

# VFW POST 4108

September 2010



## **From the Commander... John Wrinkle**

Wow! As Post and Auxiliary members, we should be proud of VFW Deschutes Post 4108's involvement in the recent Central Oregon Tribute to Heroes memorial. It truly was a healing experience for many, including me and some of my co-workers who were able to view the Wall. My heartfelt thanks go out to all of the committee chairmen and members who dedicated many hours of meetings, planning and physical labor to provide a "First Cabin" experience for Central Oregon heroes and their families.

Our next fund raising campaign is scheduled for Sunday, September 12, from 4 to 6 pm. It will be a "POW-MIA Beer Can Chicken" barbecue dinner (using Tureck recipes) for \$10 per person. The purpose is to raise money to purchase ten POW-MIA flags that will be presented to the City of Redmond and the Redmond School District. This will be a joint effort between the Post and the Ladies and Men's Auxiliaries. (See Valorie's dinner notes for details.) Madame President Patti Oliver, Men's Auxiliary President Pinky Christopher and I are scheduled to attend the City of Redmond's City Council meeting on September 14, 2010 at 7 pm. We have requested a proclamation designating September 17, 2010 as "POW-MIA Awareness Day." You are invited to attend the meeting as well. Let's stand up and be counted at this Council meeting for all the POWs and MIAs that are not at home today with their families.

If you are interested in the Central Oregon Veteran Suicide Prevention Team, here is a chance for you to get involved. There will be two trainings to be held on August 30 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm and September 2 from 8 am to 9 am at the Deschutes County Services Center, 1300 NW Wall Street (1st floor) in Bend. No RSVP is required. These are free trainings and will teach participants the warning signs for suicide and three simple steps that may save a life. The one hour session is presented by certified instructors and will include a resource guide. Please consider a \$5 donation to help fund suicide prevention in Deschutes County. For more information about the two trainings, contact Cheryl Emerson at 541-848-9076.

The Fire Chief for the City of Redmond's Fire Department will be attending our October 7 meeting to discuss their ballot item regarding additional funding for emergency services. The Chief will be coming to us from another meeting, so he cannot tell us exactly when he will arrive. When he does come in we will need to suspend our meetings and have the Ladies Auxiliary join us for 10 minutes or so. Members of the Men's Auxiliary are also encouraged to attend this presentation.

I am running out of time, so I will see you in the Post.... Post Commander John Wrinkle..... Anchors Aweigh

## **From the Auxiliary President... Patti Oliver**

Hello fellow Ladies Auxiliary members,

Summer is winding down; soon the cool winds of fall will overtake us. I wish to express a hearty thank you to those who helped and assisted in the COTTH wall project to make it such a success. It was such a moving experience to see, and to get an opportunity to meet so many veterans who came to visit the wall to remember their fallen comrades. I hope that many of you came to see something that will be a long time in returning to this area again.

Participation at meetings and activities the Auxiliary performs is most important to a healthy organization. Too often folks don't come to meetings, or help with dinners, parades, etc. because they are busy with other things. Our volunteers always welcome new help and at times could use some relief so they can have a break now and then. It would be great to see and meet more of you as the year progresses. We can always use some new ideas to keep things vibrant.

Chairmen please keep in mind that you have your new info from the program book. Please take a moment to look things over and give some thought to what projects you'd like to promote and begin a plan to start an activity. It would be great to hear some ideas at the next meeting. Remember to record your community service hours and get them in the reporting book at the canteen or contact Debbie VanOsdell to report your hours. I look forward to seeing many of you at the next meeting on September 2nd.

Patti Oliver  
Ladies Auxilliary President

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

Well here we are in the middle of August and school about to start. Watch your driving! Our Men's Auxiliary is going to be a year old in a few months. Time flies!

We will be starting a new year and I would like to see the dues paid up for 2011 by January 1. Dues cards are being sent out now. Our Secretary and Treasurer are learning their jobs and the problem with membership cards for those who are paid up are being straightened out. I ask you to stand by your officers – they are here for you!

Also regarding membership – I have put together some data on our members in the Tri-County area. To date we have 46 members from Redmond, 7 from Terrebonne, 5 from Bend, 3 from Prineville and 1 from Culver. Think about it – we meet once a month. That is one hour a month away from your wife, kids, and television, plus the time it takes to travel to the meeting. Is it too much to ask for you to attend meetings and support your Auxiliary? We need your support and ideas. I know you may not be able to make every meeting, but your membership and dues are a big help.

I would also like to request that everyone track their community service. If you help someone or support an event for veterans and/or their families, keep track of your time and any money you spend. Your time and donations are important and we would like to let the Department know what we are doing for our veterans. It only takes a few minutes to fill out a Community Service report.

I want to thank Dave Kastler for the 6' roadside sign he donated to the Post and Auxiliaries. It is great for advertising our events to people driving by. Also, thank you to all the volunteers from our Men's Auxiliary who helped with the Central Oregon Tribute to Heroes (Viet Nam Traveling Wall). The Post did a great job bringing the Wall here and it was an honor to be part of it.

Just a reminder – we are looking for a work party to complete the building of an office for the Post Quartermaster. We need your help to get him in his office and us in our meeting room!

Take care and God Bless.

President Pinky Christopher

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

We and the Lady Cooties are planning a trip to The Dalles Veterans Home on Sunday, October 10, 2010, during the morning hours. The Home has requested two barbecues, 4 multi-disc stereos and other items for the use of the residents. The Lady Cooties are donating a generous portion of the money to be used and with what we are contributing it appears that we will be able to accommodate the Home's needs. Kudos to the Cooties and their Ladies Auxiliary!

Grand Commander "Cowboy" Bob Cusick and I have been traveling around and visiting various Pup Tent Shavetails in the State. For me, it has been great meeting new Shavetails and seeing how they operate. The Emerald Pup Tent 4 in Springfield is alert and thriving, which is to be expected since Past Grand Commander Bert Logan is a member and keeps them ever vigilant. The Axe Pickers Pup Tent 22 in Winston is a very busy group, doing their hospital work at the Roseburg VA Hospital. The Carry-On Pup Tent 6 in Salem is a very dedicated Pup Tent as well. We met them at a barbecue they were hosting for a facility that caters to those who cannot fend for themselves. My thanks go to Past Supreme Commander Larry Alexander and his wife for showing that we can care for non-veterans who need help too. The Portland Pup Tent 1 is grooming new Cooties to become officers. Wayne Sharp is doing a great job in instruction and the Shavetails will be doing great deeds under his guidance.

Keep 'em smiling in beds of white!

**From the Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain...Bernis Lee**

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Sharon Campbell who lost her sister at the end of July. We wish our sister Yvette Loveland a speedy recovery as she commences rehab for recent shoulder surgery. Summer is about over and I hope all have had a nice year. The Wall was so beautiful and it was a privilege to honor our fallen Heroes and to be able to pray for them and their families. As always, continue the prayers for all our troops. Have a wonderful Labor Day weekend; stay safe and well.

Bernie Lee, "Chaplain"

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

POST 4108 ACTION NEWS: Auxiliary Publicity Chairman Valorie Wrinkle – 541-923-8591 (Home) 541-678-3894 (Cell), vwrinkle@bendbroadband.com.

**Upcoming Events:**

- \* August 30, 2010 – 6:00 pm. – Monday Night Dinner (pork chops) – sponsored by the Cooties Auxiliary.
- \* September 2, 2010 – 5:30 pm – "Taco Thursday" and Post/Auxiliary meeting night
- \* September 4, 2010 - 5:30 pm – Prime Rib Dinner and Dance (see Dance News for more info)
- \* September 8, 2010 – 7:00 pm - Men's Auxiliary Meeting night
- \* September 11, 2010 – 8:30 am to 10:30 am – "Breakfast at the V" (chicken fried steak, eggs, potatoes, biscuits and gravy for \$6.50 or \$6.00 for a senior portion).
- \* September 12, 2010 – 4:00 pm – POW-MIA Dinner (Beer can chicken for \$10 per person. See Commander's message for more information.)
- \* September 18, 2010 – 7:00 pm – Dance with Party Time Band (see Dance News for more info)
- \* September 20, 2010 – 6:00 pm Monday Night Dinner (Fried chicken, twice baked potatoes, and broccoli w/ garlic cheese sauce for \$6.50)
- \* September 21, 2010 - 5:30 pm – VFW/OHA burger night

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

August was quite busy while the Wall was here. We served 195 prime rib dinners on August 13 and 104 Spaghetti dinners on August 14! Thank you to all the people who helped sell tickets, serve, cook and wash dishes. Our meals could not be so successful without your help.

The dinner and dance schedule for September and October is as follows:

September 4– 5:30 pm: Prime Rib dinner with all the trimmings and dessert for \$10 per person. For an additional \$4 for members and \$6 for non-members, stay and dance to music by "Bob & Edi Rae" from 7 pm to 11 pm.

September 18 – 7:00 pm Dance. For \$6 per person (\$4 for Auxiliary or Post members), dance to the music of the "Party Time Band" from 7 pm to 11 pm.

October 2, 2010 – 5:30 pm: Prime Rib dinner with all the trimmings and dessert for \$10 per person. For \$4 for members and \$6 for non-members, stay and dance to music by "3 Quarter Short" from 7 pm to 11 pm.

October 16 – 7:00 pm Dance. For \$6 per person (\$4 for Auxiliary or Post members), dance to the music of Bobby Gibson (back by popular demand) from 7 pm to 11 pm.

Dinner Reservations: Reservations are recommended. Please call the Post at 541-548-4108 or the Dance Chair at 541-923-8591. Reservations will be held until 6 pm. After that there is a chance that your reservation could be given away to someone at the door, unless you have paid in advance.

### **From Sonja Morgenthaler and Tom Smallwood**

Tom and I would like to thank all of you who donated funds and time to the “Round Table Fundraiser”. The tables have been purchased, acknowledgement labels attached, and table linens acquired. There are 30 tables, with tablecloths in white, burgundy and royal blue. Pending remaining funds available, appropriate linen napkins may be added. Enjoy!

### **The Wall for all; COTTH 2010**

From August 11 to the 15th your VFW Post 4108 sponsored the presentation of the largest traveling Vietnam Wall in America to benefit the citizens of Central Oregon. This was 10 months in planning and with the assistance and support of our Tri-County and Warm Springs citizens; a truly memorable and moving presentation was accomplished. We saw long suffering veterans and family members face emotional challenges that lay unresolved for generations. Both young and old learned and remembered the sacrifices of Central Oregon’s past. There was upfront and hands on interest in modern veteran challenges and military hardware and equipment; and a true reawakening and reaffirming of patriotism among those 24,000 citizens who attended.

More than once I was told that “Thank You” was not an adequate enough term to describe the appreciation the community members felt for the work, planning and support required to bring this event to CO. All involved; committees, sponsors, civic leaders, and hundreds of volunteers must take great pride in this successful presentation. Central Oregon has proven that in matters of veterans support, we can and will work together. Our heroes will always be remembered and honored with dignity.

Thank you Central Oregon; you’ve proven yourself again;

...and a Marine would say, “Semper Fidelis”.

### **From the Canteen**

Here is hoping everyone is having a great summer. We just have a few items to report on:

Pool Tournaments will change to Mondays and Saturdays instead of Thursday and Saturday to accommodate the Women’s Pool League. The Pool Tournament winners for this period were: July 29 – Willy Maurer; July 31 – Art Jackson; August 5 – Ponh Thach; August 7 – Cory Nickel; August 12 – Tim Dimit; August 14 – Del Frint.

Taco Thursdays will now be on the first Thursday of the month only.

Pinochle will resume in October with Finger Food Potluck.

There will be no Monday night dinner on Labor Day. On Monday Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> we will serve Fried Chicken (thigh & drumstick, twice baked potatoes, broccoli with garlic cheese sauce, salad, rolls, and dessert for \$6.50.

There will be no Wii Sunday in August. Instead we will be showing the Football games on the big screen. Come on down and watch the game with us! See you at the canteen – Corrie, Nicole and Jem.