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COMMANDER'S SITREP



Larry Moyer
Post Commander

Well can you believe it is May? Those of us who do "Run For The Wall" The largest motorcycle ride of its kind in the world say often, "Is It May Yet?!" This is a very patriotic ride and it is also a healing mission for many. If you don't know about it, I suggest watching a YouTube video titled "All The Way" it is over an hour but is amazing. It is the story of "Run For The Wall". If any of you have someone near and dear to you on one of the memorial walls please get me their information and I will make and carry a bio of them to the wall. We go to the Vietnam wall in Washington D.C. and the middle east conflict wall in Marseilles, Illinois as well as the Vietnam wall in Perryville, Missouri. I must have this prior to May 8th.

May brings lots of other great events to the Post as well. We have the Cemetery clean up on May 9th, Mother's day is May 10th, We will install the new officers at the May 7th meeting. They do not take office until the new State Commander (Our Own Joe Steller) takes office on June 20th. Friday May 22nd is our only Poppy distribution so far. This is our biggest fundraiser and all donations go into our Relief Fund to help local veterans and their families. May 25th is Memorial day. Along with the American Legion we do 2 services, 9am at Terrebonne, 11am at Redmond. We need help getting chairs up to the cemetery and flags up at the Post.

We received a substantial inheritance in April. I know many have all sorts of ideas on what we can or should do with that money. I think the most important thing is to listen to all ideas and take a month or two to decide. Do research into things that can improve our post. My passion is to fix this severely decayed parking lot. It is unsafe as well as a very poor front image for our post. I have asked many companies for bids on the parking lot. I have also asked for donations in that area also. In our last post meeting, we also approved adding some lighting to the front of the building to make the parking lot not so dark at night. This must be done with care to not violate any lighting restrictions for the dark sky laws. This has been kept in mind.

I have also suggested we hire or get a volunteer or two to be cooks on the evenings we have events. This does not need to be a chef. We could offer things like burgers, dogs, and other easy to prepare and serve dishes to revitalize our kitchen. We have been offered, at no cost to the post, the construction of a large outdoor BBQ. This will be brought to the house committee for review this next meeting.

As the post commander I want to encourage all members to bring their views and opinions to the post. This must be done in a positive and encouraging manner. Our mission to help our fellow veterans and to keep the post active and alive is important. The newly elected officers are younger and can bring some fresh ideas to the post. This is great!

May is the start of summer. This year we are celebrating the 250th birthday of our great nation. We should start a committee with plans to have some kind of celebration for this great milestone. Have a Great May.

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POST ACTION NEWS

May

Fri., May 1, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole
 Sat. & Sun, May 2 & 3, 2026 - Aux Dept in Aux room.
 Mon., May 4, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole
 Wed., May 6, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole
 Thur., May 7, 2026 - 8:30am Quilters



Thur., May 7, 2026 - 6pm Post & Aux. meetings. Joint Installation of Officers.

Fri., May 8, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Sat., May 9, 2026 - 9am Rdm. Cemetery Cleanup.

Sat., May 9, 2026 - 10am CVMA

Sat., May 9, 2026 - 6-10pm Swing Dance

Mon., May 11, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Wed., May 13, 2026 - 6pm MOC & MOCA

Wed., May 13, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Thur., May 14, 2026 - 4:45-5:45pm Girl Scouts in Aux. room.

Fri., May 15, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Sun., May 17, 2026 - 9am Cornhole ACL

Sun., May 17, 2026 - 2pm Honor Guard

Mon., May 18, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Tues., May 19, 2026 - 6pm OHA meet.

Wed., May 20, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Thur., May 21, 2026 - 4:45-5:45pm Girl Scouts in Aux. room.

Fri., May 22, 2026 - 9-6 Buddy Poppy Distribution at 3 stores. One day only.

Fri., May 22, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Sun., May 24, 2026 - 1-3pm Fiddlers

Mon., May 25, 2026 - 9am Terrebonne Cemetery. 11am Rdm. Cemetery with full memorial program.

Mon., May 25, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Wed., May 27, 2026 - 10:30am-3:30pm Red Cross Blood Drive in the Hall.

Wed., May 27, 2026 - 6pm House Committee meeting.

Wed., May 27, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Thurs., May 28, 2026 - 8am Realtors

Thur., May 28, 2026 - 4:45-5:45pm Girl Scouts in Aux. room.

Thur., May 28, 2026 - 6-8pm Honor Flight

Fri., May 29, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Sat., May 30, 2026 - Rhamirez Baptism

June

Mon., Jun 1, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Wed., Jun 3, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Thur., Jun 4, 2026 - 8:30am Quilters



Thur., Jun 4, 2026 - 6pm Post & Aux. meetings.

Fri., Jun 5, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Mon., Jun 8, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Wed., Jun 10, 2026 - 6pm MOC & MOCA

Wed., Jun 10, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Thur., Jun 11, 2026 - 4:45-5:45pm Girl Scouts in Aux. room.

Fri., Jun 12, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Sat., Jun 13, 2026 - 100th B-day party

Mon., Jun 15, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Tues., Jun 16, 2026 - 6pm OHA meet.

Wed., Jun 17, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Wed., Jun 17-21st—State Convention Salem, OR.

Thurs., Jun 18, 2026 - 8am Realtors

Thur., Jun 18, 2026 - 4:45-5:45pm Girl Scouts in Aux. room.

Sat., Jun 20, 2026 - Laura's Vet's dinner

Mon., Jun 22, 2026 - 6pm House Committee Meeting.

Mon., Jun 22, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Wed., Jun 24, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Thur., Jun 25, 2026 - 4:45-5:45pm Girl Scouts in Aux. room.

Sat., Jun 27, 2026 - Mike Shawver Memorial

Mon., Jun 29, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

July

Wed., July 1, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Thur., July 2, 2026 - 8:30am Quilters



Thur., July 2, 2026 - 6pm Post & Aux. meetings.

Sat., July 4, 2026 - Parade & Hamburger & Hot Dog Feed for all Vets and their families.

Sun., July 5, 2026 - 9am Cornhole ACL

Mon., July 6, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Wed., Jun 8, 2026 - 6pm MOC & MOCA

Wed., July 8, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Thur., July 9, 2026 - 4:45-5:45pm Girl Scouts in Aux. room.

Fri., July 10, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Sat., July 11, 2026 - 10am CVMA

Mon., July 13, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Wed., Jun 15, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Thur., July 16, 2026 - 4:45-5:45pm Girl Scouts in Aux. room.

Fri., July 17, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Sat., July 18, 2026 - Quinceanera

Sun., July 19, 2026 - 2pm Honor Guard

Mon., July 20, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Tues., July 21, 2026 - 6pm OHA meet.

Wed., Jun 22, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Thur., July 23, 2026 - 4:45-5:45pm Girl Scouts in Aux. room.

Fri., July 24- 29, 2026 –National VFW Convention in Reno, NV.

Fri., July 24, 2026 - 6:30pm Cornhole

Mon., July 27, 2026 - 6pm House Committee meeting.

Tue., July 28, 2026 - 6pm Honor Flight

Wed., July 29, 2026 - Deschutes County Fair starts. VFW has a booth.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S ACTREP

April was a world-wind of activity! New officers elected for the new year that starts July 1st. The District Convention behind us and new officers elected there.

The Clear Path Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Spaghetti Dinner was a huge success! Lots of people! The spaghetti was great and the meatballs and sauce was very good. All veterans and their spouses ate free and others were a \$5 donation. Lots of raffles. It appeared that everyone was having a great time.

May 7th is our next meeting. If you were elected or appointed to an office please try to stay after the meeting for installation of officers with the Post members. If you cannot be there, let me know and we will plan on installing you at another time.

May 9th the Post is doing their "Day of Service" with the Moose Lodge at the cemetery cleaning veteran graves and flag post holes for the Memorial Day services.

May 22nd, Friday we are distributing "Buddy" Poppies. This year we are only doing one day and will choose another couple days later in the year. That means we have just 18 shifts to fill this year. Still, going into May we are very short of volunteers. Buddy Poppy donations replenish our Relief fund to help local veterans and their families. Buddy Poppies has always been our biggest fundraiser of the year. We are splitting it up to try and take it easy on our volunteers and to see if this might improve donations this way. We try to use 3-hour shifts and adults get to sit down. We need one adult at each door because we have minors there. Even if you don't have 3 hrs. to give, tell us what you can do.

Your Help is really needed!

May 25th Memorial Day there are two services. **9am at Terrebonne and 11am at Redmond Cemetery.** The Redmond Cemetery has guest speakers and is usually well attended. Our Post needs to get about 150 folding chairs to the Redmond Cemetery.

June 17th -21st the State (Department) Convention will be held at the Salem Convention Center.

All Volunteer organizations rely on members stepping forward to help carry out the Mission of that organization. Yet each of you have families, children in activities or sports, and jobs and careers. The VFW is losing it's older members and needs others to step up. Without members helping, the VFW will cease to exist. Our primary mission is to help Veterans in need and their families. If we are not carrying out our mission, we will become a failed Post and Auxiliary. I know no one wants that, so please do what you can.

Helping our Veterans and their families with *"Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes"*.

Loyally,

Dianne Guthrie

President, Auxiliary 4108, 541-280-5162



Dianne Guthrie
Auxiliary
President

HOUSE COMMITTEE

The House Committee has had the last two meetings without a quorum. We talked about things happening around the Post and the property.

For those that were not at the last Post meeting, we have had a new AED unit placed in the Post for emergencies. The lights on the stage, which were 65 years old, were replaced with LED lights after a few were smoking. We have plans to place lights on the parking lot for the safety of those walking in and out of the Post in the dark. A motion passed to spend the money at the last Post meeting.

At the last Post meeting it was announced that the Post had received a fairly large sum of money from a veteran who passed on. There will be a discussion on how this could be used to better our Post.

At our next meeting we will be taking volunteers to help with the "Buddy" Poppy drive. We will only be doing one (1) day at this time on Friday the 22nd of May from 9am to 6pm. We want to do all three stores, 2 doors at each store. The JROTC cadets will assist us. With minors there we must have one adult at each door. **Right now, we are drastically short of volunteers even for one day!**

May 9th we will be working with the Moose Lodge, the JROTC, and the community to clean up veteran graves, and flagpole holes for the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Memorial Day, May 25th we will have two ceremonies as usual. At 9am at the Terrebonne Cemetery and at 11am at the Redmond Cemetery. All are welcome to come top the ceremony. We share responsibility for both services with the American Legion. The VFW provides about 150 folding chairs as well as all our wreaths stands.

Dennis Guthrie

House Committee Chairman

Combat Medic Vietnam 69-70



Dennis Guthrie
House Committee
Chairman



These symbols are meant to include all people of all faiths.

Chaplains Corner

Post Chaplain

Dear Fellow Comrades,

The month of May is upon us, now that the weather is getting better, the sun will do us all some good. Get out and enjoy the sunny days, and yes, we will have those gloomy ones also. However, get out for some physical walks, and also some spiritual walks, continue your journey with our Lord and Savior. If you don't have a relationship with Him, now is the time. We never know when our time is up, so why wait.

I will be heading back to Washington DC this month, I do the annual Run for the Wall. We ride for those who can't ride, they are gone but NEVER forgotten. If you need anything while I am gone, feel free to call and leave a message, I will return your call. I hope you all have a super Memorial Day, and get out for the VFW float in the parade. It's a great experience if you have never done it before. They will also have their usual Memorial Day brunch at the VFW, come down and have some food, and tell war stories to all your comrades. If you don't share them, they will be lost forever when you go. So share your legacy, it can always be brought up with a great war story.

God Bless you all.

Donn "Bigdog" Hougham

VFW Chaplain

541-280-1819 donnbigdog@yahoo.com

Auxiliary Chaplain

Auxiliary Members,

Please let me know of anyone who is sick at home or in the hospital that you wish us to reach out to. If you feel someone needs a "thinking of you" card or more, such as a phone call, let us know.

In addition, anyone that is a Veteran or family of a veteran that needs some emotional support in trying times, please contact us. Suicide & Mental Health Awareness should be everyone's responsibility. I have access to several resources to help any veteran struggling. Please check on "Buddies". They could be veterans of any era experiencing difficulties coping with events happening around the world or in their life.

REMEMBER – "It takes the courage and the strength of a warrior to ask for help!"

Terri Stellar

Auxiliary 4108 Chaplain

Email: tstellar@gmail.com Phone: 541-279-7135

Available: 24/7/365 Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255, press 1 Chat: veteranscrisisline.net Text message to: 838255

HONOR GUARD

I'm changing the meeting day to the third Sunday. Honor Guard meeting will be May 17th at 1400hrs (2pm) at the VFW hall.

We will be doing clean up at Redmond Memorial Cemetery on May 9th at 0900hrs, please come and help.

You can help put out flags for Memorial day, just let us know if you want to help.

Every third Wednesday of the month (5/20/26) we play TAPS at the Hospice of Redmond (1630hrs-4:30pm) and Redmond Memorial Cemetery (1700hrs-5:00pm).

Come join us in honoring our brothers and sisters who are no longer with us.

Honor Guard Captain

Dave Pete

541-420-4463

Wreaths Across America

We have started wreath sponsorship for 2026. All wreaths sponsored from now to the end of the year will go for 2026, thank you for the support.

I want to thank everyone who helped place and pick up Wreaths this year. I couldn't do this with out you. Wreaths Across America placement day is **December 19th, 2026**. Please come and help us Remember and Honor all Vets and those still serving.

Please contact Post Wreath Coordinator, Dave Pete, for more information on how you can help with this Post program.

Dave Pete, 541-420-4463

“Buddy” Poppies
Help Replenish our
Relief Fund
So we can help Local
Veterans
&
Their Families

This is our primary mission!

VOLUNTEER

May 22nd 9am-6pm
3 hour shifts available
541-280-5162

THE COOTIE CORNER - RIMROCK #8



"Keep 'em Smilin' in Beds of White"

"Closer than a Brother, Busier than a Bee"



"Increase and Multiply"

Attention all Cooties!!

The next MOC meeting is May 13th @ 1800 hrs.

Joe Stellar, Seam Squirrel of Pup Tent 8



**Joe Stellar
Seam Squirrel
541-233-7577**

Lady & Gentleman Bugs,

We too have experienced a changing of the guard.

Our next meeting is May 13th at 6pm. We are calling all Cooties. What is a Cootie? In the VFW it is the "Honor Degree" You must be invited to join and should be one of the most active VFW & VFW Auxiliary members. WE are dedicated to two things, Veterans in hospitals or nursing homes and the VFW Home. The Home is for Veteran families, active duty families, or families of VFW members that are experiencing problems and are willing to set goals and work toward them. Want to know more, just ask.

We hope to see you then.

Jocelyn Tureck,
President, MOCA #8

**Jocelyn Tureck
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May 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April 26	27	28	29	30	May 1	2
	6:30pm Cornhole	12 Noon—Band of Brothers	6:30pm Cornhole		6:30pm Cornhole	Depart. Aux. in Aux. Rm.
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10	11 6pm Coin Club 6:30pm Cornhole	12 12 Noon—Band of Brothers 6pm OHA meeting	13  6pm MOCA & MOCA meets 6:30pm Cornhole	14 4:45-5:45pm Girl Scouts in Aux room.	15 6:30pm Cornhole	16
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24 1-3pm Old Time Fiddlers	25 9am Terrebonne Ceme. 11am Rdm Cemetery 6:30pm Cornhole Memorial Day	26 12 Noon—Band of Brothers	27 10:30-3:30—Blood Drive in the Hall 6pm House Committee 6:30pm Cornhole	28 4:45-5:45pm Girl Scouts in Aux room. 6-8pm Honor Flight	29 6:30pm Cornhole	30
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