



THE OUTPOST



Veterans of Foreign Wars
Linn Post 584 • Albany, Oregon

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April 2011

2010 – 2011

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Message from our Commander . . .

Hello Everyone,

Boy did March fly by! But as I age, the days seem shorter anyway.

As I walked out the door the other day, I happened to look down, I saw a couple of ants going by, and I swear they were wearing life jackets! It's been that wet and I am ready for some dry days, aren't you?

We will have our second round of nominations for Officers at the April meeting so all members are urged to be at this meeting. It is time to get your voice heard so that you have no complaints following election and installation.

Sunday, April 17th is the date for the District 14 Meeting to be held in Sweet Home. All Post officers are urged to attend as well as anyone else who wants to have a great luncheon and informative meeting.

For our metal drive on the 18th, we collected \$51.00 of scrap!! We will do it again on the third Friday of April (15th), and hopefully we can have two trailers of metal to turn in. So, if you have any old scrap metal, bring it before that day!

Also, don't forget that the ladies will conduct a 50/50 on two Sundays a month starting in April to help fund their "Relay For Life" Walk. This fundraiser will be during Sunday evening Karaoke.

Because of the District Meeting on the 17th, we will have our Officers Meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 18 - before the House Committee Meeting.

Some of you might remember that July 16th will be the 53rd birthday for the Post in its present location! It has been suggested that we have a "Birthday Luau" on Saturday, July 16th or that we wait until the Post Annual Picnic on Saturday, August 6th to celebrate this Birthday. Either day, we can have a "big pig roast" and a great birthday party! Let us know how you feel about this at our April meeting. If you have any ideas of fun and exciting things to do at or for the big Birthday party, please let me know.

Make sure you check your calendar for the Saturday before Easter (April 23) at 2:00 p.m. for the children's Easter Egg hunt at the Post. If it is raining, we will hold it indoors.

When you are at the bar, Don't forget to buy a Easter Egg, all the money goes for repair of the ice machine.

I will be seeing you around the Post, but in the meantime, take care and may the Good Lord keep his hand over you.

Respectively,

Jim Jones



VFW Post 584
Friday Dinners

Served 5:00 to 7:30 PM

Canteen Opens at 11:00 A.M.

April 01

Baby Back BBQ'd Ribs\$10.00

April 08

Incredible Crab Louie's\$9.00

April 15

Hearty Beef Stroganoff\$8.00

April 22

Baked Ham Dinner\$10.00

April 29

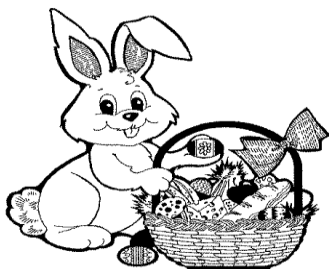
Amy's Fabulous Meatloaf \$8.00

Dinners include: Soup or Salad,
Chef's Choice of Potatoes and
Vegetable, Roll, Dessert.

Also Available Friday Evenings
as Full Dinners

- Steak of the Day\$10.00
- Fish of the Day\$10.00
- Chicken Strips (2) \$8.00
- Butterfly Shrimp (6)..... \$8.00
- Chicken Salad Dinner... \$8.00
- Bowl of Soup\$3.50
- Cup of Soup\$2.50
- Side of Potatoes\$2.50
- Small Tossed Salad\$2.50
- Coffee or Tea\$1.00

Happy Easter to All!



VFW Post 584
Saturday Dinners

Served 5:00 to 8:00 PM

Canteen Opens at 11:00 A.M.

Coffee or Tea\$1.00

April 02

Jen's Melt-in-Your Mouth Pot
Roast or Flavorful Chicken
Marsalla \$8.00

April 09

Choice Prime Rib Dinner with
Horsy Sauce, Au Jus, Salad,
Dinner Roll & Dessert..... \$12.00

April 16

Crispy Fried Chicken with Potato
Wedges or Mashed Potatoes &
Gravy & Banana Split Sundaes
..... 8.00

April 23

Hot Prime Rib Sandwich with
Alice's Red Potato Salad
.....\$8.00

April 30

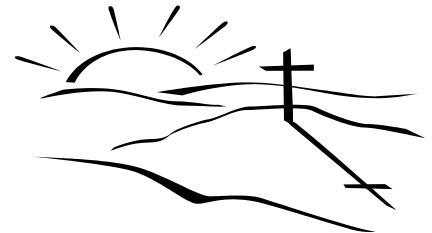
Sensational Salisbury Steak
.....\$8.00

VFW Meeting Night
Wednesday, April 20

*Chili Burgers with all
the toppings and a
Linda Rose Dessert!*
\$5.00 each

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*Look for Flyers
Around the Post for the
Monday Night Pool
Tournament Menu!*



VFW Post 584
Sunday Breakfasts

Served 9:00 am to Noon

Canteen Opens at 8:30 AM

Bloody Mary Sunday Specials
\$3.00 each

Check out our Weekly Specials
Posted just inside the
Front Door!

2 x 2 Breakfast Special\$4.00
Includes: 2 Pancakes (Blueberry
or Plain), 2 Eggs, 2 Strips Bacon
and 2 Link Sausages

The Hungry Soldier\$4.00
(1/2 order Biscuits & Gravy with
2 Eggs, 2 Strips Bacon or 2
Links)

The Homestead\$5.00
Eggs, sausage, mushrooms,
onions, bell pepper, topped with
Monterey Jack and Cheddar
Cheese, Potatoes & Toast or
Biscuit

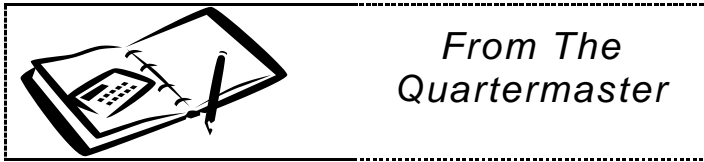
We have a wide variety of
Omelets to choose from.
See the Sunday Menu
at your table.

Potato Choices: Hash Browns or
Home Fries

Toast Choices: White, Wheat,
Sour Dough or Biscuit

- Country Gravy put on Potatoes..
..... \$1.50
- Side of Country Gravy..... \$1.00
- Coffee or Tea..... \$1.00

Karaoke with
Gaylyn Shay
6:00 to 10:00 p.m.



Greetings, Veterans and Auxiliary Members
of Linn Post 584;

It is hard to believe but April is here already. That means that the Easter bunny is on the way which also means that we have many good times coming at the Post. March was a good month, the Canteen raised over \$100.00 at their 50/50 raffles and their Easter egg campaign is well under way. They have sold quite a few already; the proceeds will be used to repair our old ice machine, as it is a newer model than the one the Legion donated, which is turning out to not be reliable. There may have been damage from the fire and we will have it checked when we can but if we have to put much money into one of them it was felt we should put it into the newer one of the two. The father of one of our employees is in the refrigeration business and has located a compressor for our old ice machine for a little over \$500.00. Brenda's cousin has recently gotten his certification in refrigeration and she thought he might be able to help us out as he has the gauges and access to refrigerant. If it works out, we can get it repaired for half of what we were quoted from a refrigeration company. It has been a headache for our bartender's and I apologize to the employees for what they have been going through but maybe we are seeing some light at the end of the tunnel. Thank you to all of them for helping with the fundraiser raffles.

The Commander said that we have made over \$50.00 on our first Post metal drive so that is another fundraiser that is off the ground and has some promise for bringing money into the Post.

It was a real treat to be present at the recent town hall meeting when Senator Ron Wyden honored one of our life members, David Russell, who is a Pearl Harbor survivor, by presenting a US flag to him that had been flown over the Capitol building in Washington DC. David is a humble man who has quite an amazing story to tell.

It seems like we have been able to sign up a few new members almost every month this year. We have two more to introduce to you all this month - Michael Upchurch, US Navy, Expeditionary Operations and Sean Briggs, US Army, a Korean War Veteran. At least the Navy did not gain on us this time! So welcome, and we hope to see you both in the Post often.

The VFW covers have arrived. Those of you who have ordered hats can see me at the Post or at our next meeting.

We are trying hard to find ways to get more people in the Post on Saturday nights - the recent Casino night was a success and we will do it again on the second weekend in April but we need to do more, so let us know what you would like to do on Saturday nights! Give us your ideas on anything that might bring members and guests into the Post. Let Commander Jim Jones or Roy Poppleton know.

The Canteen is coming up with some great food ideas and has extended a limited menu to Saturday nights, homemade at a very reasonable price. They are always open to suggestions so if you would like to see something on the menu they have not tried yet, let them know.

Lyle Wachsnicht has reminded us that July 16th will be the 53rd anniversary of the Grand opening of the Post at our present location. I believe that a great way to celebrate this birthday would be to have a Luau! Randy Martinak knows someone who has the equipment to roast a whole pig. This could be a really fun thing to do and give us an opportunity to honor any members from that time period. It would be great to see the Post and Auxiliary get behind a project like this.

I am thinking of our Military and what they are doing for freedom in the recent developments in Libya, as well those who are in Afghanistan and Iraq; they are risking their lives so we can continue to live free and others can come to know freedom.

Bob Gore, Quartermaster

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*From our Chaplain
Les Schmidt*



Don't Look Back

As you travel through life there are always those times, when decisions just have to be made; When the choices are hard, and solutions seem scarce, and the rain seems to soak your parade!

There are some situations where all you can do, is to simply let go and move on; Gather courage together and choose a direction, that carries you toward a new dawn.

So pack up your troubles and take a step forward, the process of change can be tough;

But think about all the excitement ahead,
if you can be stalwart enough!

There could be adventures you never imagined,
just waiting around the next bend;
And wishes and dreams just about to come true,
in ways you can't yet comprehend!

Perhaps you'll find friendships that spring from new
interests, as you challenge your status quo;
And learn there are so many options in life,
and so many ways you can grow.

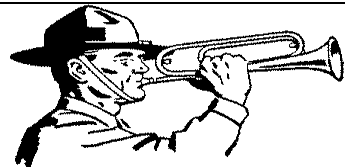
Perhaps you'll go places you never expected,
and see things that you've never seen;
Or travel to fabulous, faraway worlds,
and wonderful spots in between!

Perhaps you'll find warmth and affection and
caring, a "somebody special" who's there;
To help you stay centered and listen with interest,
to stories and feelings you share.

Perhaps you'll find comfort in knowing your friends,
are supportive of all that you do;
And believe that whatever decisions you make,
they'll be the right choices for you!

So keep putting one foot in front of the other,
and taking your life day by day;
The friends that surround you will help you to know,
that you have chosen to take the right way.

~ Author Unknown ~



In Memoriam

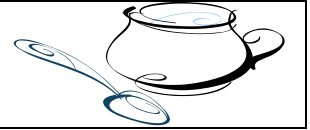
MARIE ARGO

31 July 1934 – 14 January 2011
Life Member of VFW 584 Auxiliary

ELSIE SCARDINA

25 February 1948 – 16 March 2011
Member of VFW 584 Auxiliary

From Your Canteen Manager



Greetings Everyone,

A big thanks to Les Schmidt and Jayne Brown for their cash donation for bar stools for the new Buddy Bar.

At our last meeting, we discussed and decided to change the Casino night to the second sat in April due to the Cooties being here the first weekend. After that, it will be on the first Saturday of each month.

Our ice machine needs a new compressor. This is very costly, so we are raising the money to cover the cost with 50/50 drawings. We have had two so far, each bringing in \$40.00. The canteen is selling Easter eggs as well. The eggs are \$1.00 each and have surprises inside...chocolate, free beverage coupons, 50 cents and \$1.00 off canteen coupons, free breakfast coupons, and other cool prizes. All money will go towards the ice machine repairs. We have sold \$85.00 in eggs and have \$80.50 from the 50/50, for a total of \$165.50 for the ice machine. Stop by the canteen and get your Easter eggs today!! Thank you to all who have bought 50/50 tickets and eggs. In addition, I would like to thank Aurora for selling the 50/50 tickets.

Thank you to Sandy Gore for cooking on Sunday evenings; To Loren Schrock for the food processor and mixer he donated to the kitchen... very nice!; To Roy Poppleton for helping with Casino Night; To the gentleman who provided the chips and other equipment for casino night; To the Eagles -- for the ice.

Changes are being made in the kitchen menus. Be sure to check out all the info in the Kitchen Korner section.

Our Casino Night was an overall success!!! We learned a few things from it, so our next one will be even bigger and better than the last.

We will be having Casino night on the first Saturday of each month, but due to the Cooties, we are moving the Casino night to the Second Saturday for April only...April 9th. Hope to see you all there!!

Kids Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 23rd at 2:00 pm.

God Bless our Veterans!

Brenda, McLaughlin, Canteen Manager

Please call VFW Post
584 @ 541-928-7925
to report a members'
illness, hospitalization
or death.



Thinking of You!

Cindy Brenner was in hospital with Pneumonia but is now resting at home. Get well, soon!

Giles Engstrom is at home recuperating from surgery. Prayers, cards & calls welcome!

David Haskel was in the VA Hospital with his COPD, but now resting & getting well at home. Thinking of you, David. Cards & calls welcome!



*Message From
Auxiliary President
Linda Baker*

Hi Everyone,

Welcome everyone, it's me again and boy isn't this year going by so fast! If the weather doesn't start cooperating with us, it will be way into May or June before we start our first car wash and my white car cannot take too much more of this weather.

We had only 11 ladies at meeting night counting Mary Blanshan who came in to be initiated. We should have a better turnout soon because the snowbirds will be back with us, and it will be time for nomination and election of officers. So any of you that would like to run for an office, please feel free to attend the meeting and speak your piece, as we are very interested in seeing new faces.

The subject of Poppies was brought up and this year Linda Rose mentioned that we would be putting the poppies back into the envelopes that will be sent through the mail, so all of you need to get your cushions ready for sitting. We only have two months and then it is time to get out there and sit and sell. Let's see if we can beat last year's amount taken in.

Since we no longer have PAC, we have given our first \$50.00 to SafeHaven Humane Society and when we collect another \$50.00 we will give that away to another community project, so if you can think of somewhere the Ladies Auxiliary can donate the money please let us know.

Linda Rose has the Mothers Day Raffle basket ready and if any of you have some ideas for the Fathers Day basket she would welcome your ideas as she has already gotten a jump on that as well.

Ladies don't forget that District meeting is in Sweet Home on April 17th starting with a Potluck Lunch at 1:00 pm. and meeting at 2:00 pm. We will be having election of Officers and the Installation right after the meeting so do not miss it, and do not forget to bring a white Elephant gift to raffle off.

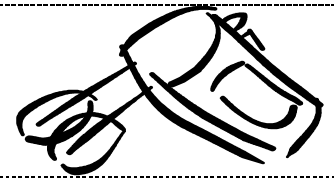
Just to let you know that we have Draped the Charter in memory of our dear departed sister Marie Argo who went to her heavenly father on January 14th. The Charter will be draped for 30 days.

Linda Duncan won the 50/50 drawing of \$7.50, which she gave back to CA&R and Grace Burkhart won the door prize. Don't forget that State Convention is just around the corner and we need to start getting our reservations in.

Our next meeting will be on April 20th - Sandy Gore and I will be serving Chili burgers with all the toppings for \$5.00 with the monies going to Cancer-Aid-Research which is one of our biggest donations given from the ladies Auxiliary. Last year we raised \$7000.00 to send for CA&R and this year we would like to do a little better.

Until next month keep those prayers going out to the families waiting for their loved ones to return from Iraq and Afghanistan. God Bless all of us and may God keep us safe here at home.

The
Kitchen
Korner



Happy April Everyone!

We have quite a busy month with many functions approaching us in the kitchen!

There will be three good-sized banquets in which we could use some extra help. We have servers lined up, but if you would like to help with dishes, busing tables and clean-up/breakdown in the dining room, we would love to have your help!

Our numbers are up in the kitchen, for the most part, but our Saturday night dinners need you! Starting in May we will be having Fried Chicken with crispy potato wedges or mashed potatoes with gravy, coleslaw and banana split sundaes every 1st Saturday and BBQ Baby Back Ribs every 2nd Saturday...so this month will be our last Prime Rib night until October. For the remaining Saturdays each month we will vary it with some tasty entrees that we hope you cannot resist!

Just a little reminder- your suggestions and feedback are valuable and always considered, without it we would not be able to make any

necessary improvements. So speak out and tell us what you want and would like to see! We are here to please! 😊

Now here is something everyone should like! We will be doing a "Friday Night Fish Fry" every month starting in May. So look for flyers around the post for more details!

Our oyster feed was successful enough that we have decided to do another! We will be posting a date and time soon and hope to see you all at the next one!

A big THANKS to Shriner Loren Schrock, for his generous donations of kitchen equipment - especially the food processor!

Thanks for listening! Wishes of health and happiness to all - Happy Easter!

~Your Friendly Kitchen Staff~

Cancer Aid & Research Linda Rose, Chairman

Our Fundraising for the year is just about to start. Our Mother's Day Raffle is ready and will be out soon. We are also watching for good weather for the Car Washes, probably starting in May.

Last year we raised \$7,000.00, but we must work harder this year to beat it. All help and donations are appreciated.

Cancer Forum - by Linda & Sandy

On April 30th, we will be having a Cancer Forum from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will have speakers talking about all types of Cancer related issues.

There will be tables full of information. Lunch will be available for a small fee. Watch for flyers at the Post and around town for complete details.

This will be BIG, so please plan to attend at least a part of the day.

Relay for Life Walk - by Linda & Sandy

We have ten team members who are busy raising funds. Any ideas you have are always welcome! If you are a survivor, we would like to have your name so you can be included in the Survivors Walk. We also need volunteers to walk. Our next bake sale will be on Saturday, April 16th.

Your Team Captains are Linda R & Sandy G.



Report from Cub Scout Pack 359 for March 2011 by Joe Lovato

Hello from Pack 359!

We've had another action packed month and we don't see any signs of things slowing down for a while. However, that is the way we like it!

We finished the month of February with our Annual Lock-In event at the Linn County Fairgrounds. Lock-In is an overnight event where we provide as much fun and excitement as we possibly and safely can for the boys. Examples of activities provided include BB Gun and Archery Ranges, a Bounce House, an Astronomy Station, a Black Hole maze, Crafts, a Keizer Volcanoes Pitching Booth, a Space Derby Demonstration, and so many other activities. Some of the participating agencies include the Linn County Sheriff's Office, Heart of the Valley Astronomers, Pacific Power, and most of the Packs and Troops in the area provided booths at Lock-In. While they were playing, the Scouts and accompanying parents were treated to snacks of hot dogs and drinks.

Pack 359 had a great turn out for Lock-In with 15 of our boys attending.

After letting the Scouts play for several hours, we corralled them all into one area for a mini songfest while we "tore down" all the exhibits and booths so we would have room for everyone to "camp out" for the night. Once everyone had gotten their sleeping gear set up, we showed movies until 6:00 a.m. Most of the Scouts and their parents got some sleep, but there were actually a few who stayed up all night watching the movies – and visiting.

This month, we held our Den Meetings at Waverly Elementary School due to a scheduling conflict. Thank you Waverly! The dens went on field trips on March 15th. The Tiger and Wolf Dens went to visit Albany Fire Station #1, the Bear Den went to the Albany Library, and the WEBELOS Den met at the VFW and worked on Pinewood Derby cars. It was a great evening all around.

On March 19th, Joe Lovato accompanied two of our WEBELOS and one parent on a hike with Boy Scout Troop 99 out to the Ankeny Wildlife Preserve. Mother Nature smiled on us and we stayed dry and the sun even came out and warmed us up nicely. We were treated to views of a multitude of our feathered friends – of special note was a pair of Blue Herons who kept us entranced for a while. The Troop Leader also taught our Scouts how to make fire starters out of cotton balls, Vaseline and aluminum foil. Very handy. Our two

WEBELOS each received a uniform segment for the hike.

Coming events include our Pack Pinewood Derby on April 2nd at the 1st United Methodist Church located at 1115 28th Street SW in Albany starting at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

The Pack is currently selling candy bars and meat sticks as a fundraiser. If anyone is interested, call Joe Lovato at 503-394-2597.



*Don't just Count your Years!
Make your Years Count!*

Am Vets Post & Auxiliary Reports

From Post 15: Hello Am Vets - We need to have all the officers nominated/elected at the next meeting to be in attendance at the April meeting so that they will be installed before the State Convention on May 6th and 7th. The Convention will be held in Sweet Home. If you would like to attend, you need to make reservations By 01 April 2011.

They tell us there are rooms available at the Sweet Home Inn - \$68 and \$78 (541-367-5137), the Sun Motel - \$54 and \$57 or a double \$65.20, Free RV sites at the VFW and R.V. sites at Foster for \$70/2 nights.

Friday there will be Registration and Social hour 6-7 PM. 7 PM dinner of Spaghetti, Salad and Garlic Bread for \$6.00. Entertainment will be Karaoke.

On Saturday Breakfast and Registration will be from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. Meetings will start at 10:00 a.m. Men will meet at the Cascade Timber Bldg and the Women at the Sweet Home VFW Post.

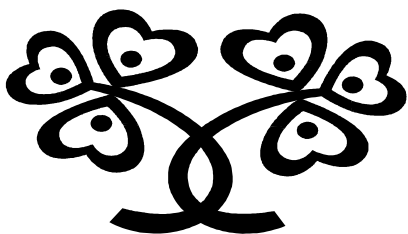
Lunch will be Sandwiches, Fruit Salad, Soup, and Dessert for \$6.00. Dinner of Roast Beef or Chicken with Baked Potato, Veggies, Dinner Roll & Dessert for \$15.00. \$18.00 for Non-registered guest's. Entertainment to be announced.

Ken Samard, Commander: Post 15

From the Am Vets Auxiliary: We will talk about the Clover Distribution at our meeting. Report at the April Meeting.

Our officers have all agreed to remain in their chairs for one more year. We do encourage our members to try to attend meetings and take a bigger part in our fundraising efforts.

Teresa Miller, Auxiliary President



April 01	Beverly Millar
April 02	Cory Dickerson
April 02	Mathew Lamb
April 03	Dorothy Benson
April 03	Caroline Berry
April 03	Thomas Biernat
April 03	Verna Colbert
April 03	Larry Satterfield
April 04	Keith Brown
April 04	Ron McDonald
April 05	Mary Blanshan
April 05	Leone Larrabee
April 06	Rex Dustman
April 06	Jeanene Gore
April 06	Jennifer Gore
April 07	Dianna Barry
April 07	Craig Bruneau
April 07	Frank Sylvester
April 08	Mancil Russell
April 09	Janet Jones
April 09	Charles Leahy
April 11	Richard Clason
April 12	Joseph Kirsch
April 12	Donald McMorris
April 13	Doug Broughton
April 14	Michael Kelley
April 16	Robert Ball
April 16	Edna Lanman
April 16	Kenneth Salisbury
April 17	Frenchy Benson
April 19	Sandra Gore
April 19	Lyle Wachslicht
April 20	Bertha Avery
April 20	Paul Herbert
April 24	Shae Mitchell
April 27	Hans Jung
April 28	Richard Taylor
April 29	Daniel Hendrickson
April 30	Kimberly Goodell
April 30	Linda Haskel

If your birthday is not listed here, it may be because you have not written it in the Birthday Book by the front door.

You can get a Birthday Dinner Coupon from the Bartender on Duty!

Coming Events Please Save!
March 2011

Every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. – **KARAOKE** –
Come on out and show us your singing talents.

Every Monday Evening @ 6:00 p.m. – **Eight-Ball
or Nine-Ball Pool Tournament** - Entry Fee \$5.00.
Come on down and join us! Lady Pool Players
welcome!

Every Monday Evening – See Flyers around the
Post for the **Monday Night Pool Menu**. Meals
available 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. \$5.00 each.

Every Tuesday @ 5:30 p.m. – The **Cribbage** group
meets for fun and fellowship.

Every 3rd & 4th Tuesday of each month – **Cub
Scout Pack 359** meets at 6:30 p.m.

April 1, 2, 3 – **Cooties Grand Scratch** - VFW Post
584. See Coming Events Page.

Wednesday, April 6 – 6:00 p.m. – **Am Vets** Post
and Auxiliary meetings. May Convention to be
discussed.

Thursday, April 7 – 1:00 p.m. – **Linn-Benton
Korean War Veterans** Luncheon with meeting to
follow.

Saturday, April 9 – 1:00 p.m. **OVMA** Lunch with
meeting to follow. **Banquet** at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, April 11 – **Legion Post 10 Meeting** – 7:00
p.m.

Tuesday, April 12 – **DAV Lunch** – 11:30 a.m. with
meeting to follow.

Wednesday, April 13 – **Legion 40 & 8** Meeting –
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 14 – 6:00 p.m. **VCA Meeting**.
Please join us and offer to serve where you can!

Saturday, April 16 – **Marine Corps League** -
Breakfast @ 9: a.m. Meeting @ 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 16 – 11:00 a.m. **VFW Auxiliary
Bake Sale** all day or as long as baked goods last.

Saturday, April 16 – **VFW Scrap Metal Drive**.
Proceeds go to our General Fund. All donations of
scrap metal greatly appreciated!

Saturday, April 16 – 6:00 p.m. **Poker Club**. Open to
all. \$25.00 buy-in. Game at 6:30 sharp!

Sunday, April 17 – **District #14 Meeting** in Sweet
Home. Potluck lunch at 1:00 p.m. with the meeting
at 2:00 p.m. Election and Installation of Officers!

Monday, April 18*** – 1:00 - **Officers Meeting**.
Because of the District Meeting we had to change
the date and time of our Officers Meeting. Officers
and Chairmen of all groups meeting at Post 584 are
invited to attend (*Am Vets, Am Legion, DAV, KWVA, Scouts, Shriner's, OVMA, 40 & 8*)

Monday, April 18 – 3:00 p.m. **VFW House
Committee Meeting**.

Wednesday, April 20 – **VFW Post 584 & Auxiliary
Meetings** – 7:00 p.m. Nomination of Officers -
Everyone urged to attend this meeting! Linda Baker
& Sandy Gore will serve Chili Burgers with all the
toppings and a Linda Rose special dessert for
\$5.00 each from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26 – 6:30 p.m. **Legion SAL
Meeting**.

Wednesday, April 27 – 6:00 p.m. **Shriner's Club
Banquet!**

Saturday, April 30 – **Cancer Forum** – 10:00 a.m. to
3:00 p.m. Speakers on various forms of Cancer as
well as lots of printed information. Raffles and Door
Prizes! Contact Linda Rose or Sandy Gore for more
information.

Looking Ahead . . .

May 5 – National Day of Prayer

May 8 – Mother's Day

June 23 to 25 - VFW Convention at Shiloh Inn in
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April 1–2 Cooties Grand Scratch

Friday: Audit of Books

Saturday: 7:30-9:00 - Registration &
Continental Breakfast

9:00 - 1st Business Meeting

11:30 - Lunch

1:00 - 2nd Business Meeting (until done)

6:00 - MOC Banquet (see Saturday, April 2 on
Menu Page)

Legislation encouraging outreach to veterans passes in Senate

SB 241 requires state agencies to make a better effort offering services

Salem, OR – The Senate voted in support of a bill this morning that requires state agencies to make reasonable efforts to identify and offer service to veterans. By asking Oregonians if they are a veteran and providing information to them about claiming federal benefits when they come into contact with a state agency, SB 241 seeks to help more veterans take advantage of the programs available to assist them while more equally distributing the costs between the state and federal government.

“SB 241 creates a proactive approach to outreach by requiring state agencies to ask Oregonians if they are a veteran,” said Senator Joanne Verger (D-District 5), the chief sponsor of the bill. “This is a good bill to ensure that our veterans receive necessary benefits.”

The proposal for SB 241 came from the Governor’s Task Force on Veterans, created in 2008. The task force identified a reoccurring problem where some men and women returning from service do not receive certain benefits because agencies have not identified them as veterans. The Task Force recommended that a “No Wrong Door” approach for veterans is the best method of engaging state agencies. This will require agencies to provide information to veterans about federal benefits as they come into contact with different state entities.

“We have to do more to make sure that Oregon’s veterans are getting access to the assistance that they are entitled to.” said Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson (D-Gresham), also a sponsor of SB 241. “We are morally obligated to do the absolute best we can to reach out to these men and women in uniform who have sacrificed on our behalf.”

Senate Bill 241 also seeks to expand outreach to veterans by including food pantries and food banks as entities required to share contact information and materials about veterans’ benefits. Many veterans, particularly those who are homeless, use food banks or pantries and may be more easily reached in that context.

Today’s legislation is a complement to House Bill 3104 from 2009. That bill required printed cards to be placed in state offices for visiting veterans to pick up and mail to the Department of Veterans’ Affairs. Over 150,000 cards were delivered to state agencies. Only about 4,000 have since been returned. SB 241 adds an active approach by requiring state agencies to ask if a client is a veteran.

The bill now goes to the House for consideration.

For more information on the Senate Majority Caucus, please visit orsenatemajority.org

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Senator Burr Introduces Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day Resolution

Legislation honors service members who fought in Vietnam

Washington D.C - Today, Senator Richard Burr (R-N.C.), Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, introduced a resolution to honor veterans who served in Vietnam by designating March 30th as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day." March 30th marks the anniversary of the day that combat and combat support units withdrew completely from South Vietnam.




















"Our soldiers served honorably and bravely in Vietnam. Unfortunately, they arrived home to a country in political turmoil, and never received the recognition they deserve," Senator Burr said. "By setting March 30th aside as a day to focus on our Vietnam veterans, we can show our unified gratitude for their service and the sacrifices that these veterans made on our behalf."

Senator Burr today also encouraged communities throughout the country to take measures to commemorate this day by honoring Vietnam veterans in their area. This is the second consecutive year that Senator Burr has introduced a resolution for the establishment of "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day." Senators John Boozman (R-AR), Thad Cochran (R-MS), James Inhofe (R-OK), and Johnny Isakson (R-GA) co-sponsored the legislation.

The United States became involved in Vietnam because policy-makers believed that if South Vietnam fell to a communist government, communism would spread throughout the rest of Southeast Asia. The US Armed Forces began serving in an advisory role to the South Vietnamese in 1961, and in 1965, ground combat troops were sent into Vietnam. After many years of combat, all US troops were withdrawn from Vietnam on March 30, 1973, under the terms of the Treaty of Paris. More than 58,000 members of the United States Armed Forces lost their lives and more than 300,000 were wounded in Vietnam.

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VFW Calendar for April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Birthstone:</i> <i>Diamond</i></p> <p><i>Flower:</i> <i>Sweet Pea</i></p>	<p>Thanks to our March Newsletter helpers: Roy Poppleton, Glenn Dryden and Bob Gore</p> <p><i>God Helps Those Who Help Others!</i></p>		<p><u>April 1-2 Cooties Grand Scratch</u></p> <p>Friday: Audit of Books Saturday: 7:30-9:00 Registration & Continental Breakfast. 9:00 - 1st Business Meeting 11:30 - Lunch 1:00 - 2nd Business Meeting 6:00 - MOC Banquet</p>	<p>1 - <i>Dinner</i> 5:00 - 7:30</p> <p>April Fools' Day</p> <p><i>God answers knee-mail!</i></p>	<p>2 - <i>Dinner</i> 5:00 - 7:30</p> <p><i>Regular Post Dinner Customers & Guests will be served in the Auxiliary Room.</i></p>	
<p>3 - Breakfast 9:00 - Noon</p> <p><i>Karaoke!</i> 6 - 10 PM</p> <p><i>No bunny loves you like Jesus.</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p> POOL 6:00 PM</p> <p><i>God's arms are open 24/7!</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p> Cribbage 5:30 PM</p> <p><i>God loves you and I'm trying!</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p> Army Day</p> <p> Am Vets Post & Auxiliary 6:00 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p> Linn-Benton KWVA 1:00 PM</p> <p><i>No it is not as Hot as Hell here!</i></p>	<p>8 - <i>Dinner</i> 5:00 - 7:30</p> <p><i>Old Time Fiddlers @ Polk County Fairgrounds!</i></p> <p>Sat, April 9 is National Former POW Recognition Day</p>	<p>9 - <i>Dinner</i> 5:00 - 7:30</p> <p> OVMA Meeting 1:00 PM</p> <p>BANQUET 6 PM</p> <p>Casino Night</p>
<p>10 - Breakfast 9:00 - Noon</p> <p><i>Karaoke!</i> 6 - 10 PM</p> <p><i>Come to Church and get a Faith Lift!</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p> POOL 6:00 PM</p> <p> Legion Post 10 7 PM</p> <p>Persian Gulf War Cease Fire 1991</p>	<p>12</p> <p> Cribbage 5:30 PM</p> <p>DAV 11:30</p> <p>Cub Scout Pack 359 6:30 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p> Am Legion 40 & 8 7:00 PM</p> <p><i>You're never too old for God!</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p> VCA 6 PM</p> <p><i>Live so that they will not have to lie at your funeral!</i></p>	<p>15 - <i>Dinner</i> 5:00 - 7:30</p> <p>Income Tax Day</p> <p><i>Is your problem too big for God?</i></p>	<p>16 - <i>Dinner</i> 5:00 - 7:30</p> <p>Marine Corp League Breakfast 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>VFW Aux Bake Sale All Day!</p>
<p>17 - Breakfast 9:00 - Noon</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>District #14 Sweet Home</p> <p><i>Karaoke!</i> 6 - 10 PM</p>	<p>18</p> <p> Officers Mtg 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>VFW House Committee 3:00 PM</p> <p> POOL 6:00 PM</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Passover</p> <p> Cribbage 5:30 PM</p> <p><i>Without Jesus, there would be hell to pay!</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p> VFW 7 PM</p> <p><i>It's not how you start - It's how you finish that counts!</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p>Holy Thursday</p> <p><i>Lord, please make me the kind of person my dog thinks I am!</i></p>	<p>22 - <i>Dinner</i> 5:00 - 7:30</p> <p>Good Friday</p> <p>Earth Day</p> <p><i>There is a limit to God's Patience!</i></p>	<p>23 - <i>Dinner</i> 5:00 - 7:30</p> <p>Holy Saturday</p> <p><i>Jesus is for Life - Not just for Easter!</i></p>
<p>24 - Breakfast 9:00 - Noon</p> <p>Easter Sunday</p> <p></p> <p>Cooties 1 pm</p> <p><i>Karaoke!</i> 6 - 10 PM</p>	<p>25</p> <p> POOL 6:00 PM</p> <p><i>Need a new life? God accepts trade-in's!</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p> Cribbage 5:30 PM</p> <p> SAL 6:30 PM</p> <p>Cub Scout Pack 359 6:30 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Administrative Professionals' Day</p> <p>Shriner's Banquet</p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>The Bible is the Breakfast of Champions. What did you have for Breakfast?</i></p>	<p>29 - <i>Dinner</i> 5:00 - 7:30</p> <p>National Arbor Day</p> <p><i>Jesus is the Light in the Tunnel!</i></p>	<p>30 - <i>Dinner</i> 5:00 - 7:30</p> <p>Cancer Forum 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</p>

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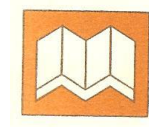
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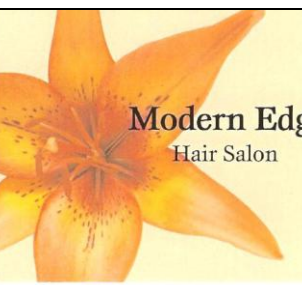
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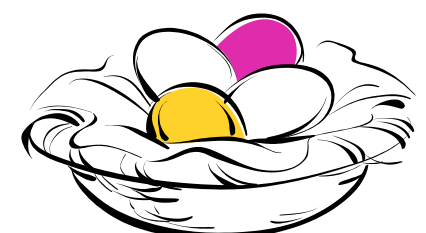
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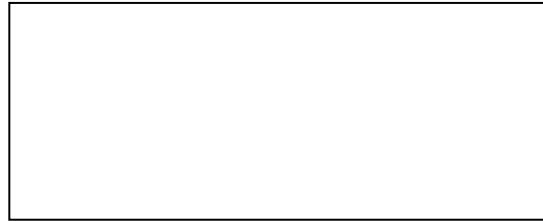
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