

VFW POST 4108

August 2010



From the Commander... John Wrinkle

It's warming up outside, as well as in the Post. Many events are planned for August, including many meals, dances, "Wii Sunday", free hot wing Sunday, and more. Be sure to read your committee reports and calendar so you don't miss a thing. I am sure that one of the events will be to your liking, and we would love to see you here. Also, a special thank you to those of you who helped last month with the memorial services, breakfasts, dinners, dances, yard sale, cleaning, maintenance and Post repairs.

The changes in the Canteen have been very positive, with a few hiccups. House Committee Chairman Jeff Casserly is the Post's "personnel manager". If you have concerns or would like to give positive input, he is the man to see. Our canteen staff is young but they have a great upside. With time and good mentoring given by Jeff, they will provide great customer service for the Post.

If you would like to be more involved at the Post, Senior Vice-Commander Vic Gilardin, 541-640-7714, is looking for dedicated comrades for the Honor Guard. In addition, I am recruiting for a comrade who can dedicate a few hours a month to submit our monthly service report. If you are interested please let me know.

Our biggest upcoming event is the Central Oregon Tribute to Heroes - Wednesday, August 11 through Sunday, August 15. Many fine dedicated people have given their time and energy to bring this tribute to Central Oregon. It will be located at the Redmond High School's practice field. As you know, we are honoring WWII, Korean, Grenada, Viet Nam Wars, 9/11 casualties, both Iraq Wars and the Afghanistan War. There will be many opportunities for socializing and sharing a meal, including two dinner dances during that week. This is a great time to heal our wounds and share in the camaraderie that will come out of this experience.

See you in the Post....

Post Commander John Wrinkle

Anchors Aweigh

From the Auxiliary President... Patti Oliver

Well, it has been an interesting start to this year. We've had a garage sale that benefited The Wall. We hosted the BMW club for their rally; many thanks to Becky McDonald, Valorie Wrinkle, Donna Rackley, and all those who participated. As you may know, we have many other events coming up this year. We can sure use the help from all of you. Please remember The Wall coming up in August; we need volunteers for that. If you can attend one of the meetings on Wednesdays nights, you can get updated on what is needed.

Thank you for all your support and let us continue to volunteer in order to fulfill our mission to Veterans and their families.

Always Faithful, Patti Oliver

From the President of the Men's Auxiliary...Pinky Christopher

I hope all Brothers and their families are having a great summer! It is nice to have warm weather finally.

It has been a busy month. Thank you to the crew that worked on the horseshoe pit area - they are getting a lot of play! To those who helped with the Ladies Auxiliary breakfast in July - great job! To the crew that worked on cleaning out the storage area; you worked your butts off and it is appreciated!

To future business - don't forget about your dues for 2011. Time flies when you are having fun, so pay now and you won't have to worry about forgetting! Also, I am looking for a work party to finish the work on the storage area. We need to get the office walls up so we can have our own meeting space. Let's get it done before the Post changes their mind! Help is also needed with the Wall. If you are interested in volunteering for one of the many jobs that will need to be done that week, call Susan Free at 541-306-0212. Susan is the Volunteer Coordinator for the project. There are jobs 24 hours a day while the Wall is up, so whatever time you can give would be helpful.

Other projects that we talked about but have not yet started include the Military Museum. We need to think of ideas for raising funds to do this job. Don't lose sight of our goal; it could be a great thing for us and for the Post.

We now have Men's Auxiliary caps (see the sample in the Canteen) and t-shirts that can be ordered. The t-shirts are available in long or short sleeves. If you are interested in ordering, contact Tim Olson at 541-788-6915.

The next meeting is August 11, 2010. We meet the second Wednesday of every month and we need your input. After all, this is YOUR Auxiliary. Last but not least, congratulations to the new Post Commander, John Wrinkle.

Take care & God Bless...President Pinky Christopher

Military Order of the Cooties (MOC) Pup Tent 8 News - Blanket Bum Cootie Wrinkle

It has been an interesting month. We have initiated "Butch" into the Pup Tent. The good thing is that he will not be saying much. If you haven't met Butch, you can find him hanging around with Dennis Guthrie. It is great to see Cootie Bob Landers at the scratches again. Also, I am traveling around the Department with Grand Commander "Cowboy" Bob Cusick. The Grand has asked me to accompany him because I seem to make everyone around me look good in comparison. Watch out Pup Tent 8 because I am learning new tricks!

From Surgeon General...Dennis Guthrie

The VA in Portland has temporarily lifted the travel policy; however it could be put back in place at a later date.

The VA Mobile Center will be at the COTTH (Central Oregon Tribute to Heroes- or some know it as the Wall). They will be at the Redmond High School parking lot.

Central Oregon Veterans Outreach program is trying to create affordable housing for Vets and their families.

The 21st of August there will be a Command change at the Armory in Bend.

La Pine American Legion is having their annual Golf tournament September 11th at Quail Run to raise money for their kids program. Call 541-536-1402.

The Commissary will be back in Central Oregon in October; date to follow.

September 6th is Veterans get in Free Day at the State Fair. It is not known at this time if families will also get in free.

"Healing Waters" is gearing up for more Veterans who would like to learn to fly fish as a way to relax and help with the traumas of war, life and the problems that can develop as a result of war.

"Caring for Troops" needs help to pack boxes going overseas on the 2nd Saturdays in Bend. Call 548-6990 for more info.

Membership

You will be getting your dues notices for 2011 dues. Please pay as soon as possible. One way to stop the dues notices is to buy a Life Membership. Depending on your age the cost will vary. National also has two payment plans; a 12 mo. and a 24 mo. This makes buying a life membership plan easy. The more Life Memberships we have the more stable the financing gets at National, Department, and Post. Please consider and call with your questions 541-548-6990 for more information.

COTTH (Central Oregon Tribute to Heroes)...It is almost here!

- Wednesday August 11th- We will welcome the Wall into Redmond around 3:30 PM. There will be a meal and a few remarks here at the Post.
- Thursday August 12th 6:00 PM will be the opening ceremony. The Wall will be open 24 hours a day.
- Friday August 13th - 7 PM will be a ceremony with prayer and a candle light vigil for all ages starting around 9 PM.
- Saturday August 14th - Motorcycle walk of honor. There will be a Dinner both nights at the Post before.
- Sunday August 15th 12:00 PM Display will be taken down after a short closing ceremony.

Please come and reflect on the ultimate sacrifice each Veteran has given for our way of life. The entire Central Oregon Community has helped pay to bring it here. Thank you, Dennis Guthrie 541-548-6990

From the Aux. Chaplain...Bernis Lee

Our sympathy to the Dora Hinton Jones Family. Dora Passed on earlier this month.

Here it is fair time again, have a great time, stay well and have a very safe rest of the summer. Remember our troops and pray they will be home soon, so they and their families can enjoy next year's Deschutes County fair time, and by all means PLEASE visit "THE WALL" when it arrives in Redmond in mid August. Bernie Lee "CHAPLAIN"

From the Webmaster...Rick Brose

Security in your computer is an often talked about subject. A lot of people think that just having an antivirus program is all they need to keep out the bad guys.

This is not true! There are many ways your computer can be attacked.

You should also have antispyware protection and a firewall. The firewall often is a part of purchased security packages such as Kaspersky Internet Security or Norton 360 for example. These packages usually include some antispyware protection also, but it is not enough. There are free programs available that will help remove spyware from your system. My favorites are Adware from Lavasoft and Malwarebytes. These programs will remove all the little monitoring "cookies" that web sites you frequent add to your computer to monitor your web surfing habits. Those "cookies" report back to the web site providing the web site owners with information on you and slow your computer down by taking up part of your computing power. Some "cookies" actually add harmful software to your computer to enable it to become part of a larger computer force (botnets) that can be used to crash bigger web networks for illegal financial gain.

Soon I will include a new page on the web site for useful free program downloads from the internet.

From the Public Relations Officer...John Wrinkle & Auxiliary Publicity Chairwoman Valorie Wrinkle

POST 4108 ACTION NEWS: Auxiliary Publicity Chairman Valorie Wrinkle - 541-923-8591 (Home) 541-678-3894 (Cell), vwrinkle@bendbroadband.com.

Upcoming Events:

1. August 2, 2010 – 6:00 pm - Monday Night Dinner". \$6.50 per person.
2. August 12, 2010 – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm – Taco Thursday will be held at the Post. Purchase two tacos and a green salad, or a have a taco salad for \$3.00.
3. August 13, 2010 – 5:30 pm. Prime Rib dinner (see Dance section for more information).
4. August 14, 2010 – 5:30 pm. Spaghetti Feed (see Dance section for more information).
5. August 16, 2010 – 6:00 pm. - Monday Night Dinner". \$6.50 per person.
6. August 17, 2010 – 5:30 pm – OHA/VFW Burger night.
7. August 22, 2010 – "Wii" Sunday in the Canteen.
8. August 30, 2010 – 6:00 pm. – "Cooties" Monday Night Dinner.
9. Central Oregon Tribute to Heroes – schedule of events (please note that this schedule is subject to change):
 - a. August 11 – Traveling Wall will arrive at VFW Post around 4:30 pm.
 - b. August 12 – Traveling Wall will be open to public around noon. Wreath presentation between 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm. Opening ceremony planned for 6 pm.
 - c. August 13 – Opening prayer at 8:00 am. Warm Springs invited to do a "cleansing" ceremony around 9:00 am. Candlelight vigil at 8:00 pm while the names of Central Oregon veterans who died in the service of their country are read (beginning with World War II veterans.)
 - d. August 14- "Walk of Honor" will be held at 7:00 pm at the Traveling Wall. The "Sweet Adelines" will perform patriotic songs.
 - e. August 15 – The Traveling Wall leaves Redmond.

Dance News - Valorie Wrinkle - 541-923-8591:

On July 16 we had a prime rib dinner and dance that was outrageous! We had a band called Stagecoach West out of Spokane Washington and did they have the place jumping with a blend of classic rock, country and standards. The Hall was full that night as we served over 126 dinners, than danced till 11 pm. What a great time and none of it would have happened if Stagecoach West had not offered to play for us at a greatly discounted price, and if I didn't have such a wonderful crew of folks who help put the dinner and dances on. Thank you to Randy Albright and friends; and thank you to my crew!

From August 23 through August 27, 2010 the dance floor in the Hall will be off limits. Art Horsell and John Wrinkle have taken on the job of refinishing the dance floor. If you are interested in helping with this project, please call John at 541-923-8591. They can use all the help they can get!

The dinner and dance schedule for August is as follows:

August 13 – 5:30 pm: Prime Rib dinner and dance night. For \$15 per person, get a full prime rib dinner with potatoes au-gratin, broccoli casserole, tex-mex corn, green salad, dinner roll and dessert, plus dance to the music of Bob and Edi Rae from 7 pm to 11 pm.

August 14 – 5:30 pm: Spaghetti Feed and dance night. For \$10 per person you get spaghetti with homemade meat sauce, Caesar salad, garlic bread and dessert, plus dance to the music of the Badlands Boogie Band from 7 pm to 11 pm.

August 21, 2010 - Dance with music by Bobby & Lori. \$4 for members and \$6 for non-members.

Dinner Reservations: If you would like to make a reservation, you can call the Post at 541-548-4108 during regular business hours, or call the Dance Chair at 541-923-8591. Reservations are held for one half hour after dinner service begins.

From the Canteen

If you missed out on "Wii Sunday" in July, please join us again on Sunday, August 22. Come race, golf, or bowl. Special thanks to Kay Cain for being enthusiastic and showing those who didn't know the fine art of Wii bowling how to play. We hope to see **you** there next time!

August Pool Tournaments are on Thursdays and Saturdays at 7:00. These are open to the public—come on down!

We will serve free Hot Wings on Friday the 27th starting at 5:00 and going until 6:30 or until they are gone—whichever comes first!

Tacos will be served on the 1st Thursday of each month only, except the Auxiliary will serve them in conjunction with "The Wall" on Thursday the 12th.

Monday dinners are as follows: 2nd: Lemon Chicken Fettucini, salad, veg, garlic bread, and dessert. 16th: Swedish Meatballs, home style noodles, veg., salad, rolls, and dessert. 30th: Pork Chops, scalloped potatoes, veg., salad, rolls, and dessert. All meals are \$6.50 and served at 6:00 p.m.

Mixed Doubles pool league has ended and will be having a banquet in the canteen on Monday, August 9 at 6:30 pm. The banquet will be followed by a pool tournament.

Pool tournament winners this month were: June 19 - Steve Shollenburg; June 24 - Mike Patterson; June 26 - Mike Patterson; July 1 - Dick Cameron; July 3 - Mike Patterson; July 8 - Mike Patterson; July 10 - Heidi Cole; July 15 - Ponh Thach; July 17 - Del Frint.

Corrie, Nichole, Jem and Kimberly