



Post 379

COMMANDERS CORNER

Hello my fellow Comrades,

I hope this message find you well during this crazy year we have been having. I will keep this message short and sweet. Since our last post script we have had a couple things exciting happen. We got approval through the state to be able to conduct business at the club. Which means our general membership meetings only! We have no limitations to the amount of people we have in these meetings as long as we can practice social distancing and follow the health district guidelines that they have outlined for businesses. The other exciting news is once Yakima County reaches Phase 2 we can officially open up the club for normal business inside. What exactly that will look like is still in the works but we let people know on our Facebook page when the time gets closer.

Now the news regarding us being able to conduct our general membership meetings made it possible for us to meet in August for our normal general membership meeting. During this meeting we spoke about issues, expectations of officers and members as well as great fundraising/membership drive opportunities. The most prominent thing coming out of the meeting was the opportunity to do something fun in our very own VFW parking lot to get back involved with the community and our veterans. So with that being sad we will be hosting a 9/11 Memorial event on 9/11 and it will be a family fun event with food trucks and amongst other things. We will need volunteers so if you are able to help clean and wipe down tables out side or help with making sure people are following the social distancing guidelines please let me or one of the other officers know. But in the mean time make sure to watch out for the flier on our Facebook page about the event with all the details. Like I said this will be a family event and open to the public since we will not be using the club or selling anything from the club I am encouraging every member to bring their friends and family down. This will also be a membership drive so my challenge to everyone is that if you know a veteran that could benefit from our comradery and what we do as the VFW bring them down. This will be a fun filled event and a great opportunity for them to see what we are all about. So if you haven't liked the VFW Post 379 Facebook page please do its a great way to stay informed and to receive updates.

I look forward to seeing everyone's faces at this event and at our next General Membership meeting which will be on Sept. 9th. I also want to thank everyone who has donated to the VFW it is very appreciated.

Shadrick Kautzman

VFW Post 379 Commander

William Wharton

Post 379

Post Script

Sept-Oct 2020

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Hello Auxiliary members:

We are slowly coming back as we all are wearing masks, social distancing and washing our hands.

Our Auxiliary was able to hold our meeting at the Post on August 12 in the dining area with 9 members present. We held an election for Officers for the 2020-2021 year and all of the prior officers were re-elected. Susan Lippincott was elected to the Senior Vice President position and Carolyn Hope as a Trustee. CONGRATULATIONS!

Our Scholarship Chairman Elena Hazen reported via texted report that our Post had 2 entries in the Young American Patriotic Art Contest. It was held on May 22 at our Post with our District #17 President Barb McDonald to help with the process. Carolyn Hope also assisted during the event. There were 5 professional artists from this area who gave their time and expertise for our Contest. We had 2 entries and Gabriella Byers' artwork advanced to the District competition in the 1st place and took 6th place in the State competition. Gabriella will receive a check and certificate and Haidyn Hall will receive a check and certificate for her second place award. She will enter the University of Washington in September and Gabriella will enter the University of Montana in Missoula in August. CONGRATULATIONS to them.

At a recent meeting with Post officers and the Auxiliary President, a plan was started to hold a Food Truck event at the Post on September 11 in the parking lot. It would be a fundraising and membership drive. Those Auxiliary members who would like to help at the event, please contact Shad at 509-969-6991 or shadrick.k@hotmail.com. Our Auxiliary will also be encouraging new members there.

Our presence at the Yakima Farmers' Market held in Union Gap is currently on hold due to the Virus phase we are in now. We look forward to being there. Another public event, our parking lot clothing sale is on hold until we reach another phase. We all look forward to getting back on schedule soon.

At the VFW Post Fundraiser on 9/11 we will have Buddy Poppies available for a donation. Chair, Gerry Murphy, looks forward to seeing everyone there.

Our District #17 President, Barb McDonald, is planning a District meeting in Sunnyside on 9/12 at 11:00. There is a possibility that it could be a ZOOM meeting instead. We will let you know what is decided.

We all are pleased that we can take the initial steps to getting back to our Post and Auxiliary business. Thank you for all of your efforts. We miss you all.

Sincerely,

Judy Dawson, President

VFW Post #379 Auxiliary

District 17 Meeting will be Sept 12th at the Sunny-side Post at 11:00 AM

Post 379 & Auxiliary will hold a regular meeting on Sept 9th at 7:00PM and on Oct 14th. At 7:00 PM.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 8, 2020
 Contact: Stephanie Mason
 Email: Stephanie.Mason@wmc.wa.gov
 Office: (360) 236-2774

OLYMPIA, WA - The Washington Medical Commission (WMC) has been alerted that scam artists are calling clinics, Dr. Offices and individuals posing as the WMC or medical board.

These scam artists have increased the deceptiveness of their tactics. Some have claimed to be investigators or other staff. They have knowledge of bank accounts and other personal information. They have asked for social security numbers, cell phone numbers and money.

Please be aware this is not how the WMC, state regulators, and state medical boards operate. **The WMC will never call you asking for private information or looking for payment.**

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON

School of instruction

School of instruction will be on Zoom on Sept 5th at 9:00AM. We meet in the Post Home for any that are interested.

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 of us. We will be trying to provide the best environment for your enjoyment that we can while following the rules.

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.



FLU SHOTS

Yakima VA will be holding **drive through flu shot clinics:**

Where:

Veterans of Foreign Wars
William Wharton VFW
Post 379
118 So 5th Avenue
Yakima WA. 98902

When:

Wednesdays Oct. 7, 14, 21, and 28th
Fridays Oct 2, and 9

THANK YOU

A Special thank you goes out to Powerhouse Mini-Storage for donating a storage unit for Wreaths Across America. In addition they would like to Honor all Veterans by giving them a 10% discount on any unit. Active military will get 15%. Give them a call at 509-424-3268.

PATRIOTIC ART



1st Place

Gabriella Byers a senior at East Valley will be attending University of Montana



2nd Place

Haiden Hall a senior at Davis will be attending University of Washington

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.

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

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INDIAN JOHN

Our Indian John fundraiser has been cancelled due to COVID 19. We hope will be able to continue our annual fundraiser next year.

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

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

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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