



# Scuttlebutt



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## Commander's Corner

My fellow Comrades,

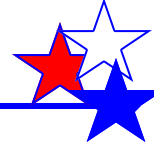
It is that time again to elect New or Re-elect officers to represent our post. Nominations for officers will take place at this month's meeting (March 10th), with elections to follow in April's meeting - April 14th.

We are proceeding on building our post. Roy Billings, Dave Sculnaker, Keith Ulstead, and others are talking to the city about giving us a break on some of their infrastructure demands, so we can get our post open.

We are also on track to obtain a loan very, very soon. We also have a raffle going on with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes of meat from Butcher Boys meat market.

So we do have things going on, and we're trying to make it positive.

**James R. Becker - Commander**



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## FROM THE SR VICE COMMANDER

Bob Garret and Bill Hoppa, are both experiencing some medical issues. So, please keep them in your thoughts, prayers and hope for a speedy recovery.

Don't forget that nominations for officers is March 10, 2011, at the Elks. If any of you comrades know of a comrade that has not been to the meetings, let them know. It would be nice to have a good turn out. We as an organization need are members to vote for their officers, that they want to represent them.

Sincerely,

**Terry R. Gray—Sr. Vice Commander**

## FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY

We are off to a great start raising money to help finish the ladies bathroom at the Post. Our Valentine's Day basket raffle was a great success. We raised \$556.00! I want to thank all the ladies that participated in making the baskets and selling tickets.

Our next fundraiser is BINGO! We are so excited about this event and we have a lot of interest, not only from the Post but also from the Elk's and the Moose. We will need volunteers to help with the food and the bingo tickets. More information will be available at the next meeting.

Pam, Sheila, and myself took a casino bus trip to Lucky Eagle that Rosemere Tavern did for a fundraiser. The trip was very informative, fun, and we are excited about possibly having a fundraiser ourselves sometime in May. Details can be discussed at our next meeting and I will make sure to post the details in the upcoming issues of the Scuttlebutt.

We did not have a quorum (5 members) so there was no meeting last month. Since there was no meeting and I had a pressing issue I called together 5 of our members on Sunday, February 13 for a vote. I am pleased to say that it was approved that our Auxiliary send \$100.00 to the Tacoma Rainiers Baseball Club for a VFW Day at Cheney Stadium on Sunday, July, 10, 2011. The purpose of the fundraiser was to:

1. Raise awareness of the VFW and its mission within the community
2. Provide free game tickets to 500 wounded warriors and active military members  
Each person will receive a ticket, food voucher good for a hot dog, drink, and chips
3. Collect unused cell phones for resale; donate proceeds to Operation UPLINK  
I gave to the district Ladies Auxiliary President a bag of phones to be donated

Our sister, Nita Miller, as been on her "Lampoon Vacation" (as she calls it) and is now in Yuma, Arizona for the next month. Unfortunately she has had some medical problems while she has been on vacation. First she had a tear in her retina and had to see a specialists in Phoenix. Shortly after that her retina completely detached, so she had to go back to Phoenix for another surgery.

So, let us all wish her a speedy recovery.

Our next meeting will be held at the Elk's lodge on March 10, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. and we will be holding our first **nominations for the next officers**. I sure hope that all can make it and I will send out a reminder via email. If you have any questions, concerns, or thoughts please do not hesitate in contacting me either my phone or email.

Thank you

**Jenifer Harris**

**Ladies Auxiliary President**



VFW 7824  
&  
LADIES AUXILIARY  
Invite you to

Join us for bingo

When: March 16, 2011  
Time: 5:30 for corn beef sandwiches  
potato salad and chips (\$5.00)  
6:30 p.m. Bingo play starts  
Where: Vancouver Elks

Bring your daubers and come help the  
VFW raise money to finish the Post



## Special points of interest:

- We are on the web! Visit us at: [www.vfw7824.org](http://www.vfw7824.org)
- Help support the VFW National Home for Children

## March General Meeting—Thursday March 10, 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](mailto:editor@vfw7824.org).

# This month in Military History:

- March 1, 1864—Ulysses S Grant nominated for Lieutenant General
- March 2, 1865—Union General George Custer's troops rout Confederate General Jubal Early's force, bringing an end to fighting in the Shenandoah Valley.
- March 2, 1943—Battle of Bismark Sea begins—WWII
- March 3, 1945—Finland declares war on Germany—WWII
- March 4, 1944—U S 8th Air Force bombs Berlin—WWII
- March 5, 1770—Boston massacre between British soldiers and civilians—American Revolution
- March 8, 1965—U S Marines land in Da Nang—Vietnam
- March 11, 1942—MacArthur leaves the Philippines—WWII
- March 16, 1802—U. S. Military Academy at West Point established
- March 18, 1969—U. S. bombs Cambodia for the first time—Vietnam
- March 23, 1918—Paris hit by shells from new German gun—WWI
- March 24, 1958—Elvis Presley is inducted into the Army
- March 25, 1941—Yugoslavia joins the Axis—WWII
- March 27, 1945—Germans launch last of their V-2s—WWII
- March 28, 1915—First American citizen killed during WWI



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

## Military Trivia Question:

During WW 1, the Germans sinking of the Lusitania and their policy of unrestricted submarine warfare was driving the United States closer to joining the war. What document sent from Germany to Mexico was instrumental in providing the final push that sent the U. S. to war?

### From the Service Officer

POST 7824: It's that time of the year for us to elect new Officer for our Post so I asked members 'WHAT'S MAKES A GOOD OFFICER?'. Here is what most replied to me:

1. A good Officer is a free thinker more often than not. He knows the tried and true methods, but always remains open to something revolutionary. He adapts and quickly implements new ideas.
2. A good VFW officer knows his Post and uses it effectively. He keeps in contact with his comrades so he can rapidly adjust and improvise when needed.
3. The VFW Officer should persuade the opportunity and be able to read, understand and gain control of a situation before it gets out of hand.
4. A good Officer repentance our Post and should keep up his appearance and hygiene, not only at meetings, but when he is with others.
5. A good VFW Officer will always have the welfare of his comrades come first and foremost is there safety and well being.
6. He is a person willing to go the extra mile, one who knows how to follow orders as well as give orders.
7. An Officer of our post should have common sense, an educational background and knowledge of VFW bylaws.
8. An Officer must put himself in the minds of his comrades and do not ask more of them than he can do himself.
9. He should let his comrades think for themselves; he should not try and think for them.
10. An officer should trust his comrades and motivate them to trust him.

I agree with all above, and I know that each of us can be an Officer and do a great job for the Post. SO STEP UP BE ALL YOU CAN BE FOR THE POST and if for some reason you feel that you do not want to be an Officer please come out and vote April 14 for the officers of your choice and let your membership be known.

**Ronald F Frisbie**  
Service officer

### From the House Committee Chairman

The housing committee is selling raffle tickets for gift certificates to

Butcher Boys on 4th plain in Vancouver. The drawing will be held on March 20<sup>th</sup> and the cost of each ticket is \$5 and we have a total of 500 to sell. We will have 3 winners; 1st place is \$300, 2nd is \$200 and 3rd is \$100.

The Vancouver City Council will be holding a meeting on March 7th and we would like to have members show up to help support our cause. They will be going over our proposals on the new post. We are doing all that we can to get this post up and running. We are anticipating that the city will help us out. I do not have a time and location as of yet but feel free to contact us as we will have that information soon.

Looking forward to a positive and productive March.

**Mike Curry,**  
House Committee Chairman

### Chaplains Corner

Comrades,

I started a Bible drive at the post and at my church for our troops over seas. I got a big response from my church and I have about 25 to 30 Bibles or more that I will be sending to the State V.F.W. Chaplain. If you wish to donate a bible, please bring them to our monthly meetings.

Thank you!

The State V.F.W. Chaplain and his wife send off care packages every 6 weeks to our troops .

**Jack Waite,**  
Chaplain

## From the Editor

I would like to congratulate Craig Danielson for correctly answering last month's question. The person who won an Emmy in the same year for directing, writing and starring in the same show was Alan Alda for M.A.S.H. Good luck on this month's trivia question. I will be sending a special coin to the first to correctly answer it.

Well, another month gone by the wayside. It won't be much longer and I will be joining everyone at the monthly meetings and publishing this newsletter from home instead of half a world away.

I would like to wish both Bob Garrett and Bill Hoppa a speedy recovery.

Just a reminder to everyone that if you have news of interest, words of wisdom or just want to say Hi.. Send me your content by the last day of the month for inclusion in the following months newsletter.

Happy March!!

Nelson

## Recruit a New Member, Get a VFW Coin



The Membership Department is asking for your help by going out and recruiting one new member. This message was sent out in the November/December magazine and sent to 1.5 million members. If each person just recruits one member, we can grow and be a stronger organization. Contact your family, neighbors, co-workers and church members and ask them to share your pride in VFW.

This offer will run from Jan. 1, 2011, through March 31, 2011. We look forward to sending you your coin.

By filling out this application, your new member will become a Department member-at-large. Once a card is issued, he or she may transfer to a local Post, if desired. Remember, dues are only \$35.

### How To Get Your Coin:

Please use the attached application to recruit a new member. Return it to the address below and we will send you a special coin to thank you. Be sure to include your name in the box on the application.

If you have any questions please Contact the Membership Department.

Membership Department  
Attn: Thank-You Coin  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
406 W. 34th St.  
Kansas City, MO 64111

VFW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION			
Name _____		email _____ Gender (M) (F)	
Address _____		Home of Record _____	
City _____ State _____ Zip _____		City _____ State _____ Zip _____	
Date of Birth _____ Phone _____		SSN (Optional) _____	
Military Service: <input type="checkbox"/> Army <input type="checkbox"/> Air Force <input type="checkbox"/> Coast Guard <input type="checkbox"/> Navy <input type="checkbox"/> Marines		Current Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran <input type="checkbox"/> National Guard/ Reserve <input type="checkbox"/> Active Duty	
Qualifying Service: <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-World War II <input type="checkbox"/> World War II <input type="checkbox"/> Post-WWII Occupation 1945 - 55 (Europe, Korea, Japan) <input type="checkbox"/> Post-WWII Occupation 1945 - 90 (Berlin)		<input type="checkbox"/> Korean Service 1950 - 54 <input type="checkbox"/> Korea Defense Service 1955 - <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam 1958 - 75 <input type="checkbox"/> Expeditionary Operations 1958 -	
<input type="checkbox"/> Desert Shield/Storm 1990 - 1995 <input type="checkbox"/> Bosnia/Kosovo 1995 - <input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terrorism - EXPEDITIONARY 2001 -		<input type="checkbox"/> Afghanistan 2001 - <input type="checkbox"/> Iraq 2003 -	
Qualified Recipient Of: <input type="checkbox"/> Imminent Danger/Hostile Fire Pay* (Where) _____ *Period Covered: _____ (Required for applicants with no other reported qualifying service).		<input type="checkbox"/> SSBN Nuclear Deterrent Patrol* _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Department at Large No. _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Life <input type="checkbox"/> Life 12 Mo Installment	
Recruiter (Please Print) _____		Recruiter Card No. _____	
Recruitment Mag Campaign 546			

**(NATIONAL COPY - SUBMIT WITH TRANSMITTAL FORM)**  
I want to pay my membership fee by credit card.

MASTERCARD  VISA  DISCOVER  AMEX  
 CARD NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### CERTIFICATION (See Sec. 104 By-Laws)



I attest that I am a citizen of the United States, that my Campaign Service was honorable, that I have never subsequently been discharged from military service under dishonorable conditions. I also certify that (1) I am entitled to a campaign ribbon or medal authorized by the U.S. Government based on my overseas service or; (2) I have served overseas in Korea or; I have received Imminent Danger/Hostile Fire pay. I further give authority to the Veterans of Foreign Wars to verify honorable overseas service entitling me to membership.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\$1.98 of your membership dues goes towards your VFW magazine subscription.

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE

ATTAINED AGE ON 12/31	ONE TIME PAYMENT	LIFE 12 MONTH PAYMENT PLAN
Through Age 30	\$425.00	\$38.64
31-40	\$410.00	\$37.27
41-50	\$375.00	\$34.09
51-60	\$335.00	\$30.45
61-70	\$290.00	\$26.36
71-80	\$225.00	\$20.45
81 and over	\$170.00	\$15.45

**POST 7824 NEEDS YOU TO BE AN OFFICER FOR THE 2011/2012 YEAR**

**NOMINATIONS START AT OUR MARCH MEETING**

**SEC.216-ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS; CHAIRMEN AND COMMITTEES.**

The elected officers of each Post will consist of Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain. Judge Advocate, Surgeon and three (3) Trustees.

The appointed officers of each Post shall consist of at least an Adjutant, Officer of the Day, Service Officer and Guard to be appointed as prescribed in Section 217 in the Manual of Procedure.

ALL OFFICERS IN PARAGRAPH (a) above are open for nominations except 2 Trustees.

Any member can nominate him/her self to be an Officer.

If you would like to be an Officer of Post 7824 let your comrades know and tell them what you want to do as an officer of Post 7824 this will help you get elected.

**NOTE**

All you need to be an Officer is to be a member. It does not matter how long you have been with the VFW. If you read the Congressional Charter By-Laws Manual OF Procedure Ritual, You will know as much as any member that has been with the VFW for years and maybe more

The Podium edition of this book is only \$8 and it will open a new world for you and the Post.

Ask your service officer and he will help you get the new edition.

**Post Officers**



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](mailto:editor@vfw7824.org) and I will get you on the email list. Thank you!





VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN  
HELP HOPE HONOR

## Awareness Week 2011 celebrates "Strength in our Numbers"

The New Year is in full swing, and the [VFW National Home for Children Awareness Week](#) is right around the corner. This year's Awareness Week will be March 20-26, 2011.

Our 2011 theme, "Strength in our Numbers" is a tribute to the vital partnership between the VFW, its Ladies Auxiliary and the National Home. It also highlights the National Home Helpline (800-313-4200) for military and veteran families who need a listening ear and a helping hand from someone who understands their unique circumstances.

[Learn more about the upcoming Awareness Week!](#)

One part of Awareness Week has started already -- our online fundraising contest! The person who raises the most money between now and the end of March wins a personalized National Home shirt and the title of "2012 Awareness Week Honorary Chairman". [Learn all about the contest](#) or [just get started](#). We even have a [sample email](#) and [eCards](#) you can use to spread the word.

Let's show military and veteran families just how much strength there is in our numbers. Thanks for your support of the VFW National Home for Children!

Sincerely,

Tim Smith

Marketing & Development Director

Danielle Lightner

2011 Awareness Week Honorary Chairman

[\(Read a message from Danielle\)](#)



VFW Post 7824

Building Committee Raffle

Butcher Boys Meat Gift Certificates

4710 E 4th Plain Blvd

1st - \$300 Certificate

2nd - \$200 Certificate

3rd - \$100 Certificate

Ticket Donation: \$5 - Max 500 tickets

Drawing: Mar. 20, 2011; 6:30 PM at the ELKS Lodge

Need not be present to win



### PATRIOTIC WEEKEND AT VOLCANOES STADIUM

I-5 & Exit 260, Keizer, OR

JULY 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, 2011

The Salem-Keizer Volcanoes, Affiliate of the World Series Champion San Francisco Giants, vs.

The Everett AquaSox, Affiliate of the Seattle Mariners

Gates Open 5:15—Pre-Game Concert 5:40—Military Ceremonies 6:40  
Game Time 7:15—Extensive Post-Game Fireworks Spectacular

Three-day event to

**THANK, HONOR and SALUTE**

**Our Brave Men and Women of the Armed Forces  
Both Past and Present**

**55 World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan  
War Heroes, Wounded Warriors & Prisoners of War  
Honored on the Field**

**45 Military Organizations Present**

Fun, Music, Heroes, Fellowship, Food, Professional Baseball, Fireworks

#### PER DAY ADMISSION

Veterans/Active Duty & Family Outfield Seats - \$5.00 Each Person

Outfield Seats - \$7.00 In Advance - \$8.00 Day of Game

Reserved Seats - \$9.00 In Advance - \$10.00 Day of Game

Upper Level Box Seats - \$11.00 In Advance - \$12.00 Day of Game

Diamond Club Seats - \$20.00

