

# The Buckboard Bulletin

"First to serve our Veterans"

October 2007

## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Ladies and Gentlemen, time continues to fly by. It just will not slow down. The Post has been very busy. We have accomplished a lot over this past year and I am very proud of this Post. However, there is much left to be done, and I am asking you to donate your time and energy. Recruiting is well underway and we are in good shape for so early in the year. I am going to ask all of you who did not recruit a new member last year to make an extra effort this year to recruit at least one. Membership is everyone's responsibility. Contact Chuck Lutz if you have recruiting questions. Please give this issue your undivided attention.

As you know, last year some of our great volunteers renovated the inside of the Canteen, and it looks great. It is now time to work on the appearance of the outside of the building. You have probably noticed the new paint job that is underway. Loretta Wilson has done a great job of organizing the paint crew and getting most of the job done. There is some painting to do and we need more volunteers to finish the job. In addition to Loretta, I cannot thank the following volunteers enough for their help in preparing the building and painting it: Tim Wilson, Larry Merritt, Gary Lightcap, Chuck Lutz, Mark Johnson, Jim Mitchell, John Lamb, Bonnie Hershberger, Woody Caywood, Nick Roth, Lori Merritt, Ken Kautz, Al Gagnon, Al Gunderson, and Charles Jordan. Volunteers continue to be the backbone of the success of this Post. Without them we would not be the strong team we have become. Who are these volunteers and where do they come from? They are people like you and I. They are not all members, but still deserve our respect and admiration. They have a variety of talents and expertise. What ever is your special talent, we can put it to good use. If you have not volunteered your services to this Post for a while it is now time for you to step up to the plate and offer what ever it is that you do, and volunteer. A team is only as strong as it's least involved member.

The City of Sandy is beginning the power line underground project. When that is done we will have room to raise a taller flag pole that will be more appropriate for the height of our building. Leo Johnson was able to negotiate a new flag pole for us from Brad Picking, a businessman in the community. We cannot thank Mr. Picking enough for his generous donation of the pole. As soon as the power lines are buried we will replace our present flag pole with the taller one. I will be needing volunteers to help with that project when the time comes. Let me know if you would like to help.

We will also be conducting a Veterans Day Ceremony at the Stature on 11 November. Please plan to attend. Semper Fil!

Bert Key, Commander

## President's Message

Ladies,

Fall is upon us and with it comes the time for most of our programs to start up again. The Bake and Sew Ladies are back and hard at work again. These ladies do a tremendous job each week sending cookies to our troops stationed overseas and quilts to our veterans in hospitals. I know they can always use another pair of hands so, if you find yourselves free Thursday mornings come on down and join in on the fun. We had two very successful Breakfast/BINGO Sundays in September. A big "Thank You" goes to Kathy Dunn and Loretta Wilson for helping me with the Ladies breakfast and to Bob Dunn, Larry Merritt, Mike Horttor and Clyde Wentworth for putting on the Post Breakfast. Also, I would like to thank Mike and Christie Horttor for putting on the dinner for meeting night. They stepped up to the plate on very short notice to make us a delicious dinner. The money raised from the Ladies Breakfast/BINGO and the dinner both went to the Fisher Home. Thank you to all of you who supported them.

If you have not been to the Post lately I am sure you will be pleasantly surprised by the new look of the building. Our Commander and his work crew did a great job power washing the building. Am I the only one who did not realize the building was actually yellow? Loretta Wilson did an equally good job organizing the paint crew. The new paint gives the old building a fresh, clean new look. Thanks to all of those who volunteered their time in making our Post look so terrific. With this, my hope is that we all have a new found pride in our Post.

We have some great activities planned for this month. Check out the calendar for dates and times. See you at the Post!

Thank you,

Lori Merritt, President

**From Your Editor**

Jackie Key

Let's not forget why we are members of this organization. Attend your next meeting and get involved to help make sure our veterans are never forgotten.

All committee reports and news needs to be turned in by October 20, for the November newsletter to be on time.

Contact your editor at:  
[Jackie.Key@vfw4273.org](mailto:Jackie.Key@vfw4273.org)

Has your address or phone number changed? Don't forget to notify your Post or Auxiliary .

Applications for a Men's Auxiliary are being taken. The requirements to join are similar to the women for the Women's Auxiliary. If you know of any man who might be interested in joining, please contact Bob Dunn or Larry Merritt. We now have 21 people. As soon as we get 25 we can petition to the state for our charter.

**The Post Chaplain**

**Nick Roth**

As we prepare for the upcoming holidays it is time for all of us to pause and give thanks for our good fortune. Our hearts go out to all those in the world who are suffering. We pray that the future holds a wonderful life for all of the people of the world.

May God bless us all.

**The Auxiliary Chaplain**

**Bonnie Hershberger**

Millie Lentz had successful cataract surgery. Iris Shaw is undergoing dialysis. Our prayers and good wishes go out to them.

Long time Auxiliary member, Carol Cutsforth passed away on September 9th. A memorial was sent to Mt Hood Hospice in her name. Our condolences to her family, and to Betty Haider for the loss of her sister-in-law.

May God Bless us one and all.

**Calendar of Coming Events**

- October 10: House Committee Meeting  
5:30 PM - VFW Hall
- October 12: Auxiliary Meeting 6:45 PM  
Post Meeting 8:00 PM
- October 14: Breakfast / BINGO (Aux)  
10:00 AM/1:00 PM
- October 18: County Veterans Service Rep  
VFW Hall 10:00-12:00
- October 20: District 15 Meeting (Molalla)
- October 27: Halloween/October Birthday Party 7:00 PM
- October 28: Breakfast / BINGO (Post)  
10:00 AM/1:00 PM
- November 4: Veteran's Convoy

Remember to pay your membership dues.

Help make our Post and Auxiliary 100%

(Auxiliary Dues increase Jan. 1)

**REMEMBER  
VETERAN'S  
DAY  
November  
11th**

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Quartermaster	Ken Hershberger	Chaplain	Bonnie Hershberger
Adjutant	Allen Anderson	Secretary	Dora Fitzpatrick
Surgeon	Jim Mitchell	Editor	Jackie Key



**Quote of the month:**

**"The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good."  
Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)**



**Halloween Party**  
**7:00 PM**  
**October 27**  
**VFW Post Canteen**  
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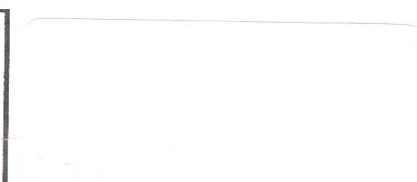
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