COMMANDER'S SITREP

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Summer is slipping away and we have had a good summer around the Post. Numerous events have been happening. Comrade Guthrie's work with the OVMA and the Tuff Butt Classic Motorcycle Poker Run was a great success, and a huge thank you to Jocelyn and the kitchen staff for a wonderful meal at the end of the hot ride. I had the privilege of riding the 300-mile route with many Veterans and Members of our Post taking in the beauty of Oregon. Comrade Burger has been working diligently to put on our 3rd annual car show with the Patriot Pin-Ups. We will have the honor of hearing more about them at our monthly meeting on September 1st as they will be giving us a short presentation prior to the meeting about who they are and their mission.



Mike Trammel Post Commander 503-516-4180

During my short time as your Post Commander I have had the opportunity to see things through a different set of eyes. I see so many doing so much for veterans at the local level through the National level. I have also discovered how fortunate we are to have such a wealth of knowledge right here at Post 4108 in members who are willing to sacrifice their time in order to accomplish the VFW'S mission. They keep us informed of local, state and national legislation that can and will impact veterans of all generations.

I have also seen a rise in newer member involvement that look to our experienced members for guidance and mentorship. They come to us with new ideas and a true desire to be involved. With that, I think of the word we use - "Comrade", which is defined as a "Companion who shares one's activities or is a fellow member of an organization", or "a person one fought with or worked together with to achieve something". When I hear the word Comrade I also think of the word friends as many friendships develop when we serve together. We may not have fought side-by-side while serving our Nation's call, but we all served for the same purpose as we do within our Post. At times, we may have our differences but we should always keep the term Comrade in the forefront of our mind. We must remember that with such a diversified Post and different levels of experience and knowledge both in life as well as the VFW, we should always strive for understanding and tolerance. This is how we grow as a Post and in membership involvement. I am proud to call you Comrade. I know at times there will be conflict amongst various members and committees, but always remember we are Comrades.

I know that many may be scratching their heads as to why I am speaking of this, so let me set your minds at ease. We do not have this problem, but we should be reminded from time-to-time to ensure that these problems do not arise. If we continue to treat and speak *Continued on Page 3*

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AUXILIARY ACTREP

Now that we have both Department and National Conventions behind us, we will be back to our regularly scheduled programs. But before we jump in with both feet, summer is coming to an end and I would like for Post and Auxiliary members to spend as much time as possible with their families.

School and work vacations will be over soon and families will be back to their own busy schedules and time will start flying by once again. Be safe, take care of each other and enjoy the rest of your summer. God Bless



Pixie Newcomb Auxiliary President 541-526-1371

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POST ACTION NEWS

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

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

Saturday, September 3, 2016 – 2nd Annual Central Oregon Shakedown Car & Bike Show with the Patriot Pin Up Gals: From 7:30 am to 9:30 am we will be serving a breakfast of biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs and fresh fruit in the Hall for only \$5! From 11:30 to 3:30 we will be serving hot dogs, burgers and other luscious offerings off the barbecue. The Car & Bike Show will run from 10 am to 4 pm with live music from Jonny Bourbon, a D.J., 92.9 radio, a beer garden, raffles and 3 categories contest for cars and bikes! Bring your rides and come hang out with local Patriot Pin-ups and celebrate our Post! All proceeds raised go directly to the Redmond VFW. Be sure to thank the Pin-ups for all their hard work in organizing this event for us.

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

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

Wednesday, September 7, 2016 – 6:00 pm: Mounted Color Guard meeting.

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

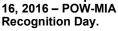
Thursday, September 8, 2016 – 7:00 pm: Military Order of the Purple Heart meeting.

Saturday, September 10, 2016 – 7:00 pm: Dance Club in Hall. Not a subscriber? Tickets will be available at the door starting at 7:30 pm.



Sunday, September 11, 2016 – Patriot Day

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Saturday, September 17, 2016 – District 10 Meeting at VFW Post in Prineville. Potluck at Noon, meeting to follow.

Saturday, September 17, 2016 – Private party in Hall.

Sunday, September 18, 2016 - – 12:05 pm: MOC/MOCA Meeting.

Tuesday, September 20, 2016 - 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm: OHA/VFW Meal Night. Menu to be determined.

Thursday, September 22, 2016 - 7:30 am: Redmond Commercial Group.

Thursday, September 22, 2016 – Crooked River Golf Banquet

Friday, September 23, 2016 – 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm: Red Cross Blood Drive at VFW Post 4108.

Sunday, September 25, 2016 – Gold Star Mother's Day



Friday, September 30 through October 1, 2016 – Grand of Oregon MOC/MOCA C of A. Brookside Inn & Suites, White City.

Sunday, October 2, 2016 – 8:00 am: Sea Cadets Drill.

Monday, October 3, 2016 – 6:00 pm: Rod & Gun Club Meeting

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 – 6:00 pm: Redmond Rotary meeting.

Wednesday, October 5, 2016 – 6:00 pm: Mounted Color Guard meeting.

Thursday, October 6, 2016 – 4:00 to 7:00 pm: Taco Thursday. \$1.50 per taco.

Thursday, October 6, 2016 – 7:00 pm: Post and Auxiliary Meetings.

Saturday, October 8, 2016 – 5:00 pm: Quincenera in Hall.

Thursday, October 13, 2016 – 7:30 am: Redmond Commercial Group.

Thursday, October 13, 2016 – 7:00 pm: Military Order of the Purple Heart meeting.

Saturday, October 14, 2016 – 7:00 pm: Dance Club in Hall (Open to non -subscribers at 7:30 pm-\$10 each)

Saturday, October 15, 2016 - – 12:05 pm: MOC/MOCA Meeting.

Saturday, October 15, 2016 – 6:00 pm: Town Hall at VFW Post 4108 – Candidate's Forum. Everyone is encouraged to attend. This is a chance for all local, regional, state and national candidates to present their platforms to our membership. There will be a moderated question and answer session. Come prepared to ask your questions so you can make informed decisions when it comes to vote!

Sunday, October 16, 2016 – 8:00 am: Sea Cadets Drill.

Monday, October 17, 2016 – 6:00 pm: Honor Guard meeting.

Tuesday, September 20, 2016 - 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm: OHA/VFW Meal Night. Serving Lemon-Dill Chicken Fettuccini, fresh veggie & garlic bread for \$8.

Saturday, October 22, 2016 – 5:00 pm: "Cowboy Breakfast" Pizza party.

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 on Saturday, October 29th from 4:00pm-6:00pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alicia Wherry at <u>951-735-5524</u>. 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.



AROUND THE HOUSE

September House Committee Action Report

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary Members. Good news, we have awarded our building roof repair project to River Roofing out of Bend. They are tentatively scheduled to start work on September 14. The work consists of sealing all screw holes and seams, an application of rust preventive treatment on anything looking rusty, and two applications of "white" coating. It will take approximately two weeks to cure. The coating will withstand normal foot traffic. There is a ten-year guarantee on the roof. I am looking forward to a dry winter.

We are still working on a Home Depot Grant to help with other repairs. We have been in contact with the store manager and it looks promising. The east swamp cooler began leaking into the hall again. We have made adjustments but it did not solve our leaking problem. Quality Heat was contacted and they made two repairs: they replaced a cracked float and designed a metal channel to steer leaking water to the edge of the building. However, we have three swamp coolers with an estimated age of 30 years old each. The repairs we have been making have only been a stop gap

John Wrinkle House Committee Chair

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measure. The House Committee is looking at a more permanent fix to these ongoing/recurring issues. The House Committee is also working on the flag pole halyards and setting up a regular flag inventory. Once this gets taken care of we should be able to quickly remove tattered and torn flags. We have provided two new Post mail boxes; one for the Webmaster/Honor Guard and one for the Post Chaplain.

Finally, let's all turn out for the Saturday, September 3 Car Show fund raiser. Comrade Burger has been hard at it and this year's show with the Pin-up Girls promises to be a bigger event than ever. Tim has arranged for an outdoor beer garden for this event. Come on out and enjoy the vintage cars, Pin-ups and your favorite adult beverage.

Fair winds and following seas,

House Committee Chairman John Wrinkle

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to people with respect, we will continue to be the Post that many strive to be like. So let's get out there and provide some mentorship and show everyone what true Comradeship is about.

I also would also like to announce that September is Suicide Awareness month, POW/MIA month and Patriots Month in the City of Redmond by proclamations read from Mayor Endicott on August 23. Deschutes County is also recognizing September as Suicide Awareness month and POW/MIA month, which is a first for them. Thank you Comrade Judith Burger for your efforts and representation in making that happen.

WEBMASTER

I've removed the Post and Auxiliary Surveys from the website. We only had 32 Post responses and 8 Auxiliary responses. The results will be shared with Commander Trammel and President Newcomb for future planning discussion.

Post History Project - I've started a project to document the Post history for the website. So far I have interviewed Art Horsell and documented his recollections of the Post since its beginning in 1946. If anyone has information about the Post over the years, i.e. Post additions, dates, major events etc., please contact me or write them down and put them in the Webmaster mailbox in the canteen.

New post members are being added under the Main Menu Post Tab, as Post New Members Sub-Tab. I've included Name, Branch of Service and Campaign(s) so members not able to attend the monthly meeting can see any new members that have joined the Post. I also combined Youth and Education Programs Main Menu Tab into Events/Programs Tab. Post Events scheduled by Chairperson Manly will be posted on the Events Tab when scheduled.



Don DeLand Webmaster 503-869-0318

If you have any suggestions for improvements/enhancements to the Website, please send them to me. Also spread the word to family and friends that they can donate to the Post via the website with PayPal or Visa.

THE COOTIE CORNER

August has seen many of our Cooties on vacation. I hear that many of them are being Cootie like in various places such as Long Beach, WA; California; Pendleton, OR (Doing such things as Schools of Instructions. Who wants to go to school, yuck and more yuck.) And many other places. While this has been a "not so busy month" for our Cooties, it seems that they are making many lousy appearances to visit our Veterans in hospitals and nursing homes. Keep up the not so good work you Cooties and keep 'em smiling in beds of white.

Next month is the Fall C of A, October 1, 2016. It will be held in White City. I hear from a not so reliable source that there will be a golf tournament at the White City VA hospital on Friday, September 30th at 1:00 pm. This tournament will also be open to the residents of the White City VA Hospital. If you would like to enter this tournament, please contact our not so illustrious Grand Commander, Dan Ackerman. Also, reservations for the Brookside Inn & Suites must be made by August 30th to get the "Cootie Rate". Prices and menus for the meals at the C of A are as follows:

October 1 – 12:00 Noon Lunch: Chicken Freitas, refried beans & rice, tortillas, salad, chips & salsa. (Cheese enchiladas can be substituted for Chicken Freitas for non meat eaters). Price is \$13.75 per person.

October 1 6:00 pm – Banquet: BBQ – Smoked Brisket, Southern baked beans with bacon, homemade dinner rolls, dinner salad with dressing and dessert of mixed berry cobbler with vanilla ice cream. Price is \$22.00 per person.

Just a reminder, the next scratch and meeting will be Sunday, September 18 at 12:05 pm.

Galen Wisdom Aka "Surf-n-Turf" Seam Squirrel

Contact info for Grand Commander Dan Ackerman is: ricochet.shavetail@gmail.com

September is a month of remembrance.

Remember 9/11; Remember our POW-MIA, Remember our Gold Star Mothers. Image: Comparison of the spread the message.

HONOR GUARD

The Honor Guard added two new members to its ranks - Steve Ellis and Scott Bojanowski. Welcome to our team. I've secured their uniform shirts and as soon as we can complete some training on formations and commands, they will be joining our rifle squad at upcoming military honor events.

The Honor Guard opened the Deschutes County Fair by raising the American and POW/MIA flags, accompanied by Honor Guard Bugler Gary Dotson playing "To the Color". The American Legion Post 44 Commander and Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops joined us in the ceremony and Post member Anne Graham joined our Guard for the ceremony. Post and Auxiliary members also attended the salute to WWII and Purple Heart veterans later that day. Member Art Horsell was recognized as a WWII veteran.

Several Honor Guard members toured the Central Oregon Veterans Ranch and met with its Director. It was a very educational event as we learned their mission, future plans, volunteer opportunities and needs to address PTSD and end of life services for veterans in our area.



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



PATRIOT PIN-UP AND CAR SHOW

Join Central Oregon Patriot Pin Up girls for the 2nd annual Central Oregon Shakedown Car and bike show AND Pin Up contest! Live music from Jonny Bourbon, a D.J., 92.9 radio, a beer and food garden with breakfast and lunch menus, raffles and a 3 Category contest for cars and bikes! Bring your rides and come hang out with local Patriot Pin-ups and celebrate our Post! All proceeds raised go directly to the Redmond VFW. Be sure to thank the Pin-ups for all their hard work in organizing this event for us.



MOUNTED COLOR GUARD

The Mounted Color Guard is having an online silent auction. It will run for about 2 weeks. As soon as I get all the information and pictures to Don Deland, it will be on our web site, so be on the lookout in about a week. We will have 2 brand new BBQ's, numerous gift certificates for meals, gym memberships, tanning sessions, and a few other items.

All proceeds go towards the MCG for uniforms and expenses.

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COME TO THE POST ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2016 TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VETERANS AND HAVE SOME FUN!



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