

POST 4108 Newsletter

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COMMANDER'S SITREP

Comrades,

As another month passes we look forward to our upcoming holiday season and New Year. Last month our Post and Auxiliary members were busy with organizing the Candidates' forum in which we were able to hear from a variety of candidates that are running for public office. This included but was not limited to our Mayoral Candidates, County Sheriff's office and County Commissioners. Great work by all who were involved. Although there were several people involved in setting this up, I want to give special recognition to the younger members of our Auxiliary who were actively involved in this event...so Bravo Zulu to Randy and Julia Garcia. You can't help but feel pride in our youth when they take an active role in our local politics.



Mike Trammel
Post Commander
503-516-4180

We also saw our first Social Club dance occur, which I believe went very well. There was good music and people all around. What a great way to get out and enjoy yourself with your partners and dance the night away.

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S ACTREP

October brings cooler weather when we start thinking that staying home bundled up nice and warm would be great. It's important that we don't forget our veterans and their families, some of whom are homeless, but all in need of everyday basic items. It's the time of year when our pantry gets depleted the most. I'm asking all Post and Auxiliary members to donate what they can in non-perishables to help replenish the pantry so we have the supplies we need when they call on us for help. If you have ever had the opportunity to help one of our own, the appreciation they show us with their hugs and "thank yous" can bring tears to your eyes.



Pixie Newcomb
Auxiliary President
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In our October meeting we spoke of a new program called Change Direction. It's about changing the culture in America on mental illness, mental health and wellness. Go online to learn more at changedirection.org and take the pledge to spread the word and help our veterans. Thank you.

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POST ACTION NEWS

Monday, October 24, 2016 – 6:00 pm: House Committee Meeting.

Thursday, October 27, 2016 - 7:30 am: Redmond Commercial Group.

Saturday, October 29, 2016 – 4:00 pm: Halloween Party for our younger crowd! We think your costumes are pretty neat, so join us for a Halloween Treat! The VFW is hosting their annual Halloween Party for Post Members and Families of Service Members. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alicia Wherry at [951-735-5524](tel:951-735-5524). This is a "Family Friendly" party, everyone is welcome to attend. Food and drinks will be provided. Bring your trick-or-treat bags :)

Saturday, October 29, 2016 – 6:30 pm: Adult Halloween party in the Canteen. Come dressed in your best costume for the Costume contest! Ghoulish treats to share are encouraged.

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 – 6:00 pm: Redmond Rotary meeting.

Thursday, November 3, 2016 – 4:00 to 7:00 pm: Taco Thursday. \$1.50 per taco.

Thursday, November 3, 2016 – 7:00 pm: Post and Auxiliary Meetings.



Friday, November 4, 2016 – 12 Noon to 7 pm: Christmas Bazaar in Hall.

Saturday, November 5, 2016 – 10 am to 6:00 pm: Christmas Bazaar in Hall.

Sunday, November 6, 2016 – 8:00 am: Sea Cadets Drill in Hall.

Monday, November 7, 2016—6:00 pm: Rod & Gun Club Meeting

Wednesday, November 9, 2016 – 6:00 pm: Mounted Color Guard Meeting.

Thursday, November 10, 2016 – 7:30 am: Redmond Commercial Group.

Thursday, November 10, 2016 – 10:00 am: Bingo at Redmond Health Care Center with the Auxiliary. Everyone welcome.

Thursday, November 10, 2016 – 7:00 pm: Military Order of the Purple Heart meeting.

Friday, November 11, 2016 – 11:00 am: Veteran's Day Parade in Downtown Redmond.

Friday, November 11, 2016 – 11:30 am to 1:00 pm: Veteran's Day Chili Feed at the Post. Free to all veterans and their families.

Friday, November 11, 2016 – 7:00 pm: Dance Club in Hall (Open to non-subscribers at 7:30 pm-\$10 each)

Sunday, November 13, 2016 – 4:00 pm: COMOAA Banquet in Hall.

Monday, November 14, 2016 – 6:00 pm: Honor Guard meeting.

Tuesday, November 15, 2016 - 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm: OHA/VFW Meal Night. Serving Hot turkey dinner with mashed potatoes & gravy, cranberry sauce, & green bean casserole. Dessert included \$10 each.

Tuesday, November 15, 2016 – 7:00 pm: OHA Board Meeting.

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 – 1:00 pm: Birthday Cakes at Redmond Health Care Center with the MOCA.

Thursday, November 18, 2016 – 7:00 pm: Marine Corps JROTC Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

Saturday, November 19, 2016 – 12:05 pm: MOC/MOCA Meeting.

Saturday, November 19, 2016 – Private Party in Hall.

Sunday, November 20, 2016 – 8:00 am: Sea Cadets Drill.

Monday, November 21, 2016 – 6:00 pm: House Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 24: Canteen Closed.

Monday, November 28, 2016 – 1:00 pm to 6:30 pm: Red Cross Blood Drive at VFW Post 4108.

Tuesday, November 29 through Wednesday, November 30, 2016: Decorate Hall for Holidays.

Thursday, December 1, 2016 – 4:00 to 7:00 pm: Taco Thursday. \$1.50 per taco.

Thursday, December 1, 2016 – 7:00 pm: Post and Auxiliary Meetings.

Saturday, December 3, 2016 – 4:00 pm: National Guard Bravo Company Christmas Party.

Sunday, December 4, 2016 – 8:00 am: Sea Cadets Drill in Hall.

Monday, December 5, 2016 – 6:00 pm: Rod & Gun Club Meeting.

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 – 6:00 pm: Redmond Rotary meeting.

Thursday, December 8, 2016 – 7:30 am: Redmond Commercial Group.

Thursday, December 8, 2016 – 10:00 am: Bingo at Redmond Health Care Center with the Auxiliary. Everyone welcome.

Thursday, December 8, 2016 – 7:00 pm: Military Order of the Purple Heart meeting.

Friday, December 9, 2016 – 7:00 pm: Dance Club in Hall (Open to non-subscribers at 7:30 pm-\$10 each)

Saturday, December 10, 2016 – 4:00 pm: Shasta Christmas Party.

Sunday, December 11, 2016 – Home Depot Christmas Party.

Wednesday, December 14, 2016 – 6:00 pm: Mounted Color Guard Meeting.

Wednesday, December 14, 2016 – 6:30 pm: Rocky Mountain Elk Meeting.

Friday December 16, 2016 – 6:00 pm: Post and Auxiliary Christmas Potluck.

Saturday, December 17, 2016 – 12:05 pm: MOC/MOCA Meeting.

Saturday, December 17, 2016 – Private Party in Hall.

Sunday, December 18, 2016 – 8:00 am: Sea Cadets Drill.

Monday, December 19, 2016 – 6:00 pm: Honor Guard meeting.

Monday, December 19, 2016 – 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm: Youth Christmas Party.

Tuesday, December 20, 2016 - 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm: OHA/VFW Meal Night.

Tuesday, December 20, 2016 – 7:00 pm: OHA Board Meeting.

Wednesday, December 21, 2016 – 1:00 pm: Birthday Cakes at Redmond Health Care Center with the MOCA.

Thursday, December 22, 2016 – 7:30 am: Redmond Commercial Group.

Monday, December 26, 2016 – 6:00 pm: House Committee Meeting.

Saturday, December 31, 2016 – 6:00 pm: New Year's Eve Prime Rib Dinner - \$20 per person.

Saturday, December 31, 2016 – 7:00 pm: New Year's Eve "Roaring 20's" Party (Must be over 21) – Dance the night away with us!



AROUND THE HOUSE

House Committee Action Report

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary Members. Those of you who visit the Post will see that River Roofing has been making roofing repairs. Unfortunately, we have run into wet weather. Once we hit a dry period, they will close out the work. I have been inspecting the Post for leaks and have not found any wet areas. It appears the work they completed on sealing the screws, seams and vent piping has worked so far.

As many of you know, The Home Depot Redmond has granted us a \$16,500 grant to remove and replace ceiling tile and tile the restroom floors. They will be bringing in a crew to remove and replace the ceiling tiles on October 29, from 0800 to 1600 hours. Anyone who wishes to assist in this effort is invited to participate. We offered the used tiles to the ReStore, but they declined our offer. Comrade Jason Brock has ordered a 20-yard dumpster to be delivered October 26 to haul off the old tiles. Some of us have scheduled our time to remove ceiling tile once the dumpster arrives. This will help get the work done early so that we do not impact the scheduled Halloween parties.



John Wrinkle
House Committee Chair
541-678-3895

We have hired a 3rd bartender, McKinsey Miller as a back-up for special occasions and to cover days off. Please be sure to stop by and greet her. McKinsey is a welcome addition to our Canteen staff.

On behalf of the House Committee, I wish to thank Dennis and Dianne Guthrie for the hard work they put into the Hall Rental program, Don Scoggins as our Hall Maintenance person and our "usual suspects" that work long hours by monitoring the big events that include use of the stinger bar. All of the above mentioned members are among the unsung heroes that keep the Post and Auxiliary hall events running smoothly

Fair winds and following seas,

Chairman John Wrinkle

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

As always, I can not help but feel pride in all that our Post does for its veterans and our community. Another great example was the Flag Dedication for Flag City USA. Not only did we have members of the Honor Guard participate, we had lots of VFW presence. Not only did we have involvement at the ceremony, we had two Post members who were instrumental in the planning as members of the Flag City USA Committee. Thank you to Jeff Casserly and Dennis Guthrie.

As we let October pass by, let's not forget to come out and partake in the Post Halloween party. Dress up and be a kid for the night. For some that may not be too much of a stretch, Ha Ha.

More seriously, let's not forget our civic duty as we get closer to election time and get out and vote. As many have speculated, this election will be "one for the books". Not only in the Presidential election, but also measure 97 which affects Corporate taxes and measure 96, which would earmark undesignated lottery funds for veterans' services. As you can tell, there are some major issues on the table. Not only is voting our right and civic duty, it is our responsibility.

In Comradeship, Mike Trammel, Post Commander

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

Thank you John Wrinkle and the entire House Committee for getting the roof fixed. Great job. They are moving on to the ceiling tiles and have asked the Auxiliary for our help. If you can, please join Post members on October 29th at 8:00 am to help remove the current ceiling tiles. New ceiling tiles will be put in place the same day by Home Depot. It would be nice to be there to thank them and see the new look. (Remember the Halloween party that same evening. We can all show up as construction workers.)

In 1999 the U S Congressional Record recognized Redmond as "Flag City USA". Wednesday, October 19th the Official Redmond Flag Monument Dedication & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held at 10:00 am. I want to thank VFW members Don DeLand, Jack Newcomb, Dave Pete, Gary Dotson, Jack Anderson, Dennis Guthrie and Jeff Casserly along with American Legion members Larry Roshak and Bob Baker for their participation in the Redmond Flag Park Dedication.

November 8th. Election day. Please vote. It's important that we make our voices heard. We need to keep our veterans front and center in Washington so they don't forget the men and women who have fought for our country.

November 11 the Veterans Day parade will start at 11:00 am and the free chili feed at VFW Post 4108 will begin after the parade. The Chili Feed is open to all veterans and their families. Please join us and say hi to members you may not have seen in a while and take the opportunity to meet new members from our Post and Auxiliary.

THE COOTIE CORNER

Our "Cooties" made a good showing at the Fall C of A in White City, Oregon on October 1, 2016. Many of us arrived on Friday, September 30 to attend a Golf Tournament and cook out at the White City VA Facility. We had Cooties and residents participating and enjoying the good food. Although it was hard to call it a golf tournament with "Cue" sticks and Frisbees involved. Be that as it may, we had fun - or not. Our not so illustrious Dennis Guthrie received an award (these awards are made by the residents at the facility) for "Closest to the Pin." We all think he cheated, but who knows? We also had charges brought by Pup Tent 8's Seam Squirrel on two contestants (not from Pup Tent 8) for cheating on their score card, resulting in a \$200 "Cootie Dollar" fine.



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

At our last scratch we voted to adopt the Redmond Health Care Center and the Central Oregon Veterans Ranch. This will allow us to help our Veterans locally and afford an opportunity for many volunteer hours. Anyone can volunteer at the C.O. Veterans Ranch. Volunteer days are on Thursdays. You can just go to the Ranch on any Thursday and see what opportunities are available for you.

At the last VFW meeting, when the Seam Squirrel was presenting the award to Dennis Guthrie, it appears the Seam Squirrel may have overloaded his mouth in addressing some of the members. The Seam Squirrel would like to humbly apologize and assures that it won't happen again.

WEBMASTER

The website continues to be used as a resource by members and the public. We have had approximately 3700 views since its opening in May 2016. We have received Hall rental inquiries, Honor Guard requests and "thank you's," and even a vacationing Commander from Alaska who wanted to visit our Post. Using the "Upcoming Events" and "New Website Updates" is a quick way to view upcoming events at the Post and see if there any new website updates to check out.

Community Service: Did you know you can report your Community Service on the website? Under the "Post" menu, select "Community Service Report". Fill out the form and send. It's that easy. Community Service can be reported from your computer, smartphone, or filling out the paper form located in the Canteen.



Don DeLand
Webmaster
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HIGHWAY 97 FLAG CITY USA MEMORIAL CELEBRATED



IN OTHER NEWS...

(NEW) Membership Committee

The Post has started a new Membership Committee to focus on recruitment, retention and mentoring of new members. Current volunteers for the committee are comrades Pete, Newcomb, DeLand, Guthrie, and Wisdom.

The first meeting to begin determining and documenting the scope and responsibilities of the new committee is scheduled for October 20. If you would like to join the committee, contact one of the members or the Commander. Once a Chairperson is determined, future reports will be provided.

POST SURGEON

Happy Fall!!! What an amazing fall this has been... the colors have been BEAUTIFUL!!! I can't wait to see what Old Man Winter has in store for us. As I'm writing this the wind is blowing hard and pine needles are flying everywhere. Oi! I'm hoping you all are staying warm and healthy!

Speaking of healthy... Last month I mentioned getting flu shots; I came upon some flu shot information I thought I would share with you—how veterans can get them Free!

Flu shots at VA Clinic in Bend:

There's a walk-in Flu-shot clinic at our CBOC in Bend, so just stop in during the VA's open hours. You may be asked to "wait 15-20 minutes" **OR** you can show your VA card at Walgreens for a Free Flu Shot. **Getting your shot early is important as it takes about two weeks to take effect.

If you'd like more specifics on getting a flu shot thru the VA call: 503-808-1923 or visit: <http://www.portland.va.gov>.

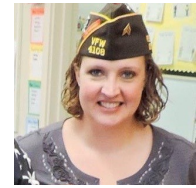
I would like to say "Thank You" to those of you keeping me in the loop on any medical issues you're having—surgeries and long-term issues. It helps me keep a passive eye on you, making sure you can stay healthy and well. Of course, due to the HIPPA/ Privacy Act I cannot and will not share your information with anyone, so you don't have to worry.

In the future, if you'd like a visit at home or at the hospital from me, I would be happy to bring you a bit of cheer! Please let me know by calling or texting me the information and I'll stop by.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve you!

Tracy

PS. If you are needing anything like firewood, food or anything along those lines, PLEASE let someone like myself, Comrade Pete Begley (Chaplin) or Comrade Joe Stellar (Veterans' Service Officer) know, so we can get you some assistance. The Winter and Holiday seasons can be rough and we want to keep you and your family healthy and well.



Tracy McKenzie
Post Surgeon
541-410-3122

November Blood Drive

Monday, November 28th from 12-6:30pm

Call, text or email **Tracy** with your preferred times to **Sign-up!**

541-410-3122 or VFW4108.TracyMcKenzie@gmail.com

September Blood Drive Stats

Goal: 24

Pints Received: 27

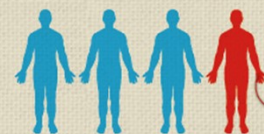
Post Members: 3

Auxiliary Members: 1



Blood Donation FAQs

Why Should I Give Blood?



One in four people will need a blood transfusion sometime in their lifetime.



Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.

Only **37%** of the population is eligible to give blood.

Less than **10%** give annually.

Thank you to those that came out to donate!!! I very much appreciate your support and participation!

Tracy J



Annual VFW Christmas Bazaar is almost HERE!!!

Friday November 4th from 12-7pm

Saturday November 5th from 10-6pm

Vendors, Gifts and Fun OH My!!!

Join us for our Annual VFW Christmas Bazaar Benefitting local Military, Veterans and Children's Organizations!

We'll have local artisans, craftsmen and vendors sharing their wares for your gifting pleasure. Come get your Holiday shopping done early on Friday and Saturday. Homemade soup and fresh green salad, with Bid Ed's rolls will be served from 11 am to 1 pm both days.

Admission is a donation of non-perishable food for the VFW Food Pantry and our vendors are each donating an item for our raffle going to a local charity. And don't forget to check out our great Silent Auction items up near the stage also benefiting a local charity (Redmond/Terrebonne Boys & Girls Club).

We can't wait to see you for your holiday shopping!

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE



John Wrinkle
National Legislative
541-678-3895

Comrades, November 8 is right around the corner. Please vote, vote, vote! Don't let our apathy toward politics overwhelm us. It is important that we use our constitutional right to vote. Without your votes, we lose our leverage over our Senators and Representatives. Also, please be sure to vote for **Measure 96** as it will help all veterans in our state.

John Wrinkle Member National Legislative Committee

HONOR GUARD



Don DeLand
Honor Guard
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The Honor Guard continues to work on its uniform and formation standards as a significant face of the Post with the community. The Honor Guard's dedicated volunteers give their time and effort to not only honor deceased veterans and their families, but to represent the Post at flag ceremonies.

Due to the coordination required, we have elected co-chairs of Comrades DeLand, Pete and Newcomb to manage the various responsibilities of the Honor Guard. We have added some members and lost some members, but we continue to recruit members that want to join this volunteer committee.

Honor Guard and Post members participated in the Flag City USA Redmond Memorial ceremony on October 19th. Rep. Greg Walden, Redmond Mayor George Endicott, and Flag City USA Chairperson Randy Povey gave dedication speeches. Post members Dave Pete, Jack Newcomb, Don DeLand, Jack Anderson, Dennis Guthrie and Jeff Casserly, along with American Legion Commander Larry Roshak and Bob Baker raised the USA, POW/MIA, State of Oregon, City of Redmond and Flag City USA flags, accompanied by VFW Post 4108 bugler Gary Dotson playing "To the Color".

New Partnership: The Honor Guard is excited to announce a new partnership with Redmond High School to build the shell casing boxes that we present to the family at Military Honor events to represent the three volleys we fire. We have met with the students to tell them what we do and why we do it, and to answer any questions they had. These outstanding students were very enthusiastic about the project and should have their first prototype ready this month. A special thanks to their instructor, Mark Winger for his support.

November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct 30	Oct 31  Halloween	Nov 1 6 pm: Redmond Rotary Meeting	Nov 2	Nov 3 4 pm: Taco Thursday 7 pm: VFW & Auxiliary Mtgs.	Nov 4 Noon to 7 pm: Christmas Bazaar	Nov 5 10 am to 6 pm: Christmas Bazaar
6 am: Sea Cadets	7 6 pm: Rod & Gun Club Meeting	8	9 6:00 pm: Mounted Color Guard Meeting	10 7:30 am: Redmond Commercial Grouping 10 am: Bingo at Redmond Health Care Center with VFW Auxiliary	11 11 am: Veterans Day Parade 11:30 am—1:00 pm: Chili Feed (free to all veterans and their families) 7:30 pm to 10 pm: Redmond Social Club Doors open to prepaid members at 7 pm. Non members at 7:30 pm—\$10 Per Person for non-members.	12 Private Party in Hall
13 4 pm: COMOAA Banquet	14 6 pm: Honor Guard Meeting	15 5:30 pm-7 pm: OHA/VFW Meal Night. Serving Hot Turkey dinner with stuffing, mashed potatoes & gravy, green bean casserole & cranberry sauce. Dessert included. \$10 each	16 1 pm: Birthday Cakes at Redmond Health Care with MOCA	17 7pm: Military Order of the Purple Heart Meeting	18 6 pm: JROTC Marine Corps Ball	19 12:05 pm: MOC/MOCA Meeting. Private Party in Hall.
20 8 am: Sea Cadets	21 6 pm: House Committee Meeting	22	23	24 CANTEEN CLOSED 	25	26 Private Party in Hall
27	28 1 pm– 6pm: Red Cross Blood Drive at VFW Post 4108	29	30	Dec 1 4 pm: Taco Thursday 7 pm: VFW & Auxiliary Mtgs.	Dec 2	Dec 3 4 pm: National Guard Bravo Company Christmas Party

RIDGEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO HONOR VETERANS

Attention all Veterans! Ridgeview High School in Redmond is hosting a Veteran's Assembly on November 8, 2016 from 9:40 am to 10:30 am. All veterans and/or active servicemen in the area are invited to attend. The purpose of the Assembly is to celebrate the service current members and past veterans have done for our Country. Meteorologist Bob Shaw from KTVZ (who is a veteran) and Robert Maxwell, local Medal of Honor recipient will be in attendance as well. The Ridgeview High School Culinary students will be offering a reception for the veterans following the Assembly. They would like to see as many veterans in attendance as possible, so please plan to attend!

NOTE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

As most of you are aware, as Newsletter Editor I am authorized to maintain a very large list of e-mail addresses in order to be able to send out newsletters and meal notices. I also frequently get requests to forward messages to the entire membership, and sometimes those emails only affect a small percentage of the members. Rather than abuse my authority to use this email list, I request that anyone who wants to send out a mass email get permission from the Post Commander before forwarding that request to me. Thank you for your cooperation.



POST EVENTS COMMITTEE

Joclyn Manly
Post Events Chair
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With holiday season comes our annual New Year's Eve ball! Grab your fella or dame and get all dolled up for some whoopee! Prime rib dinner starts at 6 pm. We will be serving prime rib, green beans, baked potato with toppings, a salad, a dinner roll and finished off with a dessert. Dinner is \$20 which includes entry into the party also. The "rub" kicks off at 8pm. Door price is \$10 for single \$15 per couple. DJ services will be provided by Blue Retina Entertainment during the party. The speakeasy will be selling giggle water throughout the night if you would like a little hair of the dog and also non-alcoholic choices if you don't want to get a little zozzled. Come enjoy our Roaring 20's New Year's Eve ball in style!

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help (still looking for volunteers) please let me know! jocmanly@gmail.com.



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