



Post 379

COMMANDERS CORNER

REMEMBERING

Leo Alfred Wright

November 3, 1935 – March 7, 2025

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing to you this month. Our Comrade Leo passed away on March 7th, his presence was immediately missed and will be missed in our organization moving forward. Leo served as Commander of VFW Post 379 from 2010 - 2011. Leo was a consistent presence and always willing to help the VFW succeed, through his efforts running the meat raffle every Friday night to organizing the Indian John Hill coffee stop Leo was dedicated to the VFW. I personally appreciate everything he has done for our Post, I'll miss sitting with him and Marvin on a Friday night. Rest in Peace Leo.

Tim Gatton

William Wharton

Post 379

Post Script

April 2025

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Spring Greetings Everyone,

Happy Spring to all of you and your families. I hope you all are doing well.

A few reminders:

District meeting April 19th here at our Post. We will be holding elections for next years District Officers. Hope to see you there.

Auxiliary Chairs you need to get your year-end reports in to the State Chair People by April 15th.

Elections for new Auxiliary Officers are also coming up on April 9th.

In closing wish all of you and your families a very Happy Easter.

God Bless all of you and Thank You Veterans for your service.

Sami Church, Aux., President

CLUB MANAGER

Another Month gone at the VFW! I'd like to thank Cindy and Don Sweet for their work with the horse races! Danny for his help cooking while our cook was out of town & during the Old Soldiers Ball, we appreciate you. And finally I'd like to thank Amber! She worked so hard during Ols Soldiers Ball. I could not have done it without her & we're blessed to have her as part of the VFW family. Drink specials continue from March, \$3 shots of 10 High & \$3 glasses of LaBone red wine. We are going to be open Saturday April 12th 4pm-9pm if you want to come down, listen to music, & have a bite to eat from the bar menu. Hope to see everyone here in the beautiful Month of April.

Dawn, club manager

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Thursday night dinner recap:

4/3 CFS

4/10 Chicken Alfredo

4/17 Spaghetti

4/24 Steak Night



April drink specials

Fireball shots

\$3.00

Bar tequila

\$4.00

For Veterans who have served our nation, finding opportunities to relax and rejuvenate is essential. The [Armed Forces Vacation Club \(AFVC\)](#) is a valuable resource that offers a chance for Veterans to enjoy well-deserved vacations without breaking the bank.

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

The Chuck Thompson is now playing Thursday and Friday nights at the Post. Come on down for a great dinner and do a little dancing to work it off. Chuck will now be offering limited open mic for our talented members. Talk to Chuck about showing your hidden talent.

Happy Hour

2::00 to 5:00

and

All day on Wednesday

CLUB HOURS

Club hours are as follows:

Closed: Monday, Tuesday, Saturday

Open: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday,

2:00PM TO CLOSE

Open Sunday 8:00am to 12:00pm

We will be open at other times for special events. Watch your calendar, the Facebook page, or the web site to keep up to date.



Post 379 is trying to pick your favorite tap beers so we can reduce inventory and save some space in our cooler. Let us know your favorite. We will be reducing to 4 or 5 of your favorites. We currently have Bud, Bud Light, Irish Death, Top Cutter, and Wicked Cider. This is “your” Club, let us know what you want.

VFW Post 379 Challenge Coins are available at the bar for \$20. Get yours while they last.



Special thanks goes out to all that have donated to our Club and Post the last few months. Your help is very much appreciated. We won't embarrass you by putting your names out but “we” know who you are!! Thank you so much.



Honor Wall

The wall is growing and we would like to see it get bigger still. Put yourself or your loved one on the wall to be remembered forever in their place of Honor. Applications are available at the Post or can be emailed at your request. Cost is \$100 per plaque and the profit goes to support maintenance on the Post Home.

PROPERTY TAXES

I was reading an email from the WDVA, referencing a few bills in the state house. HB 1106 is a proposal of over 3 years stepping down the threshold for the Disabled Veteran Rating percentage to make use of the discounted/reduced property tax. This made more questions for me than answers, so I tried to do research online and decided best to go to the County Assessor office and get the correct pertinent information.

Currently the rating is at 80 percent with VA, then you can apply for the reduced/discounted property tax. HB 1106 will phase this down by 20 percent each year after passed. 80 to 60, then 60 to 40. But, falling short of this passing it currently stands. The question is do you know if you can qualify and would like to have your property tax reduced?

I sure would, which is why I did the research. The highlight bullet points are: At least 61, unable to work due to a disability, or a disabled vet with 80 percent rating, or a 100 percent rating for service-connected disability. If you meet any one of the above then you might want to read on.

Of course, this is dealing with the government and there are some hoops to jump through, but with our age level they don't make us jump too high. Once you meet the other criteria, then there is the financial means test/threshold. There are 3 levels of discount, based on your income, and they have a large list of what they call disposable income. They also have a large list of things that they will subtract from your disposable income to help bring that down, and just might get you in that target window. Basically, the income levels are A: up to 33k, B: 33001 to 39000, and C: 39001 to 45000. If you total disposable income falls into one of these ranges then you qualify for that range discount.

Page 2 of the pdf lists the items that will bring your disposable income level down. Such as: Premiums for Medicare parts A, B, C & D. Living in a nursing home, Assisted living, adult family home. Prescription drugs. Physical Therapy. Medically prescribed oxygen, out of pocket maximums for health plan, insulin for human use, etc..... must read document and see what applies to you.

I hope this information can help some of you, if you already enjoy this benefit Fantastic, if not then check it out. Good Luck

David Fuwell

Group of Selah Students with the "Write Stuff" Honored by Yakima VFW for Patriotic Essays

After participating in the Yakima VFW Post 379 Patriot's Pen essay contest, three Selah Middle School students were celebrated for their written work by the Veterans Group.

Following this year's theme, "My Voice in America's Democracy," seventh grader, Daphne Templet, received first place honors for her essay.

Alexis Vinsant, also a seventh-grade student, earned second place recognition, while her classmate, Alayna Applegate, received the third-place prize.

Additionally, Selah Middle School teacher, Kelly Mattson, was honored by the VFW with a "Teacher of the Year" Award.

The Patriot's Pen essay contest is an annual event for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students that encourages learners to examine America's history, share their experiences in society and craft an essay expressing their views related to the contest theme.

At the high school level, Selah High School senior, Drew Lukas, was recognized by the VFW for his written and vocal work in the "Voice of Democracy" contest. Following this year's theme, "Is America Today Our Forefathers Vision?" Drew earned third place honors.



The Voice of Democracy contest is a written and recorded audio essay for students in grades 9-12, which encourages them to study history, examine current times, and

express themselves patriotically.

Congratulations to Daphne, Alexis, Alayna, Drew, and Mr. Mattson. Thank you to the VFW for their work with students.

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VFW Post 379 in conjunction with CVU has \$5.00 gift chips for sale to give out to friends, family, or other Veterans. These are good at the bar for a drink up to the value of the chip. These are available at the bar for purchase. This is a good way to bring in new potential members to our Post.

We have new Post 379 T-shirts in stock while they last. Get yours before they are gone. New VFW Post 379 ball caps also. Both are \$25.00 each.

Our VFW Auxiliary #379, Yakima has a newly created email account. If you have questions or concerns, you can now direct them to us at vfwaux379@gmail.com. The first official email went out on March 9th. So, check your Inbox or Spam folder for it. If you didn't receive it and want to be included in future emails, you can send us a request to be added..

Hello VFW Members,

With appreciation, we thank VFW Post 379 for supporting Yakima QOV's efforts in Yakima County. The Quilts of Valor Foundation has awarded over 403,000 Quilts of Valor since 2021. Go to www.qovf.org for more info. I'm very proud of each member's dedication to our service members and veterans and your support of our group. Yakima QOV has awarded over 300 Quilts of Valor in your and my community since July 2021. Last year, we increased our awards by 55 QOV, a significant growth made possible by an increase in membership and community support, totaling 148 veterans comforted with Quilts of Valor in 2024! We look forward to 2025, comforting many more in our communities, and your support. *Shirleen Wilhelm, GL, and Members of Yakima QOV.*

Kind regards,

Shirleen Wilhelm

Group Leader

Yakima QOV

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To Nominate a Service Member or Veteran, go to www.qovf.org

ELECTIONS

Elections for Post and Auxiliary will be April 9th. This is your Club and Post. Come down and make your voice heard. If you are interested in becoming a Post or Auxiliary Officer come down for the election. We need you.

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We have the Post Script in the E-mail form but will have copies at the Post Home. This will be in color and have more content. We can update the Post Calendar as often as is required to keep up with changing events. Sign up at the Post or send me your email address to vfw379@gmail.com or delgilliland@aol.com. Like us on Facebook and check out the web page. vfw-post379.org. If you have something you would like in the newsletter send it to the Post or to me. I will be trying to publish the newsletter monthly. Del

Veterans suicide is at an all time high. If you or someone you know is having problems and need to talk, help is available thru the VA or the Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 press 1.

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DID YOU KNOW?

All sanctioned Veterans organization members or active military and their guests are welcome at Post 379. Just show your card and sign the guest book and enjoy our hospitality. Please let your friends know they are welcome.

Do you have a group that gets together to play games or cards? Think about meeting at the club in the afternoon or evening. Games are more fun with a couple of drinks, just saying !!!

POST 379 OFFICERS

Commander Tim Gatton

Sr-vice Wayne White

Jr-vice Mike Fezer

Quartermaster Del Gilliland

Adjutant Del Gilliland

H & C Chairman Billy Kivett

Chaplain Paul Soper

Aux Officers

President Sami Church

Sr-vice Judy Dawson

Jr-vice Ellena Hazen

Treasurer Annette Buck

Secretary Cheryl McCann

Chaplain Susan Lippincott

Community Service Reports

To our Post and Auxiliary Members! Times have changed, we now have to submit all our reports to the Dept of Washington by computer. Please if you are doing anything in the community as a VFW or Auxiliary member then please let me or your Auxiliary President know so I can transmit it to the State on their web page. Email me at vfw379@gmail.com or drop off a list of what you have been doing at the Post. Thank you Del Gilliland, Adjutant

“New key cards are in”

They are Orange this year. Your Pink card will not work anymore.

Current Membership must be shown to purchase a new card

Thank you for your membership and support

\$3.00

Remember Post 379 has 2 pool tables and a shuffle board for your use and enjoyment. We also have a lending library of books for your use.