

POST 4108 Newsletter

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COMMANDER'S SITREP

A new calendar year and 6 months of our fiscal year left. Looking back, we as a Post and Auxiliary can stand proud! Our Teacher of the Year, Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Veterans in the Classroom programs were very successful; we sponsored a "Benefits Resource Fair" with COVO, and we will help with one this Spring after the big thaw; we participated in the usual parades with Color Guards and our float; served meals for all Veterans & their families on Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Veteran's Day; provided 21



Dennis Guthrie
Post Commander
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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S ACTREP

Dear Comrades, Ladies and Gents;

It hard to believe that the year 2017 is ending and 2018 is starting. It was a very busy December with all the Dinners and holiday events. I would like to thank everyone who was able to help with all the activities. I would also like to thank all the businesses for their support of our Veterans throughout the year. In January the month starts with our monthly meeting on January 4. The District 10 Meeting will be held on January 6 at the Veterans Club in Prineville. There will be a noon potluck and a 1 pm meeting. Then the Midwinter C of A and Voice of Democracy banquet will be held at the Shiloh Inn in Newport on January 20. The Auxiliary meeting will start at 9 am.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy month.



Randy Burger
Auxiliary President
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POST ACTION NEWS



Sunday, December 31 - 6 pm to 7 pm: New Year's Eve Prime Rib Dinner: Prime Rib au jus w/ horseradish sauce, Baked Potato w/ sour cream & butter, Green beans w/ bacon & sautéed onions, 4108 Green Salad w/ Ranch or Vinaigrette, Big Ed's Rolls, Berry Cobbler w/ Freshly Whipped Cream. \$20 each. All ages welcome for dinner.



Sunday, December 31 - 7 pm to ??: Redmond Social Club New Year's Eve Dance. The Band will be COUNTRYFIED. Doors open for dance at 7 pm and the music will begin at 7:30 pm. \$15 per person, or \$25 per couple. 21 and Over only please!

Tuesday, January 2, 2018 – 6:00 pm: Rotary Club Meeting.

Thursday, January 4, 2018 – 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm: Taco Thursday. \$1.50 per taco.

Thursday, January 4, 2018 – 7:00 pm: Post and Auxiliary Meetings.

Thursday, January 11, 2018 – 10:00 am: Bingo at the Regency Redmond with the Auxiliary.

Friday, January 12, 2018 – 7:00 pm: Redmond Social Club. Doors open to RSC Members at 7:00 pm. Doors open to the public at 7:30 pm for \$10/person.

Monday, January 15, 2018 – 6:00 pm: Honor Guard meeting.

Tuesday, January 16, 2018 – 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm: OHA/VFW Meal Night. Serving "Almost Famous" VFW Spaghetti with garlic bread and green salad for \$8.

Tuesday, January 16, 2018 – 7:00 pm: OHA Board Meeting.

Wednesday, January 17, 2018 - 1:00 pm: Birthday cakes with the MOCA at Redmond Regency Health Care.

Thursday, January 18, 2018 - 7:00 pm: Military Order of the Purple Heart Meeting.

Saturday, January 20, 2018 – 9 am: Mid-Winter Conference for the Department of Oregon VFW and its Auxiliary. Banquet to honor the District Winners of the Voice of Democracy and the State Winner of the Patriot's Pen contests will be held in the evening of the 20th.



2018 – 12:00 pm to 5 pm: Red Cross Blood Drive at VFW Post 4108.

Saturday, January 20, 2018 – 12:05 pm: MOC/MOCA Meeting.

Friday, January 26,



Thursday, February 1, 2018 – 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm: Taco Thursday. \$1.50 per taco.

Thursday, February 1, 2018 – 7:00 pm: Post and Auxiliary Meetings.

Saturday, February 3, 2018—Rod & Gun Banquet in Hall.

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



Thursday, February 8, 2018 – 10:00 am: Bingo at the Regency Redmond with the Auxiliary.

Friday, February 9, 2018 – 7:00 pm: Redmond Social Club. Doors open to RSC Members at 7:00 pm. Doors open to the public at 7:30 pm for \$10/person.

Thursday, February 15, 2018 - 7:00 pm: Military Order of the Purple Heart Meeting.

Saturday, February 17, 2018 – 12:05 pm: MOC/MOCA Meeting.

Monday, February 19, 2018 – 6:00 pm: Honor Guard meeting.

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 – 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm: OHA/VFW Meal Night. Menu to be determined.

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 – 7:00 pm: OHA Board Meeting.

Wednesday, February 21, 2018 - 1:00 pm: Birthday cakes with the MOCA at Redmond Regency Health Care.



WEBMASTER

The Post website at <http://www.vfw4108.org> is a central point for information about the Post and activities. It is updated in real time as information becomes available to the Webmaster. It's tax time so you, your friends or family can donate to the Post via the website. This keeps the donations here in Central Oregon to help our veterans. Just select the "DONATE" button on the Homepage. If you are interested in joining the Website Committee and learning how to administer the website, please contact Don DeLand, [503-869-0318](tel:503-869-0318) or delandx2@msn.com.



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COMMANDER'S SITREP (continued from page 1)

food boxes for Christmas, and hosted a "Change in Direction" event and "The Family Freedom Festival". The Auxiliary has started donating prize money and helps with Bingo twice a month at the Nursing Home instead of once a month. "The Redmond Social Club" seems to be growing and we have more younger Veterans participating as line officers and House Committee Members. (On that subject, I want to give a big "Thank You" to Jason & Sarah Brock for working so hard to help renovate our aging Post home. While many others have helped, Jason & Sarah have been there many times.) Home Depot provided us with grants that made it possible for us to install new ceiling tiles and new flooring. I also want to thank our new House Committee Chairman, Jeff Chappell. Jeff was reluctant to take the job but is doing great. I can call him up on a moment's notice to help me with projects, such as the Canteen bathrooms, and he is always there. Of course, we always have Auxiliary & Post members working many hours in the kitchen, which helps to make our Post and Auxiliary financially successful. As a matter of fact, the next big event the Kitchen Crew will be working on is the Prime Rib dinner on New Year's Eve, which will be followed by a dance sponsored by The Redmond Social Club. "Countryfied", a band that plays rock, country and more will play for your dancing pleasure. The crowd is always very pleased.

We should be proud, but we should also be thankful for all our volunteers and participants. Those that show up to the parade to make up the Color Guard to lead each parade for the Redmond community, the Mounted Color Guard, Tracy McKenzie and the Christmas Bazaar, all those who participate in the Honor Guard to help give Military Honors to all our fallen Veterans, those who help with the Blood Drives held at our Post and/or donate blood, etc. All these events have a positive effect within our community.

Thank you everyone for all that you do, especially for all that you do for our Veterans and Veteran families in need. I did not list everyone by name; many of you have been recognized in past newsletters. I apologize if I have not recognized you, but do know that I see you out there working and I thank you for all that you do.

Happy New Year and let's keep working to make our Post the best in the State!

May the New Year find you healthy and happy!

Dennis Guthrie
Post Commander

THE COOTIE CORNER

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



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

"Increase and Multiply"

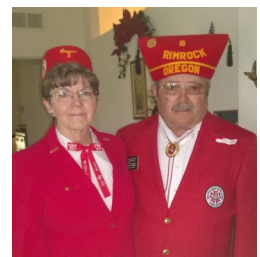
We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and didn't see Scrooge out and about. The Cooties went "a-Caroling" on December 16th at Countryside Living Memory Care right here in good ole' Redmond. We shared cookies, cards and a little present with the residents. Even though the singing was sometimes out of tune, as in true Cootie tradition, we noticed that the residents joined in and sang along too. It was a funtastic time and all had a very good time.

We hope everyone is staying warm and cozy, even though we know that we are all thinking of the warmth that comes with spring and summer. Our next meeting and scratch will be Saturday, January 20th at 12:05 pm. We hope to see many Cooties in attendance.

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year....

Galen Wisdom
Seam Squirrel
Pup Tent #8

Darlene Wisdom
President
MOCA, Rimrock #8



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

REDMOND SOCIAL CLUB



Angela Boothroyd
VFW Auxiliary
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Redmond Social Club - Sunday, December 31, 2017 and Friday, January 12th, 2018

Come start the New Year off right with our first RSC event for 2018 with Precious Byrd/High Street Band combo. This is also our first sponsored dance and we'd like to thank Cat Zwicker and her team at Desert Sky Real Estate, not only for helping support these fun evenings as our sponsor, but for the great idea to offer this opportunity to local businesses! Doors open at 7 pm. Outside food welcome but absolutely no outside drinks of any kind please. \$10/person at the door. 21 and over only.

AUXILIARY VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT

I would like to insert a quick note to thank everyone who helped with our Christmas events this year. On December 2 we hosted a Christmas party for the children of our local National Guard unit. Santa Claus came again this year, and every child received a very nice gift from him. Thank you to Alicia Wherry for being my Shopper, despite her injuries. Thank you to Sarah Brock and the girls for helping with the Hokey-Pokey and children's music. And of course, thank you to the amazing Kitchen Crew (Auxiliary and Post members alike) for all their help, especially with the "Dining Out" dinner that we served to the Guard members and their significant others following the children's party. You know we could not do these events without you - especially when we have two in one day like that!

Thank you to my husband John Wrinkle for helping me shop for the Holiday Meal food boxes that we supplied to 21 veteran families this year. Thank you also to everyone who donated groceries and helped pack up the boxes. A special thanks to Michelle Foltz for delivering one of the boxes to Bend, and to Darlene Wisdom for delivering to Crooked River Ranch twice! Safeway gave us some amazing discounts and the Post donated funds to add to the Auxiliary's money, which made it possible to help so many families.

I am sure there is more I should say, and I apologize for not naming everyone who makes these events possible. These are always my favorite jobs of the year because they embody the "Spirit of Christmas" as well as our mission to help veterans and their families in our Community. I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas, and I wish you a Healthy and Happy New Year!



Valorie Wrinkle
Vet & Family Support
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AROUND THE HOUSE

Another year is about over....

Sheesh; what a cliché. How many Christmas letters get started with that opening? How do I go about telling you all that has been accomplished at the Post this past year? No matter how much we get done, there is always something else that needs to be done. With the kind assistance from Home Depot, we have seen new flooring in the restrooms, the Art Horsell room and the Auxiliary room. Commander Guthrie has put in more than a few hours building and installing new partitions for the Canteen's Women's room with the Men's room to receive his TLC next. We've cleaned the parking lot several times this last year, but now I see the winter lakes are forming out where the dust used to swirl under the directed airstream of Comrade Wisdom's air blower. More concrete sidewalk awaits our efforts for repair and the meeting hall is about to get a new coat of paint in January or February.

I continue to wander around the Post and stick my head in the different nooks and crannies, and wonder of wonders, there is always something else that I find that needs to be addressed. I have noticed that we seem to collect many different "donations" that no one seems to know where they come from and just where they are supposed to go. One such item is the bags and bags of soda can pop tops that keep showing up. I have found out that the Cooties used to collect them. They no longer do so, however the pop tops continue to appear. I did some research and found that there is only one local organization that is collecting them. That is the Ronald McDonald House in Bend. If you are saving your pop tops to donate to the Cooties, please redirect them to the Bend Ronald McDonald House at 1700 NE Purcell Blvd near the St Charles Hospital. We all appreciate the efforts to support good causes, but we need to get the items to the right place to start with.

Looking forward to another fine year, Jeff Chappell

Jeff Chappel
House Committee Chair
541-526-7181

MEMBERSHIP

Comrades, we currently need less than 100 members to reach our minimum goal of 100%. Post Commander Dennis Guthrie and I are offering a \$50 Olive Garden gift card to be raffled off at our February Post meeting on February 1, 2018. All you need to do is recruit a new member or reinstate a member. We will also accept your efforts to have a lapsed member pay their dues. All you need to do for lapsed members is to let me know that you talked with this member and they paid this year's dues.

Membership definitions:

New member: Either has never been a VFW member or has not been a member for many years

Reinstated member: A VFW member that has not paid his/her dues for 2 to 3 years

Lapsed member: a VFW member that has not paid his/her dues this year, i.e., July 2017 through June 2018.

For every new, reinstated or lapsed member, we will put your name in the drawing. For your information, the Commander and I are excluding ourselves in the drawing to maintain fairness.

Fair winds and following seas, John Wrinkle



John Wrinkle
Membership Chairman
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HONOR GUARD



Don DeLand
Honor Guard
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The Honor Guard performed 3 Military Honors funerals in December. That obtained a level of 30 Military Honors for 2017 so far. The Honor Guard member volunteers give hundreds of hours and thousands of miles a year to honor our fallen brothers and sisters. Please take the time to thank them.

The Honor Guard started its monthly playing of Taps at the Redmond Hospice Wall of Heroes (4:30 p.m.) and the Redmond Memorial Cemetery (5:00 pm). This ceremony is scheduled on the third Wednesday of each month. If you're available, stop by and help us honor our local veterans who have been put to rest.

We need additional members for the Honor Guard to meet our Military Honors requests from our local families. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Don DeLand, Jack Newcomb or Dave Pete.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE

The Smart/Maher Teacher of the Year nominee winners for the Post are:

Ben Parsons - Ridgeview High School (Grades 9-12)

Jacques Hase - Elton Gregory Middle School (Grades 6-8)

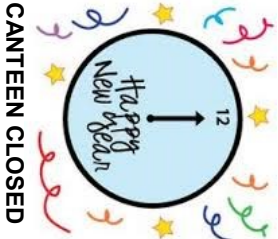

Melissa Develter - Elton Gregory Middle School (Runner-up Grades 6-8)

We did not have any elementary school nominees this year. Congratulations to our Redmond School District nominees and Post winners. Mr. Parsons and Mr. Hase will now move on to compete at the District level representing our Post. All nominees will receive a VFW Certificate for being nominated. Mr. Parsons and Mr. Hase will also receive a \$250.00 award as approved by our Post members.



Don DeLand
Honor Guard
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January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec 31-New Year's Eve 6 pm-7 pm: Prime Rib Dinner. \$20 ea. See page 2 for details. 7:30 pm-??? New Year's Eve Dance with Countryfied! \$15 ea. or \$25 per couple.	1  CANTEEN CLOSED	2 6 pm: Rotary Club Meeting.	3	4 4pm -7pm: Taco Thursday. \$1.50 per taco. 7:00 pm: Post and Auxiliary Meetings.	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 10am: Bingo at Regency Redmond with the VFW Auxiliary.	12 7 pm: Redmond Social Club. Dance. 7 pm for members; 7:30 pm for non-members.	13
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21	22 6 pm: House Committee Meeting (General Session at 6:30 pm)	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Feb 1 4pm -7pm: Taco Thursday. \$1.50 per taco. 7:00 pm: Post and Auxiliary Meetings.	Feb 2  12:30 pm-5:30 pm: Red Cross Blood Drive at VFW Post 4108.	Feb 3 Rod & Gun Banquet in Hall.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Join us for a special New Year's Eve Celebration.

We will serve a Prime Rib Dinner from 6 pm to 7 pm.
(Reservations required). Then at 7:30 pm, the band
“Countryfied” will play for your dancing pleasure until the
New Year has been rung in.

Dinner is open to all ages. Dance is for 21 and over only.

Cost of Dinner = \$20

Cost of Dance = \$15 per person, or \$25 per couple.

See Post Action News on page 2 for more details.



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