

Local VFW Post Benefits from Tribal Donations

by Laurel Johnson

"Without the help of the Siletz Tribe, this building would have fallen down a long time ago," says Tony Molina, quartermaster for the Paul Washington Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 732.

Molina stands in the main room adjacent to the recently painted kitchen of the VFW hall located at 145 SE Egbert St. in Siletz – the site of the first Restoration meeting of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

Since its construction in 1964-65, the VFW hall also has been used by the community as a meeting place for groups such as the VFW, the Auxiliary, Alcoholics Anonymous, and Narcotics Anonymous, as well as for art classes and private parties.

During the past 40 years, the building has seen minor repairs and renovations done by volunteers and small donations. The building is in need of extensive renovation, however, for future community use.

Thanks to the \$4,727.17 the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund donated in May, the renovation project is under way. This money will help purchase supplies to improve the building's exterior; replace the accessibility ramp to be compliant with the American with Disabilities Act; com-

plete kitchen renovations, including appliances and lights; and purchase tables and storage cabinets.

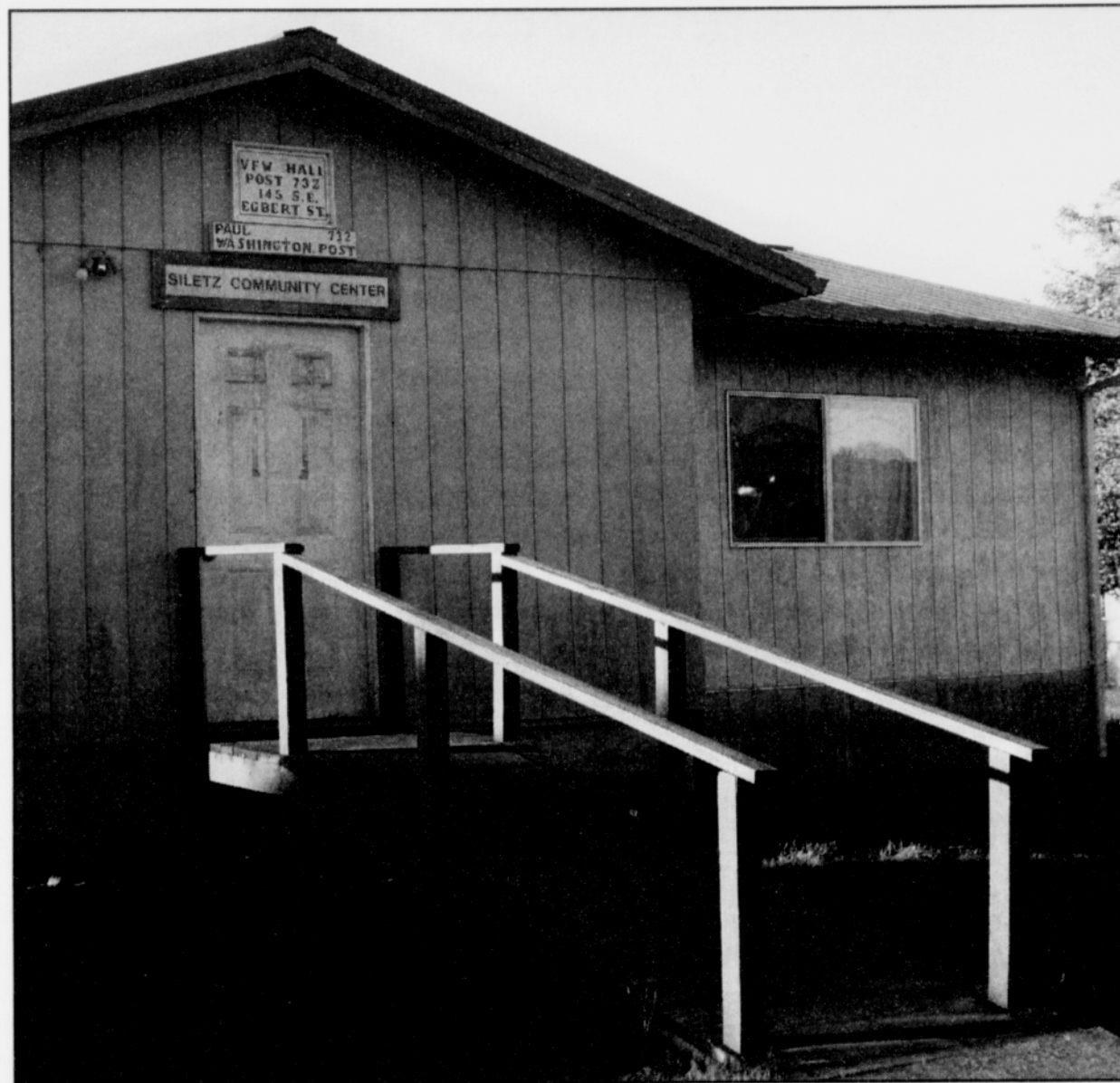
During this year's Run for the Wind event in August at Chinook Winds, more than 150 people enjoyed breakfast at VFW Post 732. The recent additions of the newly purchased kitchen appliances, the renovated cabinets, countertop, floor, and the freshly painted walls helped make the breakfast a success for the Oregon Coast Veterans Association (OCVA).

Volunteer laborers assisting in the post's kitchen renovations included Ray Taylor, who installed a wooden floor complete with bamboo trim, as well as cabinets and countertop; and Sue Etherly and Debbie Fawver, who painted the walls and completed the finish work.

"More volunteers are needed to help with the renovation project," Tony notes. "We want to get the building ready to rent it out for community meetings and events."

The building is in dire need of someone to put up siding, replace the main room's floors, sheetrock and paint the walls, and build a new entrance ramp.

Other than the contributions from the tribe and OCVA, additional donations of building materials such as siding, sheetrock, and flooring are needed.



The entrance to the Paul Washington VFW Post 732

Volunteers also are needed to organize and sponsor fund-raising events to help complete the renovation project.

For more information, to make donations, or to volunteer, contact Tony Molina at 541-444-2828.

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by Mary Kim Titla for Native Youth Magazine (www.nativeyouthmagazine.com)

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The Christophers

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Scholarship varies: \$250 to \$1,000

The 16th Annual High School Poster Contest is open to students in grades nine through 12. It involves students creating a poster with the theme and caption, "You can make a difference," illustrating the idea that one person can change the world for the better.

Each poster must be the work of only one student and the poster concept, design, and any photos or artwork used must be the original work of the student entering the competition. Posters must be 15 x 20 inches in size, including border or mat if used. If charcoal or pastel is used, the poster must either be laminated or covered with clear plastic.

On the back of the poster, the following must be included: the student's name, street address, town, state, ZIP code, home phone number, school, school address, grade, and e-mail address (if available).

Posters will be judged on overall impact, as well as effectiveness in conveying the theme, originality, and artistic merit. The judges' decisions are final. All entries become the property of the Christophers and no posters will be returned.

Please visit the Christophers' Web site noted at the beginning of this article for additional information and an entry form.

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Citizens for Global Solutions

www.globalsolutions.org/flash.html

Deadline: April 1, 2007

Scholarship varies: \$500 to \$2,000

The Global Solutions Flash Movie Contest is available to high school, college, and graduate students, aspiring artists, multimedia designers, and activists who have an interest in international affairs.

You must answer the following question, "Why do you think global problems matter to Americans and what can Americans do about them?"

This contest is open to students of all majors, though those interested in international relations, political science, government, human rights, computer science, graphic design, and IT are particularly encouraged to apply.

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www.winwithwords.com

www.gsn.com/nvc/

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