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COMMANDER'S CORNER

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From the Commander

Once again I am saddened to report news of a death of more of our Legion Family members. Carole Speight recently passed away unexpectedly last month. Our sincere thoughts and prayers go out to her family and many friends during this time. Carole was an integral part of both the Auxiliary and Post. She served many years with the Auxiliary until the American Legion changed the requirements that would allow veterans of all wars to become a Post member, at which point she also became a member of the Post as an Airforce Veteran. She also served on the Post Executive Committee as the bookkeeper for many years. Carole will be greatly missed by all of us. There will be a grave-side service with full military honors, and a celebration of life sometime in 2022. In the meantime, the family has asked the Legion to organize and conduct an estate sale on 15 January 2022 at her home (105 Alder Street, Eastsound) from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. All proceeds will be divided between the Post and Auxiliary. Many hands are needed to accomplish this task, so if you are able to assist – even if it's only for an hour or two – it will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Dave or Patty Resch (360.376.3618) to volunteer.

Three other long-time Post members who passed away in December include Robert (Bob) Folk, Bill Morrison, and Bud Russell. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families and friends. The many contributions of these members will be highlighted in next month's newsletter.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who renewed their membership dues for 2021. As I've said before, our Legion depends on our members, and we really need everyone's support during this time! If you haven't yet renewed, please do so as soon as possible. In addition, it is time to recruit new members for all Units, so please reach out to those who may qualify and encourage them to become an active member of our Legion!

As always, feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns that you may have. Stay safe and have a wonderful New Year!

Patricia (Pat) Ayers, Commander

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Auxiliary News

Many thanks to all of you who participated as volunteers, bakers, and vendors for our recent CHRISTMAS BAZAAR! It was a great success as the Auxiliary did very well and the vendors were pleased with their sales.

It is with great sadness to report that our friend, Carole Speight, passed away last month. She was a member of both the Post and the Auxiliary, served as Auxiliary President, and was active in many of our Legion activities. Carole will be missed by all of us; our deepest condolences go out to her family and friends.

Carole's family has asked the Post and the Auxiliary to conduct an ESTATE SALE to help disburse her household items. This Estate Sale will take place on January 15th from 9:00 – 3:00 at 105 Alder Street. We are looking for VOLUNTEERS to help with the sale as all of the proceeds from this sale will be distributed between the Post and the Auxiliary. PLEASE CONTACT Patty or Dave Resch at 360-376-3618 if you can help with this event. Even if you can work for a COUPLE of HOURS, it would be very much appreciated! THANK YOU in advance for VOLUNTEERING!!

There will not be any meetings in January, but we will resume on February 9th with an Executive Board Meeting. Hope to see you there! Hope to see you in the NEW YEAR!!!

Thanks to all of you for your continued support!!

Connie Haugen, Jo Ann Johannesen
Auxiliary Co-Presidents

From the SAL

Fellas

As I'm writing this, we are going through some crazy weather! Freezing temps and more snow than I've seen on Orcas in 20 years (usually 'cause I try to be in warmer climes during this time of year ;). With that in mind, I'm hoping we'll be able to meet in January. Our meeting will be Monday January 17th at 6pm. At this meeting, I'd really like to nail down the details for starting on Erys' idea of a veterans lunch (not for our fundraising).

These events will hopefully happen once a month and they are for the purposes of providing a 'sit down' or takeout meal for any veteran that comes by (regardless if they are a member of the Post). We've discussed this in our meetings before, but since the attendance at our SAL meetings is so sporadic, I have to put our ideas in the newsletter.

So please, if you have any ideas or you want to help, please come to the January meeting.

Also... as you are reading this, if you're still on last years membership card, you won't be able to get in the door. I've only had about 30% renewal so far. For those of you that haven't renewed your membership (you know who you are), it's time to 'get right'. Let's go boys. We're here to aid the vets and the Post. Our membership dues are one of the few ways we raise money for that purpose.

Okay. I'm done with the guilt trip.

I wish y'all a prosperous and healthy new year!

Thanks

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From the Lounge

I want to start out by expressing my deepest condolences to the families and dear friends of Carole Speight and Bob Folk, both of whom passed away in December. I have had the pleasure of working with Carole since I started at the Club many years ago. I learned so much from her. As for Bob, I have fond memories of sitting up late with him on sign up nights for the fishing derby waiting for last minute entries. I never knew miniature cows existed before one of those nights. Hearing his carefully researched plan to try to add one to is herd will forever warm my heart. Rest in peace, friends. This past year has been a tough one. Don't forget the Lounge offers more than just alcohol beverages, and stopping up during happy hour to reconnect and tell old stories is a good way to help piece it all back together.

I have been wanting to get the Veteran's Luncheon off the ground, and it's about time to do it! If you are interested in helping, or sponsoring, email me at erys93@hotmail.com so I can get a planning meeting set up and we can make this happen!

Erys Molina, Club Manager

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Did you pay your 2022 dues?
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Post Exec Meeting 6p	13	14	15
16	17 SAL Meeting 6p	18	19	20	21 Snack Night	22
23	24	25	26 Post General Meeting 6p	27	28	29
30 Pancake Breakfast 8-12	31					