



# Salem Vet news

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DAV Chapter 6 & VVA Chapter 271

March 2011

MEETING at CENTER 50+, 2615 PORTLAND ROAD NE (at the corner of Silverton Road).

Ch 6 Breakfast/Social Hour: 9AM-10AM and General Meeting: 10AM-11AM

Ch 271 General Meeting: 11:30AM-12:30PM and Lunch/Social after General meeting

**NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH**

## ELECTIONS

This meeting, both chapters, will include the second call for nominations to elected positions. The third round of nominations will be at our meeting on April 2nd – with elections and swearing in immediately following.

This will allow necessary reports be filed before the DAV State Convention in May and the VVA Oregon State Council meeting in May.

### Chapter 6 Stuff

#### Fund Raising

We need to explore ways to raise some funds for the Department.

Remember, the DAV Oregon Department is a construction of 18 Oregon chapters. We have an annual budget of about \$150,000 which is almost entirely dedicated to our transportation system.

The biggest budget items are salaries for paid staff at the VA facilities that take care of managing the vans and the purchase of replacement vans.

If we can develop some good ideas for fund raising, we can share them with other chapters — after all we're all in this together.

I will be proposing an idea borrowed from a military society I belong to that raises thousands of dollars annually.

#### State Convention

Our state convention is scheduled at Chinook Winds Casino/Liberty Inn, in Lincoln City, May 11th through the 14th.

Due to a lack of funds, travel reimbursement for delegates and SECs, and Department officers will be severely restricted. Only partial reimbursement for lodging will be allowed.

#### Saturday Market

We need a team to participate in the Salem Saturday Market. This was a great venue for soliciting donations, passing out information on vet benefits, and recruiting new members.

### Chapter 271 Stuff

#### Current Projects

We have a number of things going right now and need your assistance.

#### Rickreall Gun Show:

Will be at the Polk County Fairgrounds,

March 12th, 7AM-5PM & March 13th, 9AM-5PM.

Let us know which shift you can take:

Saturday, 7am-Noon, Noon-5pm

Sunday, 9am-1pm, 1pm-5pm

Information will be provide all volunteers, regarding rules of the gun show.

#### Donor/Volunteer Luncheon

Our Associate Members are making plans for recognizing those who have given so much for the support and honoring of our veterans.

The wonderful folks at Green Acres Landscaping came through when we were stuck. They provided labor and materials to finish the walkways in our Xtreme Landscape Makeover. And, what a beautiful job they did!

If you ever need some landscape work, like I do when I get some bucks together for it, Green Acres is the place to call. They really deserve our patronage.

Photos are on the back of this newsletter.

#### K-9 Therapy Garden

We will start collecting plant material for the K-9 Therapy Garden being built at the VA Facility in Menlo Park, California. Jaycee will speak to this project.

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