

# VFW POST 4108

June 2010

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## **From the Commander... Jeff Casserly...**

Good day Post Members and Families,

Two years in the saddle, and time to hand the reins to another trail boss. John Wrinkle your new Commander will be writing the next Commander's Comments and I don't think Post 4108 could get any luckier. I was taught many years ago to find and train my own replacement if possible. John knows the responsibilities and duties of the position and I'm thinking he might even take the job more seriously than I do. Help him out and keep the Post moving forward...and I can take a break.

I must thank the Post members for believing in my dream of a Post for 21<sup>st</sup> Century vets. Today, thanks to the hard work of the members, the Auxiliaries, and a surprise contribution from the estate of comrade Arnold Saucy, we have that Post.

If you haven't followed the latest scuttlebutt, the Central Oregon Tribute to Heroes 2010, the largest Traveling Wall in America, is on track to be here from August 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Fund raising events and planning/committee meetings are held on Wednesdays at the Post Hall and if you haven't been there to feel the excitement, you are missing a moment in history and a sense of purpose that is not felt in our normal life's work. There is still time. Call the Post 548-4108, see the Events Calendar, or go to [www.vfwpost4108.org](http://www.vfwpost4108.org)

I really need to thank a few key players from the past two years. Bill Pieters; no one ever thanks the Quartermaster, they just ask for money and he says no...(Not always). Without his guidance and tight fist, the improvements would not have been completed. World's best Adjutant Dan Tureck; still can't control the Commander but he doesn't stop trying. Lon Parker, House Committee Chairman (that's a job that everyone supposedly knows, but no-one wants to take on); you and John Wrinkle also counseled the men who became the Post 4108 Men's Auxiliary and then promoted the growth and eventual Charter. Dennis Guthrie; do you ever slow down? Dennis is a prime mover in the forthcoming Wall and in the off hours he's also a true friend of veterans. Congratulations for achieving the position of National VFW Surgeon General, obviously other veterans see your dedication too. The list goes on: Comrades Jackson, Brose, Corbin, McNamara, Gilardin, Oliver, McDonald, Rackley, Campbell, Robertson, Rohrer, and the unsung and unwavering Auxiliary heroes of your Post, volunteers whose names would fill a book.

Last meeting for this administration is June 3<sup>rd</sup>; I'll be looking for you there; remember; Commit and Contribute to your Post's success and tell a friend of [your great Post 4108](http://www.vfwpost4108.org).

**Semper Fi, Jeff**

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

To VFW, VFWA & your families,

WOW.. The time has sure flown by fast. It seems that I was just voted Auxiliary President and now I am handing it over. I want to give a heartfelt thank you to all of you who supported me over the last 2 years. Patty will do a great job for the upcoming year.

For all of you who were at the Breakfast and Poker run for the Wall it was awesome!! We had a great turn out for both events that day. The support for this are businesses and many people. I am so excited to be a part of it. If you want to be involved, there are many small things to do that will make a very big difference.

As we all know there are committees to be filled. I am taking on Youth with LaRee. We are excited to get working on it. We all can take part to make our Post even better.

We still have some unfinished work outside... it will be a fun place to relax this summer.

I want to thank Donna and her crew for putting on the Wedding Reception on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. I am sure it was a success. Last note... since this is my final Newsletter. I want to thank all who have fixed my letters when I fail to mention something or missed putting in a date. The newsletter team needs a BIG pat on their back!! Well... thank you to all who volunteer no matter how small it seems that is what makes our post so great. I am always proud to say I am part of Post 4108. I wish everyone good Health and Happiness!

Sincerely, Becky McDonald

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

Well, here we go again, another month has gone by. The Men's Auxiliary continues to work on the Military Museum for the Post. Thank you also to the Brothers who are working on getting a meeting room set up for the Auxiliary. It will be great to have our own place to meet as things continue to come together for the Men's Auxiliary. We are getting new members from this area, which is great.

I have received some sad news from Danny Nolan, a long time member of the Post. Danny's wife Lou has passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Danny and his family.

I personally want to thank all the Brothers who make it to our meetings each month; including those who serve on committees or are officers of the Auxiliary. You people are the back bone of this chapter. Without you there would be nothing. Thank you. We have a long way to go yet, but I have faith in you to get the job done. I also want to thank the Brothers who come out each month to help the Ladies Auxiliary with their "Breakfast at the V".

For those of you who became members in 2009 – we need to pay the State dues and to do so we need to collect \$10.00 from each of you. We have only received dues from 12 of our 64 members. If you are one of those who have not yet paid, please send us a check for \$10 payable to the Men's Auxiliary as soon as possible. **We are one of only 3 Men's Auxiliaries in the State of Oregon, which is something to be proud of. We need to keep our group going and we need your dues to do it!** Also, if you can come to a meeting, it would be great to see your smiling face.

Good health and God bless! - President Pinky Christopher

### **From the Aux. Chaplain...Bernis Lee**

Audra Hogle is recuperating at the Central Oregon Health Center in Bend. We hope she is doing well.

Corrie Arthur is recovering from an emergency surgery. Please keep Corrie and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Please pray for our troops and their families, and stay well. Bernie Lee,"Chaplain"

### **From the Webmaster:**

I have added a new menu tab under news and events on the web site! It is called "The Blurb!"

"The Blurb!" contains one of the following: miscellaneous articles, jokes, cartoons and/or pictures. It will be changed as I find interesting items to post.

Remember that the web site not only contains our post calendar and help for that calendar, but histories of the post and the Maltese cross, web links to veteran related sites, post services, post photo gallery, directory of officers of the VFW, Ladies & Men's Auxiliary, archive of post newsletters, an honor wall for VFW & Military honors, "Latest News" (Post and veteran related national), and of course our new tab on COTTH-2010 (Central Oregon's Tribute To Heroes - 2010).

Keep in contact with the latest on post events and watch the web site!

Last but not least, I would like to add a note to all members to help save the post money and get your newsletter in your email or on line from the web site. This will save the post printing and postage costs plus all the extra handling to prep it for the mail (Thanks to our intrepid newsletter prep team!) Not only will you save the post money, but you will receive the newsletter in color (which will be even more evident in the coming months). I would also like to thank and acknowledge Dan & Jocelyn Tureck for editing and heading up the newsletter effort and Karen Millard for formatting.

Rick Brose

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

**Upcoming Events:**

1. **June 5, 2010** – Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament at Rumors. This is a fund-raiser for the COTTH Traveling Wall that we are bringing to Redmond in August. There is a \$50 buy in for the tournament. 50% of the proceeds will go to the winning players and 50% will go the COTTH project. Call Rumors for more information.
2. **June 9, 2010 @ 0730 at Bend Armory** – Annual Heroes Breakfast (Red Cross). Two local soldiers are to be recognized: Reed Walsh from Redmond and Alex Johnson from Madras. \$20 per person.
3. **June 12, 2010** will be the next "Breakfast at the V". The breakfast menu will be biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs and sausage. \$6.50 per person or \$5.50 for a senior portion. Coffee or hot chocolate is included. Call Donna Rackley at 541-647-2935 for more information.
4. **June 23 through June 27, 2010** – The 2010 Oregon VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Convention will be held at the Seven Feathers Casino and Resort in Canyonville Oregon. Check your VFW News, May-June edition for more information. If you don't have your VFW News and want to know the schedule, call John or Valorie at 541-923-8591 and we will make a copy for you.
5. **July 3, 2010** – This is the opening weekend of the Redmond Centennial. The COTTH Traveling Wall committee will have a booth at Great American Furnishings selling patriotic items and T-shirts. This is another fund raiser for the COTTH project.
6. **Don't forget about Kids Activity Day** 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. Help us spread the word about this worthwhile program. This is a great chance for parents to get out of the house and do crafts with their children, or leave the children while they get some much needed time to themselves.

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

We are continuing our monthly prime rib dinners, but due to the rise in beef prices we have had to raise our price to \$10 per person. This is still a great deal! Where else can you get prime rib, baked potato, vegetable, roll, salad and homemade dessert for \$10? If you haven't come to a dinner yet, I hope you will give us a chance to tickle your taste buds! The doors open for dinner ticket sales at 4:30 pm and we begin serving at 5:30 pm. A dance will follow at 7 pm (\$4 for members and \$6 for non-members).

**Reservations:** We have experimented with taking reservations for dinner or selling tickets on a "first come, first served" basis, serving up to 125 people. Neither system was perfect so we have decided to take reservations, but we will only hold them until 6 pm on the night of the dinner. If you have not claimed your dinner ticket by then your reservation **may** be canceled. We are hoping that this will enable us to accommodate everyone who wants to buy a dinner. 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.

**The dinner and dance schedule for June and July is (see above for reservation information and prices):**

**June 5** - Prime **Rib dinner and dance night:** Dance to the music of the Party Time Band.

**June 19** – **Dance only:** Dance to the music of Bobby & Lori from 7 pm to 11 pm.

**July 16** – **Prime Rib dinner and dance night: Yes – this is a Friday night!** We were contacted by a band in Spokane Washington that is coming to Redmond to play at the Fair on Saturday. They offered to play for us on Friday, and after reviewing their website we jumped at the chance to have them! The group is called Stagecoach

West and you can find out more about them by going to their website at [www.stagecoachwestmusic.com](http://www.stagecoachwestmusic.com). I think this will be a great night, so come on out and party with us!

### **Military Order of the Cooties (MOC) Pup Tent 8 "ScuttleButt" – Blanket Bum Wrinkle**

Why would anyone want to be a Cootie? We support the kids at the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. In the spirit of taking care of our own, we follow our self-appointed directive to "Keep 'Em Smiling' in Beds of White," and support the hospitalized veterans in VA Medical Facilities, domiciliary, and hospitals around the United States, and throughout the world.

Our Pup Tent, along with the able assistance of the MOCA (The Ladybugs), schedule trips to The Dalles' Veterans Home. The money we work to raise all year long goes to fill a "wish list" of items the residents want or need. We also collect books, magazines and other items as well as deliver homemade cookies baked by the Ladybugs. We end up with boxes and boxes of items to deliver, but it is all worth it in terms of the joy and satisfaction we get when we meet and greet the veterans in the facility. In addition to these visits, The Ladybugs schedule a monthly visit to a local retirement facility where they share homemade birthday cakes with the residents.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a MOC/MOCA member, talk to one of us about it. Along with the "relaxed" meetings, it is a very rewarding experience when you see the smiles we receive from those we visit!

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

June is just around the corner and still not the best of weather that I would love to see.

We have the dances scheduled on the 5th and the 19<sup>th</sup> of June. Hamburgers will be served on the 8th and 15<sup>th</sup> of June.

The Cribbage tournament will be the 25th, 26th and the 27th of June. For more information call Bill at 541-548-1029.

We will be having Napa Auto Parts Tool and Equipment Show at the VFW, in the hall, on June 11th and 12th with different booths of products and a car show outside in the parking lot on Saturday June 12th. Everyone is welcome to come and see. Monday night dinner on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June will be BBQ Spare-Ribs, Potatoes, Salad, and Rolls; on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June we will serve Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes, Veg., Salad and Rolls. Both dinners will come with dessert from Corrie; always a nice surprise. The cost of our dinners is \$6.50. We hope to see you.

We had lots of winners at the Pool tournaments but Jan lost the sheet with their names. Glenda said to mention that. Congratulation to all the winners. We have a new bartender, "Renee". Come in and say HI. Thanks for all your great company.

Late breaking news: Our bartender, Corrie Arthur, became ill just as she was starting a shift and had emergency surgery. As of this printing, Corrie is recovering well and we hope to see her behind the bar again soon, dispensing libations and wise cracks in her usual style. Thanks again go out to Lon Parker for helping to pick up the slack.

Jan, Corrie, Shawna, Renee, and Nichole