

POST 4108 Newsletter

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COMMANDER'S SITREP

Spring is here and we should only have a few more snow days. In April we will nominate and elect officers. We have some good Comrades in the chairs and I'm proud that they are willing to step up for the VFW. The next generation of Veterans is beginning to really make a difference. Like some of us Vietnam Veterans that were helped by the WWII and Korean Vets, I pledge to help those coming up through the ranks. Some have said we are only interested in their youth and energy, but I can still remember when I was in my 30's and I believed I had some ideas which could be useful. I believe our younger Vets have fresh ideas to bring to the table. We need to listen to them. The Vietnam Vets are now the old guys and we have young Vets, male and female who are the future of the VFW! They are the ones that will take care of the next generation of Vets. Please remember we do more than honor the dead, we also "honor the dead by helping the living." Our biggest challenge is to help Veterans and their families in need. We are also responsible for helping our youth understand our history and teaching them to

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Dennis Guthrie
Post Commander
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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S ACTREP

Dear Ladies, Gents and Comrades;

The Month of April is upon us. This is the month the Auxiliary holds nominations and elects the Officers for the coming year (July 2018- June 2019). Please attend the next meeting April 5 to participate in nominations and elections. On April 14 VFW Post 4108 will host the District 10 Auxiliary meeting. We will also be electing District officers for the coming year. We will start with a potluck lunch at 12 noon with the meeting to follow.

Don't forget the Easter Egg Hunt for the military and veteran families at the Post on March 31 from 2 to 4 pm and Easter is on Sunday April 1. Have a great day enjoying family and friends and I hope your April is great!



Randy Burger
Auxiliary President
541-771-1089

POST ACTION NEWS

Saturday, March 31, 2018 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm: Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Redmond Regency Health Care Center. Barbecued hotdog lunch supplied by Pup Tent 8 MOC and MOCA.



Saturday, March 31, 2018 – 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm: Easter Egg Hunt for children of veterans and active military at VFW Post 4108. Snacks, games, prizes & more! Free event.

Monday, April 2, 2018 – 6:30 pm: Rod & Gun Club Meeting

Tuesday, April 3, 2018 – 6:00 pm: Rotary Club Meeting.

Thursday, April 5, 2018 – 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm: Taco Thursday. \$1.50 per taco.



Thursday, April 5, 2018 – 7:00 pm: VFW Post 4108 and Auxiliary

Meetings. Please note that there will be nominations and elections at this meeting.



Friday, April 6, 2018 – 7:00 pm: Redmond Social Club - Live Music and Dancing. Doors open at 7 pm. Enjoy live music with Mark Mobley & The Shaniko Band! \$10/person at the door. 21 and over only please. Outside food welcome but no outside beverages of any kind please. Questions? Call Angela at [541-410-2572](tel:541-410-2572).

Sunday, April 8, 2018 – 5:00 pm: COMOAA Banquet in Hall.

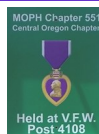
Monday, April 9, 2018 – 5:30 pm: VFW Riders Meeting

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 - 1:00 pm: Birthday cakes with the MOCA at Redmond Regency Health Care.

Thursday, April 12, 2018 – 7:30 am: Redmond Commercial Group

Thursday, April 12, 2018 – 10:00 am: Bingo at the Regency Redmond with the Auxiliary.

Thursday, April 12, 2018 - 7:00 pm: Military Order of the Purple Heart Meeting.



Friday, April 13, 2018 – School District Banquet in Hall.

Saturday, April 14, 2018 – 12:00 pm: District 10 VFW & Auxiliary Potluck followed by the Spring Meeting.



Sunday, April 15, 2018 – 1:00 pm: Memorial for VFW Life Member Don Keith.

Monday, April 16, 2018 – 6:00 pm: Honor Guard meeting.

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 – 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm: OHA/VFW Meal Night. Menu to be determined.

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 – 7:00 pm: OHA Board Meeting.

Tuesday, April 18, 2018 – 1:00 pm: Bingo at Redmond Regency with the Auxiliary.

Thursday, April 19, 2018 – 6:00 pm: Ladies Pool Potluck.

Saturday, April 21, 2018 – 12:05 pm: MOC/MOCA Meeting.

Saturday, April 21, 2018 – OVMA Anniversary Dinner in Hall.

Monday, April 23, 2018 – 6:00 pm: House Committee meeting.

Thursday, April 25, 2018 – 12 pm to 2 pm: Portland VA will be at our Post to meet with veterans and their families.



Thursday, April 26, 2018 – 7:30 am: Redmond Commercial Group.

Tuesday, May 1, 2018 – 6:00 pm: Rotary Club Meeting.

Thursday, May 3, 2018 – 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm: Taco Thursday. \$1.50 per taco.

Thursday, May 3, 2018 – 7:00 pm: VFW Post 4108 and Auxiliary Mtg.

Friday, May 4, 2018 – 7:00 pm: Redmond Social Club - Live Music and Dancing. Doors open at 7 pm. Enjoy live music with Countryfied! \$10/person at the door. 21 and over only please. Outside food welcome but no outside beverages of any kind please. Questions? Call Angela at [541-410-2572](tel:541-410-2572).

Monday, May 7, 2018 – 6:30 pm: Rod & Gun Club Meeting

Wednesday, May 9, 2018: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm: Benefits Resource Fair with Central Oregon Veterans Outreach. Volunteers and donations needed. More information to follow.

Monday, May 14, 2018 – 5:30 pm: VFW Riders Meeting

Wednesday, May 16, 2018 - 1:00 pm: Birthday cakes with the MOCA at Redmond Regency Health Care.

Thursday, May 10, 2018 – 7:30 am: Redmond Commercial Group

Thursday, May 10, 2018 – 10:00 am: Bingo at the Regency Redmond with the Auxiliary.

Thursday, May 10, 2018 - 7:00 pm: Military Order of the Purple Heart Meeting.

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 – 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm: OHA/VFW Meal Night. Menu to be determined.

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 – 7:00 pm: OHA Board Meeting.

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 – 1:00 pm: Bingo at Redmond Regency with the Auxiliary.

Saturday, May 19, 2018 – Private Party in Hall.

Saturday, May 19, 2018 – 12:05 pm: MOC/MOCA Meeting.

Saturday, May 19, 2018 – OVMA Anniversary Dinner in Hall.

Monday, May 21, 2018 – 6:00 pm: Honor Guard meeting.

Tuesday, May 22 & 23, 2018 – 6:00 pm: Buddy Poppy Training in the Auxiliary Room.



Thursday, May 24, 2018 – 7:30 am: Redmond Commercial Group.

Monday, May 28, 2018 – 6:00 pm: House Committee meeting.

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perpetuate the memory and history of our dead. Lastly, we must complete our community service work.

May will bring our Buddy Poppy distributions at the three stores who have helped us out for a number of years on Memorial Day Weekend. The Marine Corp JROTC from Redmond High School really makes a difference for our collection, but we need Veterans and Auxiliary volunteers at the tables too. As you know, this is when we replenish our relief funds that we use to help Veterans and their families in need. We are also allowed to use these funds to help youth in our community. Please help us in the biggest single fund raiser we do all year. You can pick a slot of time at one of the stores. It makes a huge difference. If you have never done it before, or just want a refresher course, there will be some training in May. See Post Action News for more information on dates and times.

On April 25, 2018 the Portland Medical Veterans Administration will be here at noon to listen, teach, and share. Please take advantage of this chance to speak directly to the VA. I hope to see you there.

Remember- "Honoring the Dead by Helping the Living."

April 26 to 30, 2018:

Women's Veterans Conference in Sunriver.

April 28, 2018:

Parade at Warm Springs to welcome Vietnam Vets home.

Post Commander Dennis Guthrie

REDMOND SOCIAL CLUB

The Redmond Social Club will have Live Music & Dancing with Mark Mobley & Shaniko, Friday March 9, 2018 at the Redmond VFW Hall. Doors open at 7pm. \$10/person, 21 and over only. Outside food welcome but no outside beverages allowed. You do not have to be a VFW Member or a Redmond Social Club Member to attend these fun evenings. Our remaining dance dates are Friday, April 6th and our Quattro de Mayo event with Countryfied on Friday, May 4.



Angela Boothroyd
VFW Auxiliary
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SHOOTING INTEREST GROUP

First off, we need more participation in the VSO Shooting Challenge coming up in May.

It is two rifle matches, to be held on May 5th, at the Redmond Rod & Gun Club Range. It is US (VFW Post 4108) versus the American Legion Post 44, versus the Redmond group of Band of Brothers. We are trying to put together four-person teams for both "Iron Sight" and "Scoped" rifle events. The only sticking points are you must be a veteran, and you must be a member of one of the listed Redmond Veteran Service Organizations (VSO's). That means that Auxiliary Members who are veterans may shoot too.

The cost per match is \$15.00 and you supply your own guns and gear. There will be a trophy for the winning VSO team, and prizes for the top three individuals in each match.

(PS – the prizes are worth far more than the entry fee, trust me!!!)

Interested (or just curious) persons should contact your ever-faithful SIG chairman, Brian O'Connor, at 541-699-8664 or bocon-nor308@gmail.com for details.

Also, I am looking at putting together an informational meeting for ALL shooters, concerning the unrest in the news, Oregon Initiative 42, and any other concerns you as a shooter / gun owner may have. If this is as important to you as it is to me, let me know via phone, text, or email.

Thank You,
Brian O'Connor



Brian O'Connor
Chairman
541-699-8664

HONOR GUARD

The Honor Guard has had a quiet period, which is fine with us. We are still looking for new members to join us in honoring our fallen comrades and their families. The more active members we have, the more we can schedule events and allow time off for others.

March Events:

March 12th – Presented Colors for the USAF Commanders Jazz Ensemble at the Tower Theater
March 19th – Honor Guard Meeting at American Legion Post 44
March 21st – TAPS ceremony at Redmond Hospice (4:30 p.m.) and Redmond Memorial Cemetery (5:00 p.m.). We will also be placing flags at Governor Tom McCall's gravesite for Tom McCall Day on March 22nd.

Upcoming Events:

April 16th - Honor Guard Meeting at VFW Post 4108
April 18th - TAPS ceremony at Redmond Hospice (4:30 p.m.) and Redmond Memorial Cemetery (5:00 p.m.)
April 28th - Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Parade and Expo at Warm Springs.



Don DeLand
Honor Guard

THE COOTIE CORNER

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



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

"Increase and Multiply"

Spring is finally here, we think. As usual, the weather is playing hide and seek with us. The MOC nominated officers at the March Scratch and will elect at the April Scratch. It appears that old blood will still be in command for the next year. The MOCA elected their officers at their March meeting. For the 2017 – 2018 year your new President will be Michelle Foltz. We congratulate her on her new position. Officers will be updated on the VFW website after the Grand Convention in June.

We will be participating at the Redmond Health Care Easter Egg Hunt with a hotdog feed on March 31st. It is anticipated that over 300 children will be there to search out and find Easter Eggs.

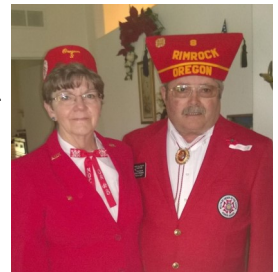
We are still in the planning stages for the road trip to The Dalles Veteran's Home. We are looking high and low for someone to take charge and get the ball rolling. We are also interested in other ways to support our local hospitalized veterans and would like our membership to help come up with ideas on how to accomplish that.

Our Grand of Oregon Convention will be held June 1st and 2nd at the Redmond VFW. Please mark your calendar. We hear that our Queen of the kitchen, Jocelyn, will be having a dinner open to all on the 1st of June and our MOC/MOCA banquet will the 2nd of June with scrumptious foods.

If you are an active member of the VFW or Auxiliary and are interested in supporting veterans in the hospital and nursing homes, please contact one of our MOC or MOCA members. The Cootie motto is "Keep 'em Smiling in Beds of White," and have fun doing it.

Galen Wisdom
Seam Squirrel

Darlene Wisdom
President, MOCA Rimrock #8



Galen Wisdom
Aka "Surf & Turf"
Seam Squirrel, Pup Tent 8
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& Darlene Wisdom
MOCA to Pup Tent 8 Prez

VFW RIDERS GROUP

On March 12 the VFW Riders had their first "Soup Day" at Post 4108 and it was successful with the group receiving \$47.00 in donations. Thank you to all the people who donated to help the Riders. Our next "Soup Day" is on March 18, 2018 from 1 pm to 5 pm.

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 5:30 pm. We always welcome new riders to our VFW Riders and our yearly dues are \$20.00. Next year's dues are due on June 29, 2018 and are good through July 1, 2019.

Cliff Brumels
602-320-4983

WEBMASTER <http://www.vfw4108.org>



Don DeLand
Webmaster
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I've added a database inventory of the names on the Wall of Honor at Redmond Hospice. You can just put a last name in the search box and it will tell you what panel the name appears on. I've also added widgets to the Homepage for Honor Flight of Central Oregon (Korea vets) and the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Parade and Expo in Warm Springs.



HOUSE COMMITTEE

House Committee Chairperson Report:

It may be spring, but the snow is still way down on the shoulders of Black Butte, discouraging me from any planting in the yard. But spring cleaning efforts at the post are now in progress. Plus, we have several new and promising ideas in the planning and development stages that we should be announcing soon.

Jeff Chappell
House Comm. Chair
541-526-7181

The hall has been getting a much-needed fresh coat of paint and is near completion. A special thank you to our maintenance technician, Don Scoggins, for the extra hours he has put into this painting effort. We also need to thank Home Depot for their donation of paint and a paint sprayer to get the job done.

The House Committee has started a new safety inspection program. Post Safety Officer and Jr. Vice Commander Marty Baltazar, who is also a member of the House Committee, has started a monthly program where he will "walk" the post with Don Scoggins checking for safety concerns, such as emergency lights operation and maintenance, fire extinguisher inspections and tagging, AED readiness, emergency exit blockage and identification and other safety concerns. Marty is in the process of preparing an Inspection Plan and a Safety Standard Operation Procedure. It is our hope to see this program as an ongoing, permanent effort to keep our Post safe for all our members and guests.

Thanks to the generosity of our members, we have accumulated a large collection of medical assistance devices; such as wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, canes, shower chairs and other items. What we have noticed is that we get more donations in than we pass out to veterans who need them. St. Vincent De Paul has an established program of reaching out to our community and finding people in need, so we are going to take our excess items over to them. Having this equipment sit in our closets and storage areas helps no one. This is not to say we will be donating all our devices, just those in excess of what we should have on hand to support those veterans that turn to us for help. Please continue to bring us your unwanted, no longer needed medical assistance devices and we will maintain a supply at our Post and donate any excess to St Vincent De Paul.

Hall rentals and events are increasing this year with events scheduled every month. We are also getting plenty of interest from the public in using our facilities. We will have two car shows this summer: a "Wheels for Cancer Car and Motorcycle Show" on Saturday, June 30, 2018 and the "Patriot Pin Ups Car and Motorcycle Show" on Saturday, September 1, 2018. As you may know, last year's Patriot Pin Ups car show generated close to \$5,000 for the Post. These events are money earners for us, as are the hall rentals. With the efforts to put in a new ceiling and fresh paint in the hall, we are making our facility more appealing to potential renters.

We will be asking for some work parties to help with the spring cleanup in these coming months. Please come out and give us a hand when we have a work party. It tends to be the same volunteers every time and we would love to see more of our members out there with us. I'm tired of hearing the same old stories from our regular volunteers. We need fresh help and fresh stories!

Jeff Chappell

They Gave, Will You?

Get Your VFW Buddy Poppy Here

The Flower of Remembrance

Buddy Poppy Volunteers Needed

On Friday, May 25, Saturday, May 26, and Sunday, May 27 we hold our **largest fund raiser of the year!**

This is a combined Post and Auxiliary effort. We recently lost Don Keith who always volunteered multiple shifts, so we really need more volunteers than before. In honor of Don, please step up and volunteer.



At Fred Meyers and WalMart there are three shifts of three hours each. At Safeway there are two shifts of four hours each unless we get enough volunteers. We never know what the weather will be. Sometimes it is warm and sometimes cool. For those that want to volunteer but really can't be in the elements, sign-up on the Fred Meyers sheet. We have always been indoors, but it is not guaranteed. However, we have already spoken to the new Manager and believe we will be indoors this year.

Training for anyone new, anyone wanting a refresher, or anyone who just wants an update on the latest rules at the stores will be held in the Auxiliary room Tuesday, May 22 and Wednesday May 23, 2018 starting 6 PM. It should last about 1 hr. Anyone wishing one-on-one training may stay afterwards. You will receive hand-outs and some history on the Buddy Poppy. We also go over the form you need to fill out for the shift you work.

On this weekend we are distributing "Buddy Poppies" in hopes of donations. **These donations are what we use to replenish our relief funds to help Veterans and their families in need. This is our Primary Mission in the VFW!** There is a sign-up sheet in the Canteen and there will be sign-up sheets at the Post and Auxiliary Meetings in April & May.


On Memorial Day, don't forget that we are responsible for two Memorial Services. One is at 9 AM at the Terrebonne Cemetery and one at 11 AM at the Redmond Cemetery.

If you have any questions, please call:

Dianne Guthrie & Dennis Guthrie
Buddy Poppy Co-Chairmen



April 2018

Sun	Mon		Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 2 6:30 pm: Rod & Gun Club Meeting	3 6 pm: Rotary Club Meeting	4	5 4pm -7pm: Taco Thursday. \$1.50 per taco. 7:00 pm: Post and Auxiliary Meetings with Nominations & Elections.	6 7 pm: Redmond Social Club. Dance with Shaniko. Doors open at 7 pm. \$10 per person.	7
8 4 pm: COMOAA Banquet in Hall.	9 5:30 pm: VFW Riders Club Meeting.	10	11	12 7:30 am: Redmond Commercial Group. 10am: Bingo at Regency Redmond with the VFW Auxiliary. 7pm: Military Order of the Purple Heart meeting.	13 School District Banquet in Hall.	14 Noon Potluck for District 10 followed by District Meeting.
15 1 pm: Don Keith Memorial Service.	16 6 pm: Honor Guard Mtg.	17 5:30 pm-7 pm: OHA/VFW Meal Night. Serving 7 pm: OHA Mtg. & Lakeside Estates.	18 1 pm: Birthday Cakes at Redmond Health Care with MOCA	19 Ladies Pool Potluck.	20	21 12:05 pm: MOC/MOCA Meeting. OVMA Dinner in Hall.
22	23 6 pm: House COMM	24 1 pm: Bingo at Regency Redmond with the VFW Auxiliary.	25 Noon to 2 pm: Portland VA in Hall to meet with veterans.	26 7:30 am: Redmond Commercial Group	27	28
29	30	May 1 6 pm: Rotary Club Meeting	May 2	May 3 4pm -7pm: Taco Thursday. \$1.50 per taco. 7:00 pm: Post and Auxiliary Meetings	May 4 7 pm: Redmond Social Club. Dance with Countyfied.. Doors open at 7 pm. \$10 per person.	May 5

IN MEMORIAM

For those of you who have not heard, VFW Post 4108 Life Member Don Keith was called home on February 8, 2018 after a long illness. Don is survived by his wife Dianne Keith who is a member of our VFW Auxiliary.

Don was a long-time member of the Post and a staunch volunteer. Don was part of the Honor Guard for many years, helping to honor fellow veterans as they were laid to rest. He was also a regular volunteer on Memorial Day weekend during Buddy Poppy distributions and was a member of the Committee that brought the Traveling Vietnam Wall to Central Oregon, raising a lot of money for that cause.

Don was a member of several Veterans' organizations, including the Marine Corps League where he was instrumental in managing the Toys 4 Tots program in Redmond until just recently. Don was known as someone you could count on to do whatever was asked of him, and he will be greatly missed by those of us who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Services for Don will be held at VFW Post 4108 on Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 1 pm. A Potluck meal will be provided by the Auxiliary following the service.



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