



Post 379

## COMMANDERS CORNER

Hello My Fellow Comrades,

These past few months we have seen great things happen and some terrible things happen. Some of the good we have seen is our post bringing back live music to Friday night. Along with a brand new jukebox (which you have to come down and see) and more and more smiling faces down at the post. Some of the bad, the mask mandate in Washington State showing back up and the lives that were taken in the attacks in Kabul. That took the lives of Marines and civilians. I know that some of the actions that have been happening in our own back yards along with what is happening abroad have infuriated a lot of us. But, I have to tell you my fellow comrades that we can still be of service, not only to our country, but to our fellow comrades because even though we may not wear our uniforms any more "We are still serving".

We still are serving when we lean on one another when we are need and we still are serving by volunteering in our communities through many different avenues. Now When one of our fellow comrades are down we pick them up and tell them "We got you" and that "They need not worry". One of the ways we do this is through our membership. The money we pay for membership allows our Post and the VFW as a whole to continue to serve. This is the easiest way to show your fellow comrades that we are in this fight together. We will not leave a fallen soldier behind! I encourage you that if you not have renewed your membership to do so and if you have already done so I encourage you to get more involved in your Post. There is so much you can do from volunteering to be in the parade for the fair, or the Veterans Day parade. You can even volunteer to help sell Poppies and an event or the easiest thing is sign up a veteran for the post and show them what we are about.

We truly take care of our own and it is time we let that be known again. I am calling on everyone to reach out and check in on one another. Stop by the post one of the days we have specials going on like Ladies night that will be on Wednesdays (half of well drinks and domestic beer for the ladies), or Thursdays for Thirsty Thursdays (\$1.00 off well drinks and domestic beer for the gentleman). Your presence at the Post is also another easy way to connect and show your fellow comrades you are still serving. The VFW's motto this year is "The time is now" to me that means the time is now to quit talking about things and put more things to action. Because if not now then when? So do your part!

Shadrick M Kautzman, VFW Post 379 Commander

(Follow us on Facebook as well as our web page and our post calendar for updates and upcoming events like the Sunfair Parade)

Post 379 had a quantity of hearing aid batteries. These are mostly 312's. If you have a need for batteries please stop by and pick some up.

William Wharton

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Post Script

Sept-Oct 2021

## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Hello Members:

Our Auxiliary has been actively making a difference for our Veterans and their families in our Community.

At the Convention in Spokane June 23 -24, Sami Church, Carrol Vetter and Judy Dawson attended. Our Auxiliary received several awards. Gerry Murphy and Tina Beck received recognition of Outstanding Performance, achieving 1st place for Buddy Poppy and National Home. Both received a Certificate and a medal. We also received Good Job awards for Recruiting new members.

For the Convention we provided 4 red, white and blue raffle baskets. Thank you to all who contributed items and to Susan Lippincott and Judy Dawson who assembled the baskets.

August 14 Susan Lippincott and Judy Dawson attended the School of Instruction program in Spokane. Information for the 2021-2022 year was provided. Our Auxiliary received an award for the most outstanding Community education of the Buddy Poppy. The VFW National Home for Children awarded our Auxiliary the Gold Star Donor award. Congratulations for all of your efforts.

At our meeting in August a representative from Camp Primetime spoke to our members. Ralph Berthon said that Camp Primetime is an organization that provides outdoor wilderness experiences to families with children who are ill or developmentally disabled. Our Auxiliary presented a donation to support this organization.

On September 18 our Auxiliary will hold a parking lot sale at the Post from 8am to 3:00 pm. See you there. Bring your items to the Sale on the 18th.

Our Post and Auxiliary will each have a table at the STANDDOWN on October 23 at the SunDome. Please see the flyers at the Post.

On September 25 the Sunfair Parade will be held in Yakima. Our Post and Auxiliary may participate with our float. More information will be available soon.

Annual member dues for the 2021-22 year are due now.

Sincerely, Judy Dawson, VFW Post #379 Auxiliary President.

### 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

# CLUB MANAGER

STARTING SEPT. 1ST, 2021

**Ladies Night**—Wednesdays from four to close

1/2 off on all wells, wine and domestic drafts

**Thirsty Thursday**—from four to close

\$1.00 off all wells, domestic drafts, domestic bottles, cans and wine

**Domestic Drafts** = Bud, Bud Light

**Canned Beer** = Rainier, Bud, Bud Light, Busch, Busch Light, PBR N/A,

**Domestic Bottles** = Bud, Bud Light, Coors, Coors Light, Ultra, MGD, Miller Light and Miller High Life, Coors N/A

## Thursday night dinner recap:

9/01 Meatloaf

9/09 Ribs w/ baked beans & coleslaw

9/16 Mexican Night

9/23 Spaghetti & Meatballs

9/30 Steak

10/7 Baked Ham

10/14 Fried Chicken

10/21 Hot Turkey

10/28 Steak

# VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

## Patriotic Contests

Our Patriotic Chairperson, Ellena Hazen has provided information about the upcoming contests.

1. Voice of Democracy for Grades 9-12 ; the theme is: "Where Do We Go from Here?"
2. Patriots Pen for grades 6,7, 8. the theme is: "How Can I Be a Good American"?
3. Youth Essay for grades 3, 4, 5 is: "Why Do I Stand For My Country's Flag"

All entries are due to the Post by October 31, 2021. For questions contact Ellena Hazen at 509-961-6671.

Ellena Hazen, VFW Auxiliary Patriotic Essay Chairperson

## A VFW Message to Veterans in the Wake of Recent Events in Afghanistan

The following is a message from VFW National Commander Fritz Michelcic Aug 16, 2021 With the recent turn of events in Afghanistan, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) wants the veterans of the war in Afghanistan to know we stand with you. Scores of VFW members know the anger, frustration, and sadness you are experiencing after hearing the troubling reports and seeing the disturbing images coming from lands where we sacrificed so much. From the fall of Saigon in Vietnam, to the withdraw from Somalia after the battle of Mogadishu, to the ISIS take-over of Fallujah, Ramadi, Mosul, and Tikrit, far too many of us have experienced the heavy burden of loss, disappointment, and helplessness our newest generations of veterans may be feeling watching the Taliban return to power. However, while there is bitter sentiment over this withdrawal, we encourage you to hold your head high. Because of your vigilance, hard work, and selfless sacrifice, you dealt a tremendous blow to Al-Qaeda, taking out its leader Osama Bin Laden, and disrupting its ability to plan and execute another major attack on American soil since September 11, 2001. You who served in Afghanistan with honor, valor, and distinction, our nation owes you a tremendous debt of gratitude for the past twenty years of relative safety and security. Your service was not in vain. While we continue to watch events unfold in Afghanistan, we remind our brothers and sisters that we are beside you, arm-in-arm, ready to support you. You are not alone. Please know that through the Department of Veterans Affairs, the VFW, and other nonprofit organizations, there are people you or a battle buddy can talk to and resources available to help cope with the stress of the situation.

# CLUB HOURS

Welcome back, club hours are as follows:

Closed: Monday, Tuesday, Saturday

Open: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 2:00PM TO CLOSE

Open Sunday 8:00am to 12:00pm

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.

# SERVICE OFFICE

## SERVICE OFFICER NEWS & INFORMATION

The Service Office has moved into the new Chuck Austin Place, located at 1630 South 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue (the old Marine Corps Armory). Nadine Newman, VA Accredited Claims Consultant, is available Monday through Thursday to assist veterans and their family members with claims, by appointment. Walk-ins will be seen as time permits.

Upon arrival the veteran / family member will stop in the lobby waiting area where there is a phone-intercom to notify the Service Officer of their arrival. Then, the Service Officer will go to the waiting area to greet the veteran and escort them to a secure office.

The Service Office phone number and email address remain the same. The Phone number is (509) 654-7191. The Email address is: [vfwsoyakima@gmail.com](mailto:vfwsoyakima@gmail.com), or [nadine.newman@va.gov](mailto:nadine.newman@va.gov).

Do you know the difference between a "Certified Service Officer" and a "VA Accredited Service Officer"? A VA Accredited Service Officer is allowed to give claims advice, and in some instances, sign claim forms on behalf of the veteran or claimant. They also have advanced training and skills, have completed a Federal background check and have been issued an Accreditation number by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Further, some VA Accredited Claims Consultants have a security badge that allows them to access the Veterans Benefits Administration's claim system.

A "Certified Service Officer" (also known as a Post Service Officer) has been trained by the organization that issued a certification to them. They are NOT allowed to give claims advice and are NOT allowed to sign documents on behalf of the veteran or claimant. They ARE allowed to assist in filling-out the claim forms, but not give advice on how to file a claim, or what statement to make regarding a claim. How do you find out the difference? Ask the Service Officer for their "Accreditation Number". It's is simple as that!

We are fortunate that Nadine Newman has both a VA Accreditation (#31736) AND a security badge to access the VA claims system. Access to the VA claims system allows her to review claim history, check status of claims, and advise on how to proceed with a claim, when the VFW is the veteran, or claimant's, representative.

## MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

The band "Cimmeron" is now playing Friday nights at the Post. Come on down for a great dinner and do a little dancing to work it off.

Also we now have a jukebox for your entertainment. Stop in have a drink and listen to some music.

We have had a donation of a wheel chair, a couple of walkers and a shower seat. If you need any of these items please stop by the club.

# THANK YOU

We again want to thank all the members and friends that donated and supported Post 379 during the last year. You are the reason that we survived the last year and came out stronger than ever. Lets make sure we go another 100 years.

## Club wants your input!

The Post House & Club Committee needs your input on menu items and changes you would like to see at "your" Club. Please email us at [vfw379@gmail.com](mailto:vfw379@gmail.com) or drop off a note to the bar. We will have a file at the bar for your suggestions.

Deer Del,

Ah takin pincul in hand tah writ a rtickle a bout comm... uni..ite sarvis. (thits a hard werd tah spill)! Iny way and lyke tah re mind iver body tah pleese keep trake of yer owers and times and milage and peepel whut duz iny com..un..ite owers and pleeze give thum tah me at the furst of the munth sos ah kin sind um up to the de part mint ivur munth. Ifn yall heve iny qestuns plees gimme a hollur .

Your community service report guy, Rick Beck

Yes this is the way he wrote it. Editor

## LADIES NIGHT—WEDNESDAY

four to close 1/2 off on all wells, wine and domestic drafts

## THIRSTY THURSDAY

four to close \$1.00 off all wells, domestic drafts, domestic bottles, cans and wine



Queen of Hearts raffle had its first big winner. The Queen of Hearts was drawn and the winner received \$365.00. A new game has started. Stop in to see what it is all about. Drawing is every Thursday evening. Pot grows until the Queen of hearts is picked.

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

There will be a ceremony at the Post on September 11th at 12:00. "Lest we forget"

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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VA is now processing [disability claims](#) for asthma, rhinitis and sinusitis on a presumptive basis based on particulate matter exposures during military service in Southwest Asia and certain other areas – if these conditions manifested within 10 years of a qualifying period of military service.

This will expand benefits for Veterans who served in:

- Afghanistan, Djibouti, Syria, and Uzbekistan during the Persian Gulf War, from September 19, 2001, to the present, **or**

The Southwest Asia theater of operations from August 2, 1990, to the present

If you have a pending claim for one or more of these conditions, you don't need to do anything. We'll send you a decision notice when we complete our review.

For more information on the new presumptive conditions, visit our website at [Airborne Hazards and Burn Pit Exposures - Public Health \(va.gov\)](#).

To apply for benefits, Veterans and survivors may visit [VA.gov](#) or call toll-free at [800-827-1000](#).

## 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.

#### POST 379 OFFICERS

Commander Shad Kautzman

Sr-vice Roger Althoff

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Adjutant Del Gilliland

H & C Chairman Don Welshimer

Chaplain Rick Beck

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