



## Present Arms!

March 2018

*Our Mission is Service to Veterans, Their Families and Our Community*

### Commander's Corner

It was a great turn out for the sweetheart dinner and a lot of fun. Thank you for those who came.

We started karaoke night and will be doing it on the first Saturday of every month. Come and check it out.

March is the anniversary of the American Legion. A dinner is slated for the 10<sup>th</sup> and celebration from the 15<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>.

I need help with putting on a dinner every Wednesday night in March for the RMEF.

We have started planning the Cow pasture Golf fundraiser for this year and need help on committees.

If you can help please come to our next meeting on March 3 at 1000 in the Post.

Reminder that the third Wednesday night, the honor guard perform TAPS.

Please check the info on Fred Meyer community rewards. This is a great program for our fundraiser's.

Larry



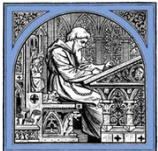
### YOU CAN HELP RAY JOHNSON POST 44 EARN DONATIONS JUST BY SHOPPING WITH YOUR FRED MEYER REWARDS CARD!

Fred Meyer is donating \$2.5 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Here's how the program works:

- Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Ray Johnson American Legion Post 44 at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards).
- You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number 91063.
- Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping (non-profit) earn a donation!
- You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.
- If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.
- For more information, please visit [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards).



### Adjutant's Area



#### Membership

**Goal** We only need six more renewals or new members to join to reach our goal of 278.

**New Members:** Please join me in welcoming the following new members to Post 44:

James Fraser, Elishau Dotson, Bruce Durbin, and John Winckler

#### Post Everlasting

We lost two more of our Post members recently:

Francis Kraus Jan 24<sup>th</sup>; Vietnam War vet; 15 yrs in the Legion  
Don Keith Feb 7<sup>th</sup>; Vietnam War vet; 35 yrs in the Legion

#### An Easy Way to Help Your Post

In this newsletter there is information on how to link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to our Post. By doing so, Fred Meyer will make a donation to the Post based upon what you spent. It does NOT affect your reward points. Signing up is very simple, although you will need to do it every year. You will have the capability to view your card and see what your contribution was.

Gus Oberg, Post 44 Adjutant



- March 1 soup night 5 p.m. till close. \$3.00 a bowl.
- March 3 ALR meeting noon at Post 44 Lounge.
- March 15 soup night 5 p.m. till close. \$3.00 a bowl.
- March 17 ALR Directors Meeting at Prineville 12 noon.
- March 29 soup night 5 p.m. till close. \$3.00 a bowl.

R. Baker; ALR Director

## *From the Desk of the Auxiliary President*

*There are three issues that I would like to address:*

- 1. I would like to extend my thanks to Harold Duncan for his help with the electrical problems that we had in the snack bar.*
- 2. I would, also, like to extend my appreciation to Pat and Larry Roshak for their help in the snack bar.*
- 3. Nominations are needed for officers for the auxiliary. If you want to see change in the Unit, your assistance is needed. Want a voice in what happens in the ALA, come join us to get involved.*



Calling all Bunco players. On March 15 at 6 p.m., the auxiliary will be hosting a bunco night in the bar. \$5.00 buy in. Come and have a good time, meet new people, and enjoy yourself.

*Jennifer Ivey*



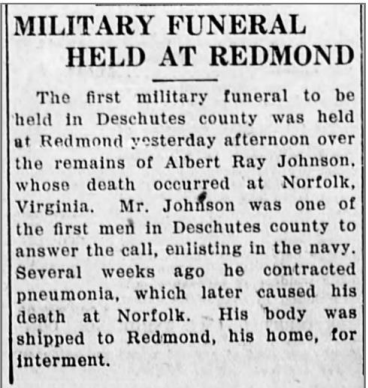
## **HISTORY LESSON**

**Ray Johnson was born Albert Ray Johnson born on May 18, 1898 in Wisconsin to Albert and Jennie Johnson. His mother Jennie is a charter member of our unit.**

**Ray joined the service after graduating Redmond Union High School in 1918. He joined the Navy and served on the USS Mercy. Ray was an intern on this ship that transported the injured and sick soldiers during WWI. In 1918, an influenza epidemic spread across the nation. Ray was one of the poor souls that died of influenza that year. His body was brought back to Redmond and he is buried at the Redmond Cemetery. His parents are buried next to him.**

**Ray was Redmond's first casualty sailor he was stationed at Norfolk, Virginia when he passed on April 15, 1918. His coffin came by train and was paraded through town where his service was held at the First Methodist Church.**

**Debbie van Osdel, History Chairman**



Newspaper announcement regarding Ray Johnson's funeral



Newspaper announcement regarding naming the American Legion Post after Ray Johnson.

# American Legion/VFW Honor Guard

The Honor Guard performed Military Honors on February 10 for Army Veteran John Woodward Jr. at Crooked River Ranch. We also executed our TAPS ceremony at Redmond Hospice and Redmond Cemetery on February 21.

Don Keith's Memorial scheduled for February 17 was cancelled and will be scheduled at a future date.

Our next Honor Guard meeting is scheduled for March 19 at the VFW Post. Next TAPS ceremony is March 21 at Redmond Hospice (4:30 p.m.) and Redmond Cemetery (5:00 p.m.). Come out and join us to honor our veterans.

Honor Guard Captain:  
Don DeLand (503-869-0318)



## Honor Flight of Central Oregon

Honor Flight of Central Oregon is a non-profit 501 (c3) established to provide trips to Washington D.C. for veterans in Deschutes, Jefferson or Crook Counties serving anywhere during the Korean War period (June 27, 1950 - January 31, 1955). These flights are to provide our Korean War period veterans a chance to view their Korean War Memorial and others if they have not had the opportunity. For more details and to obtain an application if eligible, go to <http://www.honorflightofcentraloregon.org>.






Don DeLand  
HFCO Webmaster (503-869-0318)





# MARCH 2018 LEGION POST 44



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		 <p><i>Happy St. Patrick's Day!</i> <b>March 17th</b></p>		<p>1</p> <p>Riders soup night Happy hour 5:00 p.m. Soup 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Bingo 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>3 Cow Pasture Golf planning mtg 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Riders Meeting @ 12:00</p> <p>Family Fun Night with Karaoke 6-10 p.m.; lounge</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Bingo 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>5 Pinochle 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Joint E-Board Mtg for Post, Auxiliary, SAL Squadron &amp; Riders @ 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>(RMEF private gathering)</p>	<p>8 Post General and Auxiliary mtgs 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Auxiliary Unit general meeting 6:00</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Post is hosting Coffee Clatter 8:30-9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Bingo 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>American Legion's birthday dinner; hosted by Post &amp; Auxiliary; 6:00 p.m.; menu TBD; \$10</p>
<p>11 Daylight Saving Time Begins</p> <p>Bingo 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>12 Pinochle 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>(RMEF private gathering)</p>	<p>15 <b>Riders soup night</b> <b>Happy hour 5:00 p.m.</b> <b>Soup 6:00 p.m. \$3.00</b></p> <p><b>Bunco after soup;</b> <b>\$5.00 buy in</b></p> <p><b>SAL Mtg 6:00 p.m.</b> <b>American Legion's 99th birthday</b></p>	<p>16</p> <p>Bingo 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>American Legion's 99th birthday</b></p>	<p>17 <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> Dinner by SAL: see details below</p>  <p><b>American Legion's 99th birthday</b></p>
<p>18</p> <p>Bingo 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>19 Joint Post and VFW Honor Guard Meeting at the VFW at 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Pinochle 12:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Start of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2003</b></p>	<p>20 <b>First day of Spring</b></p> 	<p>21 TAPS Ceremony; 4:30pm @ Redmond Hospice; 5:00 p.m. @ Redmond Cemetery</p> <p>(RMEF private gathering)</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Bingo 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Birthday/Anniversary Potluck 6:00PM</p>
<p>25 Palm Sunday</p> <p>Bingo 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Pinochle 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>(RMEF private gathering)</p>	<p>29 <b>Riders soup night</b> <b>Happy hour 5:00 p.m.</b> <b>Soup 6:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p>30 Good Friday</p> <p>Bingo 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>31 Passover</p>

**Karaoke Family Fun Night:** Saturday, March 3 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. This will be continuing on the first Saturday of every month until further notice. Bring a dish for a potluck dinner fun night. This is a kid friendly event. There will be music, dancing, karaoke and we have two pool tables. We will have games for the kids. There is a full bar if you would like to purchase something to drink. Just remember to drink responsibly. Feel free to bring your friends and/or family. There is no cover charge.

**American Legion's 99th birthday:** March 15 to 17. This was when members of the American Expeditionary Forces convened in Paris for the first American Legion caucus.

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner:** Saturday, March 17th at 6:00 p.m.; hosted by SAL: corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, bread, cake & ice cream; \$10.00. There will be a 50/50 drawing and other raffle giveaways as well. Tickets available on the night of the dinner. Come join us for dinner, prizes & most of all lots of fun and great folks to visit with!!!! Be sure to wear GREEN.

### Upcoming/future events for 2017:

- April 1 is Easter Sunday
- May 5 is Cinco de Mayo
- May 13 is Mother's Day
- May 19 is Armed Forces Day
- May 28 is Memorial Day