



Post 379

COMMANDERS CORNER

Greetings all and welcome to 2025. January brought us another midwinter conference, that took place in Pasco the weekend of the 18th. I want to congratulate Eli Saucer, the state winner of the Voice of Democracy contest. Thanks again to everyone who helped with the essay contest.

January also brought us another Combat Veterans United (CVU) crab feed that took place on the 18th as well. Congratulations on another great event. I look forward to growing the partnership between the VFW and CVU during the upcoming year.

We have some great events coming up. First, the super bowl potluck where we will be raising funds to support VFW Post 3173 in Anaheim, CA. These funds will help them support veterans recovering from the wildfires. Second, the annual "Old Soldiers Ball" will be the 29th of March, where we will also be celebrating our post's 105th anniversary. I look forward to seeing everyone at these great events.

As always it is my honor to serve as Commander of VFW Post 379.

Tim Gatton

William Wharton

Post 379

Post Script

Feb 2025

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone,

Well, January has already passed in the new year. I hope things are going well for all of you and you families. I think we could use a warming trend with the weather. Moving on let's hope Spring weather will come early this year.

Things are going good at the Post. We have a new Club Manager, her name is Dawn. Come in and introduce yourselves. Friday night dinners are going well and Sunday morning breakfasts are going great. So come into the Post and enjoy some of the delicious meals prepared by our cook Rachael and her assistant Pam. Hope to see you there.

I want to take the time now to thank a couple of our Auxiliary Members for the great jobs they have been doing. A big "Thank You" to our new secretary, Cheryl McCann who's doing a great job in her new office. And a big "Thank You" to our Americanism, Youth Activities Chairman, Ellena Hazen for doing such a great job with the Wreaths Across America program and Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen programs for our youth. Much appreciation to both of you and all that participated.

Events coming up:

District meeting, Kennewick Post 5785 Sat., Feb 8th, 2025. Memorial lunch 11:00, meeting at 12:00.

Fundraiser for Post chair repair- Sunday Feb 9th Superbowl. Come for breakfast and back for the game.

Post and Auxiliary meetings, Wed Feb 12th 6:30pm. Hope to see you there.

Social Luncheon at Applebee's, Wed Feb 19th 1:00pm.

Left, Right, Center game first and third Wed of the month.

Steak night and desserts, Thursday Feb 27th 5:00pm.

In closing, don't forget Happy Hearts Day, Feb 14th. Show the love to all your loved ones. God bless all of you and thank you Veterans.

Sami Church, Aux President

CLUB MANAGER

Hi VFW Veterans & members, it has been great getting to know you all. Thank you for your kindness & patience as I have been learning the ins & outs of the club. A special thank you to Laura for her help behind the bar, Freya & Amber our two new bartenders, hard workers & great additions to the post family. We have a few events coming up including the super bowl pot luck, a special valentines day dinner, the old soldiers ball, & some in the works. If you have any ideas my email & phone are always open. I would love your ideas on ways to foster community and camaraderie with members of the post & their family & friends. I hope to see you here!

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Thursday night dinner recap:

2/6 CFS

2/13 Prime Dip

2/20 Ranch Bacon Chicken Wrap

2/27 Steak Night

February 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.

SUPER BOWL LIX

POST 379 POTLUCK

Sunday, February 9th 2025

Doors open at 2. Bring your favorite snack
Raffles, Pie/Cake silent Auction,
Drink Specials

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.



Happy Valentines Day. VFW Post 379 will be having a special dinner selection on Friday February 14th for you enjoyment. Bring your favorite Valentine down for great dinner and some music.

Post 379 will be having a Medicare seminar on February 5th, put on by Senior Solutions at 6:30 in the back dining room. This will be discussing changes in the Medicare system and how it may effect you or your family. All are welcome.

"OLD SOLDIER'S BALL"

Post 379 will be having our annual Old Soldier's Ball on March 29th, 2025. This event is also a celebration of Post 379's 105th Birthday. More info will be coming out in the near future when all the plans have been formalized.

Comrades and Auxiliary members,

This is a friendly reminder that on **February 8, 2025** is our **District 17 meeting in Kennewick, WA**. Our Memorial Service will take place at 1200hrs with a lunch prior to our meeting starting at 1100hrs. The Kennewick Post will provide the meat and potatoes and every other Post will provide a side dish or desert. Please put this out to your membership so we can have a great turn out. I think folks from the State will be attending our meeting. NO WORRIES!

We will be also be conducting nominees for District positions. If you're interested in one of the positions in the District, please be at the meeting. The newly elected members will be voted in April at our meeting in Yakima, WA.

Kennewick, I would like to do the same as last year in the 21 gun salute with the playing of TAPS!

Our Jr. Vice/Adjutant Faye Vlieger will not be attending the meeting. So therefore, if someone has a recorder that can record the meeting for Faye would be highly appreciated. Then she can record the minutes upon her return on paper.

District 17 Commander

VOD & PATRIOTS PEN AWARDS



VFW Post 379's VOD winner Elijah Sauer also won at the State level. He will be heading off to the National competition. Congratulations to Elijah Sauer for a great win for Post 379 and the State of Washington. Good luck at the National level. He will be competing for up to \$35000 in scholarship money.

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



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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.