

# POST 4108 Newsletter

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## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DESCHUTES POST 4108 AND AUXILIARY

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## Monthly Newsletter, Volume 8, Issue 2 February 2017

### COMMANDER'S SITREP

Comrades,

I hope this letter finds everyone well, safe, and finally digging out from our snowy few weeks. We have had several Post members out helping the House Committee by breaking ice dams on the roof while other members have been out helping others dig their way out.

As you all know we have a new Commander-in-Chief and there is going to be a lot of speculation on his policies. One of President Trump's campaign promises was to take care of our Veterans. It is equally important that we maintain a strong membership in our Post. There will be several issues that will be introduced to Congress that will impact our Veterans; from healthcare to retirement pay. A strong membership allows our VFW State and National Legislative representatives to have a louder and stronger voice. There is "strength in numbers" as they are representing you.



**Mike Trammel**  
Post Commander  
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### AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S ACTREP

December has come and gone and the Holiday Season is behind us. I hope everyone enjoyed their time with family and friends. The New Year's Eve prime rib dinner at the Post was a success and a great way to end 2016 and bring in 2017. Great job kitchen crew - you never give less than your best. You deserve the short breather (and I mean short) you get before facing the 2017 schedule. Enjoy it while you can.

Our District 10 meeting on January 14th was held in Madras where we had the pleasure of seeing the new VFW Auxiliary, Madras 12141 be instituted and hold their election of officers. I would like to thank Valorie Wrinkle for all her hard work, dedication and endless trips to Madras to help the new auxiliary get organized and up and running. Valorie will continue to help them throughout the 2017 year and Auxiliary 4108 will support her efforts and the new auxiliary in any way we can. We welcome our new sisters and brothers and wish them success.



**Pixie Newcomb**  
Auxiliary President  
541-526-1371

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# POST ACTION NEWS

**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 ? : Special Post Fundraiser! Paul Cahill of Cahill Construction will be bringing Hobo Jim back for a repeat performance. We will be serving "All You Can Eat" Spaghetti, green salad and garlic bread with a dessert. Tickets are \$35 each, which includes the meal and the performance. Get your tickets early! (Will be available in the Canteen.)**

**Thursday, February 2, 2017 – 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm: Taco Thursday. \$1.50 per taco.**

**Thursday, February 2, 2017 – 7:00 pm: Post and Auxiliary Meetings.**

**Saturday, February 4, 2017 – 6 pm: Rod & Gun Club Banquet.**

**Sunday, February 5, 2017 – 8:00 am: Sea Cadets Drill in Hall.**

**Monday, February 6, 2017 – 6:00 pm: Rod & Gun Club Meeting.**

**Tuesday, February 7, 2017 – 6:00 pm: Redmond Rotary meeting.**

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

**Saturday, February 11, 2017 – Private Party in Hall.**

**Monday, February 13, 2017 – 6:00 pm: Honor Guard meeting.**

**Saturday, February 18, 2017 – 8:30 am to 2:00 pm: Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Cross Over**

**Saturday, February 18, 2017 – 12:05 pm: MOC/MOCA Meeting.**

**Sunday, February 19, 2017 – 8:00 am: Sea Cadets Drill in Hall.**

**Monday, February 20, 2017 – 6:00 pm: House Committee Meeting.**

**Tuesday, February 21, 2017 - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm: OHA/VFW Meal Night.**

**Tuesday, February 21, 2017 – 7:00 pm: OHA Board Meeting.**

**Wednesday, February 22, 2017 – 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm: Spousal Support Group at VFW Post 4108.**

**Saturday, February 25, 2017 – OHA Banquet at Fairgrounds.**

**Thursday, March 2, 2017 – 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm: Taco Thursday. \$1.50 per taco.**

**Thursday, March 2, 2017 – 7:00 pm: Post and Auxiliary Meetings.**

**Saturday, March 4, 2017 – 6:00 pm: Quail and Upland Wildlife Federation Banquet**

**Sunday, March 5, 2017 – 8:00 am: Sea Cadets Drill in Hall.**

**Monday, March 6, 2017 – 6:00 pm: Rod & Gun Club Meeting.**

**Tuesday, March 7, 2017 – 6:00 pm: Redmond Rotary meeting.**

**Wednesday, March 8, 2017 – 6:00 pm: Mounted Color Guard Meeting**

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

**Saturday, March 18, 2017 – 12:05 pm: MOC/MOCA Meeting.**

**Saturday, March 18, 2017 – 5:30 pm: Oregon Outdoor Council Banquet**

**Sunday, March 19, 2017 – 8:00 am: Sea Cadets Drill in Hall.**

**Monday, March 20, 2017 – 6:00 pm: Honor Guard meeting.**

**Tuesday, March 21, 2017 - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm: OHA/VFW Meal Night.**

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**Wednesday, March 22, 2017 – 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm: Spousal Support Group at VFW Post 4108.**

**Monday, March 27, 2017 – 6:00 pm: House Committee Meeting.**

**Wednesday, March 29, 2017 – 12:30 to 6:00 pm: Red Cross Blood Drive at VFW Post 4108.**

# THE COOTIE CORNER

January has been a cold and chilly month, but the Cooties are marching on. This month after our meeting we went to the Redmond Health Center with the MOCA to deliver a popcorn machine along with the popcorn and other items to make yummy popcorn. We are sure that the residents will enjoy this in the months to come. Our C of A was held in Albany on January 21st and all the Cooties and the Auxiliary had a lousy time. That being said, we have much more to do in the coming months. We need to remember to visit our hospitalized veterans, and offer help to those that may need it. Also, Old Man Winter has not released his hold on Central Oregon, so be mindful of those that may need a little extra assistance in this cold weather.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:05. Let's all come out for the meeting as I have heard a little cootie bug say that there would be pizza for all after the meeting.

Galen Wisdom  
Aka Surf-n-Turf, Seam Squirrel



Galen Wisdom  
Aka "Surf & Turf"  
Seam Squirrel, Pup Tent 8  
541-604-0388

## AROUND THE HOUSE

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary Members.

We have been battling the ice dam build up in the gutters along the edges of the Post's roof. We chipped away with no long-term success. We then resorted to a panty hose raid! We researched using panty hose filled with ice melt. We enthusiastically filled and placed them in the gutters, only to find that the salt melted away in a day and the ice dams returned. Why all the work at getting rid of ice dams? Well, the ice dams prevent drainage of the snow water off the roof. The gutters are a great place for ice dams that are 6 to 7 inches high and 3 to 4 inches wide. The resulting melt water is forced to travel beneath the roof along the ceiling in the Post, causing leak damage to the ceiling tiles and structure. A decision was made to remove our most offending gutters, which were located along the southern exposure. I am anxiously waiting to see if this is the true long term solution to our leaks along the edges of the Post.



**John Wrinkle**  
House Committee Chair  
541-678-3895

Many members of the Post and Auxiliary attended a ceremony to present Russell Redfield and The Home Depot Team that helped us with the new ceiling tile with a Certificate of Appreciation. Commander Trammel did a great job with the presentation. We are still working with them to get the flooring done in the bathrooms. If you look at the Redmond Spokesman for Wednesday, January 25, you will see a very nice article about the presentation.

We have renewed our Post insurance. Hall Rental income has been welcome the last couple of months, but Commander Trammel is searching for a new Chairman. I wish to thank Dianne and Dennis Guthrie for the outstanding job they have been doing, but I know it is time for them to move on to other projects. The Hall Rental Chairmanship is a very vital cog in our budget. It allows us to keep our doors open, so please consider the opportunity to accept this Chairmanship.

Fair winds and following seas,

Chairman John Wrinkle

## WEBMASTER

We passed the 5000 view threshold after creating our website 7 months ago. We've received Honor Guard requests, new member inquiries, hall rental requests, donations, snow removal requests, inquiries from vacationing VFW members on our Post, etc.

If you have any suggestions for additions or improvements please pass them along to me via the "Contact Us" drop down form on the website. If you are not currently receiving the monthly Newsletter/Calendar via your e-mail and would like to, go to the Newsletter/Calendar drop down menu, select Newsletter Signup, fill out the form, and you will be added to the distribution.

We currently have 3 members on the Post Website Committee; myself, Jeff Chappell and Terri Steller. We hope to keep improving the website to keep it a valuable source of information for our Post and Auxiliary members as well as the community at large. (<http://www.vfw4108.org>)



**Don DeLand**  
Webmaster  
503-869-0318

## Bravo Troop's Family Christmas Party—December 2016



Everyone loves a good Hokey-Pokey!

Visits with Santa & his Elf!



Hey, You are never too old for Santa!

## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S ACTREP (Continued from Page 1)

Dance Club was also on January 14th. The weather wasn't the best, but the club has some dedicated dancers. We left the new screens up so the public could see them and how they transform the Hall. They loved them and wished they could be up all year round. (Sorry, but we had to put them away.) If you still have not made it to one of the dances, come down, dance a little and have fun. The people are great. I hope you will join us before the season ends in May. The next dance is February 10<sup>th</sup> with Mark Mosley and the Shaniko band.

On January 16th the Post and Auxiliary presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Redmond Home Depot Store Manager Russell Redfield and his staff for the grant given to the Post

for building improvements. If you had a chance to help work with Home Depot at the Post, you'll understand how dedicated they were and how much fun they were to work with. Thank you to John Wrinkle and the House Committee for making it happen.

We have the Mid-Winter Conference and Voice of Democracy banquet coming up on January 28<sup>th</sup> in Portland at the Shilo Airport Inn. I hope to see Auxiliary members there. It is your chance to hear our Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen winners read their essays. You will be amazed at what these students have to say.

Reminder for our February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. This is your last chance to bring donation items for the dinner and auc-

tion to benefit Thelma's Place. I will be delivering the donations the next day so the staff there can categorize them for auction. If anyone is interested in attending the dinner & auction fund raiser, it will be held on Saturday February 18th at The Riverhouse in Bend from 5:30-9:30 pm. Tickets are \$60 each. Please contact me, Pixie Newcomb at 541-526-1371 or Stephanie Roderick at 541-209-6827

Mother nature has dealt us some beautiful snow for the mountains but unfortunately it has hit all of us at home as well. It looks like she isn't finished yet, so please slow down and be careful (especially if you are going to travel over the mountains.) Best wishes for everyone in 2017.

## COMMANDER'S SITREP (Continued from Page 1)

I am asking every member - if you have not paid your annual dues as of yet, please do so. Further, if you know an eligible veteran, ask them if they are a member of our great Post and organization. Educate them as to the value of membership, the camaraderie, and connections with other veterans of all services and various generations.

As always, I am in awe of the great people of our Post and Auxiliary,

In Comradeship,  
Mike Trammel, Commander

## STATE LEGISLATIVE

Last legislative session both the House and Senate voted unanimously to put a measure in front of the electorate (Measure 96) to give the people of Oregon a chance to help veterans. We need to thank them for this support and ask for their help this session to complete the job. But the Governor's current proposed budget negates the effect of that Measure.

History: November 2016, Measure #96 was voted in by 84% of the votes. This Measure was to **supplement** the veterans' budget, not **substitute** it.

### **State Budgetary Process:**

Department heads submit a budget for their department. The Governor submits a budget for the state with a line item for each department. The Governor's proposed budget took away 80% of the ODVA budget of \$13.3 million, making it only \$3.3 million. The Governor's budget reduced other departments an average of only 4%.

The House of Representatives will submit a budget for each Department through meetings with the combined House and Senate Ways & Means Committees, then the House passes a proposed budget and the Senate debates the budget. If the Senate passes the budget with no changes, it becomes the final and official budget.

### **Conclusion**

We need to contact our Legislators and thank them for their support last year and ask them for their continued support this year. We need to return all the regular funding to the ODVA budget to what it was, so we will know how much we have for each of the programs for veterans. We will testify and be active at committee meetings to help them decide on what to do with extra funds from Measure #96.


This process was set up by the Oregon constitution. The process works, we just need to be very proactive and act as a unified front for Veterans. Call your State elected officials and ask for their help!

From Redmond call: Representative Gene Whisnant - 541-418-1848 and Senator Tim Knopp - 503-986-1727

Dennis Guthrie  
State Legislative  
541-280-5161



# February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31	Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3	Feb 4
5 8:00 am: Sea Cadets drill in Hall	6 6 pm: Rod & Gun Club Meeting	7 6 pm: Redmond Rotary Meeting	8	9 10 am: Bingo at Redmond Health Care Center with VFW Auxiliary	10 7:00 pm: Redmond Social Club Dance- Open to non-members at 7:30 pm—\$10 ea. Music by the Shaniko Band.	11 Private Party in Hall
12	13 6 pm: Honor Guard Meeting	14 	15 1 pm: Birthday Cakes at Redmond Health Care with MOCA	16	17	18 8:30 am to 2 pm: Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Cross Over 12:05 pm: MOC/MOCA Meeting.
19 8:00 am: Sea Cadets drill in Hall	20 6 pm: House Committee Meeting	21 5:30 pm-7 pm: OHAVFW Meal Night. Menu to be announced. Watch for the email! 7 pm: OHA Board Meeting.	22 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm: Spousal Support Group meets in Auxiliary room.	23 Mar 2 4 pm: Taco Thursday 7:00 pm: VFW & Auxiliary Mtgs.	24 Mar 3	25 OHA Banquet at Fairgrounds Mar 4 6:00 pm: Quail & Upland Wildlife Banquet
26	27	28	Mar 1			

## HONOR GUARD



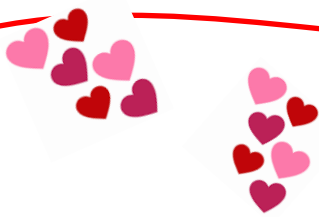
The Post Honor Guard continues to work with our Auxiliary veterans and American Legion Post 44 Honor Guard members to ensure we honor our fellow veterans and families with as close to a full complement as we can for military honors at funeral, memorial and celebration of life events.

With the recent cold weather, the committee is looking at a winter cover that will offer more protection from the cold, in addition to warmer winter gloves.

We continue to seek new members that would like to join our team. You can check the calendar on the website for meeting dates/times or see one of the co-chairs, Don DeLand, Jack Newcomb, Dave Pete.

**Don DeLand**  
Honor Guard  
503-869-0318

**Don't forget—Tuesday, February 14, 2017 is Valentine's Day!**



## REDMOND SOCIAL CLUB

The Redmond Social Club Dance will be Friday, February 10th, 2017 at the Redmond VFW Post. Come join us for the return of the ever-popular SHANIKO BAND! Mark Mobley, Patty Davis, Ron Lange, Bode Cavallero and friends will play old and new hits, so be prepared to dance the night away! As always, doors open to RSC Members at 7:00 pm. Doors open to the public at 7:30 pm for \$10/person. EVERYONE (21 and over) WELCOME - you do not need to be a VFW or RSC Member to attend the dances. Outside food welcome, but absolutely no outside beverages of any kind please. Questions? Call Angela at 541-410-2572.

By Angela Boothroyd

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