



Post 379

COMMANDERS CORNER

Welcome to spring everyone, we're about a month away from opening day for the Mariners, this is our year (hopefully).

I want to start by congratulating Archie Stuck a life member of post 379 and a World War II veteran. Archie celebrated his 100th birthday in February and was featured by KIMA on their website. Mike Fezer and I were fortunate to be invited to the party his family had for him at the museum where we presented him with one of our challenge coins and heard stories of his service in Europe. You can see pictures of that on the Post 379 Facebook page.

Thanks to our district Commander, Wayne White for arranging the trustee and quartermaster training at our post after the February meeting. Thanks for our department reps, Fred Greene and Jason Paxton, for being here to conduct the training for the eastern side of the state. Thanks to everyone that made it to our February meeting that was moved from the 14th to the 24th, to avoid a conflict with Valentines Day. Hopefully everyone had a safe and fun Valentines Day.

We have decided to move our traditional "Old Soldiers Ball" from February to March, it will take place on March 23rd. This decision was made so that we can celebrate our Post anniversary at the ball. Our Post was formed on March 29th, 1920. This will be our 104th anniversary. Please come celebrate with us, tickets are available at the bar.

Our March meeting will be on the 13th, this will be the first nominations for elected positions for the 2024-25 administrative year. The second round of nominations and elections will be in April. If you are interested in serving in an elected position, feel free to ask me or any of the other past commanders any questions. We always need people willing to serve.

We will have a new manager starting in March as well, come down and meet Allecia. There are some fun game nights coming up on Wednesdays, be sure to check the calendar. The last Wednesday of the month is an open mic night hosted by Tim from "Rock Garden". The first one on Feb 28 was a huge success with many great performers playing and singing and a nice crowd enjoying the music.

I want to thank everyone for their efforts to make our post successful, from Elena Hazen and her husband Gene for managing the wreaths across America, to everyone who volunteers to be part of this great organization. I am sure that I forget to mention lots of people who help out, it is not intentional and I greatly appreciate all the effort it takes to make our post a success, we are all in this together.

As always it is my honor to serve as Commander.

Tim Gatton

William Wharton

Post 379

Post Script

March 2024

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Greetings Fellow Members,

Spring is just around the corner and I hope things are going well for you and your families.

There is not much to report. Things have been quiet at the Post lately. We will be getting a new club Manager and cook soon. We are also stating up special activities, like, open mic band jams, Left, Right, Center game, and Bunco on Wednesdays. So come on in and check it out. Hope to see you here.

Reminders for upcoming events:

Steak and dessert night every last Thursday of the month.

The "Old Soldier's Ball and Post Birthday celebration coming up on March 23rd.

The next District meeting will be April 20th here at the Post. Elections For District Officers for the coming year will be held. Hope to see you here supporting our Post.

And last but not least I would like to encourage you to attend our Post and Auxiliary meetings if you don't already do so. We need new faces and ideas to help support our Post and Club which also supports our Veterans.

Thank you and God Bless

Sami Church, Auxiliary President

CLUB MANAGER

Thursday night dinner recap:

3/7 Chili Burgers

3/14 Corned Beef & Cabbage

3/21 Lemon Chicken

3/28 Steak Night

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.



March drink
special

Fireball shots
\$4.00

Happy Hour
2::00 to 5:00
and
All day on Wednesday

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.



“Old Soldier’s Ball”

“BE THERE”

March 23rd 2024

Music by “Rock Garden”

Doors open at 5, Dinner at 6

Dine, Dance, Celebrate
Post 379 104th Birthday.

CLUB HOURS

Welcome back, club hours are as follows:

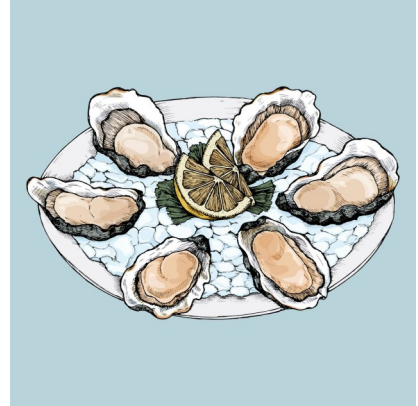
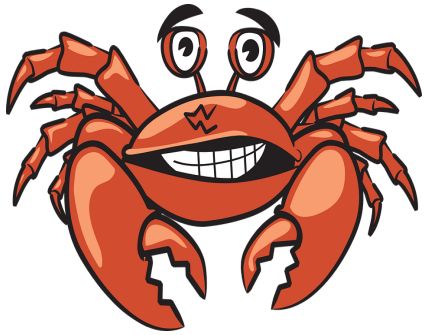
Closed: Monday, Tuesday, Saturday

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.



Lyle Seafood will be selling fresh seafood in the VFW parking lot on Saturdays and Sundays starting March 2nd

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 the 1st and Bunco on the 3rd. Open mike night on the 4th Wed.

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.

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. Vfw379.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.

Expanded VA Health Care: VA has announced that beginning on March 5, 2024, toxic-exposed veterans will be eligible to enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for VA benefits. Veterans who served in the Vietnam War, Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, or any other combat zone after Sept. 11, 2001, are eligible, as well as veterans who never deployed but were exposed to toxins or hazards while training or on active duty in the United States. This expansion comes after years of effort by Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs Chairman Jon Tester and the passage of the PACT Act. In response to the announcement Tester said, "Generations of veterans answered the call to serve and came home changed, and it's our duty to ensure they have health care that meets their needs I'm glad to see VA announcing they will honor this nation's promise by expanding health care eligibility for toxic-exposed veterans immediately, rather than waiting for a years-long phase-in. This is exactly why we fought to pass the *PACT Act*—to expand health care access for millions of veterans without the red tape that has turned too many folks away in the past." Toxic-exposed veterans and survivors can apply today at va.gov/PACT or by calling 1-800-MYVA411.

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