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COMMANDER'S SITREP

Witches and princesses, villains and superheroes are all out and about, knocking on your door asking for super sweet treats. It's Halloween. Be on the lookout for kids as they travel the road in your neighborhood

The coming of Halloween also indicates that Fall is in the air. That means that winter is close behind. Take this time to get yourself and your house ready for winter. Get those fireplaces cleaned and those heaters blown out. Have lots of blankets on hand to keep you warm.

School is in session and so are our Scholarship programs; VOD, Patriot's Pen, Teacher of the Year and Veterans in the $$\operatorname{Continued}$$ on Page 3

Joseph Steller Post Commander 541-233-777

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S ACTREP

Greeting Brothers and Sisters,

Wow! When I went to work this morning, it was chilly and foggy. Weather that you would expect for the end of October, not the middle of September.

Terri Steller Auxiliary President 541-279-7135

Hopefully, this article finds all of you happy, healthy, and looking forward to the start of the holiday season. Yes, my mind is on the holidays already. Soon it will be time to assemble our holiday food boxes and we still need help filling our food pantry. Your non-perishable food items are greatly needed. (Please check the expiration dates, we can NOT accept outdated food items.) If you need ideas of what to donate, check out the list posted outside the Canteen door.

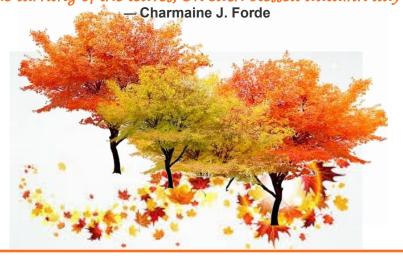
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POST ACTION NEWS

"May you Fall in love with October and all the beauty it brings, May your life be as colorful as the turning of the leaves, On each blessed autumn day"





Taco Thursday, October 3, 2019 - 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm: Taco Thursday. \$1.50 per taco.

Thursday, October 3, 2019 - 7:00 pm: VFW & Auxiliary Meetings.





Thursday, October 10, HAPPINESS IS YELLING 2019 - 10:00 am: Bingo at the Regency Redmond with the Auxiliary.

Thursday, October 10, 2019 - 7:00 pm: Military Order of the Purple Heart Meeting.





Friday, October 11, 2019 - 6:15 pm: Redmond Social Club - High Street Band! (Doors are open early for an East Coast Swing dance lesson by Valerie.) Music will be by the High Street Band. 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.

Monday, October 14, 2019 - 5:30 pm: VFW Riders Club Meeting.



Tuesday, October 15, 2019 - 1:00 pm: Bingo at the Regency

Redmond with the Auxiliary.



Tuesday, October 15, 2019 - 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm: OHA/VFW Meal Night! Navy beans and ham with cornbread for \$7 each.

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 - 7:00 pm: **OHA Board Meeting.**

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 - 7:00 pm: Lake Park Estates Meeting.

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 - 1:00 pm: Birthday cakes with the MOCA at **Redmond Regency Health** Care.







Saturday, October 19, 2019 - 12:05 pm: MOC/ **MOCA Meeting.**

Sunday, October 20, 2019-2:00 pm: Memorial Service for Michael Falscioni, USN.

Friday, October 25, 2019-6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Games, treats and snacks provided. Open to all active duty military, Reserve, veterans and their families. See page 6 for Flyer.

Saturday, October 26, 2019 - Private Party in Hall.

Monday, October 28, 2019 - 6:00 pm: House Committee meeting.

Thursday, October 31, 2019 -



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 - 6:15 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.



Monday, November 11, 2019 - 5:30 pm: VFW Riders Club Meeting.

Monday, November 11, 2019 -**VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION.** Parade in downtown Redmond at 11 am, followed by a free Chili Feed at VFW Post 4108 for all veterans and their families.

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

Thursday, November 28, 2019 -

Happy Thanksgiving!



COMMANDER'S SITREP (continued from page 1)

classroom. Dennis Guthrie is hitting the schools and working these programs. If you have a few extra minutes, he would gladly accept any help that you can give. He is also talking to the schools and will be looking for volunteers for Veterans in the Classroom. Come on out and let's entertain these kids and educate them on what the military is and what it means to be a veteran.

The Veteran's Day Parade will be November 11th at 11:00 am at 6th & Dogwood. Join the fun and let the town of Redmond see our patriotism, then head on over to the VFW afterwards for a Chili Feed, which is open to all Veterans and their families. Hope to see you there.

Membership is the key to growing. Let's go out, get a few new members, and let's retain the old ones. Remember that one equals five when we talk to Congress.

Don't forget to turn in your community service hours. Let's show the department how active we are.

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

WEBMASTER http://www.vfw4108.org

I am happy to announce that Jr. Vice Commander Bob Bragg will be taking over administration of the Post Website. Since its launch in May of 2016, we have had over 25,000 views from both members and the community. I have tried to add information and links to provide up to date information for our members and make the website a resource for everyone. Auxiliary President Terri Steller is the Website Administrator for the Auxiliary Page.

Jr. Vice Commander Bragg and I will be meeting over the next month to train and transition the admin of the website from me to him. I am spending more hours advocating for homeless veterans in our area through the Homeless Leadership Council and St. Vincent de Paul as well as administering the website for Honor Flight of Central Oregon, so I needed to cut back somewhere. I believe we have one of the best Post websites in the state so it's nice to be able to hand off the website to a younger member.



Don DeLand Webmaster 503-869-0318

Don DeLand, Webmaster

PRESIDENT'S ACTTREP (continued from page 1)

Thank you to everyone that participated in our "Christmas in September" event. Your generous donations will allow us to help many homeless veterans. We really appreciate your contributions.

Please don't forget our regular monthly meeting on October 3rd at 19:00 (7:00 pm). Tacos are available in the Canteen from 16:30 (4:30 pm.) until 18:30 (6:30 pm.) for \$1.50 each. If you haven't been to a monthly meeting lately, come check it out. We miss seeing you.

October 11th marks the start of the Redmond Social Club season. Appearing on stage that night is the very popular High Street Band. Doors open at 18:15 (6:15 pm.) and tickets are just \$10. This is always a fun night and I hope to see you

The annual Kid's Halloween party is coming up at the end of the month. Please check the calendar for the date and time. If you would like to volunteer to help with all those adorable kids in their costumes, please contact Alicia Wherry. Her email address is: Wherryali@yahoo.com.

The OHA meal night is on October 15th. Dinner is served from 17:30 (5:30 pm.) until 18:30 (6:30 pm.). All are welcome.

Take a break from cooking and let our amazing kitchen crew provide you with a delicious meal. They do the dishes!

Last but definitely not least, a huge thank you to Don Deland. He was instrumental in helping us apply for the VFW Foundation Community Support Grant. Our Auxiliary was awarded a \$1,000 grant to help veterans in need through St. Vincent DePaul. Thank you, Don, we are grateful to be able to help so many veterans with this grant money.

If you would like to become more involved with what our Auxiliary is doing to help veterans, their families and our community, drop us an email at: post4108aux@gmail.com. Tell us what you are interested in and we will help connect you to the appropriate committee chairperson.

As always, if you have any questions just ask. We are all here to help our veterans and their families. You can contact me at: tlsteller@gmail.com.

Loyally yours.

Terri Steller,

Auxiliary President

THE COOTIE CORNER

"Keep 'em Smilin' in Beds of White" "Closer than a Brother, Busier than a Bee"



"Increase and Multiply"

Dear Lady and Gentlemen Bugs,

So, the summer has come and gone, and that's such a bummer! But, the leaves are beautiful and it's nice to have that cozy feeling. We must remember our fellow members and when the snow flies help those members less fortunate then us. Please take a look at the September Christmas tree in the canteen and see if you can help with a donation for a veteran in need. As always, the pantry can also use a few things.

Next meeting, we will be inspected by Grand President Sheila Logan, so please come and enjoy the shenanigans and let's kinda look like we know what we are doing:)!

I got the chance to accompany Dianne up to the nursing home again, and they were very glad to accept a piece of Dianne's cake. I love to see their smile and enjoy their company. As always "keep them smilin' in beds of white"!

Until Next Time, Your Spider Monkey President, Michelle Foltz



Michelle Foltz Aka "Spider Monkey" Rimrock MOCA Prez 541-610-3608



REDMOND SOCIAL CLUB

Join us as we kick off the 2019-20 Redmond Social Club Season on Friday, October 11th with HIGH STREET BAND! This fun, full energy band not only plays songs that will get you out on the floor, they do it with flare! Come for the music, stay for the show! Thank you to our sponsors Desert Sky Real Estate and Deschutes County Title. Doors open at 6 pm for an East Coast Swing Dance lesson (included with entry fee). Music starts at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome (21 and over only please). Outside food is welcome but please, no outside beverages of any kind. \$10 at the door. Questions? Call Angela, 541-410-2572.



Angela Boothroyd RSC Chair 541-410-2572

HONOR GUARD



The VFW/American Legion combined Honor Guard continues to receive requests for military honors, veteran recognition, and other events in the community. We have added two new American Legion members to our team, Ron Blair (USAF) and Richard Vasconi (USN). We also have numerous projects/activities in the works if you want to pitch in:

Military Honors when requested by a veterans family at various locations.

Taps Ceremony every third Wednesday of the month at Hospice of Redmond (4:30pm) and again at Redmond Cemetery (5:00pm).

Repair/maintenance of 275 flagpole holes at Redmond Cemetery

Coordination with Redmond High School Metals Shop to build tools for placement of veteran gravesite flags.

Coordination with Redmond High School Metals Shop to develop branch of service silhouettes for placement at Terrebonne Pioneer Cemetery

Coordination and placement of 1200 gravesite flags at Redmond Cemetery and Terrebonne Pioneer Cemetery. Coordination and placement/removal of 275 large flags with MJROTC at Redmond Cemetery.

I could not ask for a more outstanding group of veterans to work with. It is the involvement of these veterans at both the VFW Post/Auxiliary and the American Legion Post that makes these Community Service opportunities possible.

Don DeLand, Honor Guard Chair

ON PATROL







Brian O'Connor The On Patrol Project Chairman 541-699-8664



Greetings All,

This month's note is a good news / bad news kind of thing. The good news is that we have secured a horse and escorts for our rider less horse and in the process gained a replacement for one of our lost participants. This is good stuff. On the down side, we have lost or potentially lost two other 'Patrollers', so we are still looking to fill those slots. At present we appear to have about the same number as last year, but we are always trying to grow the participation.

Now, as I mentioned last month, even if you are not particularly interested in 'patrolling' with us, PLEASE look at helping elsewhere in the parade. The Post will need flag bearers for one thing. Check around with the powers that be and please pitch in. <u>Get Involved</u>.

As usual, for those who might be interested, or even just curious about what we do; 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



YOUTH ACTIVITIES



COSTUME CONTEST, CUPCAKE WALK, AND GAMES!

VFW 4108 in Redmond Kids Halloween Party For AD, Veteran, and Reserve Military Families.

Friday, October 25th 6-8 PM Pizza and Light Refreshments Provided







Alicia Wherry Youth Activities Chair 951-735-5524

October 2019

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27	20	ن	თ	Sept 29
28 6 pm: House Committee Meeting.	21 6 PM: House Comm. Mtg.	14 5:30 pm: VFW Riders Club Mtg.	7	Sept 30
29	22	15 1 pm: Bingo at Redmond Health Care with Aux. 5:30 pm –6:30 pm: OHA/ VFW Meal Night. Serving Navy Beans & Ham with Corn bread for \$7 each.	00	Oct 1
30	23	16 1 pm: Birthday cakes at Redmond Health Care Center with MOCA.	9	Oct 2
Halloween	24	17	10 am: Bingo with Auxiliary at Regency Redmond. 7 pm: Military Order of the Purple Heart Meeting.	Oct 3 4:30—7pm: Taco Thursday. Tacos for \$1.50 each. 7:00 pm: Post & Aux Mtgs.
Nov 1	25 6 pm to 8 pm: Youth Halloween Party. See Page 6 for more info.	18	6:15 pm: Redmond Social Club presents the High Street Band. \$10 per person. Outside food welcome, but no outside beverages. Over 21 Only. See Page 4 for more info.	Oct 4
Nov 2	26 Private Party in Hall.	19 12:05 pm: MOC/MOCA Meetings.	12	Oct 5



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