

POST 4108 Newsletter

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Monthly Newsletter

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Joseph Steller
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COMMANDER'S SITREP

The holiday season is fast approaching with Mister Winter's weather fast on its heels. Buckle up; there are a lot of things happening this month.

The Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pin and Teacher of the Year deadlines are October 31, which is quickly approaching, so encourage any and all kids to prepare their essays. Dennis Guthrie has taken on the Scholarship Chairman position, so let's give him all the help he can handle. He is also in charge of Veterans in the Classroom. If you have some free time, he is looking for volunteers to visit the kids and tell them some amazing stories.

Next up, on November 8, is the Redmond Social Club sponsored monthly dance at the Post. See the Post calendar for the dates and the awesome band that will be playing

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S ACTREP

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Autumn is most certainly upon us. The month of November is here along with damp, chilly weather. Time to seriously begin holiday planning and shopping.

I am very happy to report that our food pantry situation has greatly improved. I appreciate all your generous donations. Although we no longer have dire need, we must continue our efforts to further build our pantry items. We are expecting to hand out approximately 30 holiday food boxes during the week of December 16th. Yes, that is the week of my birthday. So, PLEASE, make my birthday extra special this year and keep those non-perishable food items coming in. If you need ideas of what to donate, there is a list outside of the canteen door on the bulletin board. We are placing a bin out in the entryway as well to make it even easier to drop off your donation.



Terri Steller
Auxiliary President
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POST ACTION NEWS

Thursday, October 31, 2019



Thursday, November 4, 2019 – 6:30 pm: Rod & Gun Club Meeting.

Monday, November 4, 2019 – 5:30 pm: VFW Riders Club Meeting.

Thursday, November 7, 2019 – 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm: Taco Thursday. \$1.50 per taco.



Thursday, November 7, 2019 – 7:00 pm: VFW & Auxiliary Meetings.

Friday, November 8, 2019 – 6:45 pm: Redmond Social Club – Kristi Kinsey & the Whiskey Bandits!

Members and Sponsors get in free. All others pay \$10 per person at the door. 21 and over only. Outside food welcome, but no outside beverages allowed. Would you like to be a sponsor or join the Redmond Social Club? See page 4 for more information.



Saturday, November 9, 2019 – 12:00 pm: Memorial service for Auxiliary member Paul Holmes. Potluck lunch to follow.

Saturday, November 9, 2019 – 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm: Comedy Show – Benefit for Central Oregon Toys for Tots at VFW Post 4108. Event is for ages 21 and over only.



Enjoy an adult night out while helping Central Oregon children have an awesome Christmas. Beverages (including adult

beverages) will be available for purchase in the Canteen. Cost is \$20 per person - \$15 if you donate a new unwrapped toy. Tickets only available at the door – cash only. **See the flyer on page 5 for more information.**

Sponsored by Alicia Wherry and James Russum in partnership with Ipockolyptic Productions, VFW Post 4108, and its Auxiliary. (Dominos is also donating 10 large pizzas for the event.)

Sunday, November 10, 2019 – 5:00 pm: COMOAA Winter Banquet in the Hall.



Monday, November 11, 2019

VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION

11 am: Parade in downtown Redmond followed by a free Chili Feed at VFW Post 4108 for all veterans and their families. To march in the parade or ride on the float, be at Dogwood and 6th by 10:30 am.



Quote for November by Judd Gregg:

"The veterans of our military services have put their lives on the line to protect the freedoms that we enjoy. They have dedicated their lives to their country and deserve to be recognized for their commitment."

Thursday, November 14, 2019 – 10:00 am: Bingo at the Regency Redmond with the Auxiliary.



Thursday, November 14, 2019 - 7:00 pm: Military Order of the Purple Heart Meeting.

Saturday, November 15, 2019 – 12:05 pm: MOC/MOCA Meeting.



Sunday, November 16, 2019 – 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm: Broken H Rescue Ranch Carnival fundraiser at VFW Post 4108. There will be games and carnival foods available. Free admission and open to the public. Proceeds help the Ranch (a registered non-profit organization), provide farm-based riding lessons to at-risk and less advantaged kids ages 5 to 18 at no cost.

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 – 1:00 pm: Bingo at the Regency Redmond with the Auxiliary.

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 – 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm: OHA/VFW Early Thanksgiving! Serving turkey, cranberry sauce,



dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, green bean casserole, dinner roll & pumpkin pie for \$10 per person.

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 – 7:00 pm: OHA Board Meeting.

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 - 7:00 pm: Lake Park Estates Meeting.

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 - 1:00 pm: Birthday cakes with the MOCA at Redmond Regency Health Care.

Friday, November 22, 2019 – JROTC Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

Saturday, November 23, 2019 – Redmond Wrestling Club Banquet.

Thursday, November 28, 2019

Happy Thanksgiving!



Canteen Closed so staff can be with their families.

Monday, November 25, 2019 – 6:00 pm: House Committee meeting.

Thursday, December 5, 2019 – 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm: Taco Thursday. \$1.50 per taco.

Thursday, December 5, 2019 – 7:00 pm: VFW & Auxiliary Meetings.

Friday, December 6, 2019 – 6:45 pm: Redmond Social Club – Fogline (LRS Fest fan favorite from Medford). Members and Sponsors get in free. All others pay \$10 per person at the door. 21 and over only. Outside food welcome, but no outside beverages allowed. Would you like to be a sponsor or join the Redmond Social Club? See page 4 for more information.

Saturday, December 7, 2019 – 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm: Patriot Pin Up Fundraiser – "Family Friendly" First Annual Sock Hop. Admission \$10 or \$5 with a donation of new socks. Wear your best 50's outfit and join the Dance Competition! The VFW Auxiliary will also be serving Cheeseburgers, fries, and root beer floats for \$7 per person. Proceeds benefit VFW Post 4108 and Central Oregon Veterans Outreach.

Monday, December 9, 2019 – 5:30 pm: VFW Riders Club Meeting.

Thursday, December 12, 2019 – Private party in hall.

Thursday, December 12, 2019 – 10:00 am: Bingo at the Regency Redmond with the Auxiliary.

Thursday, December 12, 2019 - 7:00 pm: Military Order of the Purple Heart Meeting.

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Friday, December 13, 2019 – Shasta Administration Christmas party.

Sunday, December 15, 2019 – Home Depot Christmas Party.

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 – 1:00 pm: Bingo at the Regency Redmond with the Auxiliary.

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 – 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm: OHA/VFW Meal Night! Menu to be determined.

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 – 7:00 pm: OHA Board Meeting.

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 - 7:00 pm: Lake Park Estates Meeting.

Wednesday, December 18, 2019 - 1:00 pm: Birthday cakes with the MOCA at Redmond Regency Health Care.



NOTE: Canteen will be closed for the holidays On Tuesday, December 24; Wednesday, December 25 and Wednesday, January 1, 2020. Happy holidays!



Saturday, December 21, 2019 – 12:05 pm: MOC/MOCA Meeting.

Saturday, December 21, 2019 – OVMA Banquet.

Monday, December 23, 2019 – 6:00 pm: House Committee meeting.

Wednesday, December 25, 2019



December 31, 2019-New Year's Eve.



COMMANDER'S SITREP (continued from page 1)

next. The public is also encouraged to come and enjoy this music and dancing. All this fun begins at 7:30 pm.

November 11 is Veterans' Day. Invite all your friends out to the parade to support your fellow comrades. This day is for you, so stand tall and proud. This day could not be possible without all the sacrifices that you and your fellow comrades have made. After the parade, come down to VFW Post 4108 and have some fantastic tasting chili to warm you up as you share your stories with your fellow veterans.

Finally, we kick off the holiday season with the Starlight Parade on November 30. Dress warmly and carry a flag and lead the parade; or come out and ride on our float. Watch all the bright lights as the different floats go by, ending with the lighting of the Redmond Christmas Tree.

Remember your fellow veterans and their families this holiday season. So many may be needing a little more help, and this is where we step up and make their holidays great. Veterans helping Veterans - there is no better feeling. The Auxiliary is looking to give out 30 food boxes this holiday season, so keep those food donations coming.

Everyone have a safe and happy Thanksgiving this year. Enjoy your family and friends.

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)

There are a lot of events coming up this month. One event I am looking forward to is a new one for us. On Saturday, November 9th at 7 pm., the Post is hosting a Comedy Night benefitting Toys for Tots. There will be professional comedians here from Bend to get us laughing. Snacks will be available, and the canteen will be open for beverages. The cost is \$20 per person or \$15 with the donation of a new unwrapped toy. This is a 21 and over event. Come out for a good cause and have fun.

The Monday after Comedy Night, November 11th, is Veterans Day. Join us for the annual parade in downtown Redmond at 11 am. Show your patriotism and gratitude to our veterans. Afterward, warm up at the Post as our outstanding kitchen crew serves up some delicious chili.

The Saturday after Thanksgiving, (yes, Thanksgiving already), November 30th, is the fun and beautiful Starlight Parade. If you would like to help decorate or ride on the float for either or both

events let us know. We can always use more help. (Plus, it is a lot of fun.) Just email us at post4108aux@gmail.com or TEXT me at 541-279-7135.

I would like to take a moment here and embrace the upcoming holiday. I am so thankful for all the loving and generous people of this post. I want everyone to know how grateful I am to be working with such an awesome group of people, my officers and committee chairmen. You are a true blessing. Thank you all for your hard work and most of all for your friendship.

I wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. If you are travelling to be with family, safe travels.

Loyally yours,

Terri Steller, President

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

Jr. Vice Bob Bragg will be taking over the duties of Website Administrator for our Post website. This will allow me more time to work on the homeless veteran issues outside the Post that I have become involved in. After some initial training, we hope to transition over in November.

I want to thank everyone who has provided me feedback since initiating the Post Website to make it a better resource for our members. We have had over 26,000 views since launching in May 2016.



Don DeLand
Webmaster
503-869-0318

HONOR GUARD



Don DeLand
Honor Guard
503-869-0318

As we approach Veteran's Day, it is always uplifting to see the support and recognition of our Redmond community towards veterans. The Honor Guard takes pride in representing the Post in the community through military honor events and our monthly TAPS Ceremony. Because we have the privilege of chairing both our VFW Post 4108 and American Legion Post 44 Honor Guards, we are able to combine our members to support our veterans and families as they should be.

"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation."
-- President George Washington

We continue to look for members that would like to join our ranks on the Post Honor Guard. As a major representative of the Post in the community, we will be looking for projects and accepting invitations that promote veteran involvement in the community we live in.

THE COOTIE CORNER

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



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



"Increase and Multiply"

Dear Gentleman and Lady Bugs,

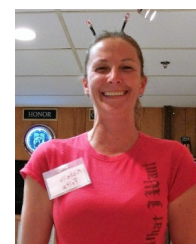
Well, thanks to my amazing officers, my amazing Secretary/Treasurer and my committee chairpersons, we at Rimrock #8 MOCA, passed another inspection! It was great to meet our Grand President Sheila Logan and I feel the interaction was definitely positive.

As we all know, winter is upon us, and I hope we all remember those members and families that may need assistance with snow removal or other things, and we keep them in our thoughts. Let's not wait till they ask for help, let's take the initiative. We should always keep our fellow members in our thoughts and prayers!

I hope everyone is anticipating the holidays with warmth in their hearts and joy in their lives. This is the last year in this decade and let's make it great! Let's keep them smilin' in beds of white and show kindness when we can.

Until next time,

Your President, Michelle Foltz (AKA Spider Monkey)



Michelle Foltz
Aka "Spider Monkey"
Rimrock MOCA Prez
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REDMOND SOCIAL CLUB



Kristi Kinsey & The Whiskey Bandits will be performing at the Redmond Social Club on Friday, November 8th, 2019. Doors open at 6:45pm, music starts at 7:15pm. Thank you to our Sponsor Amber Wilson, Home Loan Officer with Umpqua Bank!

All are welcome (21 and over). \$10/person at the door. RSC Memberships are available for \$100 per person or \$180 for 2 people and includes all dances PLUS taco bar and 2 drinks at the final event on May 1st, 2020. Outside food welcome but no outside beverages of any kind please. Questions? Call Angela at 541-410-2572.



Angela Boothroyd
RSC Chair
541-410-2572



Benefit by Alicia Wherry and James Russum
In partnership with Ipockolyptic Productions
Redmond VFW & Auxiliary Post 4108
In support of Central Oregon Toys for Tots



COMEDY SHOW

Benefit Show For Central Oregon Toys for Tots

Event at the Redmond VFW 4108
491 SW Veterans Way
Redmond, OR 97756

Saturday November 9th, 2019
21 & Over Event
7:00-9:00 PM- Doors open at 6:30 PM
Snacks will be available
Drinks and alcohol available for purchase during event
First Come First Serve- Only 250 Seats Available
Find our event on FB: Redmond Oregon VFW Post 4108
COST: \$20 Per Person or \$15 with new unwrapped toy donation
ENTRANCE is CASH ONLY- Tickets only available at the door

Headliners:
Chuck Bronson
Cole Robeson
Dillon Kolar
Ben Moore
and Katy Ipock





COME ENJOY A NIGHT OUT WHILE SUPPORTING LOCAL CHILDREN



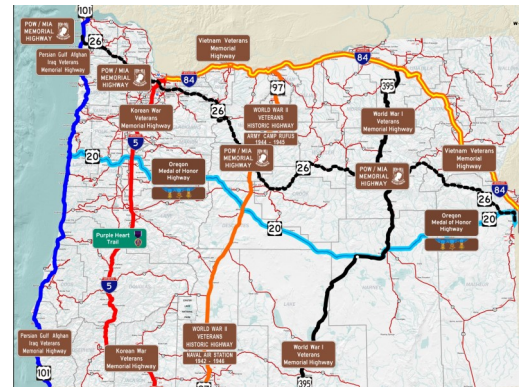
**TOYS FOR
TOTS
FUNDRAISER
Comedy
Night Out at
VFW Post 4108**

POW-MIA MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

OREGON POW/MIA MEMORIAL HIGHWAY ON U.S. HIGHWAY 26 FACT SHEET

Article contributed by Dick Tobiason, Life Member of VFW Post 4108 and Bend Heroes Foundation

On Memorial Day, 2019, the nonprofit Bend Heroes Foundation requested Central Oregon's state legislators to sponsor legislation designating U.S. Highway 26 as "**POW/MIA Memorial Highway**". At 471 miles in length, U.S. Hwy 26 is the longest highway in Oregon and stretches from the Oregon coast near Seaside to the Oregon/Idaho border at Nyssa. The House and Senate voted unanimously in favor of House Bill 3452 during June. Governor Kate Brown signed HB 3452 into law on July 23 with a ceremonial signing on Sept. 16. The law will become effective on January 1, 2020. The law requires ODOT to install **POW/MIA Memorial Highway** signs paid for by veterans.



The purpose of the **POW/MIA Memorial Highway** is to honor Oregon's over 600 former WWI and WWII Prisoners of War (POWs), almost 200 POWs who died in captivity during WWI, WWII, Korean and Vietnam Wars and 1,000 Oregonians who still remain Missing in Action (MIA) or "Unaccounted-For" from WWI to the Vietnam War, educate the traveling public and let the families of POWs and MIAs know Oregon supports their hopes and prayers for the return of their loved one's remains. The 1,000 MIAs are: WWI/21, WWII/887, Korean War/57, Cold War/2 and Vietnam War/33.

The **Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency** (DPAA) is earnestly searching for the remains of our nation's 86,500 MIAs/Unaccounted-For. About half were lost or buried at sea. DPAA lists the names of MIAs/Unaccounted-For by war (WWII to present) and state on its web site: <https://www.dpaa.mil/> DPAA also lists names of "Accounted-For". The names of our nation's 4,422 WWI MIAs also listed by state are found here: <https://www.worldwar1centennial.org/index.php/doughboy-mia-database-1917-1920.html>

The **POW/MIA Memorial Highway** is the 8th border to border veterans' highway initiated by Bend Heroes Foundation since 2008. It is believed to be the first border to border **POW/MIA Memorial Highway** in our nation. It intersects all 5 of Oregon's "War" highways, **Purple Heart Trail** and **Oregon Medal of Honor Highway**. There are POWs and MIAs associated with all of those highways except the **Persian Gulf**, **Afghanistan**, and **Iraq Veterans Memorial Highway**. Below is a map of the 8 veterans' highways with the 471 mile east – west **POW/MIA Memorial Highway** marked in black.

Bend Heroes Foundation will raise \$24,000 to pay Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to fabricate and install 12 or more signs on the newly designated POW/MIA highway beginning in early 2020. Below is an image of the ODOT - approved 4 ft. x 8 ft. **POW/MIA Memorial Highway** sign. Note the POW*MIA logo on the sign.

With the installation of 12 signs on the **POW/MIA Memorial Highway** in 2020, the 8 veterans' highways will then display 91 honorific signs on 2,969 miles of scenic border to border highways in Oregon honoring almost one-half million Oregon veterans who served, died, became wounded, received the Medal of Honor or became POW or MIA during war since the Civil War. **They will never be forgotten in Oregon.**

Bend Heroes Foundation is deeply grateful for the outstanding support from the Oregon Legislature, Oregon's Governors, Oregon Department of Transportation, veterans' groups, and the many donors over the last 11 years.

Tax deductible donations funding the **POW/MIA Memorial Highway** signs (\$2,000 per installed sign) can be sent to Bend Heroes Foundation: 1900 NE 3rd St., Ste 106, #205, Bend, OR 97701. Bend Heroes Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring and assisting veterans and first responders – Tax ID 27-207 1808.

Contact: Dick Tobiason, Chairman, Bend Heroes Foundation and Project Manager, Oregon Veterans' Highways: dtobiason@bendcable.com 541-390-9932, Website: bendheroes.org 9-17-19

HALF SCALE POW/MIA MEMORIAL HIGHWAY SIGN WITH
GOV. BROWN SIGNING HB 3452 SEPT. 16, 2019



November 2019

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 1	Nov 2
	6 pm: House Committee Meeting.					
3	4 6:30 pm: Rod & Gun Club.	5	6	7 4:30—7pm: Taco Thursday. Tacos for \$1.50 each. 7:00 pm: Post & Aux Mtgs (Jt. Pre Meeting at 6:30 lpm)	8 6:45 pm: RSC presents Kirsti Kinsey & the Whiskey Bandits! \$10 per person. See Page 4 for more info.	9 Noon: Memorial for Aux Member Paul Holmes, followed by Potluck. 7 pm -9 pm: Comedy Show Benefit for Central Oregon Toys for Tots. \$20 per person or \$15 if you bring a new unwrapped toy.
10 COMOAA Winter Banquet	11 11 am: Veterans Day Parade in downtown Redmond, followed by a free Chili Feed at the Post for all veterans and their families.	12	13	14 10 am: Bingo with Auxiliary at Regency Redmond. 7 pm: Military Order of the Purple Heart Meeting.	15	16 4 pm-9pm: Broken H Rescue Ranch Carnival Fundraiser. Games & carnival foods will be available..
17	18 	19 1 pm: Bingo at Redmond Health Care with Aux.	20 1 pm: Birthday cakes at Redmond Health Care Center with MOCA.	21	22 JROTC Marine Corps Birthday Ball.	23 12:05 pm: MOC/MOCA Meetings.
24	25 6 pm: House Committee Meeting.	26 6:30 pm: OHA & Lake Park Estates Meetings.	27 	28 	29	30 5 pm-6 pm: Starlight PARADE

THE ELDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & CVR PRESENTS THE ANNUAL
 STARLIGHT PARADE



**AMERICAN
HEROES**

Veterans Day - November 11



We don't
know
them all,
*but we owe
them all.*



Serving



Veterans

Since 1946

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Redmond Oregon VFW Post 4108

& Check Out Our Webpage at VFW4108.org
