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Commander's Comments

By Jeff Casserly

Another beautiful day in Central Oregon, and another moment to remember the Mission Statement of VFW Post 4108: Our care and concern for previously active American veterans, the support of active combat troops and their families, the remembrance of the commitment and sacrifice required to maintain a true democracy, and the camaraderie and fellowship born of our shared resistance to all intolerance and interference to our belief in the freedom of citizens of our great Country and the world; dramatically reinforced in April with the return of Central Oregon's deployed active combat troops.

The arrival of the Travelling "Wall" **COTTH-2010** inches closer every day and is a testament to that credo; it sometimes seems there's never enough time or energy in the preparation process. The promotional efforts noticeably increase as the weather improves, the logistical and support teams continue to adjust to changes, the funding process grows through contributions and increased advertising efforts, and the need for volunteers in all facets of the production

From the Ladies Auxiliary President

By Becky McDonald

Another great month has come and gone...and our events were spectacular.

1: The Victor's Secret Nightmare Fashion Show was an event we probably will not forget. The pictures are now displayed on our VFW website to view.

2: Thank you to Valorie and her crew for the delicious dinner & the dance.

3: The breakfast turnout was 44. Thank you and your crew, Donna for a great job.

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grows daily. We welcome your involvement. Even with early planning, this event will arrive much too soon and we want you to be a part of this presentation of America's history, and the heritage of Central Oregon's heroes.

April brings spring fever and the need to be outside; gardens planted, motorcycles out, and convertible tops down. It's a moment when life is renewed again and we feel ourselves restored. If you review the calendar of events you'll see that the Post has numerous functions planned including the monthly prime rib dinner, Monday night dinners, taco Thursday, pool leagues, regular dances and soon horse shoe and dart competition. It's

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4: St. Patrick's Day corned beef dinner was enjoyed by a turnout of 74 guests.

5: Another "Rod and Custom Show" was well done and great. Thank You Dan and Jocelyn.

6: Kid's day was small this month but we had a great time coloring shamrocks and attaching four leaf clovers to them. The supplies were donated by Yvette Loveland, our new transfer from Washington State. Thank You to everyone who volunteers at the Post and in our

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From the President of the Men's Auxiliary

By Pinky Christopher

The Brothers Foltz, Olsen, & Flewelling have contacted the Post Commander about getting our own meeting room. The material is ready to go and it will be great when it is finished.

I want to thank Commander Jeff and the rest of the Body for letting me present the Men's Auxiliary idea for a military museum. It was an honor. They were smiling when I left, so there is hope.

Comrade Lon Parker brought forth that we have to pay our dues to the State. We voted to pay dues of \$10.00 for the year 2010. Please turn your dues in no later than May 1, 2010. This is for anyone who was a member prior to January 1, 2010. Beginning in 2011 we will pay the regular dues of \$27 per year.

I want to compliment the Men's Auxiliary on their great modeling at the Victor's Secret fashion show on March
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Post Action News

By John Wrinkle – Public Relations Officer & Valorie Wrinkle – Ladies Auxiliary Public Relations

Donna Rackley has asked me to thank everyone who has been helping with the "Breakfast at the V" and the bake sale. Louise Horsell's pies are always a highlight of the Bake Sale and the Men's Auxiliary has been the key to the success of the Breakfast. Donna also extends a big thank you to Kit Casserly and the Wrinkles who have been donating the eggs for the breakfast. The more money saved the more money earned for the Ladies' and Men's Auxiliaries! We won't be having the regular "Breakfast at the V" in April because it conflicts with the Cooties Grand Scratch that will be hosted at our Post, but we will resume in May. (See Upcoming Events for more information).

The following items of interest are for your consideration:

1. From the Marine Toys for Tots Literacy Program: Don't forget! It is National March into Literacy Month. Go to <http://www.toysfortots.org/literacy/default.asp> to learn about the Toys for Tots Literacy Program and how you can help give the gift of reading to children in need. Every dollar counts!
2. You may know about the VA's Vocational Rehab program, but did you know that the Oregon Department of Human Resources has one as well? You must have a certified physical or mental disability that prevents you from getting a job. If you feel you need vocational rehab, give the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Services a call (800-452-1694) so they can schedule an orientation.

The local office is in Bend, but counselors come to outstations every week (Redmond on Friday). Services are free unless you make over \$70,000 per year. They do have a wait list, but the sooner you contact them the sooner you get on the wait list and start moving up it!

3. The new Mobile Veterans Center van (run out of Salem) is now on the road. They have trained counselors on board and access to VA records, but any information you give them is confidential and is not put in your military records. We will be asking them to come to Redmond while the Traveling Wall (Central Oregon Tribute to Heroes or COTTH) is here in August.
4. New legislation, SB 999 establishes a special court for veterans. Recognizing that veterans who run afoul of the law may have extenuating circumstances, this bill allows the courts to take those circumstances into consideration and find alternatives to prosecution, such as counseling.
5. SB 1000 directs the Department of Transportation to identify veterans on driver licenses and identification cards. DMV is not set up for this yet, but should be by December. This is a voluntary program only.

Upcoming Events:

1. **The next prime rib dinner and dance will be April 3 at a new time.** We are going to start serving dinner at 5:30 pm to allow time for clean up prior to the dance. Enjoy prime rib for \$8 and stay and dance to the sounds of "The Party Time Band" for an additional \$4 (\$6 for non-members). The dance will start at 7 pm as usual.
2. **There will not be a "Breakfast at the V" in April** due to the Cooties Grand Scratch, so the next "Breakfast at the V" will be May 8: pancakes, ham and scrambled eggs. This breakfast will coincide with the Oregon Veteran Motorcycle Association's Mother's Day Poker Run so there will be a special price of

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Dance News

By Valorie Wrinkle – Tel# 541–923–8591

First of all – I want to extend sincere apologies to anyone who was not able to get a dinner ticket on March 6. Our turn out was so much larger than expected that we didn't have enough food to go around and even some people who had made reservations were left out because I forgot to ask the Canteen if they had a list of reservations. Just to be clear – the fault was mine and not that of the Canteen workers. I hope you will all forgive me and chalk it up to my inexperience. I do learn from my mistakes and will do better in the future. A special apology for Kay and Doyle Cain – I owe you guys!

The dance schedule for April and May is:

April 3 – Prime Rib dinner with the “Party Time Band” performing. Please call me if you would like to make reservations for dinner. My number us 541–923–8591. Dinner tickets will be set aside for you. No reservations are



Valorie Wrinkle

necessary for the dance portion of the evening.

April 17 – Bobby & Lori will be performing.

May 1 – Prime Rib dinner with “Bob & Edi Rae” performing.

May 15 – 3 Quarter Short will be back for a return engagement. This is the group that was here on March 6. They were GREAT!

From the Officer of the Day

By Dennis Guthrie

Membership: We have reached our 100% for the year. I hope this does not dissuade any one from getting new members into our Post. The State of Oregon still needs members to make 100% so anything we can do will help. Please pay your dues if you haven't.

April 18th the 1/82nd will be home from Iraq after spending one year there. The welcome ceremony will be at Vince Genna Stadium starting about 1100 hrs. We will have a flag line and the motorcycles groups will be escorting them into Bend from Sisters. It will be great to have our troops come home and I'm sure their families will be elated to have them home.

“The Wall” or “COTTH” (Central Oregon's Tribute to Heroes) is progressing well. We are getting the word out

to the community and giving businesses and individuals a chance to support our troops and Veterans in general. Any help you can provide will be appreciated. Call Jeff at 541–550–6656 or Dennis at 541–280–5161.

Buddy Poppies and Memorial Day are coming up at the end of May. Now is the time to plan to help us take donations for the “Buddy Poppy”. Remember all donations taken in go to help our troops here in Central Oregon. Please volunteer a few hours of your time on May 28th, or 29th, or the 30th. Call or go into the Canteen and sign up for a 3 hour shift at either Fred Meyers or Wal-Mart. We hope to have the JROTC Cadets helping again this year. Dennis Guthrie 541–280–5161

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community.

We will be having an Easter Egg hunt at 9:00 a.m. sharp on April 3rd. It will be a fun time for our younger children aged 10 and under. I hope everyone has a great start to this new spring.

As always I wish health and happiness to all!

Sincerely, Becky McDonald

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6. Guys you looked great! Also, thank you to the brothers who helped out at the last breakfast. Good job!

There are a lot of great things happening at the Post. We need bodies to make things happen for the Guard units that are coming home in April and the Wall project in August. See the "Upcoming Events" section for more information.

Membership is picking up but I would still like to see

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your Post and we're working to offer more of what you want; what else can we do?

Don't forget about the monthly meeting on April 1st. Election for all officers will be held, and again you will choose your leaders for the new year. Step up, throw your hat in the ring, and add your name to the leadership roster of a growing VFW Post; it's work, it's fun and it is personally rewarding. Tell a friend, lend a hand, offer assistance and help a fellow veteran in need.
Semper Fi Jeff

more smiling faces at our meetings as the weather gets better. I hope everyone will be able to come to the next meeting to meet and welcome our new members. Keep your newsletter and calendar handy so you know what's coming up! Until next time, best health and God Bless!

President Pinky Christopher

Veterans and Family Needs

By Valorie Wrinkle – Tel# 541-923-8591

Work continues on the "Welcome Home" ceremony for our returning National Guard soldiers. The soldiers should be arriving around 1100 hours on April 17, but that date could change to April 18. I am putting a call out to all Post, Men's Auxiliary and Ladies Auxiliary members: If you can help please contact either me or Dennis Guthrie and let us know. We are looking for people to decorate the day prior, set up the venue and take down, serve refreshments, provide activities for the kids, etc.. We are expecting around 350 soldiers and their families, so this will be a big

deal! The celebration will be held at the Vince Genna stadium in Bend.

So far we have the JROTC, Future Business Leaders of America, Youth Challenge, American Legion, Vietnam Veterans Association, Marine Corps League, Civil Air Patrol and the Girl Scouts involved, plus the VFW and Auxiliaries from Bend and Redmond. The next meeting on this event will be March 29 and I will have more information at that time.

*"honor the dead by
helping the living"*

Cootie News

By Valorie Wrinkle – Tel# 541-923-8591

MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIES (MOC) PUP TENT 8 NEWS – BLANKET BUM COOTIE WRINKLE

It appears that I am destined to fill the pages of our Newsletter. What will be, will be. Friday, April 9 through Sunday, April 11 you will notice a lot of strange activities going on in our Post. That is because Rimrock Pup Tent #8 will host the 2010 Grand Scratch of the Military Order of the Cootie on those dates. You will see people dressed in red, wearing funny hats and acting silly. Yes, we will be having fun, but you should know that being a Cootie can be and often is downright perilous. For example, the "Yellow Chicken Cootie" from down "south" has been chicken-napped by Pup Tent 20 (The Free Bear Republic) and they are now demanding a ransom of \$100 cootie dollars. Somehow the brave Yellow Chicken (what an oxymoron!) has been able to smuggle messages out, but he is still in peril. I surely hope that this gets resolved by the Grand Scratch as this could mean war with the "Free Bear Republic."

Actually, although we may act ridiculous, our mission is not. The MOC's real mission is to "Keep 'em Smiling in Beds of White." Our ridiculous behavior is a means to an end, that being the support of our hospitalized veterans and residents of the VFW National Home. So, when you see a bunch of ridiculous people dressed in red, wearing silly hats and bearing crazy props, be proud that your friends and neighbors are doing such serious work in such a ridiculous manner.

MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIES AUXILIARY (MOCA) PUP TENT 8 NEWS – INCOMING PRESIDENT VALORIE WRINKLE

Hey, the men can't have all the fun. The ladies of the Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie (known as Ladybugs) will also be attending the Scratch. Our mission is the same and we like to have fun too, but on this weekend many of us will be working our Ladybug fingers to the bone feeding the motley crew of MOC members and other attendees of this Scratch. So if you see a lady dressed in red and looking harried, be sure to thank her for the hospitality you will be receiving. We look forward to serving you!

Cancer Aid Chairpersons

By Claudia Swallow and Linda Parker

I would like to thank everyone who made our Victor's Secret Nightmare a great success. The Bras were outstanding and very creative, and you thought you had no talent for creating. Our men models really got in to the floor work and worked the runway like "pros". The best model and bra was chosen by five judges, none of whom were related to the designers or models to make it completely fair. The best model was Doyle Cain modeling his Birthday bra, which by the way was designed and made by Doyle himself. The best bra was designed and made by Judy Jackson and modeled by Pinky Christenson, who really put on a great show for everyone. His adlib Bunny Tail added to the show. A special Thank you to Jocelyn Tureck for being the narrator; she always has the right words. To Jeff Casserly for being the auctioneer and you thought you could do it. Last but not least Patti Oliver for selecting the music and having the right song for each bra and model. What a great time had by all and the best part is we raised \$416.00 for Cancer Aid and Research. Thanks for your support. Claudia & Linda

"Not Kitchen Committee Chair"

By Jocelyn Tureck

Thanks go out to all the meatball ladies who made an arduous job fun. The Rod & Custom banquet went off well, thanks to all those Post & Auxiliary members who spent their time and energy to help out. As to laundry: Claudia Swallow has taken over this mundane task from Kay for the time being. Let us please do this to help keep our whites WHITE. There are 2 baskets; please keep the icky laundry separated from the mostly white. When a dirty cleanup is in order, use the stained towels stored in the small pantry next to the cooler! Jocelyn

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\$5.50 for everyone. That includes breakfast, coffee, tea or hot chocolate. Call Donna Rackley at 541-647-2935 for more information or if you would like to donate items for the Bake Sale. We are looking for pies and cookies.

3. April 9 – 11, 2010 – Members of the Military Order of the Cooties and their Auxiliary, mark these dates on your calendar. Our Post will be hosting the Grand Scratch on these dates. We will be serving meals throughout the weekend, so if you would like to help call Jocelyn and let her know. (541-923-3534)
4. April 16 – 18, 2010 – the next Commissary Sale is scheduled to be held at the Deschutes County Fair Grounds.
5. April 17, 2010 – This is a tentative date for a welcome home ceremony for returning Central Oregon National Guard soldiers. See below for more information (under Veterans and Family Needs).
6. Kids Activity Day continues to be on the first Saturday of each month. All children of military or veteran families are welcome to enjoy crafts and a free lunch at the Post from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. This Saturday the 3rd there will be an Easter Egg hunt for kids 10 & under at 9:00 a.m.

From The Ladies Aux. Chaplin

By Bernice Lee

What a great way to start SPRING ; it is only a few days old and warm buds on the trees starting to grow, and best of all no illnesses to report. All we need to do is stay that way, as we have many things happening this year and want to enjoy them.

As always pray for our troops and families that they all will be home soon. Have a great month.



From The Canteen

By Jan Nolan

HELLO TO ALL MEMBERS FROM THE CANTEEN GALS. WE HOPE YOU ARE PLANNING TO HAVE A NICE SPRING. YOU KNOW APRIL SHOWERS AND MAY FLOWERS. I THINK WE ARE ALL READY. THE MONTH OF APRIL LOOKS A LITTLE SLOW IN THE CANTEEN.

Post and Aux meeting is April 1st.
Dances will be April 3rd and April 17th.
Hamburgers nights are April 7th, 13th,
14th, 20th and the 28th.

Monday night dinners: April 5th, will be Lemon/Pepper Chicken Breasts, mashed potatoes with gravy, veg., salad, rolls and dessert for \$6.50. The 19th will be Spaghetti, Salad, French bread, and dessert for \$6.50.

Cooties Grand Convention will be the 9th, 10th, and 11th. The District 10 meeting will be the 24th; potluck featuring Swedish meatballs.

Pool tournament winners are Feb 20th Mike Patterson , 22nd Richard Everhard, 27th Del Flint, March 1st Pohn Thach , 6th Joyce Cameron, 8th Pohn Thach, 13th Mike Patterson, 15th Del Flint and the 20th Willie Mauser. If anybody wants to play in the tournament just show up; you are welcome to play.

Hope everyone has a Happy Easter. Jan, Paula, Corrie, Nichole and Shawna

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Webmaster's Corner

By Rick Brose – Tel# 541-593-8463

This is a reminder to those who know and information to those who are not aware, our website has undergone some major revisions in the last few months. I was tasked by our Post Commander to design a web site that is relevant and appealing to new potential members and provide new and easily accessed news and information to our existing members. I have addressed these tasks in part by:

1. A newly designed web site that is JAVA menu driven and has fresh photos and video clips.
2. Adding a web calendar that not only shows the current month's events, but events 6 months and more into the future as they are known with event details. Past events can also be called up.

3. Adding a "Latest News" section that is updated weekly with post and national veteran's news weekly.
4. A redesigned photo gallery that has pictures from post events.
5. Listings with photos of the officers of the VFW, Ladies Auxiliary & Men's Auxiliary.

I now have some help with updating the web calendar and the "Latest News" from Valorie Wrinkle. She has also submitted photos of events along with Lon & Linda Parker, Don & Patti Oliver and our illustrious Commander Jeff Casserly.

I would remind you that if you have an event or news relevant to the post, please let me or Valorie know so that it can be posted on either our calendar or "Latest News" or both. If you let us know now it will be posted now.

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