

# VFW POST 4108 NEWSLETTER

July 2009



*Have A Great 4<sup>th</sup>. of July*

## Comments from the Commander...Jeff Casserly

Good day Post Members and Families,

July brings the new fiscal year and the typical associated changes; new officers, committee chairmanships, an adjusted budget, new and recurring community fund raising events, memorial services, scheduled parades and the challenges of 2009/2010...and the list continues to grow.

This year we have a special Post Personnel recognition opportunity that will be viewed by the entire National VFW Membership. Our Dennis Guthrie, always active in Veterans Support programs, is a candidate for the National Surgeon General. It appears likely that he will achieve that position and if so, he will need additional financial support. The job means crossing the USA, visiting troops in hospitals and homes, determining Veterans needs and promoting the changes and care necessary for Americas combat troops. If you're financially able to contribute to his National Service, please do so now and thru-out the year. Read Dennis's history and his VFW plan on your Post website; truly the right veteran in the right place at the right time.

What do you call an area that is developing into the best outdoor patio area for smokers and non smokers alike, horseshoe pitchers, barbecuers, dart throwers, family oriented kid zone play area, sports and hunting enthusiast, designed for younger (and more seasoned) veterans and possibly the safest place for you, your spouse and your family in the Central Oregon area? Good Question eh? The Post Patio Park area needs a name and I think a contest is in order with bragging rights and of course an award. Direct your idea to the Post Website or the Commanders mailbox at the Canteen, or write it down and hand it to a Post Officer. I'll be accepting nominations for the "appropriate moniker" and bring it to the Post for discussion and a vote at our September Meeting. Put on your thinking' caps.

Last on my list is a note of commemoration. In the past few months we've seen the passing of some memorable individuals who *left their campsite cleaner and better than the way they found it*. It is nature's way that we all take that final step and move on, but during our time here we make and leave lasting memories for the living, testaments to our existence. We cherish their memory and are ever thankful that they called us "friend".

Enjoy summer, Get involved, Do Good Work, March in a parade and Support your Post. **Semper Fi.**  
Jeff

## .From the Auxiliary President...Becky McDonald

From the Ladies Auxiliary President, Becky McDonald:

Hello VFW and VFWA members: Yes, another annual election of our officers is done. As always, we strive to uphold our vows and make our Post the best it can be. I know that we all help in various ways throughout our community, BUT do you write down what you did? Please don't forget to jot down the information in the volunteer log book in the canteen. We are known for all of our contributions, so keep it up and write them down! Thank you.

We had another great time with the kids on June 6<sup>th</sup>. They made Father's Day shirts, cards, and other items. It was awesome! The kids made extra items and donated them. I believe this is a good thing for the children. The penny drive and donations brought in \$71.00. This allowed us to purchase some of the stuff for this month and for future events. TTHANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!!

As you know we are getting ready for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and "Picnic at the Post". We want to see all of our members plus any military and their families at the parade and at the hamburger/hot dog feed to start at noon at the Post. This is FREE to all who come! I am asking my Auxiliary to help with the parade, decorating, and salad dishes for potluck. (Dessert will be provided) I am doing the potato salad. Beans, macaroni salad, green salad, or any other salad or side dish you wish to donate would be great. If I haven't contacted you and you are willing to help in any area, please call me at 541-408-3721.

Thank you to all Auxiliary members who spent their time raising money for Buddy Poppies. I will be calling for volunteers to do spring (summer) cleaning on the kitchen soon, so get out your cleaning gloves. It is an annual thing and just needs to be done!

Thank you to my entire Auxiliary for all their hard work. I also wish to report that I spoke to Bernie on the 19<sup>th</sup>. She is doing well; in very good spirits and able to get out by herself.

I wish everyone good health and happiness with friends and family.

Sincerely, Becky McDonald

## **From Public Relations Officer....John Wrinkle**

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The following are items of interest for your consideration:

1. Caution: the Military Family Assistance Program does not allow individuals to ask for donations; however there is currently a person in the area seeking donations. Do not donate to anyone asking for money.
2. The new Department of Veterans Affairs' Relaxation of Priority Group 8 Enrollment Restrictions is posted on the Canteen's bulletin board.

Upcoming Events:

1. July 11 Tri-Tip dinner and Sock-Hop Dance Fund Raiser. Dinner and Dance Combo for only \$13 per person, dinner only \$7 per person, or dance only \$8 per person. Enjoy a delicious barbecued tri-tip dinner that includes baked potato with all the fixing's, baked beans, cole slaw, roll and special dessert at 6 pm. Make it a special night out and stay to dance to classic rock and roll music from the 50's and early 60's with "County Line". Dance will be from 7-11 pm. Also, we have invited the local classic car clubs to attend and bring their cars for our viewing pleasure. Call the Post at 548-4108 to make your reservations.
2. Redmond July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Barbecue.
3. 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Scholotzsky's in Bend; Food & Music-Kids Welcome. Fundraiser for Caring for Troops; 11 am to 11 pm.
4. The Deschutes County Fair will be the last weekend in July through the first weekend in August. A space will again be provided for Vets that must be manned while the fair is in operation.
5. Due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday; there will not be a dance on the first Saturday of the month. However, the July 18<sup>th</sup> dance with Rough Strings is still on the schedule. Come on down and enjoy the fun and camaraderie.
6. The next Commissary sell is scheduled for October 2, 3, and 4 at the Deschutes County Fair Grounds.

## **From Dennis and Dianne Guthrie**

### **Buddy Poppy**

I would first like to thank all those who took the time to come out and help us this year on Memorial Day week-end to take donations for the buddy poppies. We had 44 people come out to help including the JROTC and men's Aux. There were 11 fist timers which was outstanding. Everyone I talked with seemed to have a great time, and the weather was quite nice. The efforts of all paid off as we collected almost \$7,000 for our relief funds. It was the best collection any one could remember. I would hope that all those who helped this year will be able to make it again next year and that more members will also want to come out and have some fun and help veterans at the same time. Dianne and I will be giving some awards away about 15 minutes before the next meeting. I hope to see everyone there.

We want to thank Gary Fearrien, he was the impetus behind the competition for Poppy collections and contributed greatly to the success of this year's program. Gary was willing to work anytime and anywhere and worked three shifts. Gary also helped on Memorial Day putting on the service. His example of volunteering is incredible.

## **From Hospital and Nursing Home**

### VFW FAMILY FUN DAY

On Sat. September 26, we will be having a family fun day for fun, games and food. This will be the VFW Auxiliary's fund raiser to help support our programs such as; Youth, Americanism, Hospital and Nursing Home, Veterans relief fund, Family Aid, and other programs. Many of the Chairmen will have a raffle or game for their own program.

Please mark your calendar now. We will have many games, lots of fun things for all ages, and also plan to have plenty of food. Any Auxiliary member who has ideas for games, etc., please share your ideas with us. If we all work together this can be a fun and profitable day. We will give more details as we get closer to the event.

Any questions, please call your President Beckie or me, Judy Jackson at 548-5796.

## **For Our Auxiliary Chaplain, Bernie Lee**

I do not have any one on the get well list so far this month, and that is very good news.

I do want to thank everyone who thought of me and sent their prayers and love while I was in the hospital recovering from a very serious back surgery, I am on my way to a very successful recuperation and I will be as good as new in a short time. THANK YOU ALL. Always pray and remember our troops and their families.

Hugs and blessing, Bernis Lee "Chaplain"

## **From the Canteen-Jan Nolan**

The month of June is over and we have high hopes for the wind to stop sometime soon. It is not so good for the gardens and all my hanging flower pots. "Oh Well- Huh.

The next thing going on is the Post and Aux meeting, then the 4th of July, the parade, and the potluck.

**Note: There will not be a dance on the 4th.** The next dance and dinner will be on the 11th. For more information on that call Val and John at 923-1514.

The Canteen Monday night dinner on the 6th will be Meat Loaf with potatoes and gravy, veg. salad and dessert for \$6.50.

The Monday night dinner on the 20th will be Chicken Fried Steak, potatoes and gravy, veg., salad and dessert for \$6.50.

OHA and VFW hamburgers nights will be Tuesday the 14th and the 21st and don't forget Taco's on every Thursday.

Then our regular Saturday night dance on the 18th... We hope to see all of you for all these functions.

Thank you from the girls in the Canteen...Jan, Kellie ,Paula