

POST 4108 Newsletter

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COMMANDER'S SITREP

Happy Thanksgiving Comrades, I hope you all enjoyed the day with family and friends. This is a time of year to reflect and be thankful for many reasons. You may be thankful for family, friends, health, politics, Comradeship...the list goes on. One thing I know I am thankful for is all those who are currently serving our great nation; especially those that are deployed and cannot be with their loved ones. I am sure we all can remember those times. I am also thankful for those who gave their all and paid the ultimate price. Let us not forget to keep them and their families in our prayers.



Mike Trammel
Post Commander
503-516-4180

As always, our Post and Auxiliary have been very busy this past month with the Veterans Day Parade, Chili Feed, hall rentals, honoring our fallen comrades, the pre-Thanksgiving dinner (which was a great success) and supporting our youth in the community with the JROTC Marine Corps Birthday Ball and the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Scholarship competitions. All of this makes me especially thankful for all our volunteers.

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S ACTREP

The House Committee is doing a wonderful job keeping all of us informed on the progress of the work being done on the VFW building. The Home Depot crew were wonderful to work with and made the Post and Auxiliary members who volunteered to help feel welcome to work alongside of them. They all had a great sense of humor and there was a lot of laughter during the whole process, even at the end of the day when they knew we had to scramble to clean up for the children's Halloween party that evening. The children never knew all that took place prior to the party and it went off without a hitch. Thanks to all Post and Auxiliary members for all your help in making it a success.



Pixie Newcomb
Auxiliary President
541-526-1371

The Christmas Bazaar has come and gone. Thank you to the Auxiliary and Post members who worked the kitchen during the bazaar. Great job.

The Veterans Day Parade and Chili Feed that followed, *what can I*

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POST ACTION NEWS

THE REDMOND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & CVB &
ST. CHARLES REDMOND PRESENT:

★ THE STARLIGHT PARADE ★

*We are
Santa's
Elves!*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2016

If you would like to ride the float or carry a flag in the parade, please meet at 6th and Dogwood by 4:30 pm.

Monday, November 28, 2016 – 1:00 pm to 6:30 pm: Red Cross Blood Drive at VFW Post 4108.

Tuesday, November 29 through Wednesday, November 30, 2016: Decorate Hall for Holidays.

Thursday, December 1, 2016 – 4:00 to 7:00 pm: Taco Thursday. \$1.50 per taco.

Thursday, December 1, 2016 – 6:15 pm: Post and Auxiliary Meetings.

Saturday, December 3, 2016 – 4:00 pm: National Guard Bravo Company Christmas Party.

Sunday, December 4, 2016 – 8:00 am: Sea Cadets Drill in Hall.

Monday, December 5, 2016 – 6:00 pm: Rod & Gun Club Meeting.

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 – 1:00 pm to 3 pm: Veterans' Suicide Prevention Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 – 6:00 pm: Redmond Rotary meeting.

Thursday, December 8, 2016 – 7:30 am: Redmond Commercial Group.

Thursday, December 8, 2016 – 10:00 am: Bingo at Redmond Health Care Center with the Auxiliary. Everyone welcome.

Thursday, December 8, 2016 – 7:00 pm: Military Order of the Purple Heart meeting.

Friday, December 9, 2016 – 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm: Brightwood Employee Lunch in Hall.

Friday, December 9, 2016 – 7:00 pm: Dance Club in Hall (Open to non-subscribers at 7:30 pm-\$10 each)

Saturday, December 10, 2016 – 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm: Shasta Christmas Party.

Sunday, December 11, 2016 – 7:00 pm to 10 pm: Home Depot Christmas Party.

Tuesday, December 13, 2016 – 5:00 pm to 11 pm: Regency Healthcare Christmas Party.

Wednesday, December 14, 2016 – 6:00 pm: Mounted Color Guard Meeting.

Wednesday, December 14, 2016 – 6:30 pm: Rocky Mountain Elk Meeting.

Friday December 16, 2016 – 6:00 pm: Post and Auxiliary Christmas Potluck.

Saturday, December 17, 2016 – 12:05 pm: MOC/MOCA Meeting.

Saturday, December 17, 2016 – Private Party in Hall.

Sunday, December 18, 2016 – 8:00 am: Sea Cadets Drill.

Monday, December 19, 2016 – 6:00 pm: Honor Guard meeting.

Tuesday, December 20, 2016 - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm: OHA/VFW Meal Night. Serving Pulled Pork sandwiches with grilled onions, baked beans, Coleslaw and chocolate cake for dessert. \$8 per person.

Tuesday, December 20, 2016 – 7:00 pm: OHA Board Meeting.

Wednesday, December 21, 2016 – 1:00 pm: Birthday Cakes at Redmond Health Care Center with the MOCA.

Thursday, December 22, 2016 – 7:30 am: Redmond Commercial Group.

Sunday, December 25, 2016 – Canteen Closed so Staff can be with their families!



Saturday, December 31, 2016 – 6:00 pm: New Year's Eve Prime Rib Dinner - \$20 per person.

Saturday, December 31, 2016 – 8:00 pm: New Year's Eve "Roaring 20's" Party (Must be over 21) – Dance the night away to music by DJ TVBlue.Net! \$10 each or \$15 for couples. (See back cover)



Sunday, January 1, 2017 – 8:00 am: Sea Cadets Drill in Hall.

Monday, January 2, 2017 – 6:00 pm: House Committee Meeting.

Monday, January 2, 2017 – 6:00 pm: Rod & Gun Club Meeting.

Tuesday, January 8, 2017 – 6:00 pm: Redmond Rotary meeting.

Thursday, January 5, 2017 – 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm: Taco Thursday. \$1.50 per taco.

Thursday, January 5, 2017 – 6:15 pm: Post and Auxiliary Meetings.

Wednesday, January 11, 2017 – 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm: Paint Night – Senior Class Fundraiser

Thursday, January 12, 2017 – 7:00 pm: Military Order of the Purple Heart meeting.

Saturday, January 14, 2017– 7:00 pm: Dance Club in Hall (Open to non-subscribers at 7:30 pm-\$10 each)

Sunday, January 15, 2017 – 8:00 am: Sea Cadets Drill in Hall.

Monday, January 16, 2017 – 6:00 pm: Honor Guard meeting.

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm: OHA/VFW Meal Night.

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 – 7:00 pm: OHA Board Meeting.

Saturday, January 21, 2017 – 12:05 pm: MOC/MOCA Meeting.

Monday, January 23, 2017 – 6:00 pm: House Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, January 24, 2017 – 1:00 pm to 6:30 pm: Red Cross Blood Drive at VFW Post 4108.

Wednesday, January 25, 2017 – 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm: Spousal Support Group at VFW Post 4108.

Saturday, January 28, 2017 – 9:00 am: VFW & VFW Auxiliary Mid-Winter C of A. Banquet honoring Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen winners will be that evening. All events are at the Shilo Inn Portland Airport.

Saturday, January 28, 2017 – 5:30 pm to ? : Post Prime Rib dinner Fundraiser and Concert. Paul Cahill of Cahill Construction will once again be doing a fundraiser for the Post with music by Hobo Jim. There will be more information in the next newsletter.

AROUND THE HOUSE

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary Members.

The roofing project is done! No leaks during the last rain. I am praying for a dry winter indoors.

Home Depot Team and Post/Auxiliary Members have worked on the ceiling tiles. It is not finished yet. Home Depot will be coming back after Thanksgiving. I have invited Home Depot Redmond Store Manager Russell Redfield to come to the Post on December 1 prior to our meeting to be recognized for their hard work and for assisting us in getting that \$16,500 grant.



John Wrinkle
House Committee Chair
541-678-3895

Quality Heating has repaired the Auxiliary Room Heater. It appears a 5-amp fuse had blown out. Quality Heating has also set the date of December 12 to start work on the heater return project. Once this work is completed, we should have two efficient and economic heating systems in our Hall and Canteen.

Comrade Jeff Casserly mentioned that we should get covers to put on our swamp coolers during the winter to replace the old, worn out covers. The new covers will help conserve heat loss as well as protect our units from the weather, which is another economic savings for the Post. Jeff recommended I contact Bend Tarp & Cover Inc. (BTC). Once Post Building Maintenance man Don Scoggins provided the measurements of each of the three swamp coolers, I called BTC and asked for a quote. I was pleased that when BTC gave me their quote it was zero - they are donating the custom-made covers because we are veterans.

I wish to thank all the House Committee members and volunteers, including the Commander and Quartermaster, for their hard work and dedication in maintaining our Post and grounds. Merry Christmas to Post, Auxiliary and staff members. If you are travelling, please be safe.

Fair winds and following seas, Chairman John Wrinkle

COMMANDER'S SITREP (Continued from Page 1)

I mentioned politics not only because the presidential election is over, but also because measure 96 was passed by the voters of our great state. This means that 1.5 percent of the undesignated funds from the lottery will now be used for veterans' benefits. This makes me thankful that we have a post with so many people willing to step up and help lead the charge, looking after all of us veterans at the state and national level. It is hard to express the level of gratitude that I have for them.

Looking forward December seems to be just as busy for the Post and Auxiliary.

I want to thank Rhonda Gleason for taking the position of Membership Committee Chairman and thank Dennis and Dianne Guthrie for all their hard work ensuring that our hall is always being rented out. Having said that, their tenure in this position is quickly coming to an end and we need a volunteer to take the reins. If you have an interest in this aspect of Post activities or any questions about it, please feel free to contact me.

As always, I am here at the Post on Mondays from 5 pm to 6 pm to meet with any member that has questions or concerns that they would like to address with me.

In Comradeship, Mike Trammel, Commander

WEBMASTER

The website continues to be a major source of information for members and the public. We are averaging approximately 650 views a month.

If you have any photos of Post events that you would like to share, you can e-mail Don DeLand at (delandx2@msn.com) or text them to me at ([503-869-0318](tel:503-869-0318)) so I can upload them to the website.

For you **TWITTER** fans, follow Post activities [@vfw4108](https://twitter.com/vfw4108). I've placed a Twitter link on the website homepage.

We have a new Website Committee member. Auxiliary member Terri Steller has joined the Post website committee. I'm looking forward to training Terri on website administration. Welcome aboard.



Don DeLand
Webmaster
503-869-0318

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S ACTREP (Continued from Page 1)

say. It speaks for itself when it comes to all the hard work Post and Auxiliary members put into it and once again it was a great success. A huge thank you to Sarah Brock for taking charge of decorating the float and to Jason, Elizabeth, little Abby, Isaiah Barker, Jack Newcomb and Don DeLand for your help. We couldn't do it without you.

The community of Redmond never fails in showing their respect for our Veterans by coming out and lining our streets with their children and thanking the Veterans as they pass by. I'm sure they know how appreciative the Veterans are by the smiles they put on their faces.

Don't forget the Starlight Parade is Saturday, November 26, 2016 at 5 pm. We gather at the corner of Dogwood and 6th at 4:30 pm and the parade starts at 5:00. Join us and march in the parade or ride the float and sing Christmas carols while seeing all the beautiful lights of the floats and downtown Redmond.

If you have not attended one of the Dance Club Socials, you are missing a great time. The next dance is December 9 at the VFW on Veterans Way, Redmond. Doors open at 7 pm for Dance Club members and 7:30 to the public. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Music is provided and the dancing is great. You bring your own picnic, dance, socialize and have fun. Hope to see you there.

I would like to thank the Post on behalf of the Auxiliary for the Ice Cream social held at the Post on Thursday the November 17. For those of you who missed it, sorry. It was yummy! It was not only ice cream, but the makings of a banana split. For those that did make it to the Ice Cream social, please take the time to thank Commander Mike Trammel, Don DeLand, Dave Pete and Jack Newcomb for setting up the social for the Auxiliary. It was awesome and greatly appreciated.

A reminder for those looking to attend Mid-Winter in January. For a hotel & banquet information form, please contact Dianne Guthrie 541-280-5162, Valorie Wrinkle at 541-678-3894 or Pixie Newcomb at 541-526-1371. We will be sure to get the information to you.

During the Thanksgiving season let us all remember to give thanks and keep the service men and women who have served and are serving our country in our prayers. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with their family and friends, but most of all be safe if you are on the road.

November Blood Drive

Monday, November 28th from 12-6:30pm

Call, text or email **Tracy** with your preferred times to **Sign-up!**

541-410-3122 or VFW4108.TracyMcKenzie@gmail.com

September Blood Drive Stats

Goal: 24

Pints Received: 27

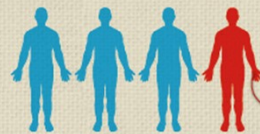
Post Members: 3

Auxiliary Members: 1



Blood Donation FAQs

Why Should I Give Blood?



One in four people will need a blood transfusion sometime in their lifetime.



Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.

Only **37%** of the population is eligible to give blood.

Less than **10%** give annually.

Thank you to those that came out to donate!!! I very much appreciate your support and participation!

Tracy J

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

National Legislative Committee – John Wrinkle

Here is some news that should benefit us when dealing with the VA:

MyVA311: Last week, the VA launched 1-844-MyVA311 (1-844-698-2311) as a 24/7 one-stop information service platform for all VA services. Veterans, families and caregivers who call MyVA311 can be connected to disability, pension, health care eligibility, enrollment, and burial benefits, the veterans' crisis line, the homeless veterans helpline and to a self-service locator to find the nearest VA facility. This is an effort to ensure veterans no longer have to know what number to call for specific programs and services, instead, veterans can call MyVA311 and be connected to the correct call center. If you already know what number to call for these services – keep calling it. **None of the existing VA numbers will go away. This new service is in addition to the existing numbers.**



John Wrinkle
National Legislative
541-678-3895

THE ROARING A JAZZ AGE PARTY TWENTIES

Be sure to come back at 8 pm for a special "Roaring Twenties" Themed Dance starting at 8 pm. Music will be provided by DJ TVBlue.Net.

There will be a photo booth complete with props, balloons, and party favors too!

Must be over 21. \$10 per person or \$15 per couple.

SEE BACK COVER FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BOTH NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENTS.

December 31, 2016: Join us at 6:00 pm for a special Prime Rib Dinner to ring in the New Year. Dinner, including dessert will be \$20 per person.



HONOR GUARD

There will be a Special Assembly Prior to December membership meeting on December 1 from 6:15 – 6:45 pm. The Honor Guard has invited the Redmond High School woodshop students and teacher Mark Winger to the Post for tacos and recognition for their work on the shell casing boxes provided families at the funerals we attend. There will also be a special presentation. All Post/Auxiliary members and guests are welcome. Bring your food and drink into the Hall and join in this special recognition.





We were honored to present a special ceremony at Redmond High for teacher Mark Winger and students. We demonstrated the Military Honors Ceremony, dedicating it to Mr. Winger's brother, a Vietnam veteran who did not receive military honors at his funeral services. We also recognized his students, who are now building the shell casing boxes that we present to the family. Take a look at the Photo Gallery on the website for pictures.

The Post and American Legion Honor Guards teamed up to provide Color Guard Posting of Colors at the Ridgeview High Veterans Assembly. Post member Robert (Bob) Maxwell, Medal of Honor recipient was the special guest. The Ridgeview High students gave us a very warm welcome. We are looking forward to next year's assembly.

If you are interested in becoming an Honor Guard member, see Dave Pete, Jack Newcomb or myself (Honor Guard committee chairpersons).

December 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Nov 27 | Nov 28 1 pm–6pm: Red Cross Blood Drive at VFW Post 4108 | Nov 29 | Nov 30 | Dec 1 4 pm: Taco Thursday 6:15 pm: VFW & Auxiliary Mtgs. | Dec 2 | Dec 3 4 pm: National Guard Bravo Company Christmas Party |
| 4 8 am: Sea Cadets | 5 6 pm: Rod & Gun Club Meeting | 6 1 pm-3 pm: Veterans Suicide Prevention Committee Meeting at Post. 6 pm: Redmond Rotary Meeting | 7 | 8 7:30 am: Redmond Commercial Group 10 am: Bingo at Redmond Health Care Center with VFW Auxiliary | 9 12 pm-2 pm: Private Party in Hall. 7:30 pm to 10 pm: Redmond Social Club Doors open to prepaid members at 7 pm. Non members at 7:30 pm—\$10 Per Person for non-members. | 10 4 pm—10 pm: Private Party in Hall |
| 11 7 pm-10 pm: Private Party in Hall | 12 | 13 5:00 pm: Christmas Party for Regency Health Care Employees | 14 6 pm: Mounted Color Guard Meeting 6:30 pm: Rocky Mtn. Elk Meeting | 15 | 16 6 pm—Post and Auxiliary Xmas Party (Potluck) | 17 12:05 pm: MOC/MOCA Meeting. Private Party in Hall. |
| 18 8 am: Sea Cadets | 19 6 pm: Honor Guard Meeting | 20 5:30 pm-7 pm: OHA/VFW Meal Night. Serving Pulled Pork sandwiches, baked beans, Coleslaw & Chocolate cake for \$8. 7 pm: OHA Board Meeting. | 21 1 pm: Birthday Cakes at Redmond Health Care with MOCA | 22 7:30 am: Redmond Commercial Group | 23 | 24 6:00 pm: Prime Rib Dinner—\$20 each. 8 pm—1 am: New Year's Dance Celebration! Must be 21. \$10 ea. or \$15 for a couple. Roaring 20's Theme! |
| 25 Canteen Closed  | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31  |

New Year's Eve Prime Rib Dinner

6:00 pm—December 31, 2016

Call 541-548-4108 during normal business hours to make your reservation.

Dinner Menu:

Prime Rib, Baked Potato, Veggie, Salad, Dinner Roll

Plus a very special homemade dessert!

\$20 Each

Make your Reservations now!

Roaring 20's New Year's Eve Ball

8 pm to 1 am

For a cover charge of \$10 each or \$15 for a couple, dance in the New Year with music by DJTVBlue.Net, party favors and balloons and be sure to hit the Photo Booth to commemorate the evening! The theme is The Roaring 20's, so put on your Flapper dress or your Great Gatsby style suit (or come "gangster" style) and join us for some roaring good times!



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