



Scuttlebutt



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From the Commander

My fellow Comrades,

I would like to wish everyone - A Very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year. A wonderful time to thank god for two gifts; One which is giving of his son who later died for our sins. The other gift, is the gift of Freedom, that we are fortunate to live in a country that allows us to enjoy our freedoms.

This has been a tough year, but we have made much progress and will continue to do our best to complete building the new post.

I especially appreciate your continued support and effort in improving our post. This meeting we will VOTE on the new bylaws and would like as many people to attend as possible.

Thank you,

James R. Becker - Commander

FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

A lot of good things are happening at our new building. Keith and Scully are working hard on little projects on a regular basis. What is holding us back is our funds. We need more funds to get more projects done. We are working on getting donations and trying to get a loan but all this takes time.

If you are able to donate to the building fund or just be able to come out and help us out by working on the building or getting us leads to potential donations or skilled workers; it will be greatly appreciated. I hope you all had a safe and happy holidays. See you in the new year.

James "Mike" Curry
House Chairman

Vote on new Post Bylaws at the January Meeting!!!

"The highest of distinctions is service to others" — King George VI

FROM THE SERVICE OFFICER

POST 7824: November was a great month for the post. We had 262 hours of community service reported. It was a lot of work for all of us. We drove over 1,116 miles and gave away \$1,749 in monies, food, Bedding, clothing and more. Thank you all that helped in our community last month.



I would like to introduce Dawn Nicholas. Some of you may have seen her at the post. For the last year, Dawn has help out the post by helping me with a lot of the service work. Dawn is the one that took most of the photos you see on our bulletin board. Dawn's father was in the Navy and work as a ship radio operator during the Viet Nam War. Dawn is a C.N.A and takes care of the elderly and disable at a rehab facility here in Vancouver. She enjoys the VFW so much that last year in the pouring down rain she walked with us in the Veterans Day parade and went to work right after the parade was over. This year she was the only woman that marched with us in the parade. Last year and for the first six months of this year Dawn was the only help I had to do the hard work of the VOD/PP. We all owe her a big thank you.

To all of you, keep up the good work. Our community needs us and we need each other to keep our post going may the new year be a happy one for one and all.

To all officers and committee members at our January meeting I will taking photos of all of you for the post news so please if you have them, wear your blues and grays for the photos and bring your cover. If you can make it at 6pm it would be nice, but if not I will take them after the meeting too.

Ronald F Frisbie Sr.

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Special points of interest:

- We are on the web! Visit us at: www.vfw7824.org
- Help support the VFW National Home for Children
- If you are receiving a mailed copy of this newsletter, we don't have a valid email address for you. Please send email addresses to editor@vfw7824.org.

**January General Meeting—Thursday
January 13, 2011**

National Home

National home lifetime memberships only cost \$35. This is a GREAT cause so please sign up today.

I am looking for someone to coordinate the collection and submission of Campbells Soup labels for the National Home. Let me know if you are interested.

For additional info on how you can help, send me an email at editor@vfw7824.org.

From the Ladies Auxiliary President

Well it has been one busy month and I want to thank all that volunteered and helped me out. So, let me tell you all that happened:

VOD/Patriots Pen Award Ceremony was held on December 9, 2010 at the Elks Lodge. We had a great turn out that night and it was a success. I first want to thank the Judges because I did not thank them at the ceremony. The judges of the VOD/Patriots Pen were; Richard Alvarez, Mike Curry, Bob Garrett and Ben Long from the Post and Sheila McGowan and Nita Miller from the Auxiliary. So thank you all so very much for taking the time out of your busy schedule in reading and judging the essays. We had 76 Patriot's Pen essays and 2 VOD entries, so needless to say this took time to read each and everyone of them. There were three winners from the 7th grade and three winners from the 8th grade and one winner from the VOD. Here are some pictures of the event and the winners. The second to the last picture is our winner of the VOD, Amie Arnett. She is a sophomore at Evergreen High School. I went ahead and entered her essay to District where she also won first place. So, now she goes to State along with 16 other competitors. Let's all keep our fingers crossed for her to win.

Ladies Auxiliary Holiday Bake Sale was held on December 18, 2010 at the Elks Lodge. We had many ladies participate with their wonderful baked goods, Pam, Nita, Sheila, Laurel, Heidi, Loraine and myself. We also had homemade dinners that Linda and Julie made and they were a big hit. Even though we planned the bake sale late with not much advertising we raised \$225.00.

Food Baskets for Veterans and their families was voted on by the ladies of the Auxiliary this year. So, I was able to find twelve families that were in need of a holiday dinner. The Post gave us \$500.00 to do the shopping. So, Terry Gray and myself went shopping for the food and then I shopped for the gifts for the children. Also, the Elk's lodge donated 3 turkeys, 2 hams, bacon and 12 boxes that had paper products, canned goods, etc. So, each veteran and their families received two boxes. These food baskets were picked up by the Veteran at the Post building and there were even two veterans that transferred back to our post. I want to thank Brenda Turner and Nita Miller of the Auxiliary for their help and Sculley, Keith, Terry from the Post for their assistance, and the Post for the \$500.00 donation for if it were not for them some of these families would not have received a basket. I hope to do these baskets throughout the year and not just on Christmas.

Since I did not participate in the December's issue of the Scuttlebutt I want you of you to know that we raised over \$400.00 from the Bowl-A-Thon for Cancer Aid and Research. Since this was our first time with the event next year will be even better.

I want to thank Pamela Vanderheiden for her hard work on the Auxiliaries membership. She has worked very hard in weeding out members that cannot be reached or those who wish not to renew their membership. We want our Auxiliary at 100%, but a true 100% membership and this will take some time. As of today we are at 77.01%.

Mid-Winter Conference is January 21st and 22nd at the Yakima Convention Center and I plan to attend. This is when the winner of the Voice of Democracy will be announced. If anyone is interested please let me know and I will give you the details.

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be January 6, 2010 7p at the Elk's Lodge. I believe that we may have two members to be sworn in that evening. Also don't forget to bring your community service hours for the month of December.

Thanks again to all that volunteered and Happy New Year to everyone!

Jenifer Harris

Ladies Auxiliary President VFW 7824

Remember, if you are receiving a snail mail copy of this newsletter, we don't have a valid email address for you. Please send your email address to editor@vfw7824.org and I will get you on the email list. Thank you!

In 45 B.C., New Year's Day is celebrated on January 1 for the first time in history as the Julian calendar takes effect.

Soon after becoming Roman dictator, Julius Caesar decided that the traditional Roman calendar was in dire need of reform. Introduced around the seventh century B.C., the Roman calendar attempted to follow the lunar cycle but frequently fell out of phase with the seasons and had to be corrected. In addition, the pontifices, the Roman body charged with overseeing the calendar, often abused its authority by adding days to extend political terms or interfere with elections.

In designing his new calendar, Caesar enlisted the aid of Sosigenes, an Alexandrian astronomer, who advised him to do away with the lunar cycle entirely and follow the solar year, as did the Egyptians. The year was calculated to be 365 and 1/4 days, and Caesar added 67 days to 45 B.C., making 46 B.C. begin on January 1, rather than in March. He also decreed that every four years a day be added to February, thus theoretically keeping his calendar from falling out of step. Shortly before his assassination in 44 B.C., he changed the name of the month Quintilis to Julius (July) after himself. Later, the month of Sextilis was renamed Augustus (August) after his successor.

Celebration of New Year's Day in January fell out of practice during the Middle Ages, and even those who strictly adhered to the Julian calendar did not observe the New Year exactly on January 1. The reason for the latter was that Caesar and Sosigenes failed to calculate the correct value for the solar year as 365.242199 days, not 365.25 days. Thus, an 11-minute-a-year error added seven days by the year 1000, and 10 days by the mid-15th century.

The Roman church became aware of this problem, and in the 1570s Pope Gregory XIII commissioned Jesuit astronomer Christopher Clavius to come up with a new calendar. In 1582, the Gregorian calendar was implemented, omitting 10 days for that year and establishing the new rule that only one of every four centennial years should be a leap year. Since then, people around the world have gathered en masse on January 1 to celebrate the precise arrival of the New Year.

Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen award participants.



**POST 7824 VANCOUVER WA.
VOD/PP AWARD NIGHT
12/09/2010**



ART FRAZIER 103 YEARS OLD



**PHOTOS BY
DAWN NICHOLAS
WITH HONOR**

From the Editor

Well, here we are in 2011. Hard to believe how fast this past year has gone by. Also, it is hard to believe we have been deployed for over 6 months now and, with the dawning of the new year, we can see the downhill side of the hill here.

I hope you all have a very Safe and Happy New Year!!

"Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world." -- Howard Zinn.

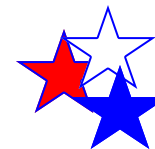
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This month in Military History:

- Jan 3, 1777—Battle of Princeton NJ—American Revolution
- Jan 5, 1945—Kamakazee pilots get first orders—WWII
- Jan 8, 1815—Battle of New Orleans—War of 1812 (This battle actually took place 2 weeks after the end of the war)
- Jan 23, 1968—USS Pueblo captured by North Korea.
- Jan 25, 1995—Russia comes close to launching nuclear missiles in response to Norway's launching of a rocket carrying scientific equipment.
- Jan 31, 1968—Viet Cong guerillas attack the US Embassy in Saigon as part of the Tet offensive.



Military Trivia Question:

On January 1, 1946, 20 Japanese soldiers surrendered on the island of Corregidor after finding out the war was over. How did these soldiers find out the war was over?

Check out more history at: <http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history>