



THE SALMON CREEK POST



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May 2011 *Salmon Creek American Legion Post 176 * Vancouver Wa..* VOL24 No 118

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COMMANDERS NOTES:

I want to give a HUGE Thank-You to Everett Cook who traveled the entire area educating people and signing up High School Juniors for Evergreen Boys State. The deadline was April 15 and Everett registered four candidates for Post 176 to send and sponsor. Everett has served diligently for many years as Post 176's representative for this program. Everett is a graduate of the program and champions it tirelessly. Everett has recently taken on an apprentice. Craig Hurley, our Sgt of Arms will begin training in all aspects of continuing our involvement with this program. This is a wonderful opportunity designed to teach, through active role play, the role and responsibilities of our political system. Boy's State begins June 19th in Ellensburg Wa. They invite guests to visit and observe in an effort to better understand their goals and process. Post 176 will host the Boy's State Orientation on Sunday, May 15th beginning with a BBQ at noon. Come out and show your support to all the candidates.

Every year the American Legion requires all Posts to report all the volunteer hours that members of our Post put into community events. We need to gather that information! If you've supported Little League by attending their game, donated blood to the Red Cross, helped out at the VA hospital-clinic, helped feed the homeless, participated in the Stand Down or any other community event that you helped out with, please report your hours (from last April to this April) to Mike Gibson, the Post Adjutant. We need to collect this data as soon as possible.

The big event for May is Memorial Day, a day set aside to remember and honor the sacrifices of SO VERY many. Those sacrifices were and are to ensure our freedoms. Post 176 will host a free community breakfast at 6am followed by a service at 7am. After our service, there will be a procession to Kelso, Silver Lake and finally Castle Rock for cemetery services at each location. The respectful procession will end with a free lunch hosted by Castle Rock. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Fort Vancouver will also host its annual community Memorial Day Service.

As time slips by we are looking forward to many special occasions. During the June general membership meeting we will be holding an Induction Ceremony to

POST HOURS

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

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

welcome 9 new members. In July we have the Department Convention from 14 - 17th in Spokane. Put it on your calendar and start planning to attend now. We will hold our annual Post picnic in August; the second Saturday of the month is now permanently reserved at the Fruit Valley Community Center. This will be a fun family event so save the date and plan to bring the entire family. Please check out the Events list here in the newsletter, there are lots of things to get involved with, volunteer for or just attend for free. Post 176 is involved, we are active and we are contributing to the quality of life in our community. We are blessed with a wonderfully aware community that recognizes the sacrifices of all veterans and strives to remember and honor them. Together we can make the difference.

Roxeanne Boose'
Commander Post 176

EVENTS CALENDAR

May 1 -Veteran's Assistance Center Grand Opening will be at 2pm. Come have a cup of coffee, tour the center and thank those who worked so hard to make this a reality.

May 5 - National Day of Prayer.

May 6 - The American Legion presentation of JROTC Awards will be held at Prairie High School beginning at 6pm with dinner. I need two members of Post 176 to volunteer to be the presenters. All veterans are encouraged to come out and show your support for these outstanding youth! Please contact 360-909-1882 to volunteer.

May 7 - Remember the Wounded Ride - USMC Cpl Scot King will be pedaling his way across America, beginning in Salem and riding to Portland for a huge party from 2-9pm. To join him on the first leg of his journey or for more information, please call 503- 278-3235.

May 8 - Mother's Day

May 12 - Post 176 will hold its monthly membership meeting. The evening begins with potluck at 6pm and the general meeting at 7pm.

May 13 - The American Legion presentation of JROTC Awards for Battleground High School will take place at 6pm with snacks. I need a Post 176 member to volunteer to present these awards with Phil Yasson. All veterans are encouraged to come out and show your support for these outstanding youth. Please contact 360-909-1882 to volunteer for this event.

May 14 - The 5th District Annual Awards Dinner will be held at Post 14 beginning at 5pm.

May 15 - Post 176 will be hosting the Evergreen Boys State Orientation beginning at noon with a BBQ.

May - 17 & 31 We need **volunteers** to help teach 40 Girl Scouts about flag etiquette. The 6pm classes will be held for one and a half hours on these two nights at Eisenhower Elementary school. This is an opportunity to teach our youth respect, honor and tradition for our national symbol. Please contact the Post at 360-573-2331 to volunteer - please give your name, organization and phone contact.

May - 19 Jobs for Vets Hiring Event will be held 9am to noon at the Washington State University in Vancouver.

May - 21 Free community event. Disaster Preparedness Training will be held at Post 176 from 9am to 5pm. Lunch will be provided by the Post for a nominal fee. For information or to sign up contact 360-573-2331.

May - 22 Free military community event. Armed Forces Day will be held at the Tacoma Convention Center from 2 - 5pm.

May - 24 & 25 Free military community event. **Discovering The Power In Me** is a 2 day seminar that will be held in Vancouver and is open to all military, spouses and retirees. For information and registration please contact Greg Lease at 253-459-4958.

May 26 - Post 176 e-board will meet at the Post at 6pm.

May - 30 Post 176 will host their annual free breakfast at 6am, followed by their Memorial Day Service at 7am. Please join us.

June - 9 Post 176 will hold its monthly membership meeting. The evening begins at 6pm with potluck and continues at 7pm with the general meeting. We will hold an Induction Ceremony for several new members. Please come and greet them as they join us in continuing to serve.

June - 14 Flag Day.

June - 18 Womens Veterans Summit will be held in Bellevue.

June - 19 Evergreen Boys State begins.

June - 23 Post 176 e-board will meet at the Post at 6pm.

FINANCE OFFICER

Military, Retired Military and Dependant ID Cards
To protect your privacy and personal identity information, the Department of Defense is removing the Social Security Number from all ID Cards. The new ID Cards are being issued in three phases.

Phase One began in December of 2008 when they began replacing Dependant ID Cards that were expiring and

needed to be renewed.

Phase Two will begin in June of 2011 when all Common Access Cards need to be replaced.

Phase Three will replace all other cards.

When the new card is issued, it will have a DOD ID Number in place of the SSN. The current ID cards should not be replaced until they are within 30 days of expiration. If your card has INDEF printed on it and you would like your SSN removed, you may do so, otherwise no change is required.

To renew your card, visit one of the 1500 RAPIDS Sites. There is a locator on the internet at dmdc.osd/rsl/owa/home.

Phil Yasson
Finance Officer Post 176

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

As the disciple Paul looked at the Roman soldier assigned to guard him, he reminded us that our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but is a spiritual battle. He then used the armor of the Roman soldier to illustrate a spiritual truth! That God has given us "spiritual armor" to protect ourselves and to war successfully. In our everyday battle with the demons that possess the military veteran, we need to refer daily to Ephesians 6, 13-17.

"Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all of this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit which is the word of God."

We all have our demons. We all need to fight them. We need the right ammunition, the right weapons and the right attitude. It is a war that we can win for ourselves and for those young men and women who are protecting our freedom at this very moment. We can do this by ensuring that they are not forgotten by taking time to pray, time to volunteer or just a few moments a week to mentor them through tough situations.

PUT ON THE ARMOR OF GOD, IT HELPS.

All for the Vet's

Jerry Keen
Chaplain Post 176.

BINGO MANAGER

After two and a half years as Bingo manager I am going to be stepping down at the end of May. I have reached retirement age and would like to spend more time at home. I have had the opportunity to work with the best crew ever and I am going to still be working to help do the best job we can for the Legion. I would like to thank the Legion members and all who gave me so much support to help me do the best job I could. I appreciate it and it has meant a lot to me.

Cora Lane
Bingo Manager Post 176

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

AUXILIARY NEWS

May 2011

May is a special month--Mother's Day, Memorial Day, parades, and more.

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

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ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

Your \$25 check for membership should be payable to American Legion Auxiliary Unit 176 and mailed to Debra Hathaway, 507 E. 99th Street, Space 10, Vancouver WA 98665. Renewals are needed as well as new memberships to help keep our Auxiliary going and doing projects to benefit our Veterans. Please help out.

PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS

Hello there,

I hope everyone had a nice Easter!

We will be electing new officers at our next meeting, Thursday, May 12. The potluck starts at 6 p.m., meeting begins at 7 p.m. Come join us.

Debra Hathaway, President

VOLUNTEER TIME: Please mail your volunteer hours for the past year to Thelma Hathaway, 501 NE 83rd, Vancouver WA 98665. Include hours of service helping others, your church, etc. any hours for which you were not paid. Thanks, do report.

Legionnaires

Our Auxiliary needs your help.

Do you have a wife, daughter, mother or sister who would be eligible for the Auxiliary who has not joined. Granddaughters and great granddaughters are eligible.

Our Auxiliary has lost some members who used to come to our meetings but are not coming now. This is due to death or not being able to get there for other reasons.

We need to get your family members to join and help us.

I have one idea that might help. Could or would it help if we had an afternoon meeting. That way those who could stay for the potluck could stay for maybe a workshop or just be a social time until the potluck and then go home, or stay while Legion met.

In other words we need your help to get our Unit going again like it used to be. Let me know if you have any ideas, too. This includes any Unit member also. Thanks.

Thelma Hathaway 573-0362

From the District Chaplain

Please let me through this column inspire you to make each day enjoyable.

Do you know that Edward Grinnan who is Editor-in-Chief of "Guideposts" has a new book called **The Promise of Hope**. It's to be in bookstores May 1. You may order his book at guideposts.org/promisefofhope or call 800-932-2145. His other writings I've read touched my heart as they deal with life's stresses and victories. Price is \$22.95 total. One receives also a free book of Devotions.

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Don't let yesterday's failures bankrupt tomorrow's efforts.

Bite your tongue before your tongue bites others.

The real measure of our wealth is what will be ours in Eternity.

The heart filled with praise brings pleasure to God.

Blessings to you from **Lucille Harwood**

QUICKLY: Congratulations to our President Debra Hathaway who attended an Awards Banquet where she was recognized for 500 hours volunteer service to VA and to Thelma Hathaway for 19,641 hours. Way to go, Ladies.

Call our Historian Carla Whitson for information about the Veterans' Assistance Center now open in Vancouver and for news about the Farmers' Market. Call Lucille Harwood if you want to receive the 5th Dist. Newsletter by Priscilla Ford. See Officer listing upper left. Leslie Maher was a guest. Glad to see Virginia Martin and Karen McAlister also.