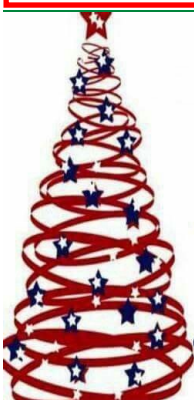


POST 4108 Newsletter

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Remember those that cannot be home for Christmas and are still in harms way. May God be with them all.

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Joseph Steller
Post Commander
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COMMANDER'S SITREP

Happy Holidays everyone. It is that time of year where we enjoy our family and friends and eat lots of good food. Everyone stay warm and spread the holiday cheer to everyone you meet. Just a smile can turn someone's day around.

Veterans Day Parade was fantastic. We got our fellow Comrade and Mayor George Endicott to carry the American Flag. A few groups from the Post also walked in the parade; Honor Guard, Auxiliary, and On Patrol. I give my sincere thank you to the entire veteran community - the ones who walked in the parade and the others who came out to support us. Once again, the kitchen crew did an awesome job with the chili feed afterwards.

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S ACTREP

Greetings Brothers and Sisters.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Oh, what a beautiful and joyous season. I just love all the pretty lights and decorations. Thank you, Pixie, and crew, for volunteering to make the hall look festive.

Christmas can be a wonderful and special time of year for most people, but let's not forget those who may not find the season to be so happy. Please check up on your friends, neighbors and relatives who may be having a hard time this season. A moment of your time, a kind word or gesture could mean a lot to them.

As an Auxiliary, we will help make several families Christmases better. Thanks to your generosity we will be handing out over 30 Christmas food



Terri Steller
Auxiliary President
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POST ACTION NEWS

Monday, November 25, 2019 – 6:00 pm: House Committee meeting.

Thursday, November 28, 2019 – **Happy Thanksgiving!** Canteen is Closed.

Thursday, December 5, 2019 – 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm: Taco Thursday. \$1.50 per taco.



Thursday, December 5, 2019 – 7:00 pm: VFW & Auxiliary Meetings.



Friday, December 6, 2019 – 6:45 pm: Redmond Social Club – Fogline (LRS Fest fan favorite from Medford). Members and Sponsors get in free. All others pay \$10 per person at the door. 21 and over only. Outside food welcome, but no outside beverages allowed. Would you like to be a sponsor or join the Redmond Social Club? See page 6 for more information.

Saturday, December 7, 2019 – 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm: Patriot Pin Up



Fundraiser – “Family Friendly” First Annual

Admission \$10 or \$5 with a donation of new socks. Wear your best 50's outfit and join the Dance Competition! The VFW Auxiliary will also be serving Cheeseburgers, fries, and root beer floats for \$7 per person. Proceeds benefit VFW Post 4108 and Central Oregon Veterans Outreach.

Monday, December 9, 2019 – 5:30 pm: VFW Riders Club Meeting.

Thursday, December 12, 2019 – Private party in hall.

Thursday, December 12, 2019 – 10:00 am: Bingo at the Regency Redmond with the Auxiliary.

Thursday, December 12, 2019 – 7:00 pm: Military Order of the Purple Heart Meeting.



Friday, December 13, 2019 – Shasta Administration Christmas party.

Sunday, December 15, 2019 – Home Depot Christmas Party.

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 – 1:00 pm: Bingo at the Regency Redmond with the Auxiliary.



Tuesday, December 17, 2019 – 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm: OHA/VFW Meal Night! Serving Pulled Pork with BBQ sauce, coleslaw, and baked beans with Champagne cake for dessert. All for \$10 per person!

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 – 7:00 pm: OHA Board Meeting.

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 – 7:00 pm: Lake Park Estates Meeting.

Wednesday, December 18, 2019 – 1:00 pm: Birthday cakes with the MOCA at Redmond Regency Health Care.



Saturday, December 21, 2019 – 12:05 pm: MOC/MOCA Meeting.

Saturday, December 21, 2019 – OVMA Banquet.

Monday, December 23, 2019 – 6:00 pm: House Committee meeting.



Tuesday, December 24 to Wednesday, December 25, 2019 – Canteen Closed for Holidays.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE!

Tuesday, December 31, 2019 – 6:00 pm: Prime Rib Dinner with all the fixings. Menu includes: Prime rib, baked potato, green beans with bacon & onion, green salad, dinner roll and a special dessert! \$20 per person. RESERVATIONS REQUESTED PLEASE! Call 541-548-4108 to make your reservation or let the Canteen know.



Wednesday, January 1, 2020 – Canteen Closed for Holiday.

Thursday, January 2, 2020 – 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm: Taco Thursday. \$1.50 per taco.

Thursday, January 2, 2020 – 7:00 pm: First meeting of the new year for VFW & Auxiliary.

Thursday, January 6, 2020 – 6:30 pm: Rod & Gun Club Meeting.

Thursday, January 9, 2020 – 10:00 am: Bingo at the Regency Redmond with the Auxiliary.

Thursday, January 9, 2020 – 7:00 pm: Military Order of the Purple Heart Meeting.

Friday, January 10, 2020 – 6:45 pm: Redmond Social Club – Dance to music by Dry Canyon Stampede. Members and Sponsors get in free. All others pay \$10 per person at the door. 21 and over only. Outside food welcome, but no outside beverages allowed.

Saturday, January 11, 2020 – Private Party in Hall.

Monday, January 13, 2020 – 5:30 pm: VFW Riders Club Meeting.

Wednesday, January 15, 2020 – 1:00 pm: Birthday cakes with the MOCA at Redmond Regency Health Care.

Thursday, January 16, 2020 – 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm: Red Cross Blood Drive in the Hall.

Saturday, January 18, 2020 – 12:00 pm: District 10 Meeting at VFW Post 4108. Noon potluck, 1 pm meeting.

Sunday, January 19, 2020 – 2:00 pm: BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse) meeting.

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 – 1:00 pm: Bingo at the Regency Redmond with the Auxiliary.

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 – 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm: OHA/VFW Meal Night! Menu to be determined.

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 – 7:00 pm: OHA Board Meeting.

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 – 7:00 pm: Lake Park Estates Meeting.

Sunday, January 26, 2020 – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm: Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby at VFW Post 4108.

Monday, January 27, 2020 – 6:00 pm: House Committee meeting.



REMINDER:

The Canteen will be closed for the holidays on Tuesday, December 24 thru Wednesday, December 25, 2019 and Wednesday, January 1, 2020 so staff can celebrate with their families.

Happy holidays!

COMMANDER'S SITREP (continued from page 1)

Special thanks go out to Dennis Guthrie and his volunteers. He had a very busy start to November, judging Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and the Teacher of the Year. Picking just one winner and sending them to district is a lot harder than you realize. There are a lot of patriotic kids out there. On top of that, he organized veterans in the classroom, where he and a fellow veteran visited all the schools in the Redmond area. Fun was had by all. So next year don't miss out on the fun; volunteer and share your stores with the young people.

A few events are coming in December. There is the Redmond Social Club on December 6. Come down and dance the night away. If that is not enough dancing, the Patriot Pin-Ups are hav-

ing a Sock Hop on Saturday December 7. Break out those poodle skirts and leather jackets.

As many of you know, next year is the Post's 75th Anniversary. We are in the planning stages. If anyone would like to be on the committee to help plan this special event, we will be having a meeting Wednesday, December 18 at 18:00. Please come out and help plan this special event.

Most of all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with all your friends and family.

Your comrade,

Joseph Steller, Post Commander



PRESIDENT'S ACTTREP (continued from page 1)

boxes, including some toys for the kids, to veterans and their families in need. I know that I keep harping on it, but PLEASE, keep the food donations coming in. The distributions of our food boxes will deplete our food pantry and you know the winter months can be hard on folks. We want to be able to help when called upon. We also are accepting clean clothing that is in good repair. (i.e., shirts, pants, coats, gloves, etc.)

There are several events coming up to look forward to. Dancing, dancing, and more dancing. Two nights filled with dancing and music to enjoy. First, come out and enjoy the music and dancing with the Redmond Social Club on December 6th. The very popular band, Fogline, will be playing. The next night, on December 7th, join us for a Sock-Hop. Yes, a sock-hop. Get your poodle skirt and saddle shoes ready to dance to the nifty 50's. The Patriot Pin-ups are hosting this fun event benefiting our Post and COVO. A meal of a hamburger or cheeseburger, fries and a root beer float will be available for purchase. This is sure to be an event you won't want to miss.

Another important event you won't want to miss is the Wreaths Across America event. The ceremonies take place on December 14th at 9 am SHARP at the cemetery in Terrebonne and at the cemetery in Redmond. Come out and participate in the ceremonies and help us place wreaths on veterans' graves to celebrate the season and to let their families know that we have not forgotten them.

Hey, did you know that our Post has their 75th anniversary coming up in May of 2020? How would you like to help celebrate? Another important event this month is a planning committee meeting. The meeting will take place on December 18th at the

Post at 6 pm. Come help us plan a super celebration for the 75th anniversary.

Time for some gratitude. It is a big part of the season. Personally, I am so grateful for all the people who helped make the Veterans Day parade and the Starlight parade such a success. Thank you all for your hard work.

I am also grateful for our hardworking kitchen crew and Jocelyn for keeping them busy and successful. You all are truly amazing. Thank you so much for all that you do and for the tasty food you provide.

I am so blessed and grateful for so much. One of those blessings is this Post and its members and my Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters. I am so grateful to have met you all and to be of service to you and our organization.

Around the corner is another new year. Choose to start 2020 by becoming more involved and volunteering. It is a wonderful way to meet new friends and help those who may need it. If you need help figuring out where you can help, let's talk and figure it out together. We have lots of opportunities available.

Merry Christmas and if you celebrate Hanukkah, Happy Hanukkah. I hope everyone has a happy, healthy, and safe New Year.

Loyally,

Terri Steller, President

HONOR FLIGHT OF CENTRAL OREGON

The Honor Flight of Central Oregon has scheduled their spring 2020 flight for Korea Era veterans for May 6 - 9, 2020. Our Post will be the hub of this flight out of Redmond Airport. This is our chance to showcase our Post and honor these Korea veterans. Donations and volunteers are needed to ensure our local Deschutes, Jefferson and Crook County veterans are received and sent off as they should be by our local veterans.

Contact Don DeLand if you want to be involved in this project honoring our local heroes.



Don DeLand
Webmaster
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HONOR GUARD

The combined VFW/American Legion Honor Guard continues to provide military honors for our comrades and their families. We have also established a Post fund for Honor Guard donations and fundraisers for projects designated by the Honor Guard Committee.

The December Honor Guard meeting is on December 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the VFW hall. Our TAPS ceremony is December 18th, 4:30 p.m. at Hospice of Redmond, 5:00 p.m. at Redmond Memorial Cemetery.

Don DeLand
Honor Guard Captain



Don DeLand
Honor Guard
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THE COOTIE CORNER

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

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



"Increase and Multiply"

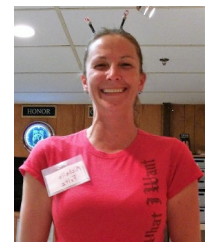
Dear Gentleman and Lady Bugs,

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, and your travels were safe. Since the holidays are here, we need to keep our brothers and sisters in our thoughts. Please reach out to those that may be alone during this time of year. It can really make the holidays rough! Also, the holidays are accompanied by "not so nice" weather, (in my opinion!) When the weather does take a turn for the worse, we must not forget those who are uncomfortable driving or may have trouble with snow removal. Please make sure to reach out to those less fortunate than the rest of us and let's offer assistance so they don't have to ask.

Now on a lighter note, we have been looking into a visit to Countryside Living/Thelma's Place. At this time, we are still trying to pin down a date and time before Christmas. So, stay tuned. Check for texts or calls heading forward. Jocelyn has offered to help make cookies if we can pin down a date, and this would make it double fun with the baking of the cookies and a visit.

So, to all, I wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!! Keep them smiling in beds of white!

Until next time,
Your President,
Michelle Foltz (AKA Spider Monkey)



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*All proceeds to benefit VFW Redmond & COVO

BEND HEROES FOUNDATION

Last month we published an article from Dick Tobiason, Chairman of the Bend Heroes Foundation, on the signing of a bill designating Highway 97 a "POW-MIA" Memorial Highway. This month Dick has provided us with a list of 7 veterans who were POW-MIA whose remains have now been recovered and returned to their families.

PFC Dale W. Ross - US Army, Company E, 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division.

Lost 1/14/92 in the Soloman Islands. Recovery of remains announced April 17, 2019.

Seaman 2nd Class David B. Edmonston - US Navy, USS Okalahoma.

Lost December 7, 1941 in Pearl Harbor. Recovery of remains announced September 20, 2018.

Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Merle A. Smith - US Navy, USS Oklahoma.

Lost December 7, 1941 in Pearl Harbor. Recovery of remains announced September 20, 2018.

Gunners Mate 3rd Class Marvin B. Adkins - US Navy, USS Oklahoma.

Lost December 7, 1941 in Pearl Harbor. Recovery of remains announced April 11, 2018.

Corporal Norvin D. Brockett - US Army, 7th Infantry Division.

Lost December 6, 1950 in North Korea. Recovery of remains announced August 6, 2019. (Will be buried at Arlington Nat'l Cemetery in 2020.)

PFC Lyle E. Charpilloz - USMC, Second Marine Division.

Lost November 20, 1943 in Tarawa. Recovery of remains announced November 29, 2017.

Mr. Edward J. Weissenback, Civilian with Air America Incorporated.

Lost December 27, 1971 in Laos. Recovery of remains announced December 20, 2018.

"I have requested the Oregon Legislature to issue legislation next year recognizing MIAs who have finally been "Accounted For" and remains returned to families." Dick Tobiason.

ON PATROL

The morning started out gray and cool but blossomed into a beautiful day for a parade. Our participants gathered right on time and even got a great group shot before heading over to the start point. Best showing yet! We had our rider less horse and escorts plus fourteen patrollers. All agreed that they had fun, and most said they wanted to be in next year's parade too. Several of us will be assisting the High Desert Brigade in the Starlight parade and the parade up in Sisters also.

Though my regular recruiting does not start until May, as always, we are still looking for new members and uniform items to dress volunteers out in. Additionally, it should be noted that over half of our patrollers are not veterans but want to represent or service men and women with honor. Of course, we can always use more involvement/coverage from and for the Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard veterans.

For those who might be interested or just curious; you need only call, text or email me. The project is constantly looking for more men and women to join our ranks. And here's the deal; as I said, you don't have to be a veteran to join us, just willing to honorably represent an American Veteran from our past or present times.

For information, please contact Brian O'Connor. My phone number is 541-699-8664. My email is boconnor308@gmail.com. Join us; represent a Veteran in the parade!

Best Regards to All, Brian O'Connor, Chairman



Brian O'Connor
On Patrol Chair
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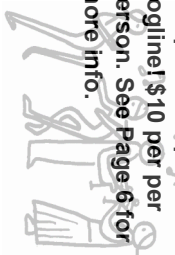




Angela Boothroyd
RSC Chair
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Friday, December 6 the Redmond Social Club will host Fogline - one of the LRS Fest's crowd favorites and sure to be an evening you won't want to miss! Doors open at 6:30 and music starts 7:15 PM. \$10 per person at the door. All are welcome, 21 and over only please. Outside food welcome but please no outside beverages of any kind. Questions? Call Angela, 541-410-2572.

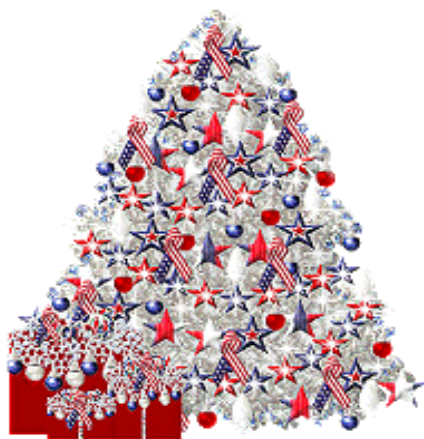
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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	6:30 pm: Rod & Gun Club.			4:30—7pm: Taco Thursday. Tacos for \$1.50 each. 7:00 pm: Post & Aux Mtgs 	6:45 pm: RSC presents Fogline! \$10 per person. See Page 6 for more info. 	4 pm-9 pm: Patriot Pin Up "Family Friendly Sock Hop" fundraiser! See Page 2 for more info. Aux. will be offering Cheese-burgers, fries and root beer floats from 5 pm-7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	5:30 pm: VFW Riders Meeting.			10 am: Bingo with Auxiliary at Regency Redmond. 7 pm: Military Order of the Purple Heart Meeting.	Shasta Admin Christmas Party in Hall.	9am: Wreaths Across America ceremonies at Redmond Memorial Cemetery and Terrebonne Pioneer Cemetery. 
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Home Depot Xmas party in Hall.	6 pm: House Committee Meeting.	1 pm: Bingo at Redmond Health Care with Aux. 5:30 pm –6:30 pm: OHA/ VFW Meal night. Serving Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, & Coleslaw with Champagne Cake for \$10.!	1 pm: Birthday cakes at Redmond Health Care Center with MOC/	3 PM-6PM: OPERATION STOCKING STUFFER AT VFW POST 4108. Distributing free toys & stocking stuffers-must be military affiliated.		12:05 pm: MOC/MOCA Meetings. OVMA Banquet in Hall.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	6:30 pm: House Committee.					
29	30	31	Jan 1, 2020	Jan 2, 2020	Jan 3, 2020	Jan 4, 2020
		6pm: New Year's Eve Prime Rib dinner! Prime rib, baked potato, green beans, salad, roll &				



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