



Post 379

## COMMANDERS CORNER

Good afternoon, I hope everyone had a great and safe Saint Patrick's Day, I had the opportunity to spend time with friends and family and a great time was had by all. It's once again time for March madness, a great time of year for sports fans. Hopefully your bracket doesn't get busted too early.

By the time this comes out our 55<sup>th</sup> "Old Soldiers Ball" and the celebration of our Post's 104<sup>th</sup> anniversary will have taken place, hopefully everyone will have had the chance to celebrate. Our post has been here for 104 years that is a great accomplishment and something that we should all be proud of. This is our Post, and we will be as successful in the future as we choose to be, I encourage you to come down and enjoy the camaraderie and get involved at the Post. Speaking of involvement, our Post elections will take place at the April meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in serving as a Post officer or have any other questions feel free to contact me.

I would like to thank the "Quilts of Valor" group for their fantastic ceremony that took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March. They do a fantastic job honoring veterans with homemade quilts. If you would like more information or would like to nominate a veteran to be honored, speak with Elena Hazen or myself.

I want to thank the Yakima Valley Honor Guard (Funeral Team) for the fund raiser they put on to raise money to help a history class from Selah high school go on a class trip to Europe to see World War II battle sights. Congratulations to everyone involved, especially Carl and Paul that cooked the Jambalaya. It was a great event.

Wednesdays at the Club have been busy lately, with game nights the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday and an open mic night on the last Wednesday of the month. On the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday we play Left Right Center, which has been hosted by Carl and Wayne. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday we play Bunco, hosted by Sami. Our open mic night is hosted by Tim the guitar player from the band "Rock Garden". Thanks to Laura for getting these scheduled, our hosts and everyone who has come out to support these events and have fun at the Club.

Our Club has a new manager, Allecia. I encourage you to come down and meet our new staff member and welcome her to the VFW family.

If there are any questions or suggestions for me feel free to contact me. As always it is my honor to serve as Commander.

Tim Gatton

William Wharton

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Post Script

April 2024

## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone,

Spring has finally arrived! I hope all of you are enjoying this nice warm sunshine and the beautiful spring flowers that are in bloom. I welcome Spring with open arms and I hope you do as well. The only news I have to report is that the Post has a new Club Manager (Allecia). So come on in, meet her and enjoy her smiling face.

Here is a list of coming events:

Thursday March 28th is Steak & Dessert Night (5-7).

Sunday March 31st, Easter Sunday.

Monday April 1st. April Fool Day, play a prank on one of your favorite people you love. (Lol)

Wednesday April 10th, Post & Auxiliary meetings.(6:30) Hope to see all old and new members there. The Auxiliary will be holding nominations and elections for new officers for the coming year, see you there?

April 15th , Year end reports are due to State from all the chairpersons in the Auxiliary. Please get them done and in. Thank you, call if you need help.

Saturday April 20th, District Meeting at our Post. We will be nominating and electing new District Officers for the coming year. Lunch at 11:00 and meeting at 12:00. hope to see you there.

Thursday April 25th, Steak & Dessert Night (5-7)

Community Outreach Reports are also due by April 15th.

Remember Wednesdays during the month. The first Wed is Game night come down and play Left, Right, Center dice game (5 -?), 3rd Wednesday is Bunco (5:30-?) bring a \$10.00 gift. And the 4th Wednesday is Open Mic Night.(5-?) Bring your voice.

You are more than welcome to attend our luncheon every 3rd Wednesday of the Month. The next one will be April 17th at 1:00. Place to be announced at our April 10th meeting.

And last but not least, I want to encourage all of you to help support our Veterans by attending our Post and Auxiliary Meetings every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Participation would be greatly appreciated, hope to see you there.

In closing, the Auxiliary and I wish all of you and your families a Very Blessed Easter!

Thank you and God Bless, Sami Church, Auxiliary President

# CLUB MANAGER

Hello Yakima VFW family!

My name is Allecia Weeks, and I am the new manager of the restaurant/bar. I know I have met quite a few of you, but I look forward to meeting each and every one soon! I have worked in the restaurant business since I was 16 years old, I started off as a server in a small truck stop in Wapato. I then moved on to become security officer at Legends Casino for many years. Once leaving the casino I was presented with the opportunity to start serving/bartending at The Branding Iron restaurant in Toppenish. There I quickly moved my way up to manager, where I stayed for years until the owner passed away and the establishment unfortunately closed. I have experience in fine dining as well as lots of wine knowledge. I come to the VFW with lots of excitement and hope for this new opportunity. Laura has been an amazing trainer and I look forward to working side by side with her. If you or anyone you know is looking to have a party or any other type of gathering feel free to contact me to book the venue. I thank you again for this opportunity, and should anyone have any questions or suggestions for me feel free to ask away! Thank you- Allecia Weeks

## Thursday night dinner recap:

4/4 Stew

4/11 French Dip

4/18 Meat Loaf

4/25 Steak Night



April drink  
special  
Fireball shots  
\$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.

Happy Hour

2::00 to 5:00

and

All day on Wednesday

## CLUB HOURS

Club hours are as follows:

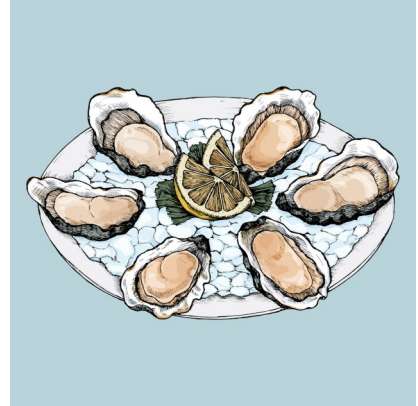
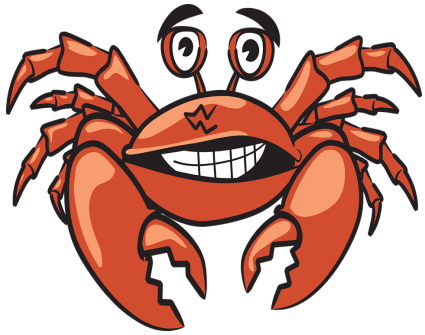
Closed: Monday, Tuesday, Saturday

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.



Lytle Seafood will be selling fresh seafood in the VFW parking lot on Saturdays and Sundays.

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 !!!

The Club is having game night on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Right, Center, Left dice game on the 1st and Bunco on the 3rd. Open mic night on the 4th Wed.

## ELECTIONS

The Post and Auxiliary will be having elections at the meeting on April 10th. Please come down and take part in this important process. Your voice is needed for our future growth and prosperity. The Post has a couple of openings for our House & Club Committee. If interested in this important Committee please come to the meeting. Hope to see many of our Post and Auxiliary members on the 10th.



## 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.

Veterans of Foreign Wars

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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](mailto:vfw379@gmail.com) or [delgilliland@aol.com](mailto:delgilliland@aol.com). Like us on Facebook and check out the web page. [Vfw379.org](http://Vfw379.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.

#### OUR GREAT SPONSORS

Field Group

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Brookside Funeral Home

Keith & Keith

## Post Adjutant

Hi, the documents I have posted on email are for an area that we could use some work in. The only way this can be fixed if we perform these events and then report them to the WA Dept of VFW or National. WA Dept of VFW can be submitted by any VFW Member (login to the web site is their member number and password is their last name) or you can email them to this email address and the Adjutant can enter the data. The only person to submit items on the National list is the Adjutant. The enclosed docs are the events that get reported to either WA. or National. If you have any questions please let me know.

Paper copy of State guide lines are available at the Post.

Adj. David Fuwell [vfw379.adjutant@gmail.com](mailto:vfw379.adjutant@gmail.com)

SAVE OUR



AT POST 379

If you have been to the Post Home lately you know our chairs have “no” padding left!!! We are having a fund raiser to buy new chairs. All monies donated will be used for the purchase of ass saving chairs. We need your help in this project. Donate by mail, in person or PayPal.

Mail donations to VFW Post 379, 118 S. 5th Ave, Yakima, WA 98902, Donated in person at Post Home or Visit our Web page and donate on PayPal at [vfw379.org](http://vfw379.org).

#### POST 379 OFFICERS

Commander Tim Gatton

Sr-vice Billy Kivett

Jr-vice Mike Fezer

Quartermaster Del Gilliland

Adjutant David Fuwell

H & C Chairman Carl Lidke

Chaplain Paul Soper

#### Aux Officers

President Sami Church

Sr-vice Judy Dawson

Jr-vice Jodi Babcock

Treasurer Annette Buck

Secretary Brandy Garner

Chaplain Ellena Hazen

Things that can be entered into the Dept of Wa. VFW Dashboard by you or the Adjutant, but you will need the following information to complete entry. You can enter it or send it to the adjutant email and it will be entered.

Information that needs to be entered into the form is:

**Date, District 17, Post 379**

**Cumulative hours** spent, i.e. each veteran amount of time spent in support of function.

**Miles** driven (to include return) this total is for each Veteran and Aux that participated. i.e. 14 vets and 32 mile round trip equals  $14 \times 32 = 448$  mil.

**VFW Members** involved

**Auxillary** Members involved

**Number** of Vet helped

**Dollars Spent/Donated**

**Description** of event (names, people, places, etc.)

Events/Categories that can be entered information

Community Service

- Americanism
- Blood Donation
- Community Activity Programs
- Disaster Relief
- Flag Etiquette

- Honor Guard
- Memorial Service
- Public Servant Recognition (LE,FF,EMT)
- Safety program Activities
- National Night Out
- Wreath Across America
- Other

Youth Development

- JROTC, USNSCC, CAP, etc.
- Patriot Pen
- Student Scholarship
- Teacher of the Year
- VOD (Voice of Democracy)
  
- Youth Essay
- Youth Essay, Patriot Pen, VOD, Patriotic Art/Singing Competition
- Other

Veteran Assistance

- Adopt a Unit
- Buddy Visits (not Buddy Poppy)
- Claims Benefit Assistance
- Homeless Veterans Support
- Hospital Visit
  
- Information Booth (Sale of Buddy Poppy can be here)
- National Home Support
  
- Sports Clips Scholarship
- Stand Down Participation
- Unmet Needs/Relief
- Veteran and Military Assistance program
- VFW Mental Wellness
- Well check Phone Calls

Scouting

- Boy Scout Program
- Girl Scout Program
- Sea Scout Program
- Venture Scout
  
- Eagle Scout