

THE BUGLE

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

WHITE MOUNTAIN AREA POST 9907



381 N. Central, Show Low, Arizona 85901 Telephone: 928-537-7511
 Post Meetings: Second Monday of the Month at 7:00PM
 Ladies Auxiliary Meetings: Second Monday of the Month at 6:00PM
 Men's Auxiliary: Second Wednesday of the Month at 6:00PM

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42 YEARS OF VETERANS SERVING VETERANS AND THE COMMUNITY

POST OFFICERS 2010-11

George Baum	Commander
Nevada Smith	Sr. Vice Commander
GreggKozakiewicz	Jr. Vice Commander
Terry Hill	Quartermaster/Adjutant
Jack Latham	Judge Advocate
Walter Royal	Chaplain
Horace "Mel" Bell	Surgeon
Horace "Mel" Bell	Service Officer
Trustees	
Dave Terwilliger	1 year Trustee
Rick Tesinsky	2 year Trustee
James A. Campbell	3 year Trustee
House Committee	
Joe Wood	1 year Committeeman
Vacant	2 year Committeeman
Gordon Cole	3 year Committeeman
Tim Turner	Appointed
DanSorenson	Appointed

LADIES AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2010-11

Melody Judd	President
Claudia Keicher	Sr. Vice President
Kate Cole	Jr. Vice President
AnnaMaeStafford	Secretary/Treasurer
ToniLynnAaquist	Chaplain
GwenMessenger	Conductress
Darlene Taasevigen	Guard
Trustees	
Darlene Taasevigen	1 year Trustee
Gwen Messenger	2 year Trustee
Margie Carpenter	3 year Trustee

MEN'S AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2010-11

BrandyButler	President
Art Chavez	Sr. Vice President
Rick Lewis	Jr. Vice President
Dick Krasnick	Secretary/Treasurer
Vacant	Chaplain

COMMANDER

Comrades,

The first thing that came to mind as I started to write, is the wonderful showing and outstanding result of the Ladies Buddy Poppy drive on the Show Low Independence Day Parade route. Almost a new record was set and they should be very proud of their efforts. Many thanks to all who volunteered, especially Sandy Noble for heading up the effort. Although the response from the citizens of Show Low was poor, the efforts of Donna Holloway in preparing and chairing the "Annual BBQ" is to be applauded.

To just merely state the Picnic for the 1404 Transportation Company was a success would be a gross understatement. I do not know how many soldiers and their family members were there, but if I said around 300 I do not think anyone would argue. We had plenty of help, the weather really was not that bad, the food was excellent, and the soldiers were very appreciative. Their commander, Captain Judd, conducted a promotion ceremony which only added to the festivities. Many, many thanks to the cooks: Dan Sorenson, Joe Wood, Lowell Hollenbeck and Gordon Cole. Thanks to Donna Holloway for all her efforts, as usual. Also, as always, many, many thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary and their president, Melody Judd, without whom the day would not have been so special. Lastly to Pete Mayer for coordinating this event.

Some dates to place on your calendar are August 4, Coast Guard Day; September 2, VJ Day; September 18, Air Force Birthday; October 13, Navy Birthday.

There will be short services at the flag pole at the Post for these occasions.

If you have not, as yet, paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible.

Remember there is a drawing of those that have paid their dues by December 31, 2010. If your name is drawn, you will receive a free *Life Membership*. I know December sounds like a long way off, but the year is already half over.

The Department of Arizona, VFW, is selling calendars to raise funds for the Voice of Democracy. If you purchase a calendar, you are eligible for a drawing held on every day of 2011. The drawings vary in value each day. The calendars are \$25.00 each; if possible, please purchase one.

Last, but not least Thank You to Pat, Ron and Brandy who marched the whole Independence Day Parade with me. I think we looked great!

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of the summer. By the way, don't miss the Ladies Auxiliary dinners! The food is great and each dinner helps the Post and Canteen!

Yours in Good Comradeship,
George Baum

BINGO

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON TUESDAY NIGHT? Have I got a deal for you? If you are an annual dues paying member of the Post or Ladies Auxiliary, you can earn life a membership by becoming a Bingo worker. For life members, I can use your help as well.

PLUS I desperately need someone to take over working the cash register one night during the month.

With summer reruns the only thing to watch on TV, why don't you come on down and play Bingo on Tuesday night. You can have and have a chance to win \$1,000.00. Give it a try!

Terry Hill

Bingo Chairman

QUARTERMASTER

The membership drive is on, if you haven't gotten your membership renewal notice yet, you soon will. We are striving to make 100% by December 1st this year. You can help your Post by paying your dues for 2011 when you get your notice from National. You can send your dues directly to National or sent them to the Post and I'll pay them online and you should get your new membership card within five days. Your choice!

Quartermaster bond has been paid. Post insurance has been paid (\$7,122.00) for this year. Arizona House payment has been sent off to the National Home. 5,000 buddy poppies have been bought for the year. All these expenditures have depleted the general fund significantly. A special Thank You goes out to the Men's Auxiliary who donated \$1,000.00 to assist with the Post insurance.

VFW Sweepstakes electronic games have arrived and are in the Canteen. So far they have paid out more than they have taken in. Hopefully that will turn around and we can make some money off them to pay the bills.

Terry Hill

Quartermaster

LADIES AUXILIARY TREASURER

I have the 2011 Auxiliary membership cards from National. If you would like to pay your 2011 dues, you can do this any time. Just send your check for \$18.00 to me at:
Anna Mae Stafford
P.O. Box 3247
Show Low, AZ 85902
For the LIFE MEMBERS you can pay your Cancer Insurance of \$7.20 any time before December 31, 2010. I would just like to say that if you are a LIFE MEMBER and you do not pay this \$7.20, the Auxiliary still has to pay it, so please be kind to your Auxiliary and pay by December 15, 2010 for 2011, so that I can get them to National by December 31, 2010 so you will not lose your Cancer Insurance.

Just remember, if your dues are not paid by December 15, 2010 for 2011, so that I can get them to National by December 31, 2010, you will lose your Cancer benefits for 1 year. We do not want this to happen so please try to pay as early as possible.

Anna Mae Stafford, Treasurer

SPECIAL SPECIAL

The Ladies Auxiliary is selling raffle tickets to Win a NEW LAPTOP COMPUTER!!!

It is an 'ACER', 17" screen, Intel Dual Core, 3 GB Memory and a 360 GB Hard Drive

This computer has been constructed with all the newest, latest and best programs.

The tickets are \$5.00 each OR 5 for \$20.00.

The drawing will be held at the Veterans Dinner in November

and you need NOT be present to win!

We will sell only 500 tickets so your chances of winning are super!

Contact Sandy Noble @ 928-537-0866 for tickets, or any Ladies Auxiliary member.

TAPS
TO ALL MEMBERS
WITH SORROW WE REPORT
THE PASSING OF FELLOW COMRADES AND
SISTERS

JOHN NEWCOMBER
LIFE MEMBER VFW
JUNE 10, 2010
(blind Bob)

FLOYD HOLT
LIFE MEMBER VFW
JUNE 12, 2010

JARROD SORENSON
MEN'S AUXILIARY
JULY 16, 2010

A PERSON LIVES ON IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE TOUCHED BY THEM FOR THOSE OF US WHO GRATEFULLY CALLED YOU FRIENDS; YOUR MEMORIES WILL LIVE ON.

The departed whom we now remember have entered into the peace of life eternal. They still live on earth in the acts of goodness they performed and in the hearts of those who cherish their memory. May the beauty of their life abide among us as a loving benediction.

LADIES AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

Comrades & Sisters -

Please help me reach the ill & distressed members of our larger organization. I can't contact spouses or hospitalized members with cards or baskets unless someone lets me know. I hate to think someone that needs our support is being missed because I haven't been notified. You can reach me on my cell phone, 928-205-7829, or email me @ tlaaquist@yahoo.com. Thank you for your help. ToniLynn Aaquist, Chaplain
VFW 9907 Ladies Auxiliary

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

I wish to thank the following for their hard work on the 1404th BBQ; Terry Hill, Danny Sorenson, Donna Holloway, Jim Campbell Flea, Joe Wood, Lowell Hollenbeck, James Corl, Melody and Tom Judd, Richard and Alexis Thompson, Hilda Smith, and Angela Kimmins. **MANY THANKS TO ALL!**

Peter Mayer, Chairman

BOXES FOR THE TROOPS

I want to thank everyone for your support and donations. A special thank you goes to Sandy Noble for all her work with the **RED SHIRTS**. Without the profit from the **RED SHIRTS** we would not be able to afford the postage of the troop boxes.

We will be packing boxes August 26 @ 11:00AM. If you know a soldier serving overseas please give us their name and address and we will be happy to send them a box.

You can also help us fill the boxes by donating needed items listed below.

Remember, we send individual size items so we can pack many things into each box. All donations can be dropped off at the Post. We can use any and all of the following:

Gum, hard candy, crackers, cookies, baby wipes, Pringles, beef jerky, Vaseline, summer sausage, canned nachos, Kool-Aid mixes, peanuts, Tabasco sauce, Gatorade mixes, peanut butter, Tang, baseballs, sunflower seeds, white crew socks, chap stick, camex, nutrition bars, granola bars, sun-block, toothpaste, tooth brushes, lotion, disposable razors, foot power, deodorant, plastic knives, baby power, bug spray, throat lozenges, cards, stationary, Frisbees, Kotex, Tampax, and batteries (AA/AAA/C)

Again, thank you one and all!

Melody Judd, Ladies Auxiliary President
2010-2011 537-3666, OR
melodyjudd@frontiernet.net



LADIES AUXILIARY JR. VICE

Do you love to cook and/or bake like I do? I am inviting everyone to send me a favorite recipe and a short story how you found it and what makes it special. I will then add it to the CD I am making and hopefully by Christmas the Ladies Auxiliary will have them ready to sell for gift giving. So **PLEASE** take a minute and send to me your contribution at katesdragon@live.com

If you do not have email, write it out and drop in the Ladies Auxiliary Box at the Post.
THANKS ALL!

Kate Cole, Jr. Vice

LADIES AUXILIARY SR. VICE

BURGER NIGHT has been a huge success thanks to all of you! Our next Burger Night is set for August 20, 2010 from 4:00 – 6:30PM. If you haven't tried a Single/Double/Triple yet August 20th is your chance. Can't come in August? Well you are in luck as we have one in September also! September 17, 2010 to be exact so put that date on your calendar also.

But the best part is not even the Burgers. The best part is with every Burger we sell, our programs that assist veterans and youth are being funded!

So, once again, **THANK YOU!**

Claudia Keicher, Sr. Vice President

RED SHIRTS

The Ladies Auxiliary is selling RED SHIRTS to support our troops. On the front of the shirt is Red Shirt Friday,

On the front of the shirt is Red Shirt Friday, Thank You Troops! VFW Post 9907 Show Low, AZ. And on the back is:

HOME OF THE FREE BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE

These shirts come in sizes S-XXL (XXXL is available by special order), Short sleeves, long sleeves, with a pocket or without. Priced from \$18.00 to \$25.00 and they are **MADE IN AMERICA.**

All of the proceeds pay for the postage for the troop boxes that are sent each month to our active duty soldiers.

Shirts can be purchased at the canteen or call

**SANDY NOBLE @ 928-205-8947 or
928-537-0866**

ALSO WE WILL SHIP FOR A SMALL FEE!
See previous page!

CANTEEN NEWS

HELLO!

As you all know Doug has bought his own bar and grill and I have taken over as Manager. I will do my best to fill his shoes and "it won't be easy!" I sincerely wish him the best!

We will continue to have tacos on Wednesday and steaks on Thursday, but for a change, I am doing Port Chops on the BBQ on Mondays! Come try them out. Hopefully we can get some other dinners going also. Don't forget 'Happy Hour' Monday-Friday 4:00-6:00Pm and Saturday and Sunday from 2:00-4:00PM. See you soon!

Flea

1404th UPDATE

The long awaited picnic and BBQ for the members of the NATIONAL GUARD UNIT 1404th based in Show Low, AZ, has happened and was a huge success! We had about 300 soldiers and their families in attendance. Games were played with the children, everyone was fed and Capt. Judd conducted a promotion ceremony for some in attendance.

But best of all was watching the troops re-connecting with one another.

Watch the web site, vfw9907.org for a pictorial presentation of the picnic including photos of most of the soldiers and officers.

ADJUTANT

I want to thank everyone who took part in the 1404 Transportation Company Homecoming Barbeque. I especially want to thank Peter Mayer for his work on setting up, coordinating and overseeing the project. This was the only homecoming the 1404th was given in Show Low and it was their second tour in the Middle East. They were part of the invasion force that went into Iraq and during this tour they took part in hauling heavy equipment out of Iraq. Captain Judd and First Sergeant Rush both were impressed with the barbeque and expressed their appreciation for the Homecoming. It was our way of saying Thank You and Welcome Home.

We had four members of the Show Low City Council in attendance as well as the Vice President of the Arizona Chapter of the Association of the United States Army.

Terry Hill

Adjutant

BUGLE EDITOR

HELLO ALL!!

I hope you are informed with this issue of the Bugle. But, since it has been designed for publication only every other month, some articles are outdated very quickly. The way to solve that problem, is to keep it up to date on our web site.

It is my intention to change some pages, add some articles and make your Bugle more informative more often. I have been working very hard, along with our WEB MASTER, CJ, to make our web site really something special. Now your calendars are on the web site and they are **DOWNLOADABLE!** This issue of the Bugle and ALL future issues are also on the web site and are also **DOWNLOADABLE!** And CJ is adding a **PHOTO Page** so we can share with you Post and Auxiliaries activities even if you could not attend!

We are trying to reach as many of our members as possible to inform them of our activities and programs. I have for the last 8 weeks been sending emails to our members and our summer visitors informing them of meetings, activities and begging for help! Not once have I sent spam and I even figured out how to keep every ones email private so no one sees addresses except the Editor. **BUT**, we do not have near enough email addresses! I know there are lots of you out there that could use the information that I share, but without your email addresses and names, I can't reach you. So I am asking, **PLEASE, REACH ME!**

[**claudia@vfw9907.org**](mailto:claudia@vfw9907.org)

OR

928-242-0898

Call your friends, neighbors and the guy you met last night! Inform them of this service, beg them to contact ME if they are VFW/Auxiliary/American Legion/DAV or another service related origination that is welcomed to our post. I know we can make this work. Thanks!

Claudia Keicher, Editor

ANOTHER THOUGHT

The Man in the Glass

**When you get what you want in your struggle
for self,**

**And the world makes you king for a day..
Then go to the mirror and look at yourself
And see what that guy has to say.**

**For it isn't your father, or mother or wife
Whose judgment upon you must pass.
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your
life
is the guy staring back from the glass.**

**He's the fellow to please, never mind all the
rest,**

**For he's with you clear up to the end.
And you've passed your most dangerous,
difficult test**

If the guy in the glass is your friend.

**You may be like Jack Horner and chisel a
plum.**

**And think you're a wonderful guy:
But the man in the glass says you're only a
bum**

If you can't look him straight in the eye.

**You can fool the whole world down the
pathway of years.**

**And get pats on the back as you pass:
But the final reward will be heartaches and
tears**

If you've cheated the guy in the glass.