



Post 379

COMMANDERS CORNER

Hello my fellow Comrades,

I hope everyone had a safe and fun filled holidays. I first off want to say congratulations to our raffle winners. Through this raffle we raised roughly \$3,200 and it was a great success. I also want to give a big shout out to the winners of the essay contest. I know personally they were a joy to read. So thank you to everyone for their hard work on both of these things..

Now I know that this past year has been full of many ups and downs, trials and tribulations and uncertainties. We have seen loved ones get sick or even pass away, businesses close for good and have had to isolate ourselves do to covid. But even with all this absolute craziness we have all banded together to get through these tough times. We have found new and inventive ways to keep in touch and do things with family and friends thanks to technology. It has helped but now there is light at the end of the tunnel with the release of the vaccines. This means that at some point in 2021 we will be able to get back to the way it was once before.

We will be able to go see loved ones in person, plan fun events, go to the movies and concerts and even hang down at the club for good food, drinks and comradery. We are looking forward to this happening. While we wait and continue to do our part. Our Post has been able to secure some of the grants that have been offered through the state and local government to ensure that we are able to continue our mission of helping out our veterans and our community. As we continue forward through this foggy time we will continue to do all that we can. For Post updates please watch your email and our Facebook page. Please keep your heads up and mind on the mission. There is light at the end of this dark tunnel. If you are a Veteran in need or know a Veteran that is in need please reach out.

Next Post Membership meeting will be held on January 13th at 7pm. See everyone there and from my family to yours Happy New Year.

Shadrick M Kautzman

VFW Post 379 Commander

William Wharton

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Even though we have been limited in some of our activities , meetings and life in general, our members have been involved in our Community for our Veterans and their families. Ellena Hazen, Patriotic and Youth Activities Chairman, reported that London Risley is our Post #379 Patriot Pen winner. She competed in the District 17 competition and she placed 3rd . London attends Naches Valley Middle School in Naches, Washington. Congratulations London!

On November 11 the Blue Star Memorial Marker was dedicated at the Tahoma Cemetery. Members who attended were Brandi Garner, Ellena and Gene Hazen, Lenai and Tim Gatton, Steve Saunders and Renee Harper and Judy Dawson. Rick Beck gave the invocation. In addition to being installed along highways, the markers are now installed across the country in cemeteries and special locations for those who have served and are serving in the U.S. Armed Services.

In December Diane Hall and Ellena Hazen organized the laying of wreaths as part of the Wreaths Across America event .The wreaths were placed on the graves of Veterans. Diane obtained the wreaths from Ace Hometown Hardware in Yakima and the Home Depot in the Tri-Cities and Yakima from a grant from Legends Hotel and Casino. Thank you to those businesses. Auxiliary and Post members who participated were Diane and Woody Hall, Ellena and Gene Hazen, Cheryl Hogrefe, Marlene and Del Gilliland, Ken Campbell and Duane Garlock and Judy Dawson. We would like to thank Powerhouse Mini-Storage for donating the storage space for the wreaths. On January 11 we will be picking up the wreaths at 11:00 am weather permitting if you would like to help.

At our Auxiliary meeting on December 9 Brandy Garner was selected as our Legislative Chairman. Congratulations. The Legislative Program objectives are to improve the lives of our Veterans, service members and their families through advocacy.

The Mid-Winter conference originally scheduled for Yakima in January will now be a Zoom conference on Jan 16th. Details will be available soon.

***If you have not renewed your membership dues yet, please renew by December 31 to be in good standing. You can go to MALTA at malta.vfwauxiliary.org.

Our Auxiliary looks forward to continue supporting our Post and the Veterans and their families in the New Year 2021 . Happy New Year 2021. Judy Dawson, President

CLUB MANAGER

Nothing to report for this Post Script. Hopefully we will back open in the near future. Hope all our Members are well and had a great holiday.

CLUB CALENDAR

The Post monthly calendar will be available after we know when we can reopen for business. They will be available at the Post and will be sent out by email.

Voice of Democracy

The winners for Yakima in this years Voice of Democracy program are as follows:

1st—Saemira Gray

2nd-Natalie Keller

3rd -Marie Hannon

Congratulations to these great students. I am sure we will see great things from them in the future.

PTSD

PTSD is real. It has had different names over the years , Shell Shock, Battle Fatigue, etc. If the trial of any war has effected your quality of life you have PTSD. Help is available through the VA and their support groups. Contact the VETS Center in Yakima at 509-457-2736

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.

VFW & American Legion Raffle

The drawing was held at the half time of the Army/Navy game on Dec 12th. The lucky winners were notified and received their prizes that day. We want to thank all who purchased a ticket for this joint fund raiser. This money will be put to good use.

Community Outreach

Our Blood drive was cancelled due to COVID. We hope to have one in the near future.

Red Cross blood drives will be at the following places:

Jan 11th West Valley Fire Dept, 1:00pm to 6:00pm

Jan 15th Yakima Blood Donation Center, 9:00am to 1:30pm and 3:00pm to 7:00pm

Jan 18th Cheese Sandwich Day, 302 S 2nd St, 12:30pm to 5:30

CLUB HOURS

When we reopen the club hours will be as follows:

Closed: Monday, Tuesday, Saturday

Open: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 2:00PM TO CLOSE

Open Sunday 8:00am to 1:00pm

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. Latest news is we can reopen on Jan 11th. Subject to further change.

CLUB BUSINESS

There will be required rules that have been set forth by the State that we will have to follow when we are allowed to reopen. We have moved our tables around to keep with the requirement for 6 foot distance and no more than 6 at a table. Sanitizer and masks will be available for your use. Single use menus are required and changes in some of our procedures will be implemented. Please be understanding to the staff. This is going to be a learning experience for all off us. We will be trying to provide the best environment for your enjoyment that we can while following the rules.

Wreaths across america

Thanks to all that helped in putting the wreaths out at Tahoma Cemetery. We will be picking up the wreaths on Jan 11th at 11:00am weather permitting. We could use your help.

POST & AUX MEETINGS

The Post and Auxiliary will have their regularly scheduled meeting on January 13th and February 10th at 7:00pm.

SERVICE OFFICE

The Service Office, providing VA claims assistance, remains open during the Covid-19 pandemic. Two Accredited Service Officers are available by phone, Monday through Friday. Please call the Service Office at (509) 654-7191 for assistance with disability or pension claims, surviving spouse claims, and burial claims.

In-person appointments are not available at this time.

The Service Officers can also be reached by email - nadine.warren@va.gov or annettebuckvso@gmail.com

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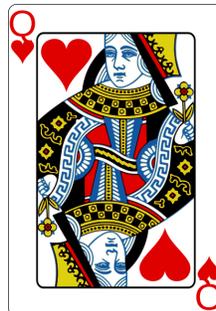
NEW ADDITION

Come down to the Post and see our new table. Thanks to Russ, Phil, Greg, and Ray. For making this beautiful addition to our club. Donations are being accepted for materials.



If you are thinking about changing insurance companies check out one of the VFW National Sponsors. USAA provides home and auto plus other benefits. You must be present or past military.

If you are an annual member please be sure to check your renewal date on your membership card. We would hate to lose you as a member.



Queen of Hearts raffle had its first big winner. The Queen of Hearts was drawn and the winner received \$365.00. A new game will start when we reopen. Stop in to see what it is all about. Drawing is every Thursday evening. Pot grows until the Queen of hearts is picked.

Veterans of Foreign Wars

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We have the Post Script in a E-mail version. 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. Vfw379.org

KEY CARDS

Due to being closed for 6 months, we will not be changing the key cards this year.



The Officers and Staff of Post 379 hope the new year brings all of our members joy and happiness.

OUR GREAT SPONSORS

Field Group

Carey Motors

Rays Retail Meats

Brumback Law Group

Betterall Auto Sales

Powerhouse Mini Storage

FUNERAL TEAM

We need Comrades to join our team. We have lost some of our members to medical issues. We provide Military Honors to over 100 Veterans per year. We need some new blood for the rifle team and some to work into Commander and Chaplain. Please if you have an interest in honoring our passing Vets then call Russ McLaughlin at 961-2007.

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