

VFW POST 4108 NEWSLETTER

February 2009



Happy Valentine Day

From the Commander...Jeff Casserly ...Good day Veterans and Families,

Good day Post members and families; Finally the electioneering is over, finally we have a date to start our recovery from, finally the wheels of progress can begin to focus on the real challenges that our Country faces and finally we can all give a collective sigh and get back to work. I don't know about you, but the process wears me out; how the candidates hold up is a testimony to their resilience and perhaps their endurance. I believe that most Americans are finally ready to get back to work and start the rebuilding of our Country.

Have you been to your Post lately? If you haven't, you will be surprised at the new Patriot Park area and all the improvements in place. We've had final inspections on construction and electrical and by the time you read this the lights should be operating in the new covered outdoor patio area and smokers lounge. The plan is to complete all exterior portions before the end of February and move to interior wall finish the next month. We still have the proposed BBQ, Fire Pit and Horse Shoe Pits areas to address and perhaps, with the help of those members with either strong backs or special skills, the entire project can be finished before our troops deploy to the Middle East in the spring.

It's time to take another look at your improved VFW Post. You're an important part of the Post, you are the reason it exists, and your support and involvement is what keeps it growing. You now have an all-weather outside patio area designed for all ages; a very pleasant place to relax and visit with family and friends and, keeping with tradition, it's directly adjacent to the comforts and fellowship of our "smoke free" Post Canteen.

We look forward to seeing you soon, Semper Fi; Jeff

From the Auxiliary President...Becky McDonald

Hello VFW Post and Auxiliary Members and their families...As always I want to start by thanking our volunteers; Diane Guthrie, Kit Casserly and friends for taking down the Christmas Decorations while I was at work.

I will always need volunteers. We have a kitchen with NO COMMITTEE. This is a BIG PART of our Auxiliary; we need someone to do this job. Please send in your membership dues.

We had 4 initiations for last month...they were; Kellie Crivello, Diane Johnson, Valire Wrinkle and Trinity Lewis. Thank you all for your Vow!!! Our activity and project day for Veteran's children this month (Feb.) will be the 28th before the concert.

We will have lots of people there to watch the children. Remember 3 to 12 yrs old. I am sorry if I left anyone out, I am under the weather this week so if I forgot you... THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. All ways I wish everyone good health and happiness with family and friends... Becky McDonald

From the Public Relations Officer...John Wrinkle

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Val and I are wishing you a Safe, Happy and Prosperous New Year. As of yet, there has not been a huge demand on me to provide services for the Post and you. However it is my desire that as time passes, you will

become comfortable using this position to advertise, attend meetings to present your activity goals, and other needs. The following are items of interest for you and the Post:

1. The Ladies Auxiliary is planning to provide crafts and/or activities for children from Veteran families once per month. The purpose is to give parents the opportunity to leave their children in a supervised setting while they shop, go to a movie, or just relax. Parents are welcome, if they choose to stay. The first session is planned for January 24, 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Be sure to call the Ladies Auxiliary for their next scheduled event.
2. February 28th - ELIVIS LIVES with Special Guest John Denver please see Dianne and Dennis Guthrie's newsletter article for information.
3. Great job done to all who have worked on the exterior improvements to the Post!
4. Post Commander Jeff Casserly has appointed Valerie Wrinkle to be the Post's Dance Coordinator.
5. At the last Post meeting, John Wrinkle was elected Junior Vice Commander.

From Judy Jackson...Nursing Home

Did you ever wonder about the fact that the post and auxiliary work on projects and then miraculously they are reported in our newsletter. The articles don't just appear and now to acknowledge those who work on the letters. First there are those who submit an article, then Karen Millard prepares the letter for printing and e-mail distribution and Dave Millard runs them off on the printer. The news crew is then called to collate, fold, and tape by Harold Davidson, Betty Anderson, Helen Rodman, Henry Tiano, Lon and Linda Parker and Dan Tureck as runner and miscellaneous. From there Judy Jackson and Jocelyn Tureck sort by zips and complete forms so letters can be taken to the post office. From there they are mailed to you the members.

NURSING HOME

For December, I want to thank those who made it possible for the Nursing Home Residents to see Santa and to receive many gifts. Thanks to Santa arrived with gifts for everyone including oranges and apples, shampoo, body gel, lotions, jewelry, sweat suits, sweaters. Caps, stockings and many other items needed by the residents. Members of the Nursing Home Program include Bernis Lee, Bruce and Carol Oxley, Leire McCuen, Glen and Geri Piper, Judy Jackson and our own Santa, Merle Jackson who also visited the Aspen Ridge Nursing Home and John Tuck Schools. Value of gifts made, bought and donated valued at \$894.00, thanks to many.
Judy Jackson

From Dennis and Dianne Guthrie...

Membership – Here we are in January and we are NOT 100%! We need your dues now! Please pay them as soon as possible. As of January 1, 2009 if your 2009 dues are not paid, you are NOT a member in good standing. You will need to pay them in order to have canteen privileges, be able to attend meetings, etc. We cannot continue to serve Veterans and their families without your dues.

Elvis will be here at our Post with John Denver February 28, 2009. Tickets are on sale at the Post Canteen. Doors will open at 6:00 PM show begins at 7:00 PM. Front area seats are \$25.00, general admission is \$20.00. If you liked Johnny Cash & June Carter you will like Elvis! The first part is Elvis in 50's & 60's, then John Denver, and last comes Elvis from the 70's. Justin Shandor has won many awards as the BEST Elvis look alike and sound alike! Both are Las Vegas acts brought to you at your local VFW Post. All proceeds go to help Veterans and their families.

If you need someone to bring a ticket or two to you, John Wrinkle has volunteered to drive tickets to you and if you ask nice might even arrange to help get you to the event. Contact John at 923-8591.

Volunteers needed to help usher and help in the parking lot. You will be able to hear the music for free. Contact Dennis or Dianne at 548-6990.

We are building a suicide prevention team here in Redmond for our Vets. Having problems or know someone that is, call Dennis 548-6990. We are combat Veterans that know what it is like and we care!

Caring For Troops

Caring for troops needs your help. The next pack up should be 2/14/09 at Sage Insurance across Revere from the North Albertsons in Bend. The pack up will start at 10 AM. The date is not yet posted online but should be the 14th. If you cannot help pack, you can write a card or note, donate items, donate services, donate funds, pray, local business groups can sponsor a pack-up, or you can co-ordinate a project at a school or church. All items donated can be left at the Canteen and must be marked "Caring for Troops". Questions? Dianne Guthrie 548-6990. The list of items needed is posted outside the Canteen and extras copies are available.

Dianne & Dennis Guthrie

From the Auxiliary Chaplain-Bernis Lee

We send our sympathy to the families of Mary Lou Swisher, She was Oregon state past president. Also Melva Jean Watson Gilker who passed away on Jan 10TH. Hope everyone stays well; It will not be long until spring.

As always pray for our troops and Families, and GOD BLESS AMERICA Bernis Lee "Chaplain"

From the Canteen-Jan Nolan

February is here and we have a few things going on such as dances on the 7th and 21st and the fund raiser show on the 28th.

Then we would like to have our first annual Sweetheart Prime Rib Dinner on Feb.14th. The dinner tickets will be \$15.00 each or \$20.00 per couple. Dinner will be served from 6:00 till 7:30 and we would like you to sign up in the Canteen or call in on it. We are also planning to have music for that occasion starting at 8:00.

Don't forget our hamburgers nights and Taco's nights.

Monday night dinner Feb. 2nd. will be Spagettie, salad, French bread and dessert for \$6.00. Monday Feb. 16th will be ham dinner, potatoes, veg., salad, rolls and a dessert for \$6.50.

Again we want to thank all the guys and gals who cook for our Hamburgers nights.

Thank you all for your support. Jan, Kellie, Paula, Shawna, Shanon and Lon

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GENERAL ADMISSION \$20 FRONT ROW AREA \$25

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TICKETS SOLD AT:
BEND FURNITURE OUTLET REDMOND VFW HALL AFTER 3PM @ BIG 'R'

“Get well Ron and Jean Lamison”

Ron recently had his leg amputated below the knee and Jean Lamison recently had a heart pace maker implanted. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and we wish you both a speedy recovery. Take Care