



### Commanders Message

Thank you everyone for your confidence in me as your Post Commander.

I will do my best for the betterment of this Post and the VFW, with dignity and respect in accordance with the Post, State, and National by-laws of the USA. We as a whole, have huge shoes to fill.

You all know what I mean so I don't need to elaborate. Instead, I'll focus on the bright side of things and I am asking everyone, to start focusing on what this GREAT organization is here to accomplish, and that you all know your perspective jobs good, and carry them out well and move forward.

Moving forward, I'd like to introduce an open door policy. If you have an important issue that you feel needs to be addressed, please feel free to contact me, and I will do my very best to assist you, or pass it on to those that can assist your concern.

For my comrades on the chairs. Thank you all for your support and I am asking for your ingenuity to support our new Quartermaster Dan Hansen and relieve him of some of the work that really isn't part of his job. We all must work together and step up to the plate to voluntarily assist him and take on responsibilities, weather big or small, everything helps and will be greatly appreciated.

We are all volunteers here, and need to be treated with respect, dignity, and foremost as human beings.

Thank you all, for your participation in the Black Diamond Parade, and the Leavenworth Autumn Parade. I felt really honored in Leavenworth, when

the State Honor Guards Sgt. of Arms asked me to join them. Respectively, I volunteered and carried and fired one of the two rifles. When it was time to fire, they all thought only one gun fired. At the end of the parade, the other gunner asked me for my rifle to remove (what he thought was a live shell that did not fire). To their amazement, the empty spent shell was there in that Mousers chamber.

They didn't know, because the Sgt. of Arms said, *Ready, Aim, Fire* and they usually hear two shots, (not in sync). Boy was I proud, and this is what I really stress in our own 1263 Honor Guard at Tahoma National Cemetery.

As an incentive, we have in the Post meeting, a US Flag drawing, with entries on going. One entry per member at any regularly scheduled Post meeting, to any comrade of Post 1263 in good standing. Extra entries may be rewarded, if you accomplish a task that I may ask of you.

Tasks vary on a month to month basis. One flag will be given. Actual drawing will be held at the last meeting in May 2011. The bonus for extra entries for the month of October will be awarded if you give me your Community Report for the month. Then I will hand them over to Cassi. The more you participate, the more chances you have to win. Good luck!

In closing, I want to remind all of you to be prepared, because next month's newsletter will be for both, Nov. 2010 and Dec. 2010, together in one!

Yours in Comradeship,

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## Exciting Ladies Auxiliary Programs!

The Ladies Auxiliary has some really exciting programs going this year! We want to acknowledge as many members of our community as possible with Patriotic Citizen Awards. If you fly our American Flag every day, or know of a neighbor or business that does, please fill out the paperwork to have an Award issued for them that you can then deliver back to them.

This is an on-going program. Last year in the entire US, only 7,055 Awards were issued. That seems pretty low for such a wondrous and proud nation, so please let's see if we can't be part of raising that total this year!

We are holding a raffle for the Big Blue Patriotic Basket in the canteen. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and are available from the bar staff. Name and phone number are needed on the back of the ticket; need not be present to win.

Drawing will be held just after the Tom and Jerry Party on Dec. 17th at the post home. Retail value of basket and items is over \$350.00!

Proceeds from the basket will go to the Fallen Soldiers Banner Project and to the Michael Reagan Fallen Hero's Portrait Project. These are both outstanding and incredibly important projects for both healing the loved ones of those killed in the line of duty and to making sure that we as a nation never forget those that have given their lives for the freedoms we enjoy.

We have in the Ladies Auxiliary a US Flag drawing with entries on-going. One entry per member at any regularly scheduled Ladies Auxiliary meeting to

any ladies of auxiliary 1263 in good standing. Extra chances to enter vary from month to month. To see if you qualify for an extra entry, attend a meeting and see if it's a bonus month and what to do to qualify!

One flag will be given, actual drawing will be held at the June 2011 meeting so you still have plenty of chance to come to a meeting and enter.

United By Love for Our Veterans and Country,

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## Donation Items Needed

The Ladies Auxiliary is in need of at least 8 (preferably 10), matching 11" X 17" black frames with glass. We have been given a set of Posters from Michael Reagan and would like to hang them in our canteen.

The Ladies Auxiliary is also on need of 8" X 10" preferably black, but any color will do, frames with glass for the Patriotic Citizen Awards that members will be hand delivering.

Please see either Commander John or Americanism Chair, Barbie if you are able to donate/assist with obtaining these items.

### MUSIC FOR OCTOBER

OCT.---1---LAUREN PETRIE  
OCT.---6---JAM SESSION  
OCT.---8---LAUREN PETRIE  
OCT.---13---JAM SESSION  
OCT.---15---BEAT&FEET  
OCT.---20---JAM SESSION  
OCT.---22---MARK STERN  
OCT.---27---JAM SESSION  
OCT.---29---GERARD JONES



### **Ladies Auxiliary President and Sr Vice**

We are having a special election to fill 2 vacated offices on our November 4th meeting. Those interested please attend our meeting.

We are also back to doing our Sunday Breakfast every first Sunday of the month from 9-11:30 am.

#### **Other dates of interest are:**

- Meat raffle every Friday night from 5:30-9pm.
- Also the Ladies Auxiliary is having a Pre-Holiday Bazaar on Saturday October 16th from 9-4. Tables are \$10.00 each.
- The Children's' Halloween Party is October 31st at 1pm. All children 10 and under.
- The Adult Halloween Party/pot luck is October 29th. Pot luck starts at 6 pm; we will still be having a meat raffle.
- Auburn Veterans Day Parade is November 6th at 9am.
- District Meeting is November 13th at Skyway Post #9430 and 1pm.
- We will be having our Free Thanksgiving dinner Thursday November 25th. Food and Cash donations are welcome.
- There will be a list of food donations on the board at the post by the 1st of November.
- Make A Difference day is November 27th. The Ladies auxiliary is collecting non-perishable food items for the Renton
- Food bank so please bring any food items to the post Friday Nov. 26th and Saturday by noon Nov. 27th.

Loyally  
Cassie Babcock

### **Hospital Chairman Report**

VA Puget Sound depends on the goodwill of the benefactors and volunteers who wish to give something back to America's heroes. Volunteers serve in many ways throughout VA Puget Sound and help make our patient's stay more enjoyable.

If you would like to volunteer, call the Voluntary Service office at Seattle, (206) 764-2195 or American Lake, (253) 583-1054; or e-mail at

[pugvoluntarysvc@vs.gov](mailto:pugvoluntarysvc@vs.gov). There will be someone there to discuss how you can help in their mission to provide comfort and care to America's Veterans and their families. If you do volunteer at one of the VA facilities, be sure to contact me at (425) 687-0123 or e-mail [TwyllaorDoug@msn.com](mailto:TwyllaorDoug@msn.com).

Keep track and report to me your mileage, hours, cost of anything donated. This can be reported on the Auxiliary Community Service report and I can report this to my Department Chairman.

There are many open assignments just call or e-mail at the above VA address for the upcoming schedules, forms, and ID requirements.

**Donations are always needed and accepted at the VA Hospitals --** both monetary and in-kind contributions -- to make the patients' stay more comfortable and enjoyable.

For a listing of the current donation opportunities, or to make a donation, please contact the Voluntary Service office at the two numbers listed above.

The Orting and Retsil Veterans Homes need some specific items. Orting's wish list includes warm hats and mittens and lap robes of any kind. Retsil needs new men's underwear, (all sizes), electric table-



top fans, sunglasses and light-weight jackets of all sizes.

If you can and would like to donate any of the above items, call or e-mail me and I will tell you where to drop them off or you can drop them off at the Post Home and leave them with the bartender. Be sure to put **"For Hospital"** on the package. If you have any questions be sure to call or e-mail me.

If you are currently providing continuous care for a Veteran at home and you discover that it is difficult to find a few hours for yourself, there is a service "Respite" home volunteer program to give someone a break, a rest period, or breathing spell.

Trained volunteers will come to your home on a scheduled visit to give you, the caregiver, a few hours of time to call your very own.

To learn more about this program, please contact Glo Herkenhoff at 206-277-3884, or e-mail, [glocita.herkenhoff@va.gov](mailto:glocita.herkenhoff@va.gov).

Our emphasis this year will be taking care of our Veterans. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!**

Loyally,

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### **Veterans Day Parade**

The annual Auburn Veteran's Day Parade will be held Saturday, November 6, 2010, 11:00 in the morning. Form up is normally by the Red Apple Market around Main and M streets at 9:30 a.m.

This is a very enjoyable Veteran's Day parade, touted as the largest one west of the Mississippi.

This year, the VFW will be honored, so we would like as many Post, District, or Department VFW members to participate as possible.

The parade usually includes over 200 units, including marching bands, veteran's groups, vehicles, etc. The parade route is about one mile in length traveling west on Main Street to A street NW.

Be proud of your service and join us in this great event. The uniform of the day is generally VFW Blue coat, grey pants and VFW hat.

### **Vietnam Veterans Traveling Wall**

The Wall will be available at the City of [Auburn Veterans Day observance](#), Thursday, Nov. 4 through Sunday, Nov. 7, open 24 hours, at the Auburn Veterans Memorial Park 411 E St. NE.

Visit this unforgettable exhibit that pays tribute to the men and women who served in the US Armed Forces.

A half-scale replica of Washington, D.C.-based Vietnam, the Memorial Wall Contains 58,249 names of those killed or missing in action. Computers with databases will be available to help locate names on the wall. The exhibit is open for all ages. For more information, call 253-931-3043.

