

VFW POST 4108

August 2009



From the Commander... Jeff Casserly

Commander's Comments:

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 such 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're 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. Vic Gilardin tells me he has 3 members signed up and is looking for at least a squad. Instead of bragging about how good you were; show them. Contact Vic at gilardin1@bendbroadband.com or through the Post.

Lastly; the Post today: You'll notice that the access card to the canteen has changed and that access through your key card 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 VFW members, VFWA members, and their families.

I want to say thank you very much to those who helped out in the cleaning of our kitchen. We realize it is a mandatory requirement from the Health Department to keep it sanitary at all times. It would be devastating if we could not use it just because it did not pass inspection. So a big thank you for a great job everyone!!

We have many events coming up in the next few months so we will appreciate all hands, legs and brains on deck!! I can hardly wait to hear how the luau turned out. I am sure it was fantastic.

September will be our garage sale month. Please call all your friends, family, and associates to see if they have anything to donate. Please keep in mind the items brought in for the garage sale must be appropriate and usable for others. All money collected will go to awards for our Redmond High School student scholarship program. This will be a great reason to start telling people about it now.

On our next Kids' day is September 12th. The children will be working on craft items for the Bazaar. These items will be for the kids' table. They are very excited about making new things for the craft show.

On October 31, 2009 we will have our annual Halloween party in the hall. We will be entertaining the children and their families from 1 pm to 4 pm. Please come and please help out.

We received a lot of fake fur from Paul Hoberg. Paul, we appreciate your fur contribution and would like to thank you. We will continue your wife's work on the cat nip toys for the Humane Society and also to sell at our bazaar.

We want to thank all who have brought down Levis.

Judy Jackson is healing from her broken ankle. She said she is doing very well.

I want to give a huge thank you to Gary Tracy for purchasing 4 Road Tennis games; he is sending them overseas to our deployed Oregon troops.

I hope to see everyone at the luau and thank you for all the volunteering that you do. This is a big part of why we are here.

I wish everyone good health and happiness. Sincerely...Becky McDonald

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 Oregon Troops over in the 3RD world areas, and we need them to return home safe and sound.

Bernie Lee. "Chaplain" Hugs and blessing



From the Public Relations Officer...John Wrinkle

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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.
5. There is a hand carved wooden replica of a Viet Nam era helicopter on display in the canteen that will be raffled off on Thursday Taco Night, September 24. Raffle tickets are available in the canteen at a cost of \$1 (or 6 for \$5). Proceeds will go to the MOC's hospital fund. Get your tickets now!

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. Due to Labor Day weekend, the September Activity Day will be on the 12th.

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 the band 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 September 5 with music by Bobby & Lori; September 19 with music by Bob & Edi, 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!

From the Canteen-Jan Nolan

September is here and I think that means Fall and Winter are about upon us. I don't know if I like that very much, although I've had enough of the hot hot weather .Our September calendar looks a little slow.

Sept. 8th and the 15th are VFW/OHA hamburger nights.

We will have Rocky Mt. Elk hamburger nights on Sept. 2nd and Sept. 30th. Our Monday night dinners will be Chicken fettuccine on Sept 14th for \$6.50. On Sept. 28th we will have Pork Tenderloin and all the fixing for \$6.50. And again on all Thursdays we have Tacos. Everyone and their guests are welcome for all of these events,

Sept 11th will be potluck and Pinochle. Everyone who likes to play cards please come on in and bring a dish of your choice and have some fun.

Don't forget the dance nights on the 5th (Bob and Lori) playing and the 19th with Bob and Edie playing. For more information call Val or John at 923-8591.

Everyone come on in and support your club and say "HI" to your bartenders; we thank all of you. Also special thanks to all the volunteers. You do a great job.

If anyone wants to rent the hall for any occasion call Jan at 548-4853.

Jan, Kellie, Paula, Shawna and Nichole