

VFW POST 4108

November 2009

Happy Thanksgiving



FROM THE COMMANDER... JEFF CASSERLY

GOOD DAY POST MEMBERS AND FAMILIES,

The first of November and it's time to prepare for the coming chill. Cut and bring in the wood, load up on hay and feed for the animals, tend to the flower and garden beds, complete the last wash and wax of the summer-time car, hot rod or motorcycle, gear up for hunting season, take the family through the "Maze" again near Smith Rock, watch the Pumpkin Cannon as it launches 6 lb. Jack-O-Lanterns a half mile away and say goodbye to the CRR Dinner Train and cruising' Cascades Lake Highway because the snow will be closing it down soon. The boat should now be serviced and bagged and the motor home ready for the trip south; and when that's done, you can finally take a break and start following the football teams in earnest to ensure you know the new players and the "Stats"...the routine things we do this time of the year in CO.

There are other tasks that might need some attention too. Visit the Veterans Hospital and bring a smile to Veterans in the winter of their lives, help a deployed soldier's family with their winter preparations, volunteer some time with Post projects still needing completion, help with planning of upcoming Post functions, be a friend to a physically or emotionally challenged Veteran; and above all else, find your role and willingly step forward.

It's going to be a tough winter for many of our Central Oregon members and the community in general. The economic forecasters say the worst is over but the effects may continue to linger for a year or two. That prediction is likely to be very close to the truth in our area. I anticipate that we'll see increased requests for financial and medical aid, for donations to truly worthy causes and sometimes support that may be nothing more than a moment of understanding and good counsel for a struggling friend.

If we review the history of our Post and its' members, we'd see that in the most challenging of times, your Post 4108 sustained and supported the Central Oregon community. We are all bonded together as combat veterans and have all survived challenging conditions. Now is the time to plan for this winter and the challenges that it may bring, and to plan for the continued success of your own Post 4108 with open eyes and fearless intent.

Last thought; don't forget about our own Post 4108's super website www.vfwpost4108.org. Log on (*or have your kids log on for you*) and checkout the calendar of events, the photo gallery and the update on Local and National items of interest...and then you can turn on the football game; Which reminds me...are there any Beaver or Duck fans out there? Semper Fi, **Jeff**

FROM THE AUX PRESIDENT...BECKY McDONALD

HELLO VFW AND VFWA:

FALL IS HERE --OR IS IT WINTER?? NO MATTER WHAT SEASON PLEASE BE SAFE!!

IF YOU KNOW OF A VETERAN, THEIR FAMILY OR SOMEONE ELSE IN NEED PLEASE CALL VALORIE WRINKLE @ 541-923-8591. WINTERS CAN BE A LONG, COLD AND MISERABLE SEASON FOR THOSE FINANCIALLY LIMITED WHEN THEY ARE COLD, HUNGRY, OR SOME WAY IN NEED.

I want to thank all my ladies for helping with the Funeral and Memorial for Kathy Van Osdel. All the people we met were so very nice, kind, and pleasant.

I went to the monthly Troop Pack up (2nd Sat. of each month) for our Central OR. Veterans on October 10th. 2009. I took pillows that we made for our overseas troops... the families packing the boxes LOVED the pillows!!! I will continue making them. If you want to help please call me @ 541-408-3721. We are also making cat toys. We can use your help there too.

Please let people know about Kids' Day, it is always fun for everyone.

I want to thank my eight ladies that were at the District meeting Oct 10th.

Please don't forget the Veterans Day Parade on Nov 11, 2009. It is a BIG thing for us. The Post will have our traditional free Chili Feed at the 4108 VFW hall right after the parade for all veterans and their families.

I have a wonderful customer named Ellen Lutz who is a quilter. She will no longer be able to quilt due to unfortunate illness. She has brain cancer. She has donated fabric to us and to the V.A. services. If you would like to help out making items please call me!!!

Signing off...and good wishes to you, your family and your friends' happiness and good health!!

Sincerely, Becky McDonald

From the Public Relations Officer John Wrinkle and Aux. Valorie Wrinkle

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

The following are items of interest for your consideration:

1. From Rhea Bigelow to all Post 4108 members:
We would like to know how many members have family members serving in the desert overseas. We would like to send a personal care package from Post 4108 to those family members for Christmas time. If interested please contact Rhea Bigelow at (541-312-3019) or E-mail (halfpintbig58@hotmail.com) Thank you.
2. The Redmond National Guard Unit is currently on alert. It is likely that they will be deployed as early as March or as late as June (when Bend unit returns from Iraq).
3. The Marine Corps League is starting their "Toys for Tots" drive. They are looking for donations of new, unwrapped toys. The need will be even greater this year than usual due to the state of the economy so the League is hoping everyone will do whatever they can to help.
4. If you or someone you know is a senior and/or disabled and needs assistance, the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) should be your first stop for help. They have several programs available to help Oregonians with supplemental medical plans, food services, help with utilities, etc. Contact Jane Baer at 388-6240, extension 38667 or look on the web at <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS>. There is also a "Senior Resources Directory" posted in the Canteen.
5. Know someone who is returning from active duty? Make sure they know about "TAP", the Transition Assistance Program developed by the US Department of Labor to help returning vets. Currently only 20% of returning vets in Oregon avail themselves of this service. Let's get the word out!

Upcoming Events:

1. **November 5 – the 1st Southern Oregon Vets Summit** will be held in Springfield Oregon; 0830 to 1500 hours. If you are interested, an agenda and other information is posted in the canteen.
2. **November 7, 6 pm, Prime Rib dinner for \$8 per person!** Come on down and eat with us prior to the regular Post dance at 7 pm.
3. **The next "Kids' Activity Day" will be November 7.** The kids will be making crafts to sell at the Craft Bazaar (see below).
4. **Be sure to come down to the annual Craft Bazaar for early Christmas shopping,** 10 am to 5 pm November 13 and November 14! Cancer Aid and Research will also be represented and all proceeds from their sales will go directly to the Cancer Aid and Research fund.
5. **November 11 will be the Redmond Veterans Day parade – we will kick off at 11 am** so if you would like to participate be at 6th and Dogwood prior to 11 am.
6. **Also on November 11, don't forget the G.I. Film Festival,** 6 p.m. @ the Tower Theater featuring Every Man's War (Battle of the Bulge). Donations only with all proceeds going to the Veteran Organizations.
7. **The Shepherd's House is sponsoring a "Sleep Out" November 13** to highlight awareness of homelessness in Central Oregon and they are looking for volunteers. If interested contact Linda Johnson at 541-388-2096. There will be a BBQ and live entertainment.
8. **November 18 the Redmond Library is hosting a "Veterans Appreciation Day".** Come down to the library between 1 and 3 pm and let them know you are a veteran! Food and drink will be provided by the Library.
9. **March 26 and 27, 2010 the Oregon Women's Veterans Conference** will be held in Prineville. More information to follow.
10. **COMING SOON! Beginning January 9, 2010,** Donna Rackley of the Ladies Auxiliary will be putting on a breakfast and Bake Sale at the Post the 2nd Saturday of each month. Join us for a good meal at a great price! For more info see Donna—she will also be looking for volunteer bakers, so here is your chance to show off your baking talents!

Dance News:

Did you know our Post puts on a dance the first and third Saturday of every month at 7 pm? Live music for only \$4 (\$6 for non members). In spite of the low price, attendance has been falling. We would love to see you and as an incentive to get you out, the first Saturday of each month we will have a Prime Rib dinner for only \$8 per person. **The first dinner will be November 7**, so come on out and feast with us! Then, if you want to work off your meal, buy a ticket to the dance as well. Come on down – we would love to see you!

December 19 is our Christmas pot luck/dance. The dance will start at 7 pm with Bob and Edi Rae performing, than at 9 pm we will break for pot luck. No charge for the dance unless you want to make a donation, but please bring a dish to share! Everyone in attendance will receive a raffle ticket and there will be drawings for door prizes throughout the night. Save this date!

From the Men's Aux. President-Pinky Christopher

Meeting Date: Second Wednesday of each month at 7pm

There is very little to report this month although we have started the building of the horseshoe pits and should be completed shortly. I would like to thank those who helped in the project, as the pits will provide entertainment for all ages.

We would like to see more participation in the meetings. I realize that everyone is busy these days but please mark the dates on your calendars and try to attend. We will be seeking volunteers to help with different events in the months

coming up and would love to see your smiling faces.
Sincerely Pinky Christopher President-541-923-3133

From Dennis and Dianne Guthrie

Post Membership

We are at 85% and we need about 80 more members for 100%. Last month I brought up a payment plan for Life Memberships. A number of you can still use this plan. Please get a Veteran to join the VFW.

Veterans Day Parade November 11th & Chili Feed

The parade will start at the usual place at 6th and Dogwood at 11:00 a.m.. Please participate and show your pride in your service to our country. Come join in the Chili Feed after the parade, free to all Veterans and their families.

Vietnam Traveling Wall

A new project for our Post and community: We will be bringing a Traveling Vietnam Wall to Redmond next August. This will also have tributes to our other Veterans past and present. I will be giving out more information and will be asking for help from all of you soon.

From the Aux. Chaplain...Bernis Lee

I am sorry to tell all of you that we lost our Sister Cathy Van Osdel the 30th of September after fighting a battle with pancreatic cancer. She will truly be missed. We all have to keep up with Cancer Aid and research to help beat this horrible disease.

It is H1N1 and seasonal flu season... so PLEASE keep well and GET your flu shot ASAP.

Please pray and keep our troops safe and give all the support to their families as much as you can.

Bernie Lee "Chaplain"

For all Post and Auxiliary Members From the Canteen Manager... Jan Nolan

November is upon us and we have lots of things to do. First of all don't forget the dances on the 7th and 21st of Nov. Call Val at 923-8591 for more information. **(Prime Rib dinner for only \$8.00 at 6:00 on the 7th!)**

Post and Aux meeting on the 5th.

Dinners: Nov.2nd.will be Ham, Beans, corn bread and dessert for \$6.00.

On the 16th we will have chicken fried steak, salad, potatoes, and dessert for \$6.50.

On the 30th Dan and Jocelyn and the MOCA will serve Swedish meatball with homestyle noodles, salad, roll, vegetable, and dessert for \$6.50. All proceeds go to provide comfort to our Veterans in hospitals and nursing homes.

On the 4th we will be serving hamburgers for the Rocky Mt. Elk foundation and everyone else who is in the mood for a hamburger...

OHA/VFW hamburger nights are on the Nov.10th. and 17th. Tacos are every Thursday.

November 11th will be the Veterans Day Parade and Chili Feed in the Hall after the parade.

Craft Show setup is on the 12th of November. The craft show starts on the 13th and goes through the 14th. starting at 10:00am. till 5:00pm both days. There will be lots of Christmas gifts to choose from as we have about 60 tables, so come on in. Lunch will be served for everyone at a minimal cost, featuring homemade soup, sandwiches, and pies.

Pinochle night will be on the 20th of November. There will be another class starting at 3:00 o'clock on that day. Cards will be played at 6:30. Sonja wants to thank everyone for showing up at the class and also thank you to the helpers.

Please remember to respect the Veterans and their wives at the Post, so let us not have any rowdy behavior and foul language in the Canteen.

Thank You ...Jan, Paula, Tara and Shawna