



Post 379

## COMMANDERS CORNER

Fall is officially here and the temperatures are dropping, I'd like to invite everyone down to the post to warm up and share in the camaraderie that cannot be found anywhere else. This Fall we are having another raffle, the winning tickets will be drawn at halftime of the Army/ Navy game that takes place on 14 December. We have three prizes \$500, a Pendleton Whiskey propane grill, and a hunting rifle. Raffle tickets are available at the post or from certain members. If you are willing to help sell tickets please contact me.

We have also started a "Queen of Hearts" game, which is a progressive jackpot game played with a standard deck of cards. Tickets are sold at the bar and the weekly drawings take place on Thursday during dinner. The rules are posted at the bar. Come down and enjoy the game.

I want to thank all the volunteers that helped make the stand down and our fall harvest party a great success, I would also like to thank Janet and the staff for their hard work making our events successful.

A special thanks needs to go out to Duane Garlock for his efforts in restoring the shuffleboard table that was donated to the post by Skip and Linda Rodvold and Ron Mansfield. Thank you for the donation and the effort put forth to restore this for us.

As always our Funeral team is busy representing us in the community by providing services for at least ten veterans a month. If you are willing and able to join the team they could always use more members.

Veterans Day is approaching and I look forward to seeing everyone come out and celebrate at our post. If you are interested in representing the post at a school or serving in a color guard we have a sign up sheet at the post. Special thanks to Fred Camerer and his team as I write this they are committed to 3 color guard events in support of Veterans Day.

I hope everyone is doing well and I want to thank everyone for allowing me the honor of serving as your commander.

Tim Gatton

Commander

VFW Post 379

William Wharton

Post 379

Post Script

Nov—Dec

## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

ALOHA,

Since the Mid Year Auxiliary Conference will be held in Honolulu in February 2020, the greeting is encouraged to welcome members in the Auxiliaries. Our Auxiliary members continue to be involved in Community events.

A big THANK YOU for all of the donations of clothing, furniture and household items ,etc., at our recent yard sale. We raised over \$1400.00 toward supporting our Veterans.

At the recent Military Appreciation Day held at the Fairgrounds our members, Nadine Warren, Annette Buck, Tracey Anderson, Beverly Eliason and Judy Dawson provided membership information and Buddy Poppies.

At the Stand Down held at the Fairgrounds on October 19 Carol Vetter organized 17 members from our Auxiliary, the American Legion and the Eagles organizations who helped register the attendees. State Treasurer and Secretary, Cindy Burkey and District 17 President Barbara McDonald also were present. Nadine Warren provided Veterans with information about their service and resources. Judy Dawson and Gerry Murphy provided the Buddy Poppies.

On November 11, Veteran's Day, the Auxiliary and Post members will participate on our float in the Parade. During the week before, our members will participate in a Buddy Poppy drive at Roseaurs and Fred Meyer stores organized by the Buddy Poppy Chair, Gerry Murphy. The Americanism and Patriotic instruction Committee chaired by Ellena Hazen has provided local schools, including Naches Valley with information and applications for students to apply by October 31.

For 2 Honor families, the Auxiliary will participate with the Post wrapping event on December 6. Currently a small Christmas tree with paper ornaments with gift names is located in the dining room. To help the families, an ornament is chosen, buy the named gift and return the unwrapped gift to the Post by November 23.

Our Auxiliary looks forward to working with the Post in helping our Veterans in our Community.

ALOHA!

Judy Dawson, President

VFW Auxiliary Post 379

# CLUB MANAGER

## Dates to remember over the next two months:

Nov. 11 Veteran's Day  
 Nov.16 Turkey Dinner 6:00 pm  
 Nov. 27 Closing at 5:00 pm  
 Nov. 28 Closed  
 Dec. 2 Decorating the Post for Christmas at 11:00 am  
 Dec. 6 Wrap Party for Honor Family Gifts at 11:00 am  
 Dec. 20 Post Christmas Potluck at 6:00 pm  
 There will be a food signup sheet at the bar.  
 Dec. 24 Closing at 3:00 pm.  
 Dec. 25 Closed  
 Dec. 31 New Years Eve Day Party and Potluck with drink specials. Bring your favorite snack and enjoy time with friends. Closing at 5:00 pm.

## **Thursday night dinner recap:**

11-7 Meatloaf  
 11-14 Fried Chicken  
 11-21 Steak  
 11-28 Closed  
 12-5 Hot Pork Sandwich  
 12-12 Stew & Cornbread  
 12-19 Spaghetti & Meatballs  
 12-26 Steak

## **Things to remember:**

\$1.00 domestic drafts on Mondays

Happy Hour all day on Wednesdays Wing Ding Nite

Open for Seahawk games

## ALL AMERICAN POST

A big congratulation goes out to Al Pineda and all our Post members for earning "All American Post" for the 2nd time in Post history. We rated as number 10 in the nation in our division. This is a great feather in our cap. Thanks to all that made this happen. Lets keep this going.

## FROM THE QUARTERMASTER

In a effort to keep all our members informed of changes that will be happening in our Post, I must remind you that minimum wage will be going up to \$13.50 on January 1st. What this means to us is that all of our vendors will be raising prices on products. Add this to our added payroll and you can see that we will have no choice but to raise prices. How much will depend on what the vendors increase. I hope you will be understanding that this is necessary in order to stay open and give our members the best place to go.



The Post now has Wii game system in the back dining area that can be used by families or groups for bowling, tennis ,etc..

## 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

### CHRISTMAS HONOR FAMILY

We have two families chosen as our Honor Families for this year. One family has five children and the other has two children. There is a Christmas tree placed in the Post with paper ornaments on it. If you wish to help these families please choose an ornament ,return the gift unwrapped with the ornament taped to the gift. We have a box or designated area for the returned gifts. If anyone would rather donate cash for the cause, Dave and I will be more than happy to do the shopping. We are requesting that all gifts be returned to the Post by Saturday November 23, 2019. The gift wrapping party will be **Friday December 6th** at 11:00 AM at the Post. If anyone has some large shoe boxes or boot boxes we could use them for wrapping the irregular shaped gifts. Gift receipts would be great for shoes and clothing.

Thank you

Carolyn and Dave

Honor Wall is taking shape. We have 20 more plaques coming. Our creative team came up with a great design. Stop by to see the Wall or put yourself or a loved one on the Wall. This is a Post fundraiser for needed current and future repair needs. Del



Come down to the Post for Seahawks games. We will have drink specials during the game. Come for breakfast for morning games and bring potluck for afternoon and evening games. We will be doing raffle prizes during the game starting in November.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Veterans needed for School Veterans Day programs. Sign up sheet at the Post.. Please help if you can

### VETERANS DAY

Monday November 11th is Veterans Day and the Post will have much going on. We will have a breakfast in the morning before the VFW Veterans Day Parade. We will be serving hotdogs out back for all the kids in the parade. The Post will have lunch and music in the afternoon. Don't forget Seahawks at 5:15 that day.

PAST COMMANDER'S TURKEY DINNER WILL BE Nov. 16th at 6:00. The cost will be \$15.00. Tickets will be available at the bar. Come down and enjoy our annual event.



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.

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## VETERANS DAY PARADE

Come out on Monday November 11th at 10:45 for the VFW Parade. Parade will start at Naches and Yakima Ave and end at 6th Ave. All Youth groups will be treated to hotdogs and pop at the end of the parade at the back of the Post home.

Department of Washington Mid-winter Convention

Mid-winter Convention will be Jan 17th and 18th in Yakima. Help will be needed on the registration table and other events at the Post and convention center. Please put this on you to do list.

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

## CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

For our Honor Families and our Members the Post will be having a Xmas potluck on Dec 20th at 6:00. The Past Commanders, Funeral Team, and the Post and Aux will provide the turkeys and the ham. If you have no travel plans or family gatherings, then join us for dinner. Just bring your favorite side dish and enjoy the camaraderie.

## 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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### POST 379 OFFICERS

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Adjutant Del Gilliland

Judge Advocate Fred Camerer

H & C Chairman Al Pineda

### Aux Officers

President Judy Dawson

Sr-vice Mary Martinez

Jr-vice Trina Garlock

Treasurer Annette Buck

Secretary Bunny Gaither



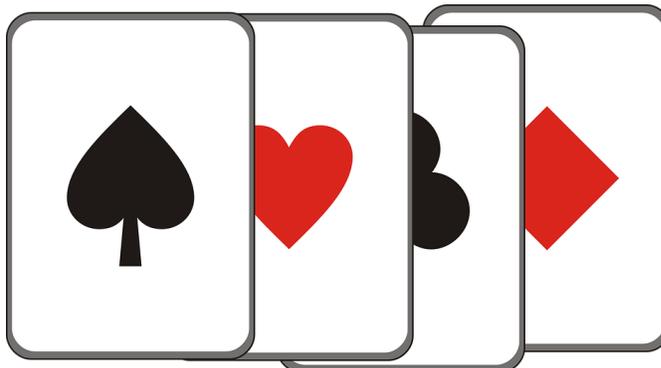
## VFW Post 379 Raffle

Post 379 is having another raffle to support our Club. We will be raffling off a Remington 30-06 rifle with scope, and Pendleton Whiskey BBQ, and \$500 in cash. Drawing will be held at half time during the Army-Navy football game. This will be at the Post home on Dec 14th. Tickets are at the bar and with some members of the Post. You do not need to be present to win.

## IDEAS NEEDED



Would you like to see something different at the Club or Post.? Is there something you would like us to do in our Community? Could we support our Veterans and their families better? We need to hear from you. We are trying like all Veterans Organizations to survive in a competitive environment. We want your business so we can support our Members and our Veterans. If you have ideas on how to increase our business or our positive view in the Community please let us know.



## POST AND AUXILIARY GROUPS WANTED

Do you have a card club or book club and would like to have a nice place to meet? Call Janet and we can schedule your group in the back area. Food and drinks would be available during normal hours.