



From the Commander... Jeff Casserly...

Good day Post Members and Families,

February; the month of our President's Birthday Holiday and a day to remember your Valentine. That's my lead into promoting the annual Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance. Check the calendar and make your reservations now; be a Hero, Not a Zero on the 14th.

I've noticed new faces and new events taking place at the Post lately. The Prime rib dinners are becoming very popular and it seems the crowd is getting bigger each time we hold one. The Saturday Breakfast program began last month and if the members and their families enjoy it, we'll see continued development of the schedule and the menu. The Friday Pinochle Game is seeing an increase in players and the dances are beginning to draw larger crowds too. What's going on? Are the Post members rediscovering the benefits of active membership or are the locals finding a safe, fun and an affordable comfort zone in their own back yard?

Did you know that the Men's Auxiliary was officially chartered last month, and that they are already starting to get the feel for what membership means? They're planning spring activities, helping out at Post functions and coming out of the dark to become fully fledged supporters of the VFW and its' beneficial causes; I think that their President "Pinky" Christopher has finally discovered the power of his gavel.

Have you noticed the new look to the building? The roof and the front entry areas are finally complete and you now have an updated safe, secure and dry Post facility that you can be proud to bring family and friends to. The look and the facilities have improved but the purpose remains the same; a safe zone for yesterday's combat veterans and a resting place for returning combat troops, our future members and their families.

...and finally to the "Wall"; You'll hear a great deal about this over the next seven months and if you are a Viet Nam vet, like me, it strikes to the core of our own history. There is a time when all combat soldiers must stand and take stock of their lives and the challenges overcome to just be here today. On August 12th we will begin three days of tribute honoring and remembering those who perished in Viet Nam and those who served in every conflict since the 1950's. Your support, your input, your efforts and ideas are requested in the preparation and presentation of this Central Oregon Tribute to Heroes 2010. Take part in this once-in-a-lifetime event. Commit and contribute to its success.

Check the Calendar, log onto www.vfwpost4108.org and tell a friend of your Post 4108.

Semper Fi, Jeff

From the Ladies Auxiliary President... Becky McDonald

Hello, V.F.W., V.F.W.A. members and their families:

As my ladies know, I had to work during the last meeting. All will be talked about at the next meeting.

I want to thank Patti Oliver for standing up for me. It gave her some practice, in case she needs it for the upcoming year. Thank you, Patti.

We skipped the Kids' Day in January due to the holiday and Donna's first breakfast. Thank you to Donna, her staff, and the members who baked and attended.

As we all know, THE WALL will be here August 11 – 15. I have been elected as Hospitality Coordinator. I will be asking our entire Auxiliary to help in some way. This is a HUGE thing for us; we should all be involved.

We do have some time for fund raisers if anyone has ideas.

We all work to the best of our ability to make our VFW all it can be. Keep it up!!

We have work to do outside this summer to make it family friendly, so let's get our heads together and finish it. Let's talk soon about ideas for THE WALL and our outdoor area. I wish you all Good Health and Happiness.

Sincerely, Becky McDonald

From Men's Auxiliary President—Pinky Christopher 923-3133

Well, here we go again. We had our first official meeting 1/13/2010. Had a real nice turnout, and were pleased to see all those smiling faces. We are very pleased to add 5 new members. Their applications were read and voted on. Moving right along here... I would like to thank Bernis Lee for her help and for the thoughtful birthday present for Paul Carter. Hospital Chairman Nick Haynes reported that Chaplain Tim Olson is in the hospital with the flu. We wish him the best recovery. Thank you for all the wonderful helpers for the Ladies' breakfast. Please join in order to continue this wonderful activity. Next meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 10, 7:00. The best to you all in 2010. Pinky

From Dennis Guthrie

Membership

We need 19 more members to renew their dues. We have over 100 who have not renewed yet! I also have sent over 40 letters requesting those members that live out of state to please help us to help Vets by paying their dues and I do hope that all will help us even in this small way by paying their dues.

The Central Oregon Tribute to Heroes Wall Committee

This Committee now has Chairmen for the different aspects of the project. The Redmond High School was selected as the site.

Remember to tell friends and family and donations will be accepted at Home Federal Bank, all branches.

“Central Oregon’s Tribute to Heroes” is coming in August. It is not just a tribute to Vietnam Veterans but also WWII, Korea, 911, and our present day Veterans who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Committee Chairmen are:

Flags	Randy Povey	541-548-6778
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Logistics	Dave Campbell	541-504-8588
Finances	Bill Pieters	
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Volunteers	Susan Free	541-306-0212
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Thank you for all you do for our Vets and our community.

Dennis Guthrie

From the Aux. Chaplain...Bernis Lee

Marion DeMarsh is home from the Hospital following hip surgery and seems to be doing very well, Get well soon Gal. That is the only one this month and I do hope we all stay well this winter.

The troops are still at war and will always need our prayers and support as well as their families. Also we send our prayers and love to the poor people in Haiti; they need all we can muster for them.

Bernie Lee "Chaplain" 

From the Public Relations Officer...John Wrinkle

POST 4108 ACTION NEWS; Public Relations Officer John Wrinkle and Auxiliary Publicity Chairman Valorie Wrinkle – 541-923-8591 (Home and Fax). 541-678-3894 or 541-678-3895 (Cell), jwrinkle@bendbroadband.com.

The following items of interest are for your consideration:

1. TRICOR eligible Post members - are you having trouble understanding your benefits? Perhaps this website www.military.com/benefits/tricare/understanding-your-tricare-benefits can help you.
2. The first and third Monday of each month the Canteen puts on a home cooked meal at ridiculously low prices. If you have not been coming down for these meals you are missing out! Paula and crew are doing a great job: the homemade chicken pot pie on January 18 was very tasty and satisfying and the banana cream pie dessert was delicious – all for \$6.50! The next dinner will be February 1. Call the Post at 541-548-4108 for more information.
3. Donna Rackley's "Breakfast at the V" on January 9 was a huge success and everyone enjoyed their meal. The bake sale even sold out! (There was a battle for Louise Horsell's lemon meringue pie). The Men's Auxiliary met Donna's challenge by turning out to help. Thanks guys – let's see if you can repeat the performance next month - (February 13, 2010.)
4. The January prime rib dinner/dance was another success. Thank you to Dan and Jocelyn Tureck for getting these off the ground, and thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who make it possible to do these dinners! We could not do it without you.
5. Exciting times are coming as The "Wall Committee" is up and running. More on that later.

Upcoming Events:

1. **The next dance will be February 6. Bob & Edi will be performing.** There will not be a prime rib dinner on this night but come down on February 13 for the Sweetheart's Dinner. Call the canteen for more information on this event at 541-548-4108. Bobby & Lori will perform at the February 20 dance.
2. **February 13** will be the next "Breakfast at the V" and bake sale. We are looking for volunteer bakers to provide items for the bake sale. Call Donna Rackley at 541-647-2935 for more information.
3. **February 14** – Color Guard and rifle practice at 1300 hours at the Post.
4. **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 11 am to 1 pm.
5. **March 6 will be our next \$8 Prime Rib dinner, followed by our regular dance.** (See below for more info!)
6. **March 26 and 27, 2010** the Oregon Women's Veterans Conference will be held in Prineville. More information to follow.

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

The New Year's Eve party was a lot of fun with the Party Time Band performing. We rang in the New Year in style with a great turn out. What a great way to end our dance year!

January 16 was our prime rib dinner and dance night this month. If you haven't been to one of these dinners yet you are missing out! Where else can you get prime rib with baked potato, vegetable, salad, roll and dessert for \$8 per person?

(The dance committee will not have a dinner in February, but the Canteen will be putting on their annual Valentine's Sweetheart Dinner on February 13 and they will be serving prime rib, so don't miss that one!)

The dance schedule for February and March is:

February 6 – Bob & Edi performing (No dinner due to the Canteen's Sweethearts Dinner on February 13.)

February 20 – Bobby & Lori performing.

March 6 – Prime Rib dinner with "Three Quarter Short" performing. For info about this group go to

www.threequartershortband.com.

March 20 – There will be no dance on this night due to a scheduling conflict in the Hall.

Veterans and Family Needs – Valorie Wrinkle – 541-923-8591:

This month we had another "beef give-away" for National Guard families in the area, thanks to two local ranchers who donated a whole beef each. What a great way to support our military families! A big thank you to Eberhard's Dairy for providing the Post with free storage so we could keep some of the beef frozen until it was distributed.

From the Canteen-Jan Nolan

Well, another month gone by and really fast. So February is already upon us. WOW"

So here we go: Monday night dinner on Feb. 1st will be Baked Ham dinner with all the trimmings for \$6.50. Monday night dinner on Feb 15th will be Chicken Fried Steak with all the trimmings for \$6.50. And of course Hamburgers nights will be the 3rd, 9th, 16th and the 17th. Taco nights are every Thursday. So as you see you don't have to cook too many nights this month. Then ---On February 13th we will have our annual "SWEETHEARTS" Dinner and Dance. The menu will be Prime Rib Dinner, baked potatoes, veg. salad, rolls and dessert.

The Price will be \$20.00 per couples or \$15.00 per single persons. We are asking you to call or come in and make your reservations. The Canteen is sponsoring this function again this year for members and guests, so we hope you all attend and have as much fun as you did last year.

Donna is heading up the second monthly breakfast on Saturday the 13th, featuring Bacon & Eggs, hashbrowns, & English muffins. Price is \$6.50. Seniors (55 & over) pay \$5.50. Meal is served from 8:30 to 10:30. Bake sale items are needed again (sold out last time!) Kudos to the Men's Auxiliary members who showed up to help. Come on back & do it again, please!

As everyone can see the pool tables are pretty busy. Our pool tournaments winners for last of Dec. and thru the 18th of Jan are: Dec... 21st Mike Patterson, Dec 26th Del Frint, Dec 28th Mike Patterson, Dec 30th Del Frint, Jan 2nd Dennis Tooley, Jan.4th Dick Cameron, Jan. 9th Dennis Tooley, Jan.11th Del Frint, Jan.16th Dick Cameron and Jan.18th Dennis Tooley. We have some really good pool players, so come on in guys and have some good clean fun.

Thanks go out to Lon and Mark for all their help and all the rest of the volunteers. We do appreciate you all.

We hope everyone has a "Happy Valentine's Day."

Jan, Paula, Tara, Shawna and Nichole.