



Post 379

COMMANDERS CORNER

Greetings to my Fellow Comrades,

I hope that everyone is staying healthy and in good spirits during this crazy time we are living in. I know that as we see counties around us start to open back up slowly, Yakima County seems to still be at a standstill. I am very confident though that Yakima will soon be moving in the right direction. It will be like a breath of fresh air to be able to get back to somewhat of a normalcy and getting back to enjoying the fun things in life like the fun and relaxing events down at the post.

With that being said even though we are not able to come down to the post for events or get together, we can all still support our local post by donating directly. Just like any other establishment we are still responsible for the basic utilities. These types of donations help towards the basics and keeps our post alive until we are able to start gathering again. I am putting out a challenge to our membership to donate at least \$10 (ten dollars) to the post. This will help out tremendously and will allow us to keep doing what we do, which is helping our Veterans and their families. Because to me Post 379 isn't just a place to gather, it is a home and a beacon for all Veterans. That is why I am so proud and humble to be your new Post 379 Commander.

There have been many great Commanders and officers before me and I have very big shoes to fill but I can give you my word that I will work with each and every member, elected officer, committee and families of members to make Post 379 the best post in Washington State. I will continue the hard work the past commanders have put in and will give my own blood, sweat and tears into each and every project and issue that is placed upon me and or us. I have some great Ideas that will help better our club and that will bring members down and that will also gain new members as well. But, I cannot do this alone! It will take all of us to accomplish this task so I am looking for a commitment from each and every one of you today and part of that commitment looks like this.

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William Wharton

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Post Script

July-Aug

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Hello Auxiliary Members,

These are the times that try our Souls. Our POST and Auxiliary will open again and we will enjoy our VFW Family soon.

Our Auxiliary will continue the next year with the same list of Officers, except Bunny will serve in the SR. Vice position and Carolyn Hope as a Second Trustee on an interim basis until we can all meet to vote for the positions.

On May 22, our Post held the judging for the District and State Patriotic Art Contests. Elena Hazen our Auxiliary Committee Chair for Patriotism and Scholarships organized the event. She contacted local artists to judge and award the students' art entries. The judges were Laura Siebol, John Mills, Christian Garcia, Brian Holztinger, and Tim Hitchcock. Carolyn Hope also helped in recruiting the artist judges to volunteer their time and expertise. Thank you.

August 15-16 Washington will hold the Dept. of Washington Auxiliary Convention in Seattle at the Skyway POST 9430. On August 15, will be a celebration of President Kathi Naff's year. Also there will be an announcement of Awards. Auxiliary Presidents of the Year and District Presidents of the Year will be announced. The 2020-21 Officers and District Presidents will be installed.

On Sunday August 16 the School of Instruction will be held. More information on times and costs will be made available soon.

Our Auxiliary achieved 100% membership this year. Yeah! Thanks to all of our members who renewed their memberships and also those who recruited new members. Please continue to reach out to your friends who are eligible to be part of our Auxiliary and Post.

Our Auxiliary President, Judy Dawson, was nominated and voted in for the position of 2nd Vice-President for District 17. This was done at the District 17 meeting held remotely on a conference call on June 6 in Sunnyside.

Thank you for your participation and support to our Post and Auxiliary. We look forward to seeing you soon. Stay well.

Sincerely,

Judy Dawson, President

VFW Auxiliary Post 379

Commander continued

I would like you to email me directly at shadrick.k@hotmail.com with your ideas and what you would like to see changed/improved at the post and what you love about the post. The other commitment I am asking of you today is the participation in our monthly meetings and post events when we are able to continue those. Like I said before our post isn't just a place to gather, it is a home and a beacon for all Veterans and their families. The Post is what we make of it so let's make Post 379 the best!

Next Steps: Do to covid-19 and the shutdown of non-essential business at this time all other officer positions will be appointed once we are able to get back together for our meetings. We will also plan our 100th anniversary and installation of officers as well. In the meantime keep your heads down and stay frosty out there.

Sincerely,

Shadrick Kautzman, Post 379 Commander

Do you know a Veteran or are a Veteran that needs some sort of assistance, housing, benefits available, medical, etc. Call 211 for information on where to find help

Post & Aux Members

Election have been postponed until it is safe to have meetings again. National and Department will be providing guide lines to go forward. Until then all current Post and Auxiliary Officers will remain in office.

The club will be opening as soon as it is deemed safe to do so. We will be following cleaning and safety procedures to protect our members. The hours of operation will be the plan approved by the House and Club Committee. Closed Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday. Club will be opening at 2:00PM on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Sunday will open at 8:00AM for breakfast.

SERVICE OFFICER

Greetings,

Please note that the VFW Yakima Service Office has relocated and has a NEW phone number. The number is **(509) 654-7191**.

Due to Covid-19, and the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order, we are unable to see anyone in-person at this time. Once the order is lifted, we will advise of our new location and update our hours of operation.

Thank-you for your patience and understanding during this time.

Respectfully,

Nadine Warren, Accredited Claims Consultant

VFW Department of Washington

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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.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

Monthly calendar will be available at the Post and will be emailed when Post 379 is allowed to open under current State guidelines. Thank you for your understanding and support.





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PLEASE HELP

Comrades, Brothers, Sisters, and Friends of
VFW Post 379—Yakima

A special thank you goes out to our members and friends that have donated to the Post during our time of crisis. Your generosity and kind words of encouragement have been a bright spot in this otherwise dreadful situation.

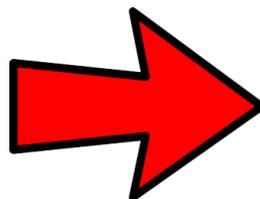
If you have not donated yet, it is never too late. When we are allowed to reopen it will take many thousands of dollars to restock supplies and purchase the items required by the State to reopen safely. The safety and well being of our Members and our Veteran families are our main concern. With your help we will get thru this.

Yours in Comradeship, Del Gilliland Quartermaster

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 5 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.

Shadrick Kautzman's
Installation as Commander
Congratulations



Voice of Democracy

This years theme: "Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?" VOD is a student essay scholarship program for grades 9-12. If you know of anyone that would be interested, family, friends, etc. Applications and rules are available at the Post or can be emailed. This is a great youth program. Our local winner won District and placed 5th in the State. Students going to National can win up to \$30000.00 in scholarships.

Patriot's Pen

This years theme : "What is Patriotism to Me?" Patriot's Pen is a youth scholarship program for grades 6-8. Rules and applications are available at the Post or can be emailed.

We have good news on Chuck Austin Place. Work will start on July 6th. Congratulations go out to Chuck Austin our very own 3 war Veteran. Chuck Austin Place will be a one stop facility for Veterans Care.



Veterans of Foreign Wars

William Wharton Post 379

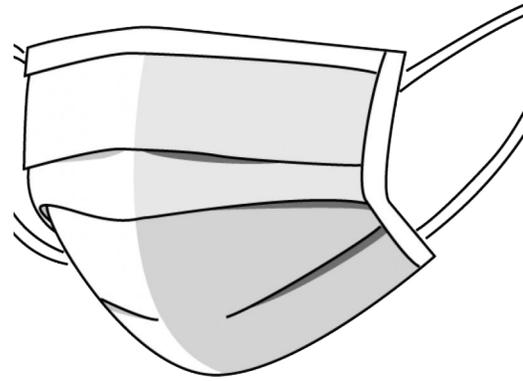
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Post 379 is trying to move into the modern age. We are setting the Post Script in a E-mail version. This will be in color and have more content. We can update the Post Calendar as often as is required to keep up with changing events. Sign up at the Post or send me your email address to vfw379@gmail.com. Like us on Facebook and check out the web page. Vfw379.org

Lets all put politics aside and do what we have to do to keep safe and get our business back open. We all have opinions and I respect that. The VFW and Post 379 is not a political organization. We are a Veterans organization. Lets protect our Veterans and Families by doing what ever we can to keep them safe. The Editor

Scam Alert

We want all of our members to be aware of all the scams going around right now. Do not give out any personal information over the phone or internet. Before you believe anything check it out first. Government agencies will not call you asking for information. Protect yourself and be safe.

FUNERAL TEAM & HONOR GUARD

The VFW Post 379 Funeral Team and Honor Guard provides Military Honors for over 100 Veterans every year. We need help! Our goal is to have two full teams, that is 22 people. If are interested in helping with a great cause please call Russ McLaughlin @961-2007 or talk to any team member. Thank you .

Rick Beck

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