

Post 379

William Wharton

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Post Script

August 2025

COMMANDERS CORNER



Hello Comrades,

Well, this has been a busy month for the first month as the commander. First and foremost, I would like to thank all the volunteers who help to

Commander Wayne declutter the post. Thank you so much for contributing your time to

the VFW. The place looks awesome and clean. In the back of our post, we now have a VFW museum. Please check it out the next time you visit. Unfortunately, this month came with a lot of sorrow giving three (3) comrades their final salute. (Marvin Koop, Dwight "Ike" Staley and Don Lansing) The VFW and Auxiliary members starting in August will be going out to different nursing homes and senior citizen homes visiting our VETS. If interested in participating please let Cindy Sweet or myself know. We are still looking for volunteers to serve as bartenders for our wonderful veterans and their family members. If you have some time to contribute, please let our bar manager (Dawn) know. Comrades, if you haven't updated your membership please come in or call so we can take of that. The members will love to have you back as part of our family. We miss you!!!

We changed our meeting for August 13, 2025 to August 6, 2025 same time. On the 13th of August, Brookside is putting on an event for all veterans. Please visit our Facebook page for further details.

Please don't forget we need volunteers for August 8-10 at Indian John rest stop. You can sign up at the bar.

Enclosing, if you haven't been to your VFW home lately, please come out to visit your veteran family.

Wayne L. White

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



President Susan

Hello everyone,

Well, the 4th of July has come and gone. But let's not put away our flags and patriotic decorations just yet. "Old Glory" should be honored each and every day! And we do have some Patriotic Holidays coming up in August!

August is "Antiterrorism Awareness Month"

August 4 is "Coast Guard Day"

August 7 is "Purple Heart Day"

August 10 is "US Department of Defense Birthday"

August 10 is "Agent Orange Awareness Day"

August 14 is "Navajo Code Talkers Day"

August 16 is "National Airborne Day"

August 29 is "Marine Corp Reserve Birthday"

See if you can honor by thoughts or deeds any Veteran associated with any of these Holidays.

On a sad note, the "Auxiliary Event Team" has been busy with yet more memorials for Veterans from our Post, "Ike" Staley and Robert Hester.

The "Team" members have donated many hours and funds to provide a fitting farewell for these Post Veterans. Thanks go to Cindy Sweet, Myrna Pitts, Dianne Hall, and Marlene Gilliland for their outstanding dedication to the Post. Both of these events were well attended, and the folks who had never been to the Post, were very impressed and interested in our museum area newly arranged in the back area. Kudos to all who took part in moving all of the glass display cases!!!!

Coming up on August 7 will be the Monthly Birthday Cake night. If your Birthday is in August, come to the post a celebrate with us!!!

Plans are still being formulated for a joint effort of the Post and Auxiliary to identify and honor Veterans in our community in Assisted Living and Nursing Homes. This will include visits, cards, and mementos for the bedside. Anyone with ideas or interest in this Outreach, please contact me or Wayne White!

As always, the Auxiliary is available to assist and honor you, our Post Veterans and your families.

Susan Lippincott, Auxiliary President

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CLUB MANAGER

Thursday night dinner recap:



Hi members! Another month gone. The club had a good month in July. Many new changes. I appreciate the comments that you have been leaving in the comments box. We see them & are working to fix all the issues we hear from you! Please continue to put your comments, concerns, issues, & ideas in there for us. We really are

Seeing them & listening. We have a couple events coming up this month. The 8th at 11a.m is Don Lansing's memorial Come down and celebrate with us and his family! Hope to see you here for that. On the 30th, we are having the raffle for the Blackstone at 5p.m. We will be open at 11:30 that day. Come down have a drink, a bite to eat & see if you won!

This month for the Volunteer of the month I would like to spotlight the wonderful members of the Auxiliary! We had several memorials last month and they worked so hard to set them up, make & serve food, and clean up after! Even with only a couple days notice they make it happen, every time! Thank you ladies for your help! I appreciate it so much. And your help makes my job so much easier! You make sure this place is spotless after every event you help at. You are always willing to help, you are super fast, & you communicate with everyone so there is no confusion and the events run smoothly & efficiently. Thank you ladies! I am very glad to have you to rely on!

Have a good month of August members! If you need to contact me for anything my personal contact information is

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(509)731-8127

Feel free to call or text, & email me.



August

drink specials

Fireball shots

\$1.00 or a .45 ACP Bullet

8/7 - Meatloaf \$14.95 8/14 - Chicken Fried Steak \$15.95

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8/21- Hot Roast Beef Sand. \$14.95

8/28- Steak Night \$20.00



CLUB HOURS

Club hours are as follows:

Closed: Monday, Tuesday

11:30 AM TO CLOSE on Wednesday, Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays.

8:00am to 12:00pm on Sundays for breakfast

We will be open at other times for special events. Watch Facebook, the calendar, and the website.

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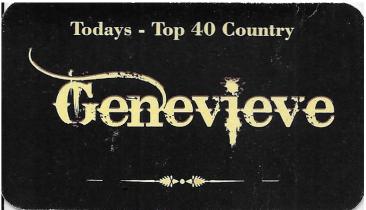


We now have a new Hot Dog Machine at the bar and we are running a special. An all beef hot dog, chips and a fountain pop is only \$5.00 or you can get a hot dog with chips & a domestic draft beer for \$7.00. Hot dogs by themselves are \$3.00 & a bag of chips is \$1.50

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









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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

"Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much." - Helen Keller

Please consider volunteering here at the Post. There are so many ways to make a difference. Here are just a few...

- * Memorial services set-up, serving, clean-up, or food donations. And, don't forget we have a Funeral team and Honor Guard.
- * Fundraisers (currently a sign up is available at the Post for Indian John rest stop staffing in August)
- * Serving at a breakfast or dinner
- * Visitations to assisted living facilities
- * Community events (like Stand Down)
- * Housekeeping chores

Simply contact us at either email address below, call the Post at (509) 457-5400. Or, even better stop by and connect with fellow members to see how your talents or interests might make the lives of Veterans in our community a little better.

Post email: vfw379@gmail.com

Auxiliary email: vfwaux379@gmail.com

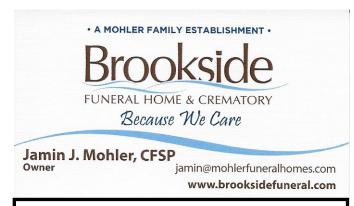


LET'S CELEBRATE

Beginning in August, the Auxiliary will be providing a monthly birthday cake on the 1st Thursday of each month. This will be in recognition of all those having a birthday during that month. Our first cake will arrive on August 7th for anyone having a birthday in Au-

gust. Please join us in celebrating YOU!

submitted by Cindy Sweet



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In Memorial

This past month has been a tough one in the respect of losing some of our comrades. On July 13th we lost Don Lansing, on July 14th Bob Hester Sr passed away and on July 18th we lost a Past Post Commander, Dwight (Ike) Stanley.

Schedule Change

Due to the Veteran's BBQ that is being hosted by Brookside Funeral Home and Crematory on August 13th, which would have been our normal meeting night. We change our meeting night to August 6th at 1830 hours (6:30 pm). Different night, but at the same time.

And, while you are at the meeting, be sure to enjoy some food from Off Kilter.

Shaking Up Shake-A-Shift

We are adding a new twist to Shake-A-Shift. The cost is going to 50 cents per chance. For that you will get 2 rolls and you can "save" dice from your 1st roll for you second roll. Kinda like Yahtzee.

Prizes are: 5 of a Kind wins the Pot, 4 of a Kind wins another roll (no combining), A Straight wins a free drink (High or Low). Players get 1 chance per bartender. If a new bartender comes on shift, then you can roll again.



Fish and Chip Wednesday

Different places are known for different food items. The American Legion and Eagles are known for their Taco Tuesday and we want to be known for Fish and Chip Wednesday! 2 pieces of Fish and Chips will be \$ 9.95 and a Fish Sandwich with Fries will also be \$ 9.95.





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. Like us on Facebook and check out the web page. vfwpost379.org. If you have something you would like in the newsletter send it to the Post.

Changes at the Post

There has been some pretty big changes at the post and if you have not been down lately, you should drop by and check them out.

We moved all of the memorabilia to one location and we are working on turning it into a small museum . We have had a couple of events and the people who have seen it so far really like it. Any suggestions on how to improve it, please let us know.

We are trying out new ideas for your pleasure such as the addition of a Hot Dog Machine donated by Nicole Britt—Thank you Nicole, which gives us the ability to offer hot dog specials.

The food "pop ups" were the idea of our H&C chairperson as a way to try something different.

If you can think of something that we can try, please drop a note in the suggestion box, or let one of the Post officers know.

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.

We went "Off Kilter!" and liked it so much, we are doing it again!

On July 23rd, we had the food pop up "Off Kilter" and if you didn't come down and try it, you missed out. Dawn, our manager, tried the Scotch Egg (A hard boiled egg wrapped in sausage) and a Sausage Roll. She said that both were good. I had the Haggis Burrito which is a wonderful marriage of Scotland and Mexico. It had a nice "tang" to it. They

also have other entrees like
Corned Beef and Cabbage. If you
missed out on July 23rd, you have
another chance on Aug.6th. They
will be at the Post from 11:30 until close.



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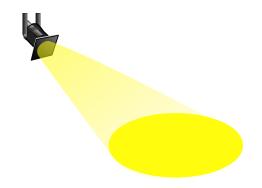
All sanctioned Veterans organization members or active military and their guests are welcome at Post 379. Just show your card and sign the guest book and enjoy our hospitality. Please let your friends know they are welcome.

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 !!!

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.

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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Home & Crematory



The best way to explain Jamin Mohler is to go back to his woodshop class at Kittitas High School in the late 1990s. Jamin was finishing his project, when David, his classmate and friend, life was cut short, leaving David's Project incomplete. After Jamin finished his project, he was honored to finish David's project which is a very detailed inlaid wood horse's head masterpiece and presented it to David's grieving family. They still display it on their wall to this day. This set Jamin on a track to provide a lifetime of service the grieving, caring for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

After high school, Jamin married the love of his life and went on to have three children and adopt three more. While living in Oregon, Jamin was working at a job that wasn't really fulfilling his passion for service to the grieving and caring for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. So, he applied at a local funeral home in Oregon and the owner took a chance on him and sent him to school to become a Funeral Director. After getting some experience, the family relocated to Moxee in 2014 where he continued working as a Funeral Director. He started working for Brookside in 2016 and bought Brookside Funeral Home and Crematory from the founders in 2018, where he continues to grow their Legacy and tradition as one of the few locally owned and operated funeral homes in the area with a community oriented staff and family. Brooksides mission is to give back to the community, and boy do they! A lot of funeral homes are owned by Wall Street, and they need to answer to their shareholders. Whereas the families four Funeral Homes all serve Central Washington families and give back to the community, and as their sign says, "Because We Care".

At Christmas, Jamin gives every police officer in each department throughout Yakima County a Christmas card and gift. His son-in-law is in the National Guard serving his country while working as a Funeral Director. Jamin and his family works closely with the Yakima Valley Veteran Honor Guard to help ensure that every Veteran gets the dignity and respect that they deserve. Brookside also Respectively and Honorably disposes US Flags for the Post and community by draping them over veterans just prior to the cremation process. That way, honorably discharged veterans can be cremated with a retired US Flag.

Jamin would like all of you to know that even though you may have prearranged and pre-paid for your final wishes, you can at any time transfer those desires to the Funeral Home of your choice. Jamin and his very caring staff will be more than happy to assist you with this at no additional cost.

Jamin also said, "Our family is very grateful for the dedication and sacrifices that our Military Veterans and Frist Responders have made over the years that we will not ever to be able to fully repay, so we provide them with the Dignity and Respect that not only did they earn, but deserve."

Please give Jamin a call and set up an appointment to discuss your wishes. He can be reached at (509) 457-1232.

Jamin is throwing a huge Thank You BBQ at his home and all Yakima County Veterans and families are invited along with a live band for your dancing pleasure. Please see the flyer included with this newsletter and RSVP.