

# VFW POST 4108

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

Good day Post Members and Families,

March; at last spring is peeking around the corner and winter is slipping into history, as we all are. But not yet, if you're reading this then you are probably ready for some sunshine and flowers and maybe even some weeds to pull...OK I' m stretching the spring thing here.

Anyway, at this time, Post 4108 is planning for a very large summer and the work has already begun. The large construction projects on the Post are finally complete and I haven't heard anyone complain about a roof leak for over a month; that is success. The new entry seems to meet the members' approval and even the parking lot with additional gravel and the new asphalt striping has improved attitudes; I think we're on to something here, a Post building that looks and works great...have you been to your Post 4108 lately?

Plans for the Central Oregon Tribute To Heroes 2010 COTTH 2010 "*The Wall*" are moving ahead rapidly. The event is confirmed for 8/11 to 8/15 at the Redmond High School practice field, one of the few places in the area large enough to handle its size and the anticipated crowds that will attend. We will need over 200 volunteers to assist in this program; it is a massive project, and we want and need your help. The primary purpose is recognition of those Veterans, from many conflicts, who call, or did call, this area "Home"; and all funds raised will be specifically directed to the support of local Veterans and their families. We are developing the Official COTTH 2010 Publication and Guidebook at this time and have advertising space available. Sizes are as small as a business card, up to a full page 4-Color spread. With an anticipated 10,000 printed, this is a great opportunity to promote your business, your patriotism, or the recognition of a loved Veteran one who may be gone. The Post or our website will supply information.

Last on today's list is the upcoming election season. No, I won't be Commander next year however there are positions available that might fit you to a "T". The politics are par for the course, but the rewards have surprised even this old jaded salesman. If you don't want an official position; how about volunteering for the little things that make a very big difference? The Men's Auxiliary is figuring it out, so is the Ladies Auxiliary, and Veterans like you are the ones who brought this all together and kept it growing since 1945. You, and those that follow your lead, are the reason this has become a great Post.

Commit and contribute to its success, Check the Calendar, Log onto our Website [www.vfwpost4108.org](http://www.vfwpost4108.org) and tell a friend of your great Post 4108.

Semper Fi, Jeff

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

Hello VFW, VFMA, VFWA, and their families:

Oh yes... another winter has flown by and spring will be here soon. We would like to get the outside area finished before our Troops come home in April. This will not only give us a pleasant area to visit, but will be a most inviting area to welcome our troops and their families. I hope we all stay involved with this and make it happen for them.

Our District meeting at Warm Springs was awesome and full of their dance traditions to welcome us. I felt we were greeted with open arms. I want to thank everyone who helped out at The Rod and Gun Dinner, also at the breakfast, and Valentines Dinner. That is what our post is all about: Pitching in.

Kids' Day was small this month. They made Valentines to sell. Easter is the next Holiday for Kids' day. Don't forget the meetings for the Wall. This is a chance of a lifetime, so let's all get involved.

The next prime rib dinner and dance on the 6th will be an event to remember: "Victor's Secret Nightmare". Some brave members of the Men's Auxiliary will model specially designed lingerie created by the Ladies Auxiliary. It is for Cancer Aid and Research so please come and enjoy. If anyone has money generating ideas for us to bring money in for programs please call me. I wish everyone good health and happiness. Sincerely, Becky McDonald

## **From Dennis Guthrie**

### **Membership**

We still have several of last year's members that have not paid. I truly hope that you will continue your membership. Our Post does a lot for our Veterans and their families and our community. Your membership helps us to continue this work.

### **A Home Coming For the Troops**

Our Troops from Central Oregon will be coming home in April. They have been in the war zone and will be here in Redmond. The tentative date is April 17<sup>th</sup>. We are helping in the planning for their welcome home. The details have not been worked out yet. I will give you more details as they unfold.

### **Memorial Day Weekend & Buddy Poppies**

We have a proud history of giving Poppies as a gift and collecting donations for our local Relief Fund. Last year was the best ever! Thanks to all who helped: members, volunteers, and the JROTC Cadets. I hope all those that helped last year will help this year and those that have never tried this will volunteer to help. We need all the volunteers we can get for the three days: Friday, Saturday, & Sunday. It is fun to meet the public and help bring in the money for our local Relief Fund that helps Veterans and their families, and youth in our community. If someone living in Madras would like to do this in Madras please call me for additional information about getting this going.

On Monday (Memorial Day) the Boy Scouts help our Post put up and take down 1200 flags downtown. We hold two Memorial Services, one at Terrebonne Cemetery at 9 AM and one at the Redmond Cemetery at 11 AM.

All of these activities are family orientated. Children and grandchildren can learn volunteerism and patriotism.

Dennis & Dianne Guthrie will be out of town as Dennis will be visiting the VA and DOD Hospitals in the West states. Anyone interested in helping co-ordinate on this weekend, please call.

Sign-up sheets will be available starting at our March meeting night.

### **The Wall**

August 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> our Post is heading the way to bring the "Central Oregon's Tribute to Heroes" to the Redmond High School. We now have a schedule to sell advertising in a brochure to help pay for this event. It will cost \$15,000 to \$20,000 to complete this task. This is meant to help the healing process for those who have lost a friend or family member in war, help Veterans heal, and also for the community to show their support for the troops. 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. Tell your friends, neighbors, and family. Donations to get it here may be made at Home Federal Bank in all Central Oregon cities. It takes a lot of money to get it here, so please be as generous as you can. If you own a business or want your employer to help, we have hand outs to give to them.

Dennis Guthrie  
541-280-5162

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

I am so sorry to tell you that Louise Horsell lost her daughter the first part of February and Leola Legg lost her husband, Art, two weeks ago. We all send you our deepest sympathy and prayers during this trying time. Get Well wishes to Bertha Hooper, Rhea Bigalow, and Claudia Swallow. They have been in the hospital and are now on the road to recovery. Get well ladies and we hope to see you soon at our meetings. We do have a very good time and would enjoy your very important input. We give our prayers and blessings to our very brave troops who continually put themselves in harm's way either by war or natural disasters. And we pray for their families as well. Blessings...Bernis Lee

## **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. Do you want to know more about your VFW health care benefits? If you are interested let me know, as I may be able to get a guest speaker in to give us an overview of how it all works in the eyes of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
2. Active Duty Personnel are eligible to have their taxes done at [militaryonesource.com](http://militaryonesource.com).
3. This past Xmas was the 1<sup>st</sup> kick off for the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. The reward for participating in this event was very gratifying for Val and me. Comrade Don Keith passed on some interesting facts: the Marines were able to distribute 16.4 million toys to 7.4 million less fortunate children for Christmas in 2009. Way to go Leathernecks!!!!

Upcoming Events:

1. The next prime rib dinner and dance will be March 6. Come at 6 pm to enjoy prime rib for \$8 and stay and dance to the sounds of "3 Quarter Short" for an additional \$4 (\$6 for non-members). During dinner there will be a very special fashion show to raise awareness of breast cancer. The title of the show is "Victor's Secret Nightmare" and the models will be members of our very own Men's Auxiliary along with some Post officers. You do not want to miss this one!
2. March 13 will be the next "Breakfast at the V" and bake sale. The breakfast menu will be eggs your way, English muffins, bacon and hash browns and includes coffee or hot chocolate. All for \$6.50 or \$5.50 for the senior breakfast. Bloody Marys will be available for purchase. We are looking for volunteer bakers to provide items for the bake sale. Call Donna Rackley at 541-647-2935 for more information. Please note: Due to a scheduling conflict in the hall there will not be a breakfast in April, however we will resume on May 8, 2010.
3. March 21 – Color Guard and rifle practice at 1330 hours at the Post.
4. March 26 and 27, 2010 the Oregon Women's Veterans Conference will be held in Canyonville.
5. April 9 – 11, 2010 – Members of the Military Order of the Cooties and their Auxiliary, mark these dates on your calendar. Our Post will be hosting the Grand Scratch on these dates.
6. April 16 – 18, 2010 – the next Commissary Sale is scheduled to be held at the Deschutes County Fair Grounds.
7. April 17, 2010 – This is a tentative date for a welcome home ceremony for returning Central Oregon National Guard soldiers. See below for more information (under Veterans and Family Needs).
8. 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 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.

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

The dance schedule for March and April is:

March 6 – Prime Rib dinner with "Three Quarter Short" performing. For info about this group go to [www.threequartersshortband.com](http://www.threequartersshortband.com).

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

April 3 – Prime Rib dinner with "Party Time" performing.

April 17 – Bobby & Lori will be performing.

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

Plans are in the works for a "Welcome Home" ceremony for approximately 350 National Guard troops from Central Oregon that are returning from deployment, and their families. The tentative date is April 17, 2010. We will keep you informed as the project progresses. If you are interested in getting involved and helping out, please let me know. We will be needing people to help set up, serve refreshments, direct people, etc.

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

Well, here we go again. It is a new month and things are starting to come together for the Men's Auxiliary. We have more members attending meetings, which is great to see. I am happy to report that our Chaplain, Tim Oleson, is out of the hospital and was at our last meeting. If you are a member and haven't been coming, we would love to see your smiling face on the second Wednesday of each month!

I am proud to announce that our membership is getting more active in the community. Some projects that we are working on:

- We will be making a donation to the Redmond Volunteer Fire Department to help with the Fish Derby for kids.

- Brother Jay Foltz will be a liaison between the Auxiliary and the Wall Committee to keep us informed on what is happening on that project. What a great thing it will be for Redmond and surrounding committees to have the traveling wall here. This is a chance to heal and to honor our fallen veterans.
- Nick Haynes will chair a committee to work on a military museum for the Post. (Nick's dad was a charter member in the Post following World War II.) Of course the entire Post will be involved in this project eventually, but for now the Men's Auxiliary will be getting it started.

We have nominations for trustees for 2010: 1 year - Michael Kirwan; 2 year - Brian Clark; 3 year - Kyle Wilkes. The body will vote on this at the next meeting.

Don't forget to come out for the Ladies Auxiliary breakfasts on the second Saturday of each month. They need your support if they are going to continue to provide this service. The food is great so give the wife a break and come out and eat!

Finally – thank you to the members who will be participating in the fashion show to raise awareness of breast cancer on March 6. Let's get the word out for people to come and watch. We will make a splash!

Until next time, thank you and God Bless!  
President Pinky Christopher

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

Hello to all members from the girls in the canteen. Hope everyone had a good month in February and hope you all had a nice Valentines Day.

As a lot of you noticed we had a wonderful turn out for the Valentines Prime Rib dinner and dance which turned out to be just wonderful. We want to thank all of you who attended...And a BIG THANKS, to all the volunteers: Mark and Paula, Marcel, Dirreck, Nina, Nichole, Dave & Sharon, and John & Val. Also thanks to Hal Robbins for helping to decorate the hall. Great Job guys & gals!

Monday night dinners: Monday the 1st we will have Sweet and Sour meat balls over rice, salad, vegetable, rolls, and a good dessert for \$6.50

Monday the 15th we will serve BBQ Spare Ribs, mashed potatoes, salad, vegetable, rolls, and another good dessert for \$6.50. See you there.

Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> the Cooties will be serving Beef Stroganoff, home-style noodles, salad, vegetable, rolls, and dessert for \$6.50. All proceeds raised from this dinner go to bring comfort to our Veterans in hospitals. (Keep 'em Smiling in Beds of White)

Hamburger nights will be the 2nd, 9th, 16th, 24th and the 31st.

On the 17th the Women's Auxiliary, with Dan & Jocelyn cooking, will be serving the traditional St. Patty's Day dinner. The menu is Corned Beef, cabbage, red potatoes, baby carrots, boiler onions, and soda bread biscuits for \$6.00. Service is from 5:30 to 6:30. Please call or come in to sign up for this one, so we have a good idea of how much food to prepare!

There will only be one dance this month on the 6<sup>th</sup>, with prime rib dinner for \$8.00 served at 6:00. On the 20th there is a Rod and Custom Banquet.

Pool tournament winners for the month are Jan 23 Dick Cameron, Jan 25 Mike Patterson, Jan 30th Anna Dibben, Feb 1st Mike Patterson, Feb 6th Tim Dimit, Feb 8th Del Frint, Feb 13th Del Frint, and Feb 15th Tim Dimit.

We want to introduce Cory who will be one of our bartenders.  
Thank you, Jan, Paula, Cory, Shawna, & Nichole