



Post 379

COMMANDERS CORNER

Hello All, I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. I would like to congratulate Chuck Austin for having the new Veteran Housing complex named in his honor "Chuck Austin Place" is the old Marine building on 16th Ave and scheduled to be open sometime in 2020. This is a well deserved Honor for Chuck.

I would like to thank Leo Wright and all the volunteers who helped make Indian John Hill successful again this year, way to go Leo thanks for everything you do for our post.

We had a shuffleboard table donated to the post and Duane Garlock has volunteered to do the restoration. Thanks for your help and look forward to having the table at the club in the near future.

Past commander Al Pineda and myself were invited to be part of a round table discussion with Senator Patti Murray who was looking for information about the "Mission Act" the new VA health care plan, that should smooth the way for veterans to receive care in their local area without having to travel to Walla Walla or elsewhere. If you have any experiences , good or bad, with the local VA clinic please relay them to me so that I can pass them along at the next meeting with the Senator or her representative.

If you have ideas to improve the club please feel free to contact me, my contact information is listed at the club. I look forward to seeing everyone at the club for Wing Ding Wednesday, dinner on Thursday or Friday or Breakfast on Sunday, please come down and enjoy one of these great meals that Janet and our staff prepares for us. Remember that football season is upon us and there is no better place to enjoy a game and some comradery than the VFW.

Thanks for your support and help in making ours the best VFW post in the state.

Tim Gatton

Commander VFW 379

William Wharton

Post 379

Post Script

Sept-Oct

AUXILLARY PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone,

I would like to introduce myself. I'm Judith "Judy" Dawson and I live in Selah. My husband, Howard "Skip" Dawson and I moved from the Bay Area California to this area in 2017. Our home in Selah was built in June 2018. Skip passed away in September 2018 of cancer. We had been married for 40 years. We have 3 daughters who live in Ellensburg, Dillon Montana and San Francisco.

I am looking forward to an exciting year as your President. Our Auxiliary participated with a team for the Relay for Life/Yakima event July 20-21 to raise dollars to fight cancer. Our team members were Sami Church, Ellena Hazen, Tracey Anderson and myself. With gift certificates and raffle prizes including a bike, we raised \$403.00 to fight cancer.

The School of Instruction for Post and Auxiliary members from the Eastside of Washington will be held on August 24 at our Post. Lunch will be served.

Our Auxiliary will hold our Yard Sale in the parking lot of the Post on September 13 and 14. If you have items to donate please call Judy Dawson at 509-580-1353.

Our Auxiliary received the Silver Award for the amount of \$1000.00 we raised for the National Home for Children. CONGRATULATIONS!

An upcoming event at the Post will be the Christmas Bazaar on November 23. For a table or for more information please contact Nadine Warren at 509-952-1393.

As you can see the Auxiliary members are involved in our community and we look forward to other events and opportunities.

Sincerely,

Judy Dawson, President

VFW Auxiliary Post 379

We will be closed for Labor Day

September 2nd

CLUB MANAGER

FUNERAL TEAM

Wing Ding Wednesdays are here! For those of you that are not aware, we are serving wings every Wednesday night from 4 to 7 with four kinds of dipping sauce along with fries, tots or onion rings. Happy hour prices all day on Wednesday makes this a fun time.

Our Member Appreciation Day is set for Sept. 7th to start at noon. Members eat free; burgers, corn dogs, chips and salad. Games, prizes and fun!!!

Oct. 19th following Stand Down we are hosting a Harvest Party, open house event with dinner and music by the "Buckin A" band. Tickets will be available soon at the bar.

We are planning another fund raiser Paint Night so watch for information to be posted as soon as we have a date.

Thursday night dinner recap:

9-5 Hot Turkey
 9-12 Chicken Alfredo
 9-19 French Dip
 9-26 Steak
 10-3 Hot Beef
 10-10 Chicken Fried Steak
 10-17 Lasagna
 10-24 Baked Potato Taco Bar
 10-31 Steak

Things to remember:

\$1.00 domestic drafts on Mondays
 Happy Hour all day on Wednesday and Wing Ding Nite
 Open for regular season Seahawk games
 Rock Garden Fridays at 7:00 pm

The VFW Funeral Team continues to serve the communities Veterans. They have participated in 55 ceremonies so far in 2019, providing Military Honors.

The Funeral Team dinner was a big success. Thank you Janet, Michelle, Danny, and Clayton. Well done.

Rick Beck
 Post Chaplain

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.

VETERANS STAND DOWN

This years program will be held on Saturday, October 19th, 2019 at the Modern Living Building (State Fair Park). Employment, medical, community services, counseling, and help with VA will be just some of support that will be available to our Veterans. The VFW will have a table there for any membership questions. Come down to see what is available for our Veterans in Yakima area.

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

PIE AUCTION

"It's time for Pie" We need pies for the October 31st Pie Auction. The money will go to Walla Walla Hospital. Sign up sheets will be at the Post or call Trina Garlock at 509-895-4251. We need lots of pies. Thank You

CHRISTMAS HONOR FAMILY

We are honoring a Veteran family with Christmas blessing. Tim Gatton is in charge of identifying the honor family for us. Once we get a family and it is closer to fall, we will put up a Christmas tree with ornaments on it. The ornaments will have boy or girl, a name, age, and a Christmas wish. The wish may be a toy or an article of clothing. Our goal is to have 3-5 gifts for each family member. The gifts need to be brought to the VFW, unwrapped, with the ornament taped to the gift. We will have a "wrapping" party in December. Wrapping paper will be provided. Day and time will be decided at a later date.

On December 20th at 6:00 the VFW will have a Christmas party. The family will be invited and the children may open some presents. If all goes well Santa will join us. More information will be coming as time progresses. Carolyn and Dave Curry

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



INDIAN JOHN

I would like to thank all the people for their time and help serving coffee and cookies this past weekend. Also, would like to thank those who donated cookies and monies to buy supplies. We had a wonderful weekend and had an outstanding return! We couldn't do it without all the wonderful help.

If you have any questions please contact Chairman Leo Wright 509-697-3456. Your help is appreciated!!!

VFW ACTION CORP

VA Updates the Schedule for Rating Disabilities: VA has updated three portions of the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities: infectious diseases, immune disorders, and nutritional deficiencies. VA started to rewrite all of the fifteen regulations in 2017 in order to reflect modern medicine as the regulations have not been updated since the original code was written in 1945. Any claims in these three areas pending on Aug. 11, 2019, will be considered under both the new and old rating schedule with the more favorable rating result going to the veteran. All claims filed on or after Aug. 11, 2019 will be rated on the new standards.

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.

Veterans of Foreign Wars

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Occasionally we receive calls asking if we have any members that could help with a task that a Veteran needs to have done. This could include a ride to a function, house cleaning, hauling something, minor house repairs, etc. We at Post 379 would like to start a list of members or family that would like to support our needy Veterans in some way. If you would be interested in helping, please call the Post at 457-5400 or email at vfw379@gmail.com. With your name and phone number and what you could help with.

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

YOUTH ESSAY PROGRAMS

The theme for both Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy is the same this year. It is "What Makes America Great" If you know of a child from grade 6 to 12 there is an essay contest for them. They can win local, State, and National awards. This is a great youth program. Deadline for entry's is Oct 31 at the Post. For more information see the Post web page, our Facebook page, or at the Post

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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

POST 379 OFFICERS

Commander Tim Gatton

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Adjutant Del Gilliland

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Jr-vice Trina Garlock

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Secretary Bunny Gaither

2019-2020 TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

The VFW will recognize and honor the top Elementary (K-5), Junior High (6-8), and High School (9-12) teacher of the year, who teaches citizenship and education topics, and promotes America's history, traditions, and institutions. Attributes considered will be the scope of the teaching on both the students and the community.

WHO CAN SUBMIT

Fellow teachers, supervisors, or any other interested individual may submit nominations. Self-submitted nominations are not accepted.

HOW TO SUBMIT

Nominating Individual

Nominating individual must submit the nominated teacher's name on the completed [VFW Teacher Nomination Form](#). Included with the form a 350 word or less description of why the nominee should be selected. Describe the teacher's innovative teaching and resource development methods, as well as his/her dedication to teaching. Submit these to the local VFW Post no later than **October 31, 2019**

Contact your local VFW Post to participate.

PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS

Post 379 will be looking for nominations for the following this year: Law Enforcement, Fire Fighter, and EMT Awards. If know of any individuals that you think would qualify for this honor please submit a nomination form. These will be available at the Post or may be requested on-line.

