



Post 379

COMMANDERS CORNER

How many people remember the recruiting poster of Uncle Sam pointing out with the caption of

“I want you”? Well, we all responded to that call, raised our right hand, swore an oath and followed orders even when it meant going into harm’s way. The hard part is over. I would like to quote Uncle Sam, “I want you” but I want you to come to the VFW and have dinner on Friday night or breakfast on Sunday morning. I had a conversation the other day, someone wanted to discuss plans to save the VFW, and they had some big ideas, at the end of the conversation I responded with “I’ll see you for dinner on Friday”. Big ideas are great, but the simple execution of our members coming through the door consistently will save us. We have the ability to save the VFW by supporting the VFW, if every member came in once a month for a meal or a couple of beverages, we would not have financial issues to discuss. So once again “I WANT YOU” to come to the VFW. Everyone reading this needs to ask/answer the question: Do I want there to be a VFW club in Yakima in the future? If your answer is yes, then the next action to take is to come down to the VFW club house and enjoy the community of Veterans that you are part of. If you have thoughts or ideas about the future of the VFW, I am always open to discussing them.

Our September meeting happens to fall on the 11th of September, a day never to be forgotten. We will have a ceremony of remembrance prior to our meeting.

I want to thank everyone who has helped put our events together over the last few months, from the car show to the upcoming end of summer bash on 31 August to the Oyster feed on 7 September. I always seem to forget a name, which is not intentional, I really appreciate the efforts of everyone, thank you.

As always, it is my Honor to serve as Commander of VFW Post 379. Thank you.

Tim Gatton, Commander VFW 379

William Wharton

Post 379

Post Script

September 2024

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone,

Well Summer has come and soon to be gone. I hope all of you enjoyed our summer sunshine. Fall will be arriving soon and the leave will be turning their beautiful colors and falling.

I have some sad news to report. Our Auxiliary secretary, Brandy Garner is leaving us and moving back to Utah. Thank you Brandy for your years of dedication to our Veterans and our Post Auxiliary. She will be greatly missed by one and all. Cheryl McCann will become the new Auxiliary secretary. Thank you Cheryl for stepping up to fill Brandy’s position.

Coming Events:

Oyster Feed at Post, 4:00PM, Saturday September 7th.

Post and Auxiliary meetings, Wednesday September 11th at 6:30PM. Hope to see you there.

Auxiliary social luncheon, Wednesday September 18th at 1:00pm at Applebee's. I hope to see all of you there, everyone is welcome to join in.

Veterans Coalition Fundraiser, Friday September 20th, 4-7 at Chuck Austin Place.

Veterans Stand Down, Saturday October 19th, 9-4 at the Sun Dome.

Steak Night at the Post, Thursday, September 26th. Dessert Night will be starting back up on Thursday, Sept 26th. So come out for steak dinner and satisfy your sweet tooth at the same time. Hope to see you all there.

Game Night, left, right, center is still active on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month.

In closing, remember to fly your flags and thank our Veterans for their service to our Country.

Gog Bless you all, Sami Church, Aux President

CLUB MANAGER

Hello VFW 379 members!

As usual thank you for your continued support, especially through the “no dinner specials Thursdays” we are very excited to be bringing them back and to see everyone once again. I am very grateful to our VFW staff and volunteers that have been working very hard to provide you with the best customer service possible. We are filling up quickly for our banquet room for Saturdays so if you would like to book a holiday party please reach out and ask me directly. I appreciate you all very much - Allecia Weeks, Club Manager

Thursday night dinner recap:

9/5 Meat Loaf

9/12 Spaghetti

9/19 Chicken Fried Steak

9/26 Steak Night



Sept drink
special
Fireball shots

For Veterans who have served our nation, finding opportunities to relax and rejuvenate is essential. The [Armed Forces Vacation Club \(AFVC\)](#) is a valuable resource that offers a chance for Veterans to enjoy well-deserved vacations without breaking the bank.

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

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

Happy Hour

2:00 to 5:00

and

All day on Wednesday

CLUB HOURS

Club hours are as follows:

Closed: Monday, Tuesday, Saturday

Open: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday,

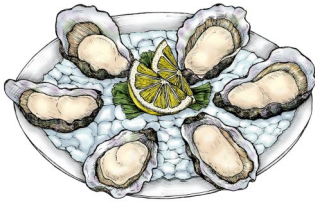
2:00PM TO CLOSE

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.

EDITORIAL

My name is Del Gililand. I am Post Quartermaster, Adjutant, and Post Script Editor. I Have been in Post 379 for over 50 years. We used to have 1800 members in this Post. We had an RV group, youth bowling league, golf group, open 7 days a week, live music 3 days a week, a very strong and active Auxiliary, lots of volunteers, and "money in the bank". Times have changed. We have less than 700 members now, very little participation in Post events, few volunteers, and "no money in the bank". If this Post is to survive we need our members to step up and get involved with this Post and our community and Veterans. I attached a letter to our members in the newsletter that ran for a couple of months requesting donations to support our Post functions. I received fewer than 10 donations. We work hard in supporting our community, our Veterans and their families. To keep these efforts going we need our members to step up and support "our" Post. We survived 104 years in Yakima. I would like to believe we will be here another 100 years to serve the Veterans community. To do this we need "your help". Thank you for your support in the past and in the future.



Oyster feast fund-raiser September 7th, 4:00-6:00PM. Grilled oysters, Caesar salad & garlic bread. Lasagna for non seafood eaters. Good food, raffles, fun. Only 60 tickets will be sold. Get yours soon so you don't miss out. We will be having a live band playing for your enjoyment and dancing. Please come out and support your Post. All this for just \$15.00

NEW BAR MENU

Side Winder JoJo's \$8.99 (add chili & cheese \$3.50)

Fries or Tot basket \$5.50

Onion Ring basket \$6.50

Chicken strip basket \$13.00

Fish N Chips \$13.00

6 piece wing basket \$13.00

6 wings only \$7.50

12 piece wings only \$14.00

Chili Cheese fries \$7.00

Chili Cheese dog basket \$12.99

Stuffed tater tots \$6.99

VFW will be 125 year old

On Sept 29th

Happy
Birthday

Veterans of Foreign Wars

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We have the Post Script in the E-mail form but will have copies at the Post Home. 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 or delgilliland@aol.com. Like us on Facebook and check out the web page. vfw-post379.org. If you have something you would like in the newsletter send it to the Post or to me. I will be trying to publish the newsletter monthly. Del

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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Keith & Keith

DID YOU KNOW?

All sanctioned Veterans organization members or active military and their guests are welcome at Post 379. Just show your card and sign the guest book and enjoy our hospitality. Please let your friends know they are welcome.

Do you have a group that gets together to play games or cards? Think about meeting at the club in the afternoon or evening. Games are more fun with a couple of drinks, just saying !!!

The Club is having game night on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Right, Center, Left dice game on both nights. Come out and win some money and have fun. 4th Wednesday is any game you would like to play.

POST 379 OFFICERS

Commander Tim Gatton

Sr-vice Wayne White

Jr-vice Mike Fezer

Quartermaster Del Gilliland

Adjutant Del Gilliland

H & C Chairman Carl Lidke

Chaplain Paul Soper

Aux Officers

President Sami Church

Sr-vice Judy Dawson

Jr-vice Ellena Hazen

Treasurer Annette Buck

Secretary Cheryl McCann

Chaplain Susan Lippincott

Community Service Reports

To our Post and Auxiliary Members! Time have changed, we now have to submit all our reports to the Dept of Washington by computer. Please if you are doing anything in the community as a VFW or Auxiliary member then please let me or your Auxiliary President know so I can transmit it to the State on their web page. Email me at vfw379@gmail.com or drop off a list of what you have been doing at the Post. Thank you Del Gilliland, Adjutant

2024 Stand Down and Benefit Fair
Saturday October 19th from 9-2 at State
Fair Park, in the Sun dome
Mark your calendars

POST 379 OKTOBERFEST
OCTOBER 5TH 4:00pm TO CLOSE
BRATS, RED CABBAGE, GERMAN POTATO SALAD
SAUERKRUAT, RAFFLES, DRINK SPECIALS