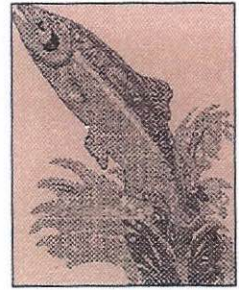




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COMMANDERS NOTES

We have had quite a few things happening at your Post within the last year, and prior years, that have only made the Post a better, safer and longer lasting Post that should need very little upkeep/maintenance to it for the long term. We are not yet done with everything we want to do to the inside of the building which includes replacing the ceiling tiles, painting the interior and possibly installing wainscoating on the lower portions of the walls. A lot of it is for the cosmetics but a clean bright place to meet and hold dinners, conferences and parties is better at attracting members and guests to the Post

We have had a new metal roof put on both halls with a 50 year guarantee on them.

We have new gutters and drains all the way around the halls and everything is all piped into underground drainage.

We have had both halls insulated and new Johns Mansfield siding installed which also has a 50 year guarantee.

We have had beams and posts under the floors replaced to make it a safe place to walk on again.

All the exterior lighting on the building are LED lights to help cut operating costs.

Our bathrooms have been remodeled to accommodate people who need to use them while in a wheelchair.

Our kitchen has been remodeled with all new stainless appliances with walk in refrigerator and walk in freezer. All counters and prep stations are also stainless steel.

Both halls are carpeted. The large hall has been done with carpet squares for easy replacement if a tile needs to be replaced.

We have an entire new HVAC system in the the large hall and for the front office. Our large windows have all been replaced with double pane windows to help stop loss of heat and to help cool the building in the summer.

Our parking lot has been revamped and paved and striped and is due to be re-sealed and restriped this summer.

We have a new electronic sign out by 20th Avenue that flashes all of our BINGO times and payouts, plus other information for the public to see and read.

POST HOURS

Mon-Tue 9AM-7PM

Wed-9Am-9Pm Thur 8AM-2PM

Friday-Saturday-Sunday, CLOSED

We have purchased an ATM for use at the Post because we no longer accept checks for BINGO and we get a fee every time it is used.

We have had a concrete pad poured on the NE corner of the property and purchased a new/used Conex to put on it for storage. It has been painted the same color as the building, it has power to it and outlets inside of it. A "sno roof" has been applied and it is now sealed against moisture of any kind.

The sidewalk on the north side of the building has been widened to accommodate people in wheelchairs and walkers.

We have taken on a couple of Eagle Scout projects from the Boy Scouts and both have been completed . One was sanding, priming and painting the Conex and doing landscaping around it and the other one was to reformat the Flag retirement code for worn out flags, fashioned after the way the American Legion does it for the Boy Scouts to do in their own ceremonies. They both were done in a timely manner and I am proud of both young men in the way they handled the projects.

On Memorial Day, May 27th, at 6AM we have a free breakfast for veterans and their families. Then at 7AM we have a ceremony with the Castle Rock Post Chorale singers doing patriotic songs, a speaker from Jaime Herrera's office, a rifle squad will fire a volley, a bugler will play Taps and the Flag will be lowered to half staff. I know it is early but to not interfere with other memorials going on during the day, we do it early. Please try to attend if you possibly can to help honor our deceased Vets and their families.

On June 1, at noon we will be having our Boys and Girls State orientation here at the Post with a lunch provided for the boys and girls and their families, and anyone in attendance, with the orientation starting at 1PM. Try to attend and see what happens for the youths to go to State.

We have a new organization known as Final Salute for services for deceased family Veterans that is part of the 5th District. If anyone from any district needs these services, all they have to do is call Daniel Halverson at 360-957-4967 e-mail: danielhalversonpgr@yahoo.com and it will be taken care of, including a flag line and a bugler playing Taps. I have attended a couple of them and it is really impressive to watch them do such a solemn service with such dignity.

At this time we are playing Bingo on Mon from 11AM til 2:30PM and Tue-Wed from 11AM til 9PM. Come join us and try to win one of the big pots (or even a small one). We also have pull tabs and the kitchen is open with good food for sale.

On the 29th of June at 9AM the Boy Scouts will be having a car wash fund raiser here at the Post to help fund a function they will be attending. If you are in the area and would like to help them achieve their goal of funding, stop in and have your vehicle washed. They do a good job and an added plus is there will be hot dogs and a drink available for sale to help you pass the time while your car is being washed and if you are hungry, and who doesn't like hot dogs off of a bar-b-que grill.

Also on June 29th we will be sponsoring a USO type show here at the Post by a group called PIN UPS ON TOUR. This is a group that puts on these shows all over the NW and beyond to help veterans in VA hospitals have some entertainment at no cost to them. They pay for their expenses by what they get from the shows they put on at American Legion Posts. The cost to Veterans is free. All a Vet has to do is register on line that he or she will be attending the show at events@pinupsontour.com or come see me at the Post and I have free tickets for them. The cost for anyone not a Veteran is \$20.00 General Admission if the ticket is bought on line or here at the Post from me prior to the show. General Admission at the door the night of the show is \$25.00. WE will also have reserved seating for \$35.00 and VIP seating for \$50.00. There will also be a number of alcoholic beverages for sale and a food cart outside selling good food. You must be 18 years old to attend the show. Doors open at 6PM and the show starts at 7PM. This is the third year we have sponsored this group and we have been sold out at every show and had to close the doors because of lack of room, so if you have any intention of attending, get signed up before it is sold out. Hope to see you all there.

On the 14th of June there will be a Life Line Screening event here at the Post starting at 9AM. We do these a couple times a year to help make the public aware of their health. If you want to have these tests done you can call 1-888-653-6450 and receive a special \$10.00 discount or visit www.lifeline.com/community-partners to pre register. They are normally here until 5PM and then do their shut down unless things are really slow.

This is one more very important piece of information for you all. Membership dues are due now for 2019 because on the 1st of July the dues for 2020 will be due and payable. If you fall behind in dues for two years you will be suspended from membership in the Legion and will need to pay for the delinquent years as well as the current year to be re-instated. Current dues are \$50.00 a year. Please try to get your dues paid if you haven't already done so. We still have our membership meetings on the second Thursday of every month starting with a potluck at 6PM and the membership meeting starting at 7PM

We have rented a corner of our property to a fireworks company from June 25th to July 8th, including set up and take down times. If you need or want fireworks for the Grandkids, come on out and buy them from Western Fireworks.

Gary Zilm
Post 176 Commander