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THE COMMANDERS CORNER

Hi Everybody,

For those of you who missed out on the fun over the past 2 months, you missed a great time. A great time was had by those who attended the New Year's Eve Dinner/dance. The Rose Bowl party was well attended and LOUD. "GO DUCKS". Our first Casino Night was also well attended, as was the Sweetheart's Supper. The Crab Feed is being held as this goes to press. Check the calendar for more fun times here at your "Post".

You, (the members) and your House Committee are to be congratulated for all the hard work and sacrifices being made at keeping the doors of your Post open with not only the cost saving measures in place, but also the donations from you "The Real Owners of VFW Post 4248". But, remember this, we still have a long ways to go. So please, please, please keep the donations coming in, volunteer when you can and continue to stop by and support "**Your VFW, Your Post, Your House**".

To all Post members, March is nominations month for Post officers for fiscal year 2012-2013. I would really like to see more of our new members attend the meetings and get involved. I say this with the utmost respect to our senior members who have stepped up and filled Post positions the past many years. I am not saying to put them out to pasture, but we need to remember this nation is losing almost 1000 WWII and Korean veterans a week. It is time for the next generation of Vets to step up and keep the VFW alive and well. Elections will be in April with

installation of Post and Aux. officers in May.

Now, for some great news. I received a letter from Matthew Claussen, Director, National Membership Department in Kansas City which reads:

New and Reinstated Member Contest

Congratulations on having achieved the distinct honor of being one of the top ten Posts to have recruited the most new and reinstated members within your Division, by the December 31, 2011 deadline for the 2011-2012 year. Your Post can be justifiably proud of its officers and members who contributed so much to the success of the programs and purposes of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

There are roughly 500-600 Posts within the VFW around the world in Division 3 (which we are in) and to be named one of the top ten is beyond belief.

My sincere thanks to those who have recruited new members, and those who have reinstated their memberships. Keep up the good work and let's keep "Sellwood-Breakthrough" growing stronger each day and be the best in the state.

"SUPPORT YOUR VFW, YOUR POST, YOUR HOUSE"

Yours in Comradeship,

Dale

From the Quartermaster/Adjutant:

Wow, another two months has whizzed right by. Our membership percentage is currently 93% and climbing slowly. If you're on the fence and wondering if you should invest the \$30 for another year, I can assure you that things here are improving. Our cost-savings steps are working and we are making money again thanks to a great many people that continue to believe. Those members that do not renew may soon find themselves removed from our mailing list; so please renew your membership now. Don't get caught short. And if for some reason you do not wish to receive our newsletter, or are receiving duplicates, please let us know. Address changes are always welcome. In fact, YOU are always welcome! Come on down and see us.



keeps these people coming in is the fact that lunches are getting better and better!) Our weekly entertainers give extra time as well; and Suzi tells me that Mickey is much more than just a set-up man! Jim and Carole and

Jack help with the dancers. Don and Debbie make a great many Bingo players happy; Christine makes really scrumptious spaghetti; Lorna tries and tries to keep things clean; and Mike and Dan are really getting good in the kitchen. The new door signs really stand out thanks to Cheryl. The

Honor Guard is serious about what they do and are always lookin' for a few good members. (Anybody play the bugle that wants a job?) The Waves and the Submariners meet here and give accordingly, as do the faithful members and guests that keep donating to our Building Fund. And finally, a special word to all our volunteers, the officers in our organizations, the members of numerous committees, and our employees for doing a tremendous job under unusual and stressful circumstances -- Thanks!



March meeting – nomination of officers

April meeting – election of officers

May meeting – installation of officers

June 7-9 – Oregon VFW Convention, Coos Bay

The above events are important to our various Post organizations as well as the VFW in general. The more people that take part in these events the more voices we hear and the better we become. Running a Post or Auxiliary is serious business and our respective members deserve the best leaders available. Lend your voice and participation to the process and come to the meetings to see what is going on and to help us shape our future. Our very destiny depends partly on you. The Post and Ladies Auxiliary meet on the 3rd Wednesday; the Men's Auxiliary meets on the 3rd Thursday.



Coming in March will be the unveiling of our new **Post website**. On it you will find a great many things that include current calendars, a listing of up-coming major events, rental possibilities and rates, entertainment highlights, kitchen

specials, who's playin' what and when, fund-raisers, Bingō information, worthy causes, membership information, photographs, improvement projects, and much, much more. Try us out. We are growing and growing; so go ahead and take us for a little spin. Crank up the old computer and point your web browser to "www.vfw4248.org". Poke around a bit and then let us know what you think. With your help it will just get better and better. And if there is anybody out there in cyber-land that would like to help with maintaining our site, please contact the QM/ADJ at the email address listed below.

Volunteer's Voice: (by Newbie)

Yep, sure enough, I forgot somebody. I don't get around to every event during the month and this was bound to happen. So here I am with egg all over my face.... We have a great many people that are all over the place and a few that hover in the background and support our organization whenever they can. Folks like Dale (the dishwasher), the Jones boys, Nick and Sherri, Jane, Jackie, Gloria, Glen, Gail, Jovita, Carole, Karen,



Volunteer Services

Les, Karla, Joyce, and Maxine. And not to forget to mention Denise's newsletter crew (that really do ENJOY folding and taping and mutilating and spindling) or the normal lunch bunch that includes Daryl, Judy, Jerry, Ali, Stan, Jane, Glen, Dave, Sweets, Scotty, Robert, Vic, Millie, Gail, Lucy, Willie and a host of others. (What

In case you missed it, our Post celebrated its 60th birthday on February 16, 2012.

Member spotlight: Robert (Bob) Duwe. Joined the Army Air Corps in the early days of WWII and became a tail-gunner on a B-24 Liberator. He later joined the Marines and toured various islands of the South Pacific up until his discharge at wars end. Thank you, Bob!

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Ladies Auxiliary

Dear Sisters,

As of April 2012 we will no longer be having our Spaghetti feed. We have been doing it for two years now and feel we need a change. So we are going to look for other ways to do fund raising for our Auxiliary, If you have any Ideas please let one of your officers know so we can present it at our next meeting. So I hope to see alot of you at our last Spaghetti feed for awhile on March 22nd from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

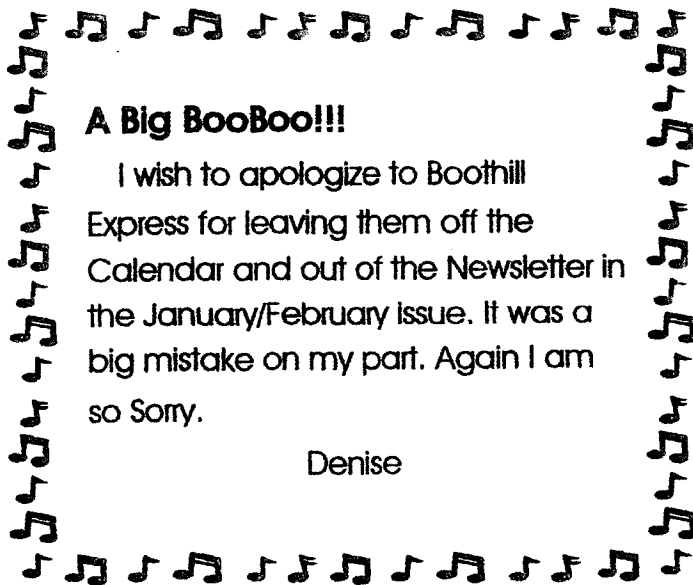
We lost one of our Dear Sisters. Barbara McNeal passed away Saturday Feb. 11th. We are so sorry for your loss Tom.

We will be having elections in April so plan to attend. I will be stepping down at the end of my term in June. It has been a fun run and I wish to thank everyone for their help and support. Think about who you want to nominate.

Happy Birthday to our Post. We just Celebrated 60 years on Feb. 16th.

I hope you all have a Happy St. Paddy's Day, Wonderful Easter and Great Spring.

Sincerely
Denise Irvin
President



A Big BooBoo!!!

I wish to apologize to Boothill Express for leaving them off the Calendar and out of the Newsletter in the January/February issue. It was a big mistake on my part. Again I am so Sorry.

Denise

From the Treasurer!

Sisters,

As of Jan. 1st 2012 our dues for new members were raised to \$35.00 and continuous to \$30.00. There are still members that have not paid their dues for 2012, Those members are no longer in good standing, so Please get your dues into me as soon as possible. You can drop them off at the Post and the Bartenders will be sure I get them.

In March we will be giving out members pins at our Auxiliary meeting on the 21st. If your not sure if you have one coming call me and I will let you know, You must be present to receive your pin. My phone number is 503 236-1666

Thank You
Christine Fox

NOTE!

District meeting will be held May 20th 2012 at our Post. Potluck at 12:00 meeting at 1:00. The Lounge will be closed from 1:00 till 3:00 pm. It is also Election time for next year.

From the Kitchen

Hello... This is Karen the Kitchen Manager once again and I'm here to Thank each and everyone of you for giving our Kitchen a second chance. Our food has improved and our sales are up.

Charles has brought some new food items to our kitchen and you the customers seem to enjoy them.

We will keep improving and listening to our customers and what you would like.

I would like to give our Volunteers Christine, Jay, Jane, Jonna, Steve and all the others a BIG round of applause for all the appreciated help.

Have a great day... See you at the V.

Sincerely
Karen

Men's Auxiliary



Hello Brothers,

Still, lots of things happening at the Post. To start, the auxiliary's breakfasts are doing great. Come and see us and eat all the Pancakes you want. We're getting pretty good at making them, Blueberry, Blackberry, Strawberry and even Banana. Check the Calendar to see which ones you can attend. They are the fourth Sunday of the month from 9:00 - 12:00.

New Officers will be elected in May, so if you would like a position or would like to nominate someone Please attend the meeting and cast your votes.

Our meetings are once again the third Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. So come join us.

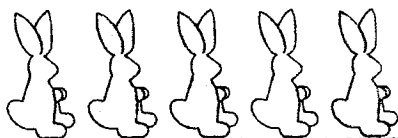
A quick note about our food drive, Its going great. I would like to Thank the Bingo participants for their support. You guys are making things better for many people and their families that belong to our Post.

Next time your at the Post check the EVENTS board in the Lounge. Plan to attend some of the fun functions that are planned.

Hope to see you soon!

President

Michael Popiel



Special Events

St. Patty's Day Dinner March 17th

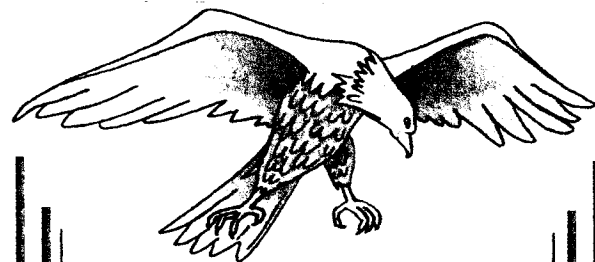
5 - 8 pm

Corned Beef & Cabbage \$10.00

Easter Brunch April 8th

10 am - 1 pm

Casino Night April 21st 5 - 8 pm



In Memory

Joseph Guzman

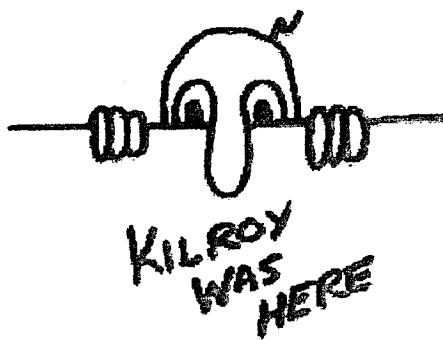
George Slanina

Grant Wolverton

Sisters

Beverly Donan

Barbara McNeal



For you young whippersnappers who don't know me, ask your granddad about me. I was around during WWII and making life pretty interesting for the troops and being a pain in the ass for the enemy. After that, I retired. I came out of retirement is to tell you of one H--l of a deal. Ya see, I brow beat your Commander into making an offer to you. The offer is this: Every "Post" member who renews his/her membership by the 29th of March, it will only cost you, are you ready for this, \$20.00. The only catch is you **"MUST"** mail or bring you dues to the Post only. After the 29th, all bets are off and the cost goes back to \$30.00. Wanta save some money? Think about going life membership. Oh, I near dag numb plumb fergot to tell ya (that happens when you get old), the Commander is having to pay the extra 10 bucks out of his pocket. So make his wallet scream a bunch and get those dues in now. Almost for me to take either take nap or go the the lounge, but you just might hear from me again some time.

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SEMINAR

Dignity Memorial Services, which operates numerous funeral homes around the nation, will be holding a seminar for all Veterans and their families here at the Post on Monday, March 26th from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm with a catered lunch being provided. Please RSVP by the 21st as to give Dignity a rough head count for lunch.



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