

POST 4108 Newsletter

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COMMANDER'S SITREP

Comrades,

It's hard to believe that another month has passed and winter is slowly loosening its grip on Central Oregon. During this time, our House Committee has been very busy trying to stay on top of everything that comes with bad weather, especially snow removal to keep our members safe when visiting our Post.

As many of you know, our bartender Diane Parish fell at home and suffered an injury. The Canteen will be closed on Sundays until we find a temporary replacement for her while she heals.

- ◆ Our Post Judge Advocate, Judith Burger, and several other Post and Auxiliary members had the opportunity to speak at the "Oregon Legislature Joint Committee on Ways and Means" about Measure 96, House Bill 5039 and veterans' services.
- ◆ We have had members working diligently, led by Comrade John Wrinkle, on the VFW's



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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S ACTREP

To start I hope everyone had a wonderful Valentine's Day. Flowers and chocolates are always welcome.

If you didn't get a chance to go to Mid-Winter, you missed a great time. We had a wonderful group of students who were the Voice of Democracy District winners, along with the State winner of the Patriot's Pen contest. The top 5 read their essays to those who attended the banquet. They are all winners in our eyes and I hope that these students will continue to submit their essays in the future. It is amazing to learn how much these students feel for their country and for our veterans. There is so much support and love in what they say.

Due to Jack being ill this past week, I asked Terri Steller to attend the Music, Dinner, and Auction fundraiser for Thelma's Place at the Riverhouse in Bend with me. We had a great time and great food. We also met a lot of new people, as well as several from the community whom we have worked with on



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POST ACTION NEWS

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

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

Thursday, March 9, 2017 – 10:00 am: Bingo with the Auxiliary at Regency Redmond Health Care Center.

Thursday, March 9, 2017 – 7:00 pm: Military Order of the Purple Heart Meeting.

Saturday, March 11, 2017– 7:00 pm: Dance Club in Hall with the Shaniko Band. (Open to non-subscribers at 7:30 pm-\$10 each)

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 – Post Scholarship applications due.

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 – 1:00 pm: Birthday Cakes at Regency Redmond Health Care with the MOCA.

Friday, March 17, 2017—St. Patrick's Day! (Corned Beef dinner will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017)

Saturday, March 18, 2017 – 12:05 pm: MOC/MOCA Meetings and Installation of Officers.

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

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



I will see you on March 21 for some good Irish grub!

Tuesday, March 21, 2017 - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm: OHA/VFW Belated celebration of St. Patrick's Day! Serving Corned Beef, cabbage, red potatoes, baby carrots, boiler onions, and Irish Soda Bread biscuits. All for \$10!

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

Tuesday, March 21, 2017 – 7:00 pm: Lake Park Estates Meeting.

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.

Friday, March 31 through Saturday, April 1, 2017 – MOC/MOCA Grand of Oregon Convention in McMinnville. Meetings at the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum and the Hotel is the Red Lion Inn. Call (503) 479-1500 for reservations.

Monday, April 3, 2017 – 6:00 pm: Rod & Gun Club Meeting.

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 – 6:00 pm: Redmond Rotary meeting.

Thursday, April 6, 2017 – 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm: Taco Thursday. \$1.50 per taco.

Thursday, April 6, 2017 – 7:00 pm: Post and Auxiliary Meetings.

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

Saturday, April 8, 2017 – 12:00 noon meal, meeting to follow: District 10 Meeting in Warm Springs, hosted by Post and Auxiliary 4217.

Sunday, April 9, 2017 – 5:00 pm: COMOAA Spring Banquet.

Tuesday, April 11, 2017 – 5:00 pm: OHA Appreciation Banquet.

Wednesday, April 12, 2017 – 6:00 pm: Mounted Color Guard Meeting

Thursday, April 13, 2017 – 10:00 am: Bingo with the Auxiliary at Regency Redmond Health Care Center.

Thursday, April 13, 2017 – 7:00 pm: Military Order of the Purple Heart Meeting.

Friday, April 14, 2017 – 5:00 pm: Redmond School District Banquet.

Saturday, April 15, 2017 – 11:00 am: Hot Dog barbecue and Easter Egg hunt at Regency Redmond Health Care Center.

Saturday, April 15, 2017 – 2:00 pm: Memorial for Edward (Kay) Mansfield with a potluck to follow. MOC/MOCA Meetings.

Monday, April 17, 2017 – 6:00 pm: Honor Guard meeting.

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm: OHA/VFW Meal Night. Menu to be announced.

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 – 7:00 pm: OHA Board Meeting.

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 – 7:00 pm: Lake Park Estates Meeting.

Wednesday, April 19, 2017 – 10:00 am: Bingo at Regency Redmond Health Care with the MOCA.

Friday, April 21 through Sunday, April 23, 2017: Women Veterans' Exhibit in Post Hall.

Saturday, April 22, 2017—12:05 pm: MOC/MOCA Meeting.

Monday, April 24, 2017 – 6:00 pm: House Committee Meeting.

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 – 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm: Spousal Support Group at VFW Post 4108.

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"National Door Knock" campaign. This is a recruiting and retention drive intended to help keep our membership strong.

- ◆ Our Honor Guard, led by Comrade Don Deland continues to represent our Post and honor our fallen comrades.

And it goes on. There are so many things happening sometimes it is hard to keep up. The one thing that is not hard to see is that the members of our great Post continue to put the needs of veterans first through various committees, volunteer work, and staying on top of legislation that could impact all veterans.

I would also like to remind everyone that the Post meeting is the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.

In Comradship,
Mike Trammel, Commander

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

We have started our annual "Knock on Doors" campaign, dues notice mailings, and phone calls to try and get our unpaid annual members to renew their membership in our Post. For your information, the Post currently has 569 paid members. Our adjusted 2016-17 Post total to reach 100% is 638 paid members, which means that we are currently short 69 members. That does not include any renewals we may get from our efforts this past weekend. If you want to help with our Membership campaign, be sure to let us know.

Why is it critical to reach a minimum of 100% membership? If we don't reach that goal, it means that stagnation and attrition are setting in. We are among the elite in the Oregon VFW for program work in our community and providing support to veterans and their families. We are also the second largest Post in Oregon. We are healthy because of new membership, reinstates and retention. That and the many active workers who we have currently doing our programs make it all possible to be the best. Members that are not active still play a vital role in helping us maintain our programs by paying their dues and helping us when we are out advocating with our local, state and national governments for veterans' needs and rights.

When we sign a new member, we have the opportunity for fellowship, but there is also a chance that the new member will step up and help with a standing program. I do not have an accurate idea of how many new and reinstated members it takes to continue the amount of work we are currently accomplishing, but I do know that if we don't recruit, we can kiss our Post, our veteran values, and our standing in the community goodbye.

Do not be afraid to ask your friend, neighbor, or family to join our outstanding VFW Post. We have applications available in the Canteen. If you do not know how to use the forms, just ask. Chances are someone will be able to assist you.

Thank you.
John Wrinkle
Membership Committee



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Membership Committee
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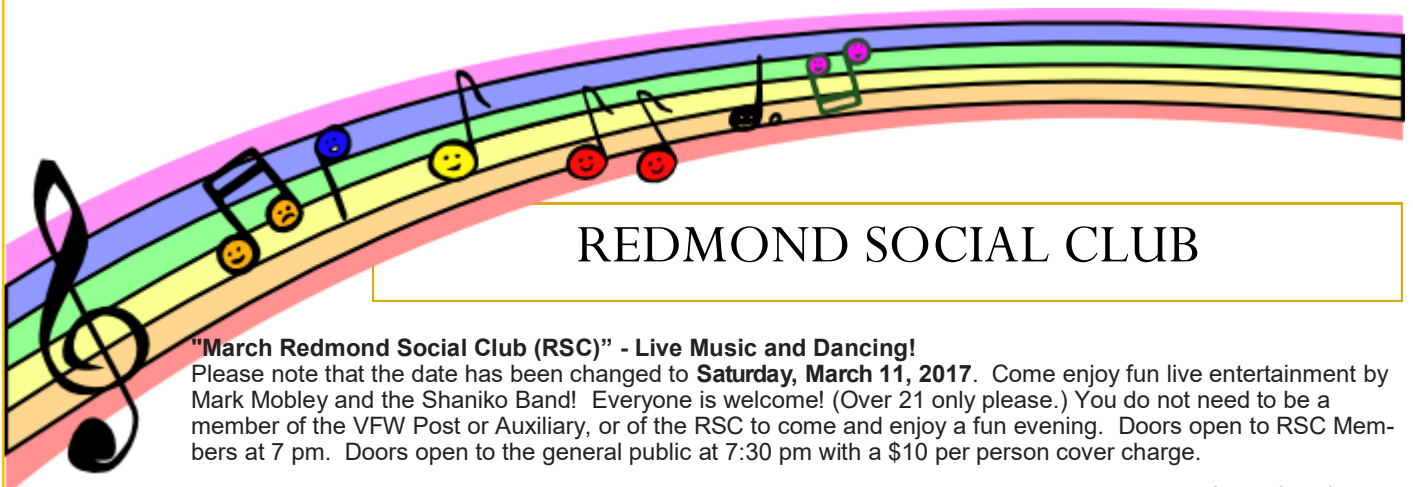
WEBMASTER

The Post website at www.vfw4108.org continues to be a valuable resource for information for Post and Auxiliary members. We have also received inquiries from non-Post veterans and community members as they discover this means of quick communication with the Post.

I am currently working on two new possible additions to the website. One is the "password protected" posting of the Post Bylaws and minutes of meetings, allowing all members to obtain this information through a password protected process. The other is an online volunteer page allowing coordinators to list their volunteer needs for a Post event and for members to volunteer online with automatic notification via e-mail to the coordinator. I hope, time permitting, to demonstrate these to the Post members at the March Post meeting on the new large screen that has recently been installed. The "Post Volunteer Opportunities" page is located under the "Post" main menu. I also added a new page called "Friends of the Post", highlighting businesses that have been supporting the Post through donations, equipment, personnel etc.



Don DeLand
Webmaster
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REDMOND SOCIAL CLUB

"March Redmond Social Club (RSC)" - Live Music and Dancing!

Please note that the date has been changed to **Saturday, March 11, 2017**. Come enjoy fun live entertainment by Mark Mobley and the Shaniko Band! Everyone is welcome! (Over 21 only please.) You do not need to be a member of the VFW Post or Auxiliary, or of the RSC to come and enjoy a fun evening. Doors open to RSC Members at 7 pm. Doors open to the general public at 7:30 pm with a \$10 per person cover charge.

By Angela Boothroyd

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other projects involving the Post. Several employees who work in the three different areas of Thelma's Place sat at our table and we learned more about their goals as an organization. It's amazing what they have already accomplished in such a short period of time. Dr. Larry Sherman, Ph.D. was the guest speaker. Dr. Sherman is a Professor from OHSU. He plays the piano beautifully, but when he started talking neuroscience Terri and I said "NO WAY, we're out of here." However, it turned out to be a very informative discussion about

how music can influence brain function and healthy brain aging. Stephanie Roderick, whom I have worked with on this project, couldn't thank the Auxiliary enough for our donations and the time spent helping with their first fundraiser. It was a wonderful evening.

On a sad note, I'm sorry to announce that we have lost our Sister Gloria Hicks. Gloria passed away Saturday, February 21, 2017 at 10:30 pm. For those of you that didn't know Gloria, she was a wonderful person and will be missed by those of us who were

lucky enough to have known her. I would like to thank Becky McDonald for keeping us informed about how Gloria was doing this past year while she was staying at Thelma's Place. Please keep Gloria's family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time, as well as Sister Becky because she has lost a very close and dear friend.

Thanks to all our Auxiliary members for all your hard work and the dedication you show throughout the year. I sincerely appreciate all that you do.

THE COOTIE CORNER

I would like to apologize to our Cooties for all the changes in meetings and such that have happened in the last several months. We have had many scheduling conflicts, but we are now hopefully back on track. With that said, the April meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 22 due to scheduling conflicts.

Spring is coming upon us soon, and I know all the Cooties are anxious for warmer weather, or not. There are many new activities coming our way. The March 18th meeting will be nominations, elections and installation of officers for the upcoming year. I hope ya'll can make it to the meeting to cheer on those that are unfortunate enough to get elected. March 31 to April 1 will be the Grand Convention at the Air Museum in McMinnville. If you haven't already done so, make your reservations at the Red Lion Hotel. In April we will once again host the "hot dog feed" at the Redmond Health Care Center during their Easter Egg Hunt, which will be on April 15. If you are interested in assisting to serve over 300 hotdogs to the residents and families, please contact the Seam Squirrel. Let's all have some lousy fun and assist as many veterans in "Beds of White" as we can.

We are all saddened by the passing of Past Grand Commander Jim "GATOR" Allyn this month. He will be missed.



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

After a quiet January, The Post Honor Guard and the American Legion Post 44 Honor Guard combined to present military honors at three veteran funerals in Bend. The Post Honor Guard welcomed new member Marty Baltazar into our ranks. Comrade Baltazar has previous experience with honor guard duties while on active duty. Welcome aboard Comrade Baltazar.



Since there is no Color Guard at the Post, the Honor Guard was asked to raise the flags at the opening ceremonies of the new Redmond City Hall. The Post Honor Guard combined with the American Legion Honor Guard to raise the flags at the February 21st grand opening.

The Honor Guard Vietnam veterans are putting together a trip to Warm Springs to attend the 2nd Annual Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Parade and Expo on April 1, 2017. All Vietnam veterans are encouraged to attend.



Don DeLand
Honor Guard
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The Post Honor Guard has purchased a new gun safe and Home Depot has donated the plywood for the cabinet. This allowed us to move all the rifles, ammunition and supplies out of the Art Horsell room, which is used for youth activities during meetings. Comrade Guthrie has volunteered to build the cabinet in the Service Officer room located in the Hall.

Upcoming Events:

Post Memorial Service for Life Member Edward (Kay) Mansfield on April 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Post Hall. Military Honors will be presented for Comrade Mansfield and his family.

The next Honor Guard meeting is March 20, 2017.

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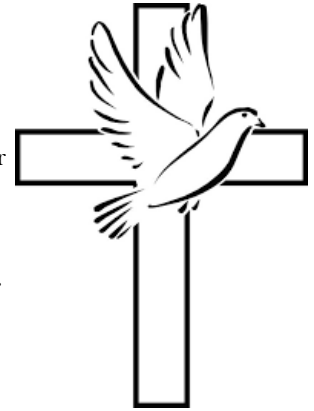
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28	Mar 1	Mar 2 4 pm: Taco Thursday 7:00 pm: VFW & Auxiliary Mtgs.	Mar 3	Mar 4 6:00 pm: Redmond Rod & Gun Club Banquet
	6 pm: Rod & Gun Club Meeting	6 pm: Redmond Rotary Meeting	6 pm: Mounted Color Guard Meeting	9 10 am: Bingo at Redmond Health Care Center with VFW Auxiliary 7 pm: Military Order of the Purple Heart Meeting	10	11 7:00 pm: Redmond Social Club Dance- Open to non-members at 7:30 pm—\$10 ea. Music by the Shaniko Band.
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26	27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1
	6 pm: House Committee Meeting		12:30pm to 6 pm: Red Cross Blood Drive at Post 4108.		MOC/MOCA Grand Convention in McMinnville.	Apr 1 MOC/MOCA Grand Convention in McMinnville.

IN MEMORIUM

VFW Auxiliary 4108 was fortunate to have within our membership a Life Member by the name of **Gloria Hicks**. Gloria was a military wife and her sons and one grandson also served in the military. Gloria was a very active Auxiliary member and even started a group at her Church where people who had family members serving on active duty could go to talk and support each other. Gloria was our Patriotic Instructor and Americanism Chair, until she started having problems with her memory. Last year Gloria moved to Thelma's Place, a Memory Care unit in Redmond.

On February 21, 2017, Gloria left this world for a better place where memory is no longer an issue for her. Our memories of her however, will continue on. Gloria was a mother, grandmother, sister, friend and strong advocate for veterans and she will be missed greatly. Our hearts go out to her family and friends.

The family is planning to hold a "Celebration of Life" for Gloria sometime this spring. As details become available we will share them with the membership.



Edward (Kay) Mansfield was a Life Member of the Post. For a long time he was very active and could often be seen at events in the company of his sister-in-law, Joyce Givens. During the time that the Post was offering Bingo, Kay worked many hours helping on the Bingo floor. His friendly and gentle manner will be sorely missed by all those who knew him.

Memorial services for Kay will be held on April 15, 2017 at 2:00 pm with a potluck to follow. The Honor Guard will be performing Military Honors at the Memorial.

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