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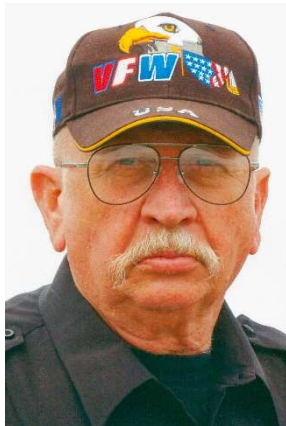
“The Post News” 1st Quarter 2021



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Commander’s Corner by Joe Addair

Welcome to the Q1 Post Newsletter. We are still fighting our way through the Covid-19 Pandemic restrictions placed on our county by Governor Brown. Coos County



will remain in the Extreme category until at least March 25 when we hope to open for indoor dining. Until then, we continue to offer meals to go and are utilizing the patio for outdoor dining. A big thank you for all those that continue to support our canteen. Also, a big thank you to the American Legion Post 26 for donating money to enclose the patio sides and to Bob Ash for donating 2 large propane tanks full of propane.

We will get through this as we always have and be stronger for the trip. Let’s keep our fellow veterans and their families in our thoughts as we continue our journey.

Our team continues to work on reviewing our member roster and attempting to contact each member by phone or email to make sure they are healthy and safe during these unusual times. If you have not received a phone call or email from our membership committee, please contact the Quartermaster, Preston Wayte, at vfw3440@gmail.com or 530-949-0749 and get your contact information updated.

Our Post meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of each month at 3:00pm. We hope to see more of you there in the future as restrictions are eased. We will be holding Officer nominations at our March meeting and voting on them at the April meeting. Please attend.

Quartermaster Report by Preston Wayte

Wow! March is already here signaling the end of our 3rd Quarter from a financial standpoint. Our Post is not immune to the financial impact of the Covid-19 lockdowns. The Canteen struggles to cover costs as we attempt to maintain some form of service for take-out and patio dining. We have not sold Poppies, which supports our Veteran Relief Fund, in over a year, and rental of the meeting hall has also been non-existent for the same period.



We are grateful for a 2nd round of SBA Funding to help cover costs of our employees, as well as a Grant from VFW National that covers the cost of our Commercial Insurance for 2 Quarters. We are also thankful for the donations from several of our members and “Friends of VFW Post 3440”. While we have struggled, the good news is we are, thus far, maintaining a positive cash flow and “keeping the lights on” for our members.

We also received a grant from the 3 Rivers Foundation to help cover the cost of residing the storage garage with metal siding. Thanks to a donation by Deborah Kelley in Royce’s memory, we have enough money to finish the project which will start in March.

We are preparing a “Draft Strategic Plan Outline” for our Post that should be ready for members’ input in March. Stay tuned. THIS IS YOUR POST!

Our Website is Active www.vfw3440.org

We have completed the 1st phase of our new Website and hope you will find it useful and appealing. We have much work yet to do and would love to get some help in keeping it updated and relevant. If anyone is interested in helping by providing content or updating it, please contact QM Preston Wayte. To view the site, open your favorite browser and go to www.vfw3440.org. You will find information about our Post, its history, and coming events. Our monthly menu specials are listed as well as an annual calendar.

Don't forget to also keep an eye on our face book page at www.facebook.com/vfw3440.

March Cemetery Cleanup

We have scheduled our Graveyard Cleanup for March 13 starting at 9am and need lots of volunteers to get the work done in time for a few refreshments and a BBQ afterwards. Our goal is to clean up the west end of the Graveyard which has several grave sites that need some attention. So, bring your chainsaws, lopping shears and other tools along with a strong back and help us get the job done. Following the cleanup, refreshments and BBQ burgers will be provided for our wonderful volunteers. Please contact Donnie Wise at dgwise@msn.com or phone at 512-923-9178 to volunteer.

He Does It All!



Commander Joe Addair does it all! There are few projects at "The Post" that Joe Addair is not involved in. He is very good at many things – Not sure if mopping the floor is one of them. Craig – take the mop away from him.

Remembering Past Commander Royce Kelley



Our beloved Past Commander Royce Kelley passed away at the age of 79 on January 15, 2021 after a long battle with kidney disease. Chief Petty Officer Royce was born February 25, 1942 in Green City, Missouri and served in the Navy from 1962 to 1980. Royce was a Vietnam veteran. He is survived by his wife Deborah, daughters Diana, Esther, & Kris and son Sean, sister Jan Kelley along with 11 grandchildren & 6 great-grandchildren. Commander Royce was instrumental in the successful completion of the Bandon Veterans Memorial located at the Bandon City Park in 2019.

Patio Dining is here

With some donations, a bit of hard work, and a dedicated staff, we can spend some time in our covered and partially enclosed patio during the Covid-19 restrictions. Thanks to Joe Addair, Donnie Wise, Jerry Hettenbach, Craig Tyska, Cheral Wayte, and Cari Carver for their work on getting the patio set up.



Darts Anyone?



When "The Post" reopens in March, we will have a brand-new Dart Room ready for our members' enjoyment. Donnie, Preston, Cari & Karen have been hard at work transforming the storage room behind the bar into the dart room it once housed. Stay Tuned!

March Events

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| 5 th | Dinner – Steak, Potato, Veggies |
| 12 th | Dinner – Chicken Parmesan Pasta |
| 13 th | Cemetery Clean-up @ 9am |
| 14 th | Post Meeting @ 3pm |
| | Auxiliary Meeting @ 4pm |
| 17 th | St. Paddy's Day Special Dinner |
| 19 th | Dinner – Corned Beef & Cabbage |
| 20 th | Honor Guard Practice @ 2pm |
| | American Legion Mtg @ 3pm |
| 26 th | Dinner – Steak, Potato, Veggies |
| TUES | Taco Tuesday |

POST OFFICERS

Commander: Joe Addair

Sr. Vice Cmdr.: Richard (Alex) Alexander

Jr. Vice Cmdr.: Harold Davashere

Quartermaster: Preston Wayte

Chaplin: Gary Scorby

Service Officer: Donnie Wise

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President: Arlene Wilson

Secretary: Jan Hester

Treasurer: Madeline Seymour