



Post 379

COMMANDERS CORNER

Welcome to July folks. The new VFW year for officers started after convention which was the 19th to the 22nd in Spokane, I am staying on as commander, Wayne White will be Senior Vice and Mike Fezer will remain as Junior Vice, Del is staying on for one more year as Quartermaster. Thanks to all the officers and committee members that have stepped up to serve, I appreciate your help. Let's have a great year. Also, if you have never been to a State convention I would recommend attending one in the future, Wayne, Jerry, Mike and I had a great time in Spokane.

July 4th is here already, please take some time to think about why we have the great fireworks displays to celebrate our Country's birthday, God Bless America. I hope everyone has a fantastic and safe holiday.

I would like to thank our great staff for all the hard work they put in. I also need to thank Sami and our great Auxiliary members for all the support they provide. I would also like to thank the great volunteers we have, from the Left Center Right game to folks stepping up when needed we have a great group. Speaking of volunteering we decided to do the Indian John Hill rest area fund raiser again this year, our weekend is the 12th to the 14th of July, Leo is looking for folks to help out, your time would be greatly appreciated. Every time we have been to Indian John Hill the club always comes home with \$1,000 to \$1,500. If you can spare a few hours over the weekend, it would be a great help. The sign-up sheet will be at the bar. Thank you, Leo, for running this for us again.

If you have an event upcoming from a retirement or birthday party to anything else you might be gathering for, the back area at the post is a great place to have your gathering. Contact our manager Allecia for scheduling information.

If you have any ideas to improve our VFW Post please let me know. I look forward to seeing everyone at the VFW this summer. As always it is my honor to serve as Commander.

Tim Gattton VFW 379 Commander

William Wharton

Post 379

Post Script

July 2024

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Hello Fellow Members,

I hope all of you and your families are enjoying these warm Summer days thus far.

First of all I would like to thank everyone who helped support the Post and myself this past year as your Auxiliary President. It was much appreciated, A big "Thank You" to you all. I am looking forward to your support and help this coming year as Auxiliary President as well.

Upcoming events:

VFW car show in our parking lot on Saturday, July 20th from 10-2. Registration for participants at 9:00 AM, registration fee is \$20.00.

Secondly remember game nights. Every 1st, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

Meetings every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Please attend them if possible.

Steak and Dessert night the last Thursday of the month.

In closing , Remember to thank a Veterans for their service to our Country. Fly your flag and have a safe and sane Happy 4th of July.

Thank You, God Bless you all.

Respectfully yours, Sami Church, Aux President

CLUB MANAGER

Hello VFW 379 members!

Thank you to everyone that has been coming out and supporting the club. I appreciate my team and all the hard work that everyone has put into helping with the events. Book your party with me. Almost all of August is open. Yours truly - Allecia Weeks, Club Manager

Thursday night dinner recap:

7/4 Closed

7/11 Hamburger Steak

7/18 Chicken Fried Steak

7/25 Steak Night



July 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.

District Commander

Comrades,

I am glad to announce our new State chain of command: State Cmdr. Perry Taylor, SV Drew James and JV Frank Perza. The state convention was a success and a lot of good things came out of it. I'll be sharing the information when I visit your Post meeting. Congrats to all the new Post officers who can now assume their duties for the 24-25 year. I am sure they are ready to make a big difference in the Post. With your new position in the Post I am sure you're ready and know your duties in the position you're about to do. I would truly like for members of your Post to work closely together to fulfill the mission of your Post. The goals for your Post in the upcoming year is too get your membership to 100%. You're almost there and we need to continue reaching out to eligible veterans to get them to join our great organization. So, I am asking all members to get more involve in your Post to help the VFW grow as a whole. Special thanks to Al who donated funds to the District. (Thank You) As your District Commander, I want District 17 to be the leader of Districts and I need your HELP to accomplish this by staying on top of mandatory reporting to State and National. Great job in keeping up with the state dashboard! I leave you with this: REPORT, REPORT!!!!

Wanye White, District 17 Commander

INDIAN JOHN

Volunteers needed for Indian John rest stop fundraiser on July 12th thru July 14th. We will be manning the Rest Stop coffee hut (East Bound). This is one of our big fundraisers for the Post. Sign up sheet is at the Post. Please sign up for a shift if you can. We need your help and support.

Post 379 Club will be raising our drink prices on June 1st to reflect increased cost during the last few years. We have not raised our drink prices in many years but it has become necessary to keep the doors open. Thank you for your understanding and your support.

House & Club Committee

NEW BAR MENU

Side Winder JoJo's \$8.99 (add chili & cheese \$3.50)

Fries or Tot basket \$5.50

Onion Ring basket \$6.50

Chicken strip basket \$13.00

Fish N Chips \$13.00

6 piece wing basket \$13.00

6 wings only \$7.50

12 piece wings only \$14.00

Chili Cheese fries \$7.00

Chili Cheese dog basket \$12.99

Stuffed tater tots \$6.99

VFW will be 125 year old

On Sept 29th

Happy
Birthday

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 or delgilliland@aol.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 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.

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 !!!

The Club is having game night on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Right, Center, Left dice game on both nights. Come out and win some money and have fun.

OUR GREAT SPONSORS

Field Group

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Brumback and Ottem

Brookside Funeral Home

Keith & Keith

POST 379 OFFICERS

Commander Tim Gatton

Sr-vice Wayne White

Jr-vice Mike Fezer

Quartermaster Del Gilliland

Adjutant Open

H & C Chairman Carl Lidke

Chaplain Paul Soper

Aux Officers

President Sami Church

Sr-vice Judy Dawson

Jr-vice Ellena Hazen

Treasurer Annette Buck

Secretary Brandy Garner

Chaplain Susan Lippincott

TO OUR MEMBERS

VFW Post 379 is suffering the fate of most private Military Organizations. Dwindling membership and reduced support of our members. As most of our membership is comprised of life members, we only receive \$3.50 per member annually from National. So, to have money to be able to conduct our local programs we must count on fund raising events and donations from our members and the public. We have many local programs that we support, Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen, which are youth essay scholarship programs, Special Olympics, Military Funerals, National Home for children, direct aid to our Veterans and their families, scholarships for Veterans, Boy scouts, Flag raising ceremonies, Veterans Day events. These are just a few of the things "Your Post" and "Auxiliary" does.

To compound our problems, food, liquor, and supply costs have increased to the point where we will have to raise our prices or face the possibility of closing the kitchen or the club entirely. Even with price increase, if we don't have more members in the door, it won't be enough. We have been around for 104 years. Don't let us close. We need your help! Please donate what you can to help us survive. No amount is too small or too large. Mail your tax-deductible donation to VFW Post 379, 118 S 5th Ave, Yakima WA, 98902 or in person or on our web page vfwpost379.org.

To continue to grow what we do in the Community we need your help more than ever. Please support our fund-raising events and when you plan your donations for the year, please keep us in your heart. No amount is too small, and Post 379 will be very grateful for your support.

Tim Gatton

Commander

Del Gilliland

Quartermaster

Sami Church

Aux President