

POST 4108 Newsletter

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Flag Day is June 14, 2019—Display your flag proudly!

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COMMANDER'S SITREP

The year has come and gone. As we get ready to start the new one, I would like to thank everyone for having the confidence in me to elect me for another year. With my first year of experience, I believe we can fly and do great things for our fellow comrades, starting with Memorial Day when we honor those comrades who have gone before us and gave all they have to this great nation. Let's all take a moment to reflect on these great men and women.

I would like to thank the outgoing Auxiliary President, Darlene Wisdom, and the Auxiliary for all their help last year. I would also like to congratulate the Auxiliary's new President, Terri Steller. I am looking forward to working with Terri, her Officers and committee chairmen. With the Post and Auxiliary, we will do great things for Central Oregon and the veterans who live here. If you



Joseph Steller
Post Commander
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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S ACTREP

It is with sadness, but a lot of joy that I write my last article as your Auxiliary President. Sadness that I will no longer represent you, but with joy that our new President Terri Steller will take the helm to lead you this coming year. All of you have shown that our Auxiliary supports our veterans and their families. You have made me proud to be your President. You have stepped up when needed and done what needed to be done. Please lend your support to Terri as she begins this new chapter as your President. We are an awesome Auxiliary!



Darlene Wisdom
Auxiliary President
503-338-9839

Buddy Poppy weekend will be Memorial Day weekend, so please let Dianne Guthrie know if you can volunteer. This is our biggest fund raiser for our relief fund. Show your unwavering support for our local veterans and their families by being a Buddy Poppy volunteer.

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POST ACTION NEWS

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And they who for their country die
shall fill an honored grave,
for glory lights the soldier's tomb,
and beauty weeps the brave.

—JOSEPH RODMAN DRAKE



May 27, 2019



Monday, May 27, 2019 – 9:00 am:
Memorial Day Ceremony at Pioneer
Cemetery in Terrebonne.

Monday, May 27, 2019 – 11:00 am:
Memorial Day Ceremony at Redmond
Memorial Cemetery in Redmond.

**Monday, May 27, 2019 – 11:30 am to
2 pm: Memorial Day meal** of Brats,
Dogs, Potato Salad & Watermelon. All
for a suggested donation of \$5, or
whatever you feel like donating!

Monday, June 3, 2019 – 6:30 pm: Rod
& Gun Club Meeting.

Tuesday, June 4, 2019 – 6:00 pm:
Rotary Club Meeting.

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



Thursday, June 6, 2019 – 6:30 pm:
VFW & Auxiliary Meetings. (Early start
due to speaker from “Bike for Life”
making a presentation.)

Saturday, June 8, 2019 – 12:00 pm:
VFW Auxiliary Memorial Service for
Life Member Jan Nolan who has
gone to her heavenly home.

Sunday, June 9, 2019 – 12:05 pm:
MOCA Meeting. (MOC meet on June
22, 2019.)

Monday, June 10, 2019 – 5:30 pm:
VFW Riders Club Meeting.



**Wednesday, June 12 thru Sunday,
June 16, 2019: VFW & Auxiliary State
Convention at Seven Feathers Casino
in Canyonville.**

Thursday, June 13, 2019 – 10:00 am:
Bingo at the Regency Redmond with
the Auxiliary.

**Thursday, June 13, 2019 - 7:00
pm: Military Order of the Purple
Heart Meeting.**



**Friday, June 14, 2019—
Flag Day.**

**Tuesday, June 18, 2019
– 1:00 pm: Bingo at the Regency
Redmond with the Auxiliary.**

**Tuesday, June 18, 2019 – 5:30 pm to
7:00 pm: OHA/VFW Meal Night!**
Serving Spaghetti, salad & garlic bread
for \$8!

Tuesday, June 18, 2019 – 7:00 pm:
OHA Board Meeting.

Tuesday, June 18, 2019 - 7:00 pm:
Lake Park Estates Meeting.

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 - 1:00 pm:
Birthday cakes with the MOCA at
Redmond Regency Health Care.

Saturday, June 22, 2019—12:05 pm:
MOC meeting. (MOCA meeting on
June 9)

Monday, June 24, 2019 – 6:00 pm:
House Committee meeting.

**Saturday, June 29, 2019 – Private
Party in Hall.**

Monday, July 1, 2019 – 6:30 pm: Rod
& Gun Club Meeting.

Tuesday, July 2, 2019 – 6:00 pm:
Rotary Club Meeting.

**Wednesday, July 3, 2019 – 4:30 pm –
6:30 pm: Taco Wednesday. \$1.50 per
taco.**

Wednesday, July 3, 2019 – 7:00 pm:
VFW & Auxiliary Meetings. (Moved
from Thursday due to 4th of July
celebration.)

**Thursday, July 4, 2019: 10 am: 4th of
July Parade in downtown Redmond,
11:30 to 1:30 pm: Serving BBQ burgers
at the Post. Free to all veterans & their
families.**

**Saturday, July 6, 2019 – 6:00 pm: All
Post & Auxiliary members invited to a
Homecoming Celebration & Dinner for
Incoming State Commander John
Wrinkle.** Please RSVP to Valorie
Wrinkle at 541-678-3894 or by email to
vjwinkle@gmail.com by June 28, 2019.
See page 6 for details.

**Monday, July 8, 2019 – 5:30 pm: VFW
Riders Club Meeting.**

**Wednesday, July 10, 2019 – Private
Party in Hall.**

**Saturday, July 13, 2019 – Private Party
in Hall.**

Thursday, June 13, 2019 – 10:00 am:
Bingo at the Regency Redmond with
the Auxiliary.

Thursday, June 13, 2019 - 7:00 pm:
Military Order of the Purple Heart
Meeting.

**Tuesday, July 16, 2019 – 1:00
pm: Bingo at the Regency
Redmond with the Auxiliary.**



**Tuesday, July 16, 2019 – 5:30 pm to
7:00 pm: OHA/VFW Meal Night! Menu
to be determined.**

**Tuesday, July 16, 2019 – 7:00 pm: OHA
Board Meeting.**



National VFW & Aux Convention:

**Friday, July 19 thru Wednesday, July
24, 2019 – 120th VFW & 105th Auxiliary
National Convention in Orlando,
Florida.**



Supreme MOC/MOCA Convention:

**Wednesday, July 24 thru Saturday,
July 27, 2019 – 100th Supreme MOC &
58th MOCA Convention in Orlando,
Florida.**

**Tuesday, July 16, 2019 - 7:00 pm: Lake
Park Estates Meeting.**

Wednesday, July 17, 2019 - 1:00 pm:
Birthday cakes with the MOCA at
Redmond Regency Health Care.

**Saturday, July 20, 2019 – Private Party
in Hall.**

Saturday, July 20, 2019 – 12:05 pm:
MOC/MOCA Meeting.

Monday, July 22, 2019 – 6:00 pm:
House Committee meeting.

COMMANDER'S SITREP (continued from page 1)

are not on a committee, please consider joining one. Let us know what your passion is, and we can connect you to a committee that will let you shine.

Don't forget the Buddy Poppies fundraiser that happens Memorial Day weekend. This is the biggest fundraiser we have at the Post and all the monies raised go to helping our fellow veterans throughout the year.

June 12 through June 16 is the VFW State Convention that will be held at Seven Feathers Casino in Canyonville, Oregon. Visit www.vfwor.org for more information. At this year's Convention, we will watch as one of our VFW Post 4108 Comrades, John Wrinkle, becomes the Department Commander. Convention is also a great opportunity to meet with other post members throughout the State and see what everyone is doing.

I am sad to report the passing of Life Member Robert Dale "Bob" Maxwell, the Oldest Medal of Honor recipient, and a member of our Post. During WWII, he threw himself on a grenade to save his fellow soldiers. He will be missed. May he rest in peace with his beloved wife Beatrice "Bea."

The July meeting will be Wednesday July 3rd because the 4th will be a very busy day for the Post.

Veterans helping Veterans is what we are all about, and this Post is your Post. Please let me know if you have any ideas that will make this Post even greater.

Your comrade,
Joseph J Steller
Post Commander

PRESIDENT'S ACTTREP (continued from page 1)

Don't forget that the Department convention will be June 12th through June 16th at the Seven Feathers Resort in Canyonville. If possible, please plan on attending. It is a great time to reconnect with other Auxiliary members around the state and get new ideas.

Also, don't forget that the 4th of July parade is coming up. We always need volunteers to decorate and man the float. It is a

time when we can show our Patriotism to our community.

So, with this final note, I bid you farewell as your President. But I will continue to support the work that we do.

"Unwavering Support – for Uncommon Heroes"

Darlene Wisdom
President, VFW Auxiliary #4108

IN MEMORIUM

Robert Dale "Bob" Maxwell – October 16, 1920 to May 11, 2019

Bob Maxwell was a veteran of World War II and a Life Member of VFW Post 4108. While Bob Maxwell was best known as the oldest living Medal of Honor recipient for heroic action in battle that saved the lives of four soldiers, he also received two Silver Stars, two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star, the French Croix de Guerre and the French Legion d'Honneur. Bob Maxwell exemplified the word "Hero."

A vigil time for viewing and paying respects will be held Thursday, May 30, 2019 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 p.m. at the Niswonger-Reynolds Chapel, at 105 NW Irving Avenue in Bend.

The Remembrance with Honors will be held Friday, May 31, at noon in the Deschutes County Fairgrounds Main Expo Building 3800 SW Airport Way in Redmond. Interment with full military honors will follow at Terrebonne Cemetery.

For those who wish, the family suggests they honor Bob with a memorial contribution to Boise Bible College, Medal of Honor Scholarship 8695 W Marigold St, Boise, ID 83714.



THE COOTIE CORNER

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



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



"Increase and Multiply"



**Michelle Foltz
Aka "Spider Monkey"
Rimrock MOCA Prez**

Dear Lady and Gentleman Bugs,

Now that Memorial Day has almost come and gone, it's official. IT'S SUMMER! That said, we start a very busy season. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable long weekend and as always, Jocelyn and the gang will put on a great meal for Veterans and their families at the Post.

I know that everyone this time of year is extremely busy, but we need to not forget to look beyond ourselves, and look to those less fortunate. Our Post and Auxiliary lost many loved ones this past year, so please remember those families and reach out to them and offer help. Some may need help with yardwork or just around the house. A helping hand is always appreciated, and the personal rewards are just as gratifying.

Our meeting for June will be on the 9th, a Sunday, since we have a memorial for an Auxiliary member Jan Nolan, on the 8th. Please note that this is the MOCA only! The MOC will meet on June 22, 2019. So, remember, if "We Keep them smiling in beds of white", we ourselves too will smile! Have a great summer and be safe.

Until Next Time,
Your Cootie Queen President,
Spider Monkey
(AKA Michelle Foltz)



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



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

The website has had over 23,000 visits since its creation in 2016. Everything from general questions, hall rentals, community service, to members accessing for newsletters and calendar events etc. I've added a couple of "widgets" to the Homepage for Robert Maxwell's passing and Donald Van Cleve's Purple Heart Presentation.

If you have any pictures of Post events, or need an event posted on the website calendar, send me the information at vfw4108@gmail.com and I will update the website.

If you have not had a chance to visit the website, take time to visit and explore. If you have website experience or would like to learn how to manage the website, let me know. I would like to hand off the management to a younger veteran to maintain continuity.

JUNE 14, 2019



FLAG DAY

Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States of America by resolution of the Second Continental Congress in 1777.

ON PATROL

The countdown is underway; five months until the Redmond Veterans Day parade, and only one month into our recruiting drive. Despite this early point, we have already found a prospective candidate for 'Molly Pitcher,' our American Revolutionary War representative, depicted last year by Diana Deland, who did an awesome job. We also may have found a War of 1812 representative. Yes, off to a great start.

I have received calls from several of last year's participants, acknowledging their intention to 'do it again' this year, and may also have a line on an individual who will portray a 'war correspondent' for us and photograph our unit in the parade. We are still awaiting the word from some of last year's crew, and are always looking for new members and uniform items to dress volunteers out in. We still need more involvement and coverage for the Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard veterans.

For those who might be interested, or just curious; CALL ME / TEXT ME / EMAIL ME, whatever works for you. The project is constantly looking for more men and women to join our ranks. And here's the deal; 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
The On Patrol Project
Chairman
541-699-8664

HONOR GUARD



The Honor Guard continues to have a busy year.

We have performed 18 Military Honors funerals through May 18th. I want to welcome our newest Honor Guard member Bob Bragg, USN. Bob will be a great addition to our team. If any members are interested in joining the Honor Guard, talk to one of our members or come to our next monthly meeting.

I want to thank the Honor Guard for your time and efforts. We have logged 181 hours and 1380 miles of Community Service time performing Military Honors so far this year. As one of the main community contacts, we are proud to represent the Post and raise the awareness of service to veterans and their families.



Don DeLand
Honor Guard
503-869-0318

In June we will be gearing up for the Honor Guard's entry in the Redmond 4th of July Parade. We hope to have Art Horsell, USN WWII join us as our Honoree in the parade behind our banner. Art was one of the original founders of Post 4108 and a retired member of our Honor Guard. We will also be doing some work parties in June at Redmond Memorial Cemetery to repair flag pole holes that have cracked and slanted. If you would like to help, contact me or Dave Pete. The Honor Guard maintains an inventory of all veterans interred at Redmond Memorial and Terrebonne Pioneer Cemeteries. We also place the 1100+ veteran gravesite flags and 200+ large flags for Memorial Day services.

June Schedule:

6/17/2019 Honor Guard Meeting at- American Legion Post

6/19/2019 Taps Ceremony - Redmond Hospice (4:30 pm), Redmond Cemetery (5:00 pm). Veterans, family and friends are welcome to attend.

Don DeLand,
Honor Guard Captain
503-869-0318

COMMANDER'S HOMECOMING

JOIN VFW POST 4108 AND ITS AUXILIARY FOR
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S
HOMECOMING PARTY
FOR JOHN WRINKLE



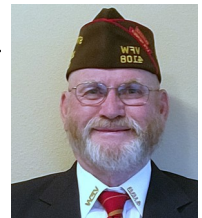
Be prepared for food, fun and frivolity!
(And bring your dancing shoes!)

(No-Host Bar)

RSVP to Valorie Wrinkle at 541-78-3894 or vjwrinkle@gmail.com

Comrades and Auxiliary Members:

I am sure that many of you are aware that I will be embarking on a new journey as next year's State Commander of Team Oregon. I have been doing my best to balance my time with Post, District and Department duties these last few years. Please rest assured that Post 4108 is always in my heart. I believe it is one of, if not the best, Post in our Department. We have a wide and diverse membership that supports every aspect of helping our currently serving armed forces, veterans and their families and investing in our community with youth, scholarship, safety, military honors, and homeless programs. You may not see me around very much this coming year but, know that I am thinking of you always. Many of you have encouraged and supported me from my meager beginnings in the VFW. I know that I can continue to count on you for your sage advice and positive encouragement.





Valorie and I, with the help of the best Auxiliary in the Department, are planning a State Commander's Homecoming dinner and night of entertainment for you on Saturday, July 6, 2019. Festivities will start around 5 p.m. There is no cost for the meal, however there will be a "no-host" bar and I will be sponsoring a fundraiser with the net proceeds going towards helping veterans during my year as Commander. In order to make sure we have enough food, **we need your RSVP no later than June 28, 2019**. After June 28 we will no longer accept reservations. You can call Valorie at 541-678-3894 or email her at vjwrinkle@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

I personally thank all of you for what you do, because I believe that what you do positively affects our armed forces, veterans and their families, and our community.

John Wrinkle
Incoming State Commander

June 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 Buddy Poppy Distribution at Safeway, Walmart & Fred Meyers. Call 541-280-5162 to volunteer. Relief Fund fundraiser.	27 See page 2 for Memorial Day Services. 11am-1:30pm: L. Dogs, watermelon & potato salad. Suggested minimum donation of \$5 each.	28 	29	30 4:30—7pm: Taco Thursday. Tacos for \$1.50 each.  6:30 pm: Post & Aux Mtgs.	31 12 pm: Remembrance for Bob Maxwell at Deschutes County Fairgrounds. Interment to follow at Terrebonne Cemetery.	June 1
2 6:30pm: Rod & Gun Club	3	4 6 pm: Rotary Club Mtg.	5	6 4:30—7pm: Taco Thursday. Tacos for \$1.50 each.  6:30 pm: Post & Aux Mtgs.	7 12 pm: Remembrance for Bob Maxwell at Deschutes County Fairgrounds. Interment to follow at Terrebonne Cemetery.	8 12 pm: VFW Auxiliary Memorial Service for Life member Jan Nolan. Potluck to follow.
9 12:05 pm: MOCA meeting. (MOC meeting on 6/22/19)	10 5:30 pm: VFW Riders Club Mtg.	11	12 8 am: Final C of A for 2018-2019 Program Year. Held at Seven Feathers, Canyonville.	13 8 am: Dept of Oregon VFW & Aux State Convention at 7 Feathers, Canyonville. 10 am: Bingo at Redmond Health Care Center with Auxiliary. 7 pm: Purple Heart Mtg.	14 8 am: Dept of Oregon VFW & Aux State Convention at 7 Feathers, Canyonville. 	15 8 am: Dept of Oregon VFW & Aux State Convention at 7 Feathers, Canyonville. Installation of new Officers.
16 8 am: First VFW & Aux C of A's for 2019-2020.	17	18 1 pm: Bingo at Redmond Health Care with Auxiliary. 5:30 pm – 7 pm: OHA/VFW Meal Night. Serving Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread & green salad for \$8. 7 pm: OHA & Lake Park Estates Meetings.	19 1 pm: Birthday cakes at Redmond Health Care Center with MOCA. 	20	21	22 12:05 pm: MOC Mtg.
23 6 PM: House Comm. Mtg.	24	25	26	27	28	29 NRA Banquet in Hall.
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Canteen Hours: Mon through Fri: 3 pm to Close/Sat thru Sun: Noon - Close



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