

VFW POST 4108

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FROM THE COMMANDER... JEFF CASSERLY

Good day Post Members and Families,

September; and it's time to keep our eyes open for all the new school children on the street. Take that extra moment, slow down and look twice; especially at morning and evening **"waiting' for the bus"** times. **"I'm sorry"** will never excuse carelessness.

Did you know that our Post 4108 member **Dennis Guthrie** was recently elected by the **National VFW** to the position of **National Surgeon General**? This is the first National Post position achieved, by an Oregonian since 1947. This is a **recognition by all 50 States and US Protectorates** that spotlights the efforts of every VFW Post in the State of Oregon. If you have not taken a moment to congratulate Dennis (**and thank Diane for all of her support**), please do so and while you are at it; spread the good word about the members and facilities at your Redmond Post 4108.

Here's another opportunity that may be of interest. Did you like to march and drill...I mean really look sharp when executing drill commands...? Have you ever wanted to do it again? I know that the **"Grinder"** at MCRD was the perfect surface for precision turns and perfecting technique. We happen to have our own **"Grinder"** right out front and a drill instructor who wants to build a drill team. Rick Gilardin tells me has 3 members signed up and is looking for at least a squad. Instead of bragging about how good you were; show them. Contact Rick at gilardin1@bendbroadband.com or through the Post.

Lastly; In the Post today. You'll notice that the access card to the canteen has changed and that access through your key card is allows entry through the front or back doors. Also, the lighting and security systems in the Canteen and Patio areas are complete and we are presently completing the repair of the fire-sprinkler system and focusing on the last stage of the safety and security issues. We're still focused on the roof, the improved insulation and the future HVAC plans. Perhaps next year it will be cosmetics, i.e. paint, landscape and completion of the new Quartermaster's office. The patio completion remains in our sights and volunteers are still in short supply. Team work; what a concept.

Speaking of teams, what did I forget...? **OH YES... It's FOOTBALL SEASON!!!!** Semper Fi, **Jeff**

From the Auxiliary President... Becky McDonald

Hello V.F.W. and V.F.W.A. members and families: Already we are into fall. Wow, where did the summer go? We have been busy with activities this summer, and there are more to go. I am hopeful that the garage sale on Saturday, September 26th will be great for the Scholarship fund.

October 3rd will be our next Kids' Day. They have been making items for the Craft Bazaar; girl's purses and bird houses so far. If you would like to help, call me at 541-408-3721. It is always a GREAT TIME!

As we all know, our outside area has yet to be completed. Some stuff needs a professional, but if we work as a team, the 4108 can get this done.

I am going to say goodbye for now. Just remember, no matter how small your contribution of time and donations to our community, it makes a difference to our Post. Write down your volunteer time, no matter how small. It all helps. I am wishing everyone health and happiness with friends and family.

Sincerely, Becky McDonald

From Dennis and Dianne Guthrie

Membership

We are in the beginning of the New Year for the VFW and you should have received your first renewal notice in the mail if you are an annual member. The second dues notice will be out soon. This is only to remind you to pay your dues before we get into the holidays when money gets a bit tighter. If you are having troubles paying please call and perhaps the Post can help. Remember that your membership is crucial for the VFW at all levels to help Vets and their families who need help. Last year we slipped back and tied for third in the State. We slipped some 50 members. Let's all help and find a Vet who is eligible and get him or her to sign up. If you would like to become a Life member our Quarter Master can hook you up with a payment plan or you can go on line to the National VFW web site (www.vfw.org and go to membership). It makes it easy and then you stop getting annual dues reminders. The QM number is on this newsletter or you may call me, Dennis Guthrie 548-6990.

Thank You "Tuff Butt Classic" Volunteers

I regret that I was out of town and did not get this in last month's paper. But a big thank you to the "Tuff Butts Classic Motorcycle Poker Run" fund raiser Saturday August 8th. It was a great ride and everyone enjoyed it. On Sunday, August

9th, about 12 riders went for the fun run up to Crater Lake. After lunch at the Lodge at the rim we went around the rim. It was truly beautiful! The weather was great! Oregon was third in donations for the Fisher Houses and the Poker Run helped raise money for them. Thank you.

Veterans Day Parade November 11th

11-11-11, the 11th month on the 11th day at the 11th hour marks the signing of the WWI armistice. Redmond has held our Veterans Day Parade for about 50 years at that time. Hope all of you will show up and come participate in the parade. If you cannot or do not want to walk in the parade you are welcome to ride on our float. There will be the traditional chili feed after the parade for all Vets and their families. If anyone knows of a group who wants to participate, let me know. Dennis Guthrie 548-6990

Veterans and Family Support

Please note that Valorie Wrinkle is now the new Chairman of this program. Dianne Guthrie has retained Buddy Poppies. I want to thank everyone that has helped on this program which includes "Caring For Troops". Please keep the donations coming for CFT. Thank you and a big thank you to Valorie Wrinkle.

Redmond Wounded Warrior is Home

Reid Walch is home. Reid was wounded in Iraq and eventually was flown to Fort Lewis for final treatments and evaluations. Reid is home to finish his recuperation with his mother Susan. Susan is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary and has helped at some of our fund raisers. Reid will be one of our newest members.

The very most sincere thank you to Valorie & John Wrinkle for obtaining a bed for Reid. Wilson's of Redmond donated a nice queen size bed to help in Reid's recuperation. Thank you Wilson's! The Post and Auxiliary helped provide bedding. Welcome home Reid!

From the Aux. Chaplain...Bernis Lee

Our Sister Kathy Van Osdel is quite ill and she needs our thoughts and prayers during this rough hurdle. Also our Dept. Treasurer, Judy Jackson, is recuperating at home with a broken foot, she seems to be doing well. PLEASE!! Keep all our troops and their families in our prayers all the time. We have many Central OR. Troops over in the 3RD. world areas, and we need them to return home safe and sound. I forgot to wish Kim Honeycutt a get well wish, she recently underwent knee surgery at Shriners Hospital in Portland, and she is doing very well. At this time everyone seems to have been staying well, so keep up the good work. Fall is here now take GOOD care of yourself. And as always pray, pray, pray for our troops, and keep them safe.

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), 541-678-3895 (Cell), and jwrinkle@bendbroadband.com.

The following are items of interest for your consideration:

1. Did you know that we are losing more veterans to suicide than actual battle casualties? Programs are being developed to assist these young veterans upon their return, for instance Soft Landing provides assistance for 50 days after they are separated from service. MORE MUST BE DONE.
2. Deschutes County has been selected to receive one of the new Vet Centers. This Vet Center will provide real benefits to the "East Side/Rural" veterans! More info to come.
3. The CO Council on Aging is working on a master list of people who need assistance evacuating during 911/Mass Emergency situations, such as fires. If you know of someone in this situation or want more information, please call 541-548-8817.
4. The CO Family Resource Center offers money for home improvements and rental assistance for the needy. They also have a legal service office to assist those facing eviction. Please call 541-548-2380 or look for them on line at FRConline.org for additional information.

Upcoming Events:

1. G.I. Film Festival November 11, 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.
2. There will be a Hot Dog Sale for Caring for Troops at the next Commissary sale scheduled for October 2, 3, and 4 at the Deschutes County Fair Grounds.
3. Don't forget that we have "Kids' Activity Day" the first Saturday of each month from 11 am to approximately 1 pm. Donations only, lunch included. Please help us get the word out about this worthwhile program.

Dance News:

Attendance at our dances has been falling but our dance on August 15 was a success. The Party Time Band performed and they were awesome! Everyone attending enjoyed them so much that they requested a repeat performance, so they will be back on October 17. Don't miss it!

The next Post Dances will be October 3 with Bobby & Lori and of course, Party Time Band on October 17.

These dances are an inexpensive way to support your Post at only \$4 for members and \$6 for non-members. The more people we have attending the more fun everyone has. Don't let our dance program fade away – come out and visit your friends while dancing the night away or just listen to great music!

Veterans and Family Needs:

I have recently taken over as Chair of Veterans and Family Needs for the Ladies Auxiliary. I want to thank the previous Chair Dianne Guthrie for her work in this area and for her continued support as I learn the ropes. Dianne, you leave big shoes to fill!

I am brand new in this job, but new or not a need came up for a local soldier who was injured in Iraq. He was being released from the hospital to continue his recuperation at his mother's home and as a result of his injuries was in need of a bed with a good mattress. The Auxiliary and the Post were ready to help with the cost of the bed and bedding, but I am happy to report that Wilson's of Redmond came through for us and provided a new queen bed with mattress and box springs free of charge! I spoke to the soldier's mother last night and she is very grateful to the VFW and its' Auxiliary for their tremendous show of support. It is wonderful to see how our Post and our community come together when a need arises. I hope future needs are met as successfully! Valorie Wrinkle 541-923-8591

FROM THE CANTEN-JAN NOLAN

OCTOBER IS HERE AND HUNTING SEASONS WILL BE STARTING, DEER AND ELK AND WHATEVER YOU WANT TO HUNT. JUST KIDDING!!!

We had a very successful Teddy Bear Run with the motorcycle group in the hall. We supplied hamburgers and hot dogs and of course the bar. We want to thank them all for the great time. And of course we want to thank all the volunteers who worked in the kitchen; Mark, Lon, Linda, Val and John and also Thanks to the all the Bar Girls who did a great job.

Monday night dinners will be the 5th serving Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and dessert for \$6.50 and on the 19th we will have Barbecue ribs, salad, veg. and dessert for \$6.50 so come in and have a great meal. And of course we are still having Tacos every Thursday starting at 4:00 o'clock. We will OHA/VFW hamburgers on the 13th and 20th.

Now something new---Learn to play pinochle. Class at 3:00 pm Oct. 16th for those of you that would like to learn, then Potluck at 6:00 pm, bring your favorite dish. And finally playing cards at 6:30 pm. I hear the players are having a great time, just need more of you to play. For more information call Sonja at 504-9432, or Judy at 548-4862.

Our Pool in the Canteen is doing great. We have pool tournaments on Thursdays and Saturdays starting at 7:30 pm... After Ladies pool league starts, the tournaments will be Mondays and Saturdays. Everyone is welcome to play, and the more the merrier. For more information call Glenda at 923-2231. Winners for August were Del Frint, Dave Waters, Dennis Tooley, Tom Fast, Steve Shollenburg, and Dave Edwards. Again Steve Shollenburg, Dennis Tooley and again Dave Edwards. Winners for September so far are Tim Dimit, Dennis Tooley, Earl Hougham, Del Frint, Dennis Tooley, and Dave Way. Of course there will be more for the rest of the month.

The Cooties are sponsoring "Happy Hour" on Wednesday, October 21st from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Come in and have one on them. Dances are on the 3rd and 17th. And what good exercise. See you then. Come in and meet your new bartender.

JAN, PAULA, TARA, NICHOLE AND, SHAWNA.