



Post 379

COMMANDERS CORNER

Greetings all, we have made it to spring, I hope everyone had a great Easter.

In March we celebrated our post's 105th anniversary, everyone should be proud of this accomplishment. We celebrated with our annual ball, Roger's pictures are available online and he put together another yearbook for the post. Thank you Roger. I also want to thank everyone who helped make this event a great success.

At our April meeting Wayne White was elected to serve as Commander for 2025-26, congratulations. Wayne has some great ideas for the upcoming year, every great idea needs the support of the members, let's work together to make Wayne and our post succeed. Remember, we're all in this together.

We have a spaghetti feed fundraiser scheduled for the 17th of May, I hope to see you there.

I know everyone gets busy over the summer months, if you are not traveling, remember that the post has dinner on Thursday and Friday night and breakfast Sunday morning and can always use the support.

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

Tim Gatton, Commander VFW 379

William Wharton

Post 379

Post Script

May 2025

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Hello Fellow Members,

First of all, I want to take the opportunity to thank you all of you for letting me serve as your Auxiliary president this past year. It has been an honor to remember.

Events coming in May; 5/10: at 2 PM Leo Wright's Memorial Celebration of Life, 5/17: at 5 PM Spaghetti Feed with live music, 5/14: at 6:30 PM Post and Auxiliary meetings, 5/21: at 1 PM Social Luncheon at Spice located at 16th Ave and Summitview and on 5/26: the Memorial Day Celebration 10AM Tahoma.. In June we have Installation of new Post and Auxiliary Officers and State Convention.

On another note, the Auxiliary will be losing one of our valued and loved members, Judy Dawson. She will be moving to Idaho to pursue new adventures. We wish you well Judy, you will be truly missed by one and all. Thank you so much for being such valued member to our Auxiliary and Post. Also a big Thank you to my fellow chair members for submitting your year end reports on time to the state, much appreciated.

In closing, it's been my pleasure to serve as your Auxiliary President. I look forward to the new year ahead with our new selection of officers. I'm sure that they will do a great job.

I wish you and your families all well and remember your veterans and beloved ones this Memorial Day. Thank you for your service Veterans, stay well, God bless you and God bless America.

Respectfully,

Sami Church, Auxiliary President

CLUB MANAGER

This month we have Mothers day, Memorial day, Leo Wright's memorial, & the spaghetti feed on the calendar. Mother's day buffet for \$15.00 & the regular breakfast menu. \$5 Mother's day Mimosa's! We are open on Saturdays from 4pm to close, we listened & are trying to be open more hours, so come on down! Also as a reminder we rent out the club for any event you have, members & nonmembers alike. \$200 for members, \$400 nonmembers. Birthday parties, meetings, memorials, celebrations, anything, book with the club! We'd love to host your next event. Drink specials continued from April \$3 shots of fireball & 10 high, and \$3 glasses of Le Bone red wine.

Dawn, club manager

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Thursday night dinner recap:

5/1 - Chicken Fried Steak

5/8 - Beef Tacos or Taco Salad

5/15 - Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches

5/22 - BBQ Pork Ribs

5/29 - Steak Night



May

drink specials

Fireball shots

\$3.00

Bar tequila

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

Not only is **Chuck Thompson** playing at the Post on Thursday and Friday nights, but this month we are lucky enough to have the Band **Genevieve** to play for our enjoyment at the Spaghetti feed on May 17th. Please come down to your Post and show your support for the music.

Happy Hour

2:00 to 5:00

and

All day on Wednesday

CLUB HOURS

Club hours are as follows:

Closed: Monday, Tuesday

2:00PM TO CLOSE on Wednesday and Thursday and Fridays.

4:00PM to close on Saturdays

8:00am to 12:00pm on Sundays for breakfast

We will be open at other times for special events.

Watch Facebook, the calendar, and the website.



Post 379 is trying to pick your favorite tap beers so we can reduce inventory and save some space in our cooler. Let us know your favorite. We will be reducing to 4 or 5 of your favorites. We currently have Bud, Bud Light, Irish Death, Top Cutter, and Wicked Cider. This is “your” Club, let us know what you want.

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



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.

Post Fundraiser

Spaghetti Feed

May 17th, 2025

Live Music by Genevieve
Raffles

The fun starts at 1700 Hrs.

\$10.00

I recently had the opportunity to see Genevieve perform as a duo at a local wine cellar and they were outstanding. They will have a 3 piece ensemble for our enjoyment at the spaghetti feed playing some great selections including today's Top 40 Country for you to dance to.

So, feel free to come down, eat some spaghetti and burn those carbs

Dishwasher

The lease on our kitchen dishwasher was cancelled by the leasing company and they came and took it. We are currently hand washing all of the dishes.

We are in desperate need of a new commercial dishwasher and they start in price at around \$6500. Our budget can not handle that expense at this time and we are requesting some help.

There is a donation jar on the bar .
Please consider helping out.

Thank you– Kitchen Staff

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.

Memorial Day Ceremony

In conjunction with the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and Daughters of the American Revolution, we will be conducting the Annual Ceremony at Tahoma Cemetery at 10 AM on Memorial Day, May 26th. The Post will be open afterwards.

VFW Post 379 in conjunction with CVU has \$5.00 gift chips for sale to give out to friends, family, or other Veterans. These are good at the bar for a drink up to the value of the chip. These are available at the bar for purchase. This is a good way to bring in new potential members to our Post.

We have new Post 379 T-shirts in stock while they last. Get yours before they are gone. New VFW Post 379 ball caps also. Both are \$25.00 each.

Our VFW Auxiliary #379, Yakima has a newly created email account. If you have questions or concerns, you can now direct them to us at vfwaux379@gmail.com. The first official email went out on March 9th. So, check your Inbox or Spam folder for it. If you didn't receive it and want to be included in future emails, you can send us a request to be added..

Leo Wright's Memorial at the VFW 2 PM on May 10th

Leo loved telling stories, so please come on down and tell your favorite story about Leo to help us remember him. Leo proudly served both his country and community.

His country with his service in the Navy and the community through the Fraternal Order of Eagles as Worthy President (4 times) and VFW Commander (1 time) and decades on different committees. People will especially remember him doing the Meat and Bottle raffles, as well as organizing and running the Coffee Service fund raiser at the Indian John Hill Rest Area for both clubs.



ELECTIONS

The following Officers were elected for the 2025-2026 year:

Commander: Wayne White

President: Susan Lippincott

Sr-vice: Tim Gatton

Sr-vice: Ellena Hazen

Jr-vice: Mike Fezer

Jr-vice: Cathy Hughes

Quartermaster: Don Sweet

Treasurer: Myrna Pitts

Chaplain: Paul Soper

Secretary: Cheryl McCann

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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

OUR GREAT SPONSORS

Field Group

Rays Retail Meats

Brumback and Ottem

Brookside Funeral Home

Keith & Keith

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 !!!

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.

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.

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

Mother's Day Entrees

This Mother's Day we will be offering not only our outstanding breakfast menu, but you will also have the choice of our award winning breakfast buffet. We also will have \$5.00 Mimosa's.

Chef Rachel has been coming up with some new ideas and you need to show up and enjoy her offerings.

Breakfast will be served from 8 AM until 11 AM. Bring the woman who you want to honor to an enjoyable breakfast.