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Veterans of Foreign Wars Deschutes Post 4108 & Auxiliary

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COMMANDER'S SITREP

Hello comrades, I hope that this message finds you all well during these troubling times. With the uncertainty of the COVID-19 virus, the Post is following the recommendations of our government. For now, the Canteen is closed and all events at the post have been cancelled or postponed until further notice.

The April 2 Post meeting has been cancelled. We still need to hold election of new officers for the upcoming year. We will be looking at several options on how to accomplish that and will be sending out more information soon. In March we have nominated the following comrades:

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Sunday

April 12, 2020



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S ACTREP

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome Springtime! Hopefully the cloudy, cool weather will clear up soon, I have gardening to do!

With the crazy times we are all experiencing with the COVID-19 virus, I hope that everyone is safe and healthy. As you know, we had to cancel the regular meeting in April. This means that our Auxiliary officers will remain the same for now. We will have nominations and election of officers as soon as we can have a regular meeting.

All the events at the Post have been cancelled and the Post is closed until further notice. The District 10 meeting scheduled for April 11, 2020 in Madras is cancelled as well. No word yet if it will be rescheduled.



Terri Steller
Auxiliary President
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POST ACTION NEWS

Note from the Editor:

Ordinarily this is where we would post upcoming activities at our Post. However we are living in extraordinary times right now, and all events have been cancelled due to the Governor's Executive Order 20-12. The document is available to read at:

https://www.oregon.gov/gov/Documents/executive_orders/eo_20-12.pdf

Please follow government guidelines and keep your families safe and healthy. We can still check on our fellow Post and Auxiliary members by phone, text, Facebook or email. Let's continue to take care of each other while protecting ourselves from this virus.

I am also looking for a volunteer to take over publishing the newsletter. If you are interested, please give me a call at 541-678-3894.

Have a wonderful month and let's all pray that this crisis passes soon!

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Due to the COVID-19 threat, and closings and layoffs, there is an urgent need for food items. Many homeless and low income veterans utilize the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry to access food for themselves and their family. The Thrift Store which funds the Pantry has closed until April 20th to protect the employees. The Food Pantry is an essential service and will remain open. The Thrift Store provided the funding for food purchases by the Pantry so that revenue is not available at this time. We have an urgent need for items we normally purchase.

Canned Vegetables
Tuna
Mac & Cheese

If you can assist during this COVID-19 crisis it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Don DeLand, 503-869-0318 or rdmsvfoodpantry@gmail.com.

Don DeLand,
St. Vincent de Paul Food Manager

**From the Editor: -Source is the VFW Action Corps Weekly
National Vietnam War Veterans Day to Be Honored Virtually**

This coming Sunday, March 29, 2020, is National Vietnam War Veterans Day. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, VFW Posts have been forced to cancel their events commemorating this day. In response, the VFW will be hosting a [virtual event](#) on the VFW Facebook page, where the VFW will pay tribute to Vietnam veterans across America. Organizations such as VA, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Vietnam Veterans of America, and others will also be holding virtual events. If you receive the VFW Action Corps Weekly, there is a link you can follow to learn how to participate. Otherwise, go to: <https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/72941/veterans-can-attend-virtual-events-national-vietnam-war-veterans-day/>

Sunday, March 29, 2020

National Vietnam Veterans Day

(See above for details on Virtual Celebration.)



Celebrate Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020



COMMANDER'S SITREP (continued from page 1)

Commander: Martin Baltazar, Senior Vice Commander: Bob Bragg, Junior Vice Commander: vacant, Quartermaster: Dan Tureck, Chaplain: Jack Anderson, Three-year Trustee: vacant, and two three-year House Committee members: Bob Bragg and Jack Newcomb.

The District 10 meeting scheduled for April 11 at Post 4108 has also been cancelled.

Not sure how long the "Stay at Home, Stay Safe" order will be in effect, but please keep in mind that Memorial Day and Buddy Poppies are coming up. Buddy Poppies are our biggest fundraiser of the year. The money donated through this program allows us to fund all our programs and helps us to assist fellow veterans. Memorial Day Weekend is when the Buddy Poppy distribution begins. With the assistance of the VFW Auxiliary and

the very hard-working Marine Corp JROTC from Redmond High School, we can make this a great year. Please sign up with Dennis or Dianne Guthrie to help cover the three stores.

As you know our 75th Anniversary is coming in May. We are continuing to work out the details. We are in the process of setting up online reservations for the anniversary dinner. When it is ready, we will send out an e-mail.

These are some uncharted times we are living in. Remember to do your buddy checks to make sure everyone is ok.

Your comrade,

Joseph J Steller, Post Commander

HONOR GUARD



Don DeLand
Honor Guard
503-869-0318

The Honor Guard continues to meet each month between VFW and American Legion Post to discuss events, train and plan for future events. The April meeting is on hold due to the COVID-19 issue. As our Honor Guard grows with both VFW and American Legion members it allows us to cover dual military honors funerals as well as needed time off for our members. These additional members also allow us to cross train on the rifle line, bugle and shell box presentation.

We have had three Military Honors events cancel in March due to the virus threat. The Honor Guard is taking all precautions to protect our members should we be required to honor a fallen veteran and their family. The Honor Guard performs Taps every

third Wednesday of the month, 4:30 p.m. at Hospice of Redmond Wall of Honor, and at 5:00 p.m. at Redmond Memorial Cemetery. Come on out and join us as we take a few minutes to honor our fallen comrades. Bring your family, friends, co-workers etc., all are welcome.

We have established a Veteran Make-A-Wish fund to be administered by the Post Honor Guard. This fund was initiated with a \$1,200 donation by two volunteers that work for me at St. Vincent de Paul, Linda and Gary Linton. Both of their fathers were veterans, including Linda's father who was captured during the Battle of the Bulge and was a POW until the end of the war. The Honor Guard will be placing both of their fathers on the Wall of Honor at Hospice of Redmond.

If you are interested in joining our outstanding group of volunteer veterans, honoring our fallen comrades and their families, contact Don DeLand or one of our members. We will have some opportunities later this spring to restore our flag post holes at Redmond Memorial Cemetery. Come join us. You can contact us at vfw4108@gmail.com.

Don DeLand
Honor Guard Captain

PRESIDENT'S ACTTREP (continued from page 1)

We are unsure how long all this social distancing will last or what will happen. However, we are continuing with plans for our 75th Anniversary celebration on May 16, 2020. We will move forward with plans for the event and hope we don't have to cancel.

Our largest and most profitable fund raiser, the Buddy Poppy drive, is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend as usual. We will continue to plan this event, so please sign-up to help. Contact Dianne or Dennis Guthrie if you want to volunteer.

Please know that I miss you all and pray for everyone's good health. Take care of each other and stay safe.

If you have any questions or concerns, please text me at 541-179-7135 or email me at tsteller@gmail.com.

Loyally,

Terri Steller, President

HONOR FLIGHT OF CENTRAL OREGON



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Honor Flight
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Don DeLand, Honor Guard Captain



[Honor Flight of Central Oregon](http://www.honorflightofcentraloregon.org)

Honor Flight of Central Oregon Deschutes, Jefferson and Crook Counties. Honor Flight of Central Oregon is a non-profit 501 (C3) team of volunteers dedicated to escorting Deschutes, Jefferson and Crook County Korean War veterans to Washington DC to visit and reflect on the Memorials dedicated to their service and sacrifice.

www.honorflightofcentraloregon.org

THE COOTIE CORNER

**"Keep 'em Smilin' in
Beds of White"**



**"Closer than a Brother,
Busier than a Bee"**



"Increase and Multiply"

Dear Lady and Gentleman Bugs,

These last few weeks have put all of us in a situation that has us feeling like we are swimming in uncharted waters! Although this may be true, this is the time when we need to stick together and help our fellow man even more! I know that a lot of our members are in the more susceptible group contracting this nasty virus. That is why we need to call and check in on them, but keep our distance as they have suggested. However, we can shop for these members and leave the stuff outside for at least 24 hours. The low temperatures at night will kill the virus on hard surfaces. We must stick together in this time of confusion and make sure that we are truly being the best little bugs we can be!

I hope this finds the membership well. Please reach out to me personally if you need some assistance! May we all be smiling now and remember, this too will pass and when it does, we will "party like it's 1999"! Please abide by the guidelines so we can get back to normal soon!

To the members, love you all and God Bless!

Until next time,

Your President (again),
Spider Monkey
(AKA) Michelle Foltz



Michelle Foltz
Aka "Spider Monkey"
Rimrock MOCA Prez
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April 2020

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

29	30	31	Apr 1	Apr 2	Apr 3	April 4.
				POST AND AUXILIARY MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED DUE TO GOVERNOR'S "STAY HOME, SAVE LIVES" EXECUTIVE ORDER. 		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p>Please Note:</p> <p>All events at VFW Post 4108 are cancelled until further notice due to the COVID-19 virus and the Governor's Executive Order asking everyone to stay home to limit the spread of the virus. The Canteen is also closed until further notice. Please keep your families and yourselves safe and healthy. This too shall pass!</p>						
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	May 1	May 2



MY TO-DO LIST FOR TODAY

- count my blessings
- practice kindness
- let go of what I can't control
- listen to my heart
- be productive yet calm
- just breathe

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