



Post 379

COMMANDERS CORNER

Brothers and Sisters,

The best momentum maker for the Post are Peoples ideas on activities and events. If you have an idea or comment, please discuss it with one of the elected Post or Auxiliary Officers. We will also be setting back up the comment and suggestion box for written input. We currently have a joint raffle with the American Legion that is a Shotgun / Knife / Cash Prize. The tickets are \$20 ea. and limited to 500 tickets. The drawing will be July 4th at the American Legion. This is another great partnership with our Legion Brothers and Sisters. I want to stress that we are not in competition with the Legion or Yakama Warriors, they indeed are our local brother and sister Veteran Organizations, and all attend the Veterans Task Force collaboration monthly meetings.

We have received several requests to mix up the Friday night entertainment. During July, Mike Ewing, The Arizona Cowboy Balladeer, will be singing from 6pm to 9pm. Mike has played with several Big-Name Nashville stars and a few samples of his performances are available for viewing on You Tube. On 1 July we will have a local DJ, who can play pretty much anything you want to listen to. Cimmeron will be playing in August.. The Juke Box is available at 9pm so your evening doesn't have to stop there.

Congrats go out to Nadine Nelson for her National award for her work as a Veterans Service Officer. Great job.

Lytle Seafood will be selling oysters, clams, and crab in the Post parking lot on July 15th from 10:00am to 6:00pm

New Officers are now in place. Lets be involved, wear your VFW swag when volunteering in the community.

Our membership is over 100%. Good job for all that brought in new members. Lets keep up the great work we do.

Respectfully,

Steven Saunders, Commander Post 379

William Wharton

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Post Script

July-Aug 2022

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Hello,

As we wind up this year "Sticking our necks out for our Veterans" our Auxiliary has been very busy doing just that. Our membership total needs 1 more member for 100%. Yeah!

Bakers, fire up your ovens! Our Community Outreach Chair, Susan Lippencott has planned baking and donation cookies to nursing homes staff in the Yakima area in late July. More info coming soon.

Auxiliary President Judy Dawson attended the State Convention in Spokane on June 15th to the 18th. Our Auxiliary received several awards: Jodi Carroll, our Facebook author, received 1st place award for Historian/media relations. Susan Lippencott, Community Outreach, received a 3rd place award for her leadership this last year. Ellena Hazen, Membership/ Patriotic & Americanism Chair was awarded 2nd place for membership and 3rd place for scholarship. Ellena has worked diligently to reach out to students in our local schools for Illustrating America, Scholarships, and National Anthem singing contest. There were 3 students that won awards at the District level for Illustrating America. Our Patriots Pen winner took 18th in the Nation and our Voice of Democracy winner took 17th place in the Nation. Tina Beck was awarded 2nd place for Buddy Poppy and National Home. Congratulations to all our youth and our awesome Chairman, Great job.

Our Auxiliary worked on a project with the Yakima Elks. They collected toiletry items for our Veterans and their families. Great Job to our members for this community service event.

This year our theme will be "BEE THE CHANGE". Our State President Joan Murphy-Nihart will have Bee pins and T-shirts for this theme. The VFW will "BEE THE Change" for our Veterans and their families.

Sincerely,

Judy Dawson, Auxiliary President Post 379

CLUB MANAGER

The Club is looking for a part-time bartender/food server for approximately 12 hours a week. You must have bartending and food service experience. Also must have a food handler card and liquor license. This position would be ideal for someone retired just wanting a few hours per week. Please submit resume/application at the Club during regular business hours.

Thursday Night Dinner Recap:

07/07 Fruit & Salad Buffet

07/14 Hot Pork Sandwich

07/21 Lasagna

07/28 Steak

08/4 Philly Cheese Steaks

08/11 Meatloaf

08/18 Subs & Salad Buffet

08/25 Steaks



Lytle Seafood will be in the Post parking lot on July 15th from 10:00am to 6:00pm or until they sell out. Come out and purchase some fresh seafood to take home.



If you are thinking about changing insurance companies check out one of the VFW National Sponsors. USAA provides home and auto plus other benefits. You must be present or past military.

CLUB HOURS

Closed: Monday, Saturday

Open: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday,

2:00pm to close

Open Sunday 8:00am to 12:00pm

Breakfast is served from 8 to 11

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.

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.

New meeting times

The Post voted to start our monthly meeting at 6:30 pm to better work in our joint opening with the Auxiliary. This is proving to be a great idea in bridging the gap between the Post and the auxiliary. We need both groups to have a strong Post.

SERVICE OFFICE

SERVICE OFFICE NEWS

Nadine Newman is the winner of the John A. Biedrzycki Accredited Service Representative of the Year for 2020-2021. This is a national award that will be presented to her by the National Commander-in-Chief at the VFW's convention in Kansas City on July 19th. This prestigious award is given to the outstanding Accredited Service Representative (Service Officer) in the nation.

The Yakima service office continues to be busy processing claims for veterans across Central Washington. Nadine provides in-person claims assistance to Kittitas County veterans two days-a-month. She is also providing in-person assistance to veterans in the Sunnyside area every-other-month.

Virgil Newman will be attending the VFW's National Veterans Service training in Annapolis, Maryland in September. The week-long class is in-depth training on VA claims processing and the M-21-1MR which is the VA's procedural manual.

The Yakima office is open Monday through Thursday for in-person and phone appointments. The phone number is (509) 654-7191. The email address is nadine.newman@va.gov.



MILITARY EXCHANGE

Now all honorably discharged Veterans can use on-line shopping at the Exchange. Go to www.shopmyexchange.com/vets. Vets with service connected disabilities may use the base Exchange and commissary.



Tuesday nights at 5:00pm we are serving pork or beef tacos and taco salads Bud and Bud Light pounders are just \$2.00 .

Come join the fun!!!

CONGRATULATION

A special Congratulations goes out to our Service Officer Nadine Newman for being honored with Service Officer of the Year by our National Organization. Great Job Nadine!!

MUSIC

For the Month of July Arizona Cowboy Balladeer Mike Ewing will be playing on Friday nights. He will be singing songs by all the great Country Artists. Bring your hat and dancing shoes! August will be Cimmeron. Come down and enjoy a meal and some good music.

BIG NEWS

It looks your Post will be an "ALL AMERICAN POST" again this year. Thank You to all our members that recruited members and worked on our required projects. The VFW does more for our Veterans. Congratulations Post 379

Veterans of Foreign Wars

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We have 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

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.

FUNERAL TEAM

We need Comrades to join our team. We have lost some of our members to medical issues. We provide Military Honors to over 100 Veterans per year. We need some new blood for the rifle team and some to work into Commander and Chaplain. Please if you have an interest in honoring our passing Vets then call Russ McLaughlin at 961-2007. We are the best view of the VFW in the community.

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