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COMMANDER'S SITREP

Hey Team,

We are in a weird time right now. The COVID bug has all of us crazy. Right now, the Post is going through unprecedented times and now we need to rely on our own VFW family like never before. It is incumbent upon us to keep up our due diligence while maintaining our post. We will continue to adhere to the Governor's ordinance in order to maintain our OLCC license. I appreciate your patience and support, as hard as it may be. We have plans in the works to maintain our ability to provide

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S ACTREP

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Wow, it's August already?! In a blink of an eye summer will be gone. Time sure flies by fast. I hope this finds everyone safe, happy, and most importantly, healthy.

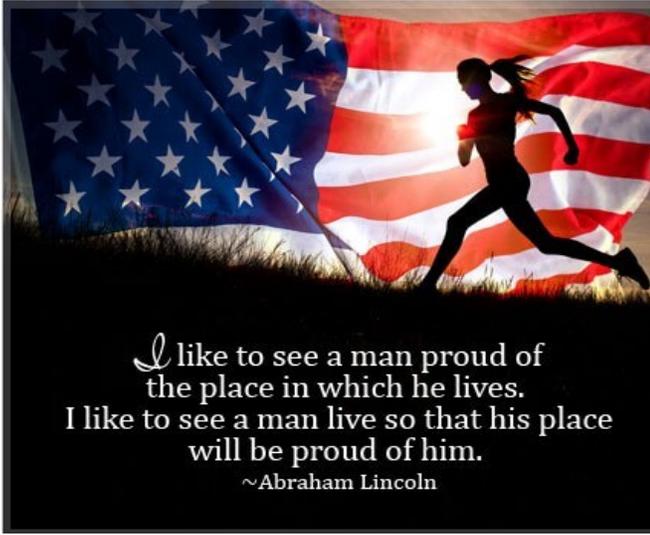
Most everyone has heard about the COVID-19 scare at our Post. The good news is that everyone involved is healthy and has had their test results come back negative. The Post has been disinfected and has re-opened. That said, we all need to PLEASE follow state required guidelines regarding facial coverings and social distancing. We don't want to have to close the Canteen again and we definitely do not want anyone to come down with the COVID-19 virus.



Terri Steller
Auxiliary President
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POST ACTION NEWS



Notice Change of Editor

Valorie Wrinkle is training Dianne Guthrie to take over as editor of your Newsletter. Please note that all articles are due to Dianne by the 15th of each month with one reminder, hopefully on the 10th.

Please say in your subject line: "Post Newsletter". Dianne's email is 75crazyhorse69@gmail.com

Note from the Editor:

Deschutes County has entered Phase 2 of the State's reopening plan. That means that the Canteen is open again! We are still under some restrictions, so you will notice some changes to how seating is set up. We ask that you respect the restrictions so we can stay open, visit with each other, and stay safe at the same time.

We are also able to have regular meetings again, but there will be changes due to the restrictions, so please make note of the following:

Masks are required unless you are eating or drinking. If you are just talking, masks are required. Help us protect our OLCC license.

The Auxiliary will have their monthly meeting in the Hall on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

The VFW will have their regular monthly meeting in the Hall on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

The MOC & MOCA will hold their Scratch on August 15 at 12:05 pm for MOC and 2:05 pm for MOCA.

HONOR GUARD

The Honor Guard has started to get requests for Military Honors again. With the Covid-19 virus, we wear masks and space our rifle line differently but we are able to honor our veterans and families. We continue to do our Taps Ceremony every third Wednesday of the month, 4:30 at Hospice of Redmond Wall of Honor, and again at 5:00 at Redmond memorial Cemetery. Everyone is welcome to join us for these ceremonies.

The Honor Guard received a generous donation from a volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul to start a "Veteran make a Wish Fund". This fund will be utilized to grant "wishes" submitted via the website to local veterans. The donor asked the combined VFW/AL Honor Guard to act as reviewers and grantors. More information to follow as we determine fund raising means to present to the Posts.

The Honor Guard is also involved in a project to raise almost 250 flagpole holes at Redmond Cemetery to turf level and is working with the American legion 40&8 group to redesign/repair the monument at the center of the cemetery.

Everyone wear your mask and stay safe.

Don DeLand
Honor Guard Captain



Don DeLand
Honor Flight
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COMMANDER'S SITREP (continued from page 1)

the community service which is part of our Mission as members of the VFW. I am very grateful for the reaction and the support that our members have shown during the temporary shutdown. It was definitely not how I envisioned my first few weeks of being your new Commander, but the health and well-being of our members will always be at the forefront of my responsibilities. Please continue to social distance and wear a mask or face covering while indoors at the Canteen or Post hall. I understand the frustration of it all, but I am truly grateful for everyone's cooperation. Please continue to enjoy your summer as much as possible and remember to stay well hydrated. Take care all and God bless.

Martin R. Baltazar III
Commander, VFW Post 4108

THE COOTIE CORNER



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

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



"Increase and Multiply"

Hello fellow cooties, I hope you and your families are doing fine. I would like to say please stay safe and please use proper safety measures. Please go hunting for nits to multiply our numbers.

Your humble Seam Squirrel for Rimrock Pup Tent 8,
Floyd Leach



Floyd Leach
Seam Squirrel
541-977-0924

Dear Lady and Gentlemen Bugs,

Hope this finds all the membership well and healthy. The time has changed for the August 15th meeting so please mark your calendars for 2:05 PM. I ask our members to be flexible because COVID-19 is still spreading and we need to be careful.

Any questions, please let me know! Keep them smiling in beds of white:)

Until Next Time,
Your President,
Spider Monkey (aka Michelle Foltz)



Michelle Foltz
Aka "Spider Monkey"
Rimrock MOCA Prez
541-610-3608

PRESIDENT'S ACTREP (continued from page 1)

In light of all of this; we will continue to hold Auxiliary meetings separately from the Post meetings to reduce the number of people in the building. We will utilize the hall for our meetings to allow for proper social distancing. The Auxiliary meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 5th at 6 pm. I am asking that EVERYONE attending please respect each other's space and please wear a face covering into and out of the meeting.

The August meeting is an especially important meeting. We have several things to discuss. The quarterly audit will take place on July 31. The line officers will review our standing motions at that time and will present potential changes/updates at the August meeting. You as the body will have an opportunity to review the proposed changes. We will have discussions and voting for approval at the September meeting. I encourage you to attend these two meetings.

Another topic of importance at the August meeting will be the presentation of our proposed budget. Times have changed things for our Auxiliary and your officers feel that we need to implement a budget for the year. We will open the floor for discussion and your input is welcome and appreciated. We will have a final vote on the proposed budget in September as well.

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If anyone would like an EMAIL copy of either proposal after the August meeting, please email your request to me at tsteller@gmail.com and I will send you a copy.

September is right around the corner. It is time for us to start thinking of winter and our veterans and their families who may find themselves in need of our help. I am going to start pestering you all for donations to our food pantry. We will not have the Christmas in September Christmas tree up in the Canteen this year, however, we will be requesting donations for that as well. Look for the flyer in the Canteen soon and in the next newsletter. We are here to help veterans and their families, so please be generous and donate. Thank you.

I miss all of you very much and would love to see as many of you as possible at the meeting. As always, I am just a text or email away. If you have any questions or concerns, text 541-279-7135 or email tsteller@gmail.com

Loyally,
Terri Steller, President

HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Comrades & Sisters and Brothers,

From the House Committee:

I hope you are all well as you read this Newsletter. We have been trying to open for business like others in Central Oregon. We will be exploring some activities to appeal to our members to come use the post.

The Auxiliary has almost completed refurbishing the Ladies Restroom and it looks great! As usual we have had some maintenance problems and we are working on them. Hopefully soon we will have hot water in the restroom.

In the Canteen, the 30-year-old hot water heater finally gave it up. A new one has been installed and we hope to have the electricity connected soon.

The Canteen has always been a gathering place for our members and was never intended to make a lot of money on a daily basis. However, when we have functions it helps pay for those slow days. Since we have not been able to have those functions, we need our members to support the Canteen by coming in, enjoying the friendship and comradery, while having a beverage or two.

We are planning some clean up around the Post. If you have some time, or if you have any ideas on how to get things moving, please give me a call. Post #4108 is a Post we all can be proud of. It takes the membership to make it work; Auxiliary and Veterans working together.

Dennis Guthrie
541-280-5161
House Committee Chairman



Dennis Guthrie
House Committee
Chairman
541-280-5161

MEET THE COMMANDER

Martin Roman Baltazar III was born in Orange County California in 1982. He always had a unique passion for the military growing up. He enlisted in the US Army in August 2000 and attended basic training at Ft. Benning, Georgia. After attending UH-1 and UH-60 helicopter repairers courses his assignments included several locations state side with overseas and combat assignments in Korea, Egypt, Iraq, and Afghanistan. He has been awarded the Air Medal w/ numeral "2" device, the Army Commendation Medal w/ 5 oak leaf cluster, the Army Achievement Medal with 2 oak leaf cluster, the Good Conduct ribbon (5th award), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global war on Terrorism service ribbon, the national defense service ribbon, the Army service ribbon, the Korea Defense service ribbon, the Overseas service ribbon (4th award), the Professional development service ribbon, the NATO medal, and the Multinational Forces and Observers Medal. He is married to Megan Clark of Rochester NY, and they have five children between the two of them. They have been in Central Oregon for 5 years. Martin is a helicopter and an airplane pilot as well as an avionics technician and works at the Redmond airport.

Friday



August 7, 2020

Purple Heart Day



Possible Buddy Poppy distribution Labor Day. Stay tuned for more information as we work with the stores. We will need Post & Auxiliary members to make this happen. It will be Labor Day weekend.

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August 2020

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

July 26	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31	August 1
	Korean War Armistice Day		Army Chaplain Corp Anniversary			Air Force Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		US Coast Guard Established	6 PM Aux. Meeting in the Hall 	7 PM Post Meeting in the Hall 	Purple Heart Day Vietnam War Began 1964	9am: Aux Training Academy—Rogue River Post. Make reservation with Dept Sec or Dept Pres
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
					Japan Surrendered in 1945, ending WWII. *National Navajo Code Talkers Day	9 am: Aux Training Academy-Creswell Post (full) 12:05 pm: MOC Scratch MOCA Meeting 2:05 pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
						9 am: Aux Training Academy –Richland Comm Center. Make reservation with Dept Sec or Dept Pres.
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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