado Auxiliary member wants to do for returning Veterans? Her name is Mary Jane Miles., She has founded a **Welcome Home House for Military Heroes in Colorado**.

National Chaplain Beverly Wolff tells an interesting experience she had in January 2006. On her birthday in her mind she heard a voice like her late husband Darrell say, "Happy Birthday, Bev" and "I love you, goodbye." Some months before a kitten with green eyes like Darrell's came and sat on the steps of her deck. Bev said, "Kitty, God and Darrell sent you, didn't they?" The kitten stayed and she named him Angel. Bev says, "Angels come in many forms to comfort and surround us with love."

Have you heard that **Moina Michael** was the Poppy Lady. She was well-mannered and well-off when she began school teaching at age 15. In WWI she took a leave of absence from her teaching position at the University of Georgia to serve overseas. She declared "I shall buy red poppies..I shall always wear red poppies--poppies of Flander's Field." (Facts selected from Auxiliary Magazine, Aug. 2010)

AUXILIARY NEWS

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Surprise a Veteran with a call or card on Halloween. You can do it!

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FROM YOUR CHAPLAIN

Our Unit Chaplain is Marlene Bahner. She is eager and willing to meet your needs. Let her know in case there's a need for sympathy, get well, or congratulation cards. Give her a call at 883-1175.

Marlene does the opening and closing prayer at our Unit's business meetings. Please pray for our Servicemen and remember to encourage and thank *Marlene Bahner* for her work as Chaplain. We misplaced her item for this issue and regret our error.

Thanks to *Ashlyn Salzman* and her mother for being special guests at our Sept. meeting. *Ashlyn* answered questions and told the Auxiliary about her week at Girls State. It was a joy to hear and note her enthusiasm and some of what she learned and enjoyed at Girls State in Ellensburg. We printed her "thank you" in Sept. issue.

PRESIDENT'S

Hi Ladies,

We just got home from our vacation about 1700 miles on my bottom end. Had a good time.

A flash flood happened the day we left for home. Glad we left when we did.

There is an American Legion in Adrian, Minnesota where my husband Gary grew up. They are trying to raise money to get their building up and running again. The city wanted the property so they have another building now.

The ladies from Zion Lutheran Church gave us 17 single Quilts to bring home for our Veterans Hospital. There are five or six ladies who do the quilts and two of them are Gary's sisters. No one knew what to do with the quilts until we talked to them. They have been making scarves, mittens and hats also. Bob Wolf talked to Gary. Gary had a good time talking to Bob and giving him help. They will keep in touch. Bob has our number and can call Gary when he needs

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MESSAGE

advice or help. Pretty neat when one Post helps another almost 1700 miles apart!

We had our first Auxiliary meeting, September 9th. Attendance was good but we need more of you ladies to attend.

We will start up again at my house on the first and third Mondays of the month at 11 a.m. for a social time and to discuss Auxiliary topics. Bring a sack lunch and a project you are working on or just come and talk. The Tea is always on and probably some kind of dessert, too.

I look forward to seeing you at our next Business Meeting on Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Post. There is a Potluck at 6 p.m. with table service furnished. Bring potluck foods.

Plans are starting to come together for our Beef and Brew. So start thinking about our gift exchange and things you want to bring. More about that probably in the next news letter. Thank you.

Auxiliary President

Nancy Zilm 576-0774

YOUR MEMBERSHIP HELPS OUR VETERANS

Hi Everyone,

This is going to be a great year!!! We already have 8 members with dues paid for our new year. Please know that you may send your \$25 check payable to American Legion Auxiliary Post 176 to Debbie Hathaway, 507 E 99th St., Space 10, Vancouver WA 98665. Your membership is necessary as we need active members and funds to carry out our various projects for Veterans. Use the Post's address if you wish.

We really need ideas to get our members to be a part of our meetings. We could do so much more for the community and the Veterans Hospital if we had more people interested. We could also do visits to nursing homes as they really like visitors. Anyway, hopefully we can get new ideas. Thanks, *Debbie Hathaway*, Membership Chairman

Autobiography of Phil Yasson

I was born in Coaldale, Pennsylvania and was raised in Nesquehoning Pennsylvania. I graduated from Nesquehoning High School in 1955 and was sworn into the US Navy one week later. Four of us graduates went in together. We were transported by steam engine from Pottstown, PA to Philadelphia. At the recruiting station in Philadelphia, we became part of a larger group that was marched down Market Street to Independence Hall and in front of the Liberty Bell where we were sworn into the US Navy. We then realized that we had become part of the city's Flag Day ceremonies. The Mayor and Congressmen spoke kind words of us. After the ceremony we were corralled onto busses and taken to US Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Maryland for Boot camp.



On my third day in training, I was summoned to the big hall by the bandmaster. He found out that I played a Sousaphone in the High School band and orchestra, and the American Legion band and in the Pennsylvania State Band during my senior year, and he was desperate for me to play in the band. That changed the whole meaning of training, no marching in the 100 degree heat on the grinder, no midnight barracks watches. It became a piece of cake for the twelve weeks we were there.

Towards the end of training, we had a counseling session so they could tell you what you would become during your four year hitch. Prior to signing up for my enlistment, we were given tests. One of the tests was of Morse code. I aced it. The recruiter told me that

would guarantee me a school. He was right. My choices were the Navy School of Music or some rating called Communications Technician. He had no information on the later, so I picked it. Then I got my orders to Radioman School in San Diego, CA. WOW, at 17 years old, I had to make my own way from Nesquehoning, to New York, beg a cabbie to take me from the Penn Central Railroad station to what is now JFK Airport on three dollars. I thought he would faint. The fair then was running \$18.00 but he took me for free. The only problem I had in RM School was my lack of typing ability, but after seven weeks of night school, I caught on. After 8 weeks of RM School, I was sent to the US Naval Security Group at Imperial Beach, CA.

After graduation, I was stationed in Hawaii for 33 months, and then I reenlisted and was sent to Midway Island. Not the Big Island but one next to it. Half mile wide and three quarters of a mile long, full of Gooney birds for six months of the year and Sooty Terns the rest of the time. After Midway, I went to Marietta, WA, Chiniak, AK, Kamiseya, Japan, Instructor and Leadership school in San Diego, then to Skaggs Island, CA, Guam and to Northwest, VA which is really in SE Virginia, south of Norfolk, half in Virginia and half in North Carolina. The water moccasins did not care which state they were in. But they sure ruined my lunch time bass fishing.

I retired at Northwest in 1975 after 20 years of no sea duty Naval service.

I'd like to hear from some of you!

Phil Yasson, Finance Officer