

POST 4108 Newsletter

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POW-MIA DAY-September 21, 2019

COMMANDER'S SITREP




Summer is winding down, and that means Labor Day is coming. So be on the look out for more kids out and about in the morning and afternoon heading to and from school. With school starting, it is also time to work some of our programs: Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year. Our chairperson Jeff Chappel will be hitting the schools hard. If you have some free time and would like to be involved, please contact him. He would appreciate any help he can get.

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Joseph Steller
Post Commander
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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S ACTREP



Greetings Brothers and Sisters. I cannot believe that it is the last week of August already. This month has flown by.

It seems like we have had a very busy month beginning with the Tuff Butt Classic. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate this year and the turnout was light. Even so, we managed to make a profit that will be used to help local veterans and their families.

We hosted a Department Training Academy here at the Post this month. I had a lot of fun and learned several new things. Thank you to all of you that attended.

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Terri Steller
Auxiliary President
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POST ACTION NEWS



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

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



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



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



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

Saturday, September 14, 2019 – 12:00 pm: District 10 Meeting at Post 1412, Prineville. Potluck lunch at noon and meeting to follow.

Saturday, September 14, 2019 – Teddy Bear Run. A dinner of Prime Rib Stroganoff will be served from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm for \$10. .



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

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 – 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm: OHA/VFW Meal Night! Serving Lemon Dill Chicken Fettucine with fresh vegetables and garlic bread for \$8. Dessert may be available!

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

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

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



Friday, September 20, 2019 – POW-MIA Day. Please take time to remember our Prisoners of War and Missing in Action. "You will not be forgotten."

Saturday, September 21, 2019 – Private Party in Hall.

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



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

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, 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 7:00 pm: OHA/VFW Meal Night! Menu to be determined.

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.

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

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

In Honor of Patriot Day and POW-MIA Recognition Day:



These fallen heroes represent the character of a nation who has a long history of patriotism and honor - and a nation who has fought many battles to keep our country free from threats of terror.

-Michael N. Castle

COMMANDER'S SITREP (continued from page 1)

A great time was had at the Deschutes County Fair, starting with the opening ceremony, and then working the recruiting booth. We signed up several new members. A great time was also had talking to fellow veterans. A special thanks to Dennis Guthrie for taking control of this event and making it a success.

The Tuff Butt Classic was held on August 10. Mother nature was not kind to us at the start of the event. The ride was a one day, 370+ mile ride in all kinds of weather. Some of the riders might have gotten a little wet. I would like to thank the Tuff Butt committee and all the members that came out to support this event, and the kitchen crew who did another amazing job. All the money raised will be used to help local veterans.

September 14 is the District 10 meeting in Prineville. Come out and see what other Posts in the area are doing. Lunch is at 12 and the meeting starts at 13:00. I hope to see you there.

September 20 is POW/MIA Recognition Day. So please take the time to remember the sacrifices of those who were prisoners of war as well as those who are missing in action, and their families.

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 Steller, Post Commander

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

Since its launch in May 2016, the Post website has had almost 25,000 visits. Many of these are from the community asking questions, inquiring about hall rental, flag disposal, membership etc.

I am seeking another member to take over the administration of the website to reduce my hours of volunteer time. I am becoming more involved in the issue of homeless veterans and need to prioritize.

If you are interested in becoming the Post Webmaster, please let me know and I will arrange training.



Don DeLand
Webmaster
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PRESIDENT'S ACTTREP (continued from page 1)

Our amazing kitchen committee has been very busy this month as well. They provided two excellent meals for the above-mentioned events; in addition to two high school reunions, two memorials and the regular OHA dinner. Kitchen committee members, thank you all so much for all that you do. You all are rock stars.

I also want to thank everyone that came out to the Deschutes County Fair and helped with the recruiting booth. It was my first time working the booth and I had a great time talking with the veterans and their families.

This being the last week of August, we need to be aware that school is or is about to be back in session. Please watch out for children walking to and from bus stops and schools.

The start of the school year not only signifies the end of summer and the beginning of fall, but also the start of our Scholarship drive. The Auxiliary has several scholarships available. If you would like to learn about the scholarships or would like to help with the program, please see Margaret Chappel, our

Scholarship chairperson.

Lastly, a reminder. The District meeting is September 14th at the Veterans Club in Prineville. There will be a potluck at noon with the meeting to follow. Please make the time to attend. It is important to connect with our Brothers and Sisters in our district.

Thank you all for everything that you do. There are so many hard-working members in our Auxiliary. I wish that I could thank each of you by name but then this article would be even longer. Please know that all your hard work makes it possible for us to help veterans and their families.

If you are reading this and would like to become more involved or if you have any questions about our programs or what we do, feel free to drop us an email at post4108aux@gmail.com.

Loyally yours,

Terri Steller

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,

This past month has been quite uneventful with other meetings happening. Seems everyone is talking advantage of the last of summer to get out and enjoy the weather. We know all too well that soon it will flip and we will be freezing. I hope all of you can get out and enjoy this last part of summer.

Please, as always, keep our fellow members in your thoughts and prayers. I would like to extend a giant "Thank You" to Diane Guthrie and Marion DeMarsh, without whom we would not be as timely or organized for our Nursing Home visits! Thank you again ladies. You rock!

As always 'keep them smiling in beds of white'!

Until Next Time,

Your President,
Spider Monkey (AKA Michelle Foltz)



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

Redmond Social Club begins its 4th Season October 11th with one of our most popular bands from 2018-19 HIGH STREET BAND, sponsored by Desert Sky Real Estate (Thank you Cat Zwicker!). High-energy, dance your socks off good fun! Door will open at 6:15 pm to allow for a quick (30-45 minute) East Coast Swing Dance Lesson by Valerie. Memberships and Sponsorships are still available. Membership is \$100/person or \$180 for 2 people and includes all dances, plus food and drink(s) at the May 1st event. Sponsorships are \$500 and include 2 memberships. Otherwise entry is \$10/person at the door for ALL non-RSC members. 21 and over only please. Outside food welcome, but please no outside beverages of any kind.

Here is the line-up for this season:

Friday, October 11th, 2019 - High Street Band (Thanks Desert Sky Real Estate)

Friday, November 8th, 2019 - Kristi Kinsey & The Whiskey Bandits (Thank you Amber Wilson, Umpqua Bank Mortgage Lender)

Friday, December 6th, 2019 - Fogline (LRS Fest fan favorite from Medford)

Friday, January 10th, 2020 - Dry Canyon Stampede

Friday, February 7th, 2020 - High Street Band (Thank you Windermere)

Friday, March 6th, 2020 - Sleepless Truckers (Thanks Brent Gourley & Homegrown Barnwood Furnishings)

Friday April 3rd, 2020 - Precious Byrd - limited capacity - (Thank you Desert Sky Real Estate)

Friday, May 1st, 2020 - Countryfied (Thank you Windermere).

Questions? Call Angela, 541-410-2572



Angela Boothroyd
RSC Chair
541-410-2572

HONOR GUARD



The Post Honor Guard, combined with the American Legion Honor Guard, continues to meet requests from families to provide military honors for their family members. We need more members to get involved so we can continue to meet these requests. Through our budget and generous donations from families we have served, we can assist with uniform expenses etc. We are also involved in other activities honoring our fallen comrades.

TAPS Ceremony - On the **third Wednesday of every month**, the Honor Guard plays Taps at the Hospice of Redmond Wall of Honor at 1630 hours and again at the Redmond Memorial Cemetery flagpole at 1700 hours. All veterans, families and friends are welcome to join us at one or both ceremonies to honor our comrades no longer with us.

Wreaths across America - The Post is the sponsor for Terrebonne Pioneer Cemetery. In the past only about 10% of the veterans there received wreaths in December. This year the Honor Guard has taken on this event with a goal of placing wreaths on 100% of the veteran grave sites. Wreaths cost \$15 with \$5 coming back to the Post to buy wreaths the following year. Dave Pete is leading this effort and welcomes your assistance if you want to get involved. You can see more information on our website at <http://www.vfw4108.org/wreaths-across-america/>.

Redmond Memorial Cemetery - The Honor Guard manages the almost 1,000 grave flags at the Redmond Memorial Cemetery and 200 at Terrebonne Pioneer Cemetery. We also manage the 275 flagpole holes at the Redmond Memorial Cemetery that line the roads on Memorial Day. These holes need repair, so we are looking to form work parties in September to begin that operation. If you want to get involved, contact Don DeLand or Dave Pete.

Our September monthly meeting is on September 16th at 1800 hours in the hall at the Post. You are welcome to attend to find out more about our Committee. As you can see, we are more than just a rifle line and bugler for military honors funerals. We are a very active committee in our community and need to grow our membership to continue reaching out into the community.



ON PATROL

Our mobile American Veterans representation project is moving along, though we may have lost a couple in the fray. Thus, we are still looking to fill those slots for the potentially 15 participants this year for the Veteran's Day parade. As for our 'rider less horse,' we are still working on getting another suitable (i.e. parade ready) animal and escorts for this year with assistance from Redmond 4-H.

Now, 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. [Get Involved](#).

As always, we are still looking for new members and uniform items to dress volunteers out in and could use more involvement / 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

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth activities sent out 84 cards for an Honor Flight out of Indiana in support of a granddaughter who lives here in Central Oregon. Her grandfather is a WWII Veteran who served in the Navy.

Youth activities is also gearing up for their annual Halloween celebration (tentative October 26th from 4 pm to -6 pm).



Alicia Wherry
Youth Activities Chair
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CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER

Christmas in September is here!

Pick up your ornament in the canteen. Purchase the item on the back. Return the item and the ornament along with a list of your cost, mileage and time spent. It is that easy. Your purchase will be used to brighten the life of a veteran!

Help our veterans—
pick up your ornaments today.



September 2019

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Sept 1	Sept 2	Sept. 3	Sept. 4	Sept. 5	Sept. 6	Sept. 7
	6 PM: House Comm. Mtg.			4:30—7pm: Taco Thursday. Tacos for \$1.50 each.  7:00 pm: Post & Aux Mtgs.		
8	9	10	11	19	13	14
	5:30 pm: VFW Riders Club Mtg.		 Patriot Day			Teddy Bear Run: Dinner of Prime Rib Stroganoff will be served from 5 pm to 6:30 pm for \$10 per person. 12 pm: District 10 Meeting at VFW Post 1412-Prineville.
15	16	17	18	26	20	21
		1 pm: Bingo at Redmond Health Care with Aux. 5:30 pm—6:30 pm: OHA/VFW Meal Night. Serving Lemon Dill Chicken Fettucine with fresh veggies and garlic bread for \$8. OHA & Lake Park Estates Meetings.	1 pm: Birthday cakes at Redmond Health Care Center with MOCA. 	Sept. 5 4:30—7pm: Taco Thursday. Tacos for \$1.50 each.	POW-MIA National Remembrance Day. 	Private Party in Hall. 12:05 pm: MOC/MOCA Meetings.
22	23	24	25	27	28	
	6 PM: House Comm. Mtg.				Private Party in Hall.	
29	30	Oct 1	Oct 2	Oct 3	Oct 4	Oct 5

Remember:



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