



Post 379

COMMANDERS CORNER

Greetings, I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler temperatures of the fall season. I want to start by thanking everyone for their support, we have had good crowds at the club and for our monthly meeting. If you haven't made it down to the club recently, I encourage you to come down and enjoy the camaraderie that you can't find anywhere else.

We have had some great events recently as well, thanks to Dave for arranging for Rick McDermid from "Senior Solutions" to come down and present information about Medicare options, it was an informative evening. The Yakima County veterans stand down took place at the SunDome on the 21st of October, I want to thank Billy K and Wayne for their help representing the post, and Sammy, Judy, and Joy on the Auxiliary side of the house. I want to thank our manager Dawn and our cook Jeremy for all their hard work, and Carl for arranging for the all-volunteer wait-staff. A special thanks to Leo and Marvin for running the Friday night meat and 50/50 raffles, always a great time.

We have some great events coming up too. We have once again partnered with the American Legion to hold a raffle, there will be three winners we have two 1911 model pistols and a \$500 cash prize. Tickets are available at the club for \$20 or you can contact me. The drawing will once again be at halftime of the Army Navy game on Dec 9th. If you would like to help sell raffle tickets, please contact me at 253-632-9889. We will be holding a Trunk or Treat on Halloween the 31st of October in the parking lot from 5pm to 7pm. Veterans day is coming up, we will have breakfast at the club before the parade and hotdogs for the kids who marched in the parade afterwards. Kim's got smoke will be serving lunch after the parade as well. Applications for the parade are available at the club. I look forward to seeing everyone at these great events.

I want to remind everyone that this is Our club, we are all in this together, our club will be as successful as we choose to make it. As I said earlier, we share a camaraderie here at the VFW that cannot be found elsewhere. I encourage everyone to come down and enjoy our club. Thanks to everyone for your support, it is my honor to serve as VFW Commander.

Tim Gatton Commander VFW Post 379

William Wharton

Post 379

Post Script

Nov 2023

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Greetings Members,

Our Auxiliary continues to support our Veterans and their families.

Judy, Sami and Joy Miller represented the Auxiliary at the Standdown, October 21 which went very well.

The VFW Post will be hosting a TRUNK AND TREAT AT 5-7:00pm HALLOWEEN NIGHT.

On Veterans Day, November 11, we invite members and their families to ride on our Auxiliary float. Be in the parking lot by 8:30 am.

On Dec. 3 we will be hosting a Holiday Bazaar from 8:00 am to 2:00pm at the Post. Tables will be \$10.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members. Call Sami Church at 509-452-8300 for more information if you need it. Come join us for breakfast and attend the Bazaar.

On December 5-16th a Christmas tree decorating event will be held at the Museum from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Come view our Patriotic tree on display. We will be decorating our tree on Dec 3rd or 4th. Contact Judy to get time and place if you would like to help.

On December 16 at 9:00 am Wreaths across America will be celebrated at Tahoma Cemetery. Hope to see you there. Also on Dec. 16 the VFW District meeting will be held at the Sunny-side Post. Lunch will be served at 11:00 and the meeting at 12.00. Hope to see you there also.

In closing we thank all of you for your participation in past activities and hope to see you in future ones.

And REMEMBER to Fly Your Flag daily and God Bless you all!

Respectfully yours,

President-Sami Church

Sr. Vice- Judy Dawson

CLUB MANAGER

Wednesday night dinner recap:

11/1 Rueben's
 11/8 Lasagna
 11/15 Hot Roast Beef
 11/22 Beef Stew
 11/29 Chicken Alfredo

Thursday night dinner recap:

11/2 Beef Stroganoff
 11/9 Chicken Bacon Avocado Wrap or BLTA Wrap
 11/16 Tacos or Taco Salad
 11/23 Thanksgiving Post Closed
 11/30 Steak

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.



Post 379 VFW and American Legion Post 36 are having a joint raffle. You will have a chance to win one of two 1911 pistols or \$500 cash. Tickets available at the Post or from some of the Post members. Drawing will be at halftime during the Army-Navy game on Dec 9th. Tickets are \$20

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.

What is AFVC

The AFVC, or Armed Forces Vacation Club, is a free membership travel club for all active, retired and Veteran military members. We firmly believe that our military members and Veterans deserve the best. That's why a membership with the Armed Forces Vacation Club provides a one-stop shop for all your vacation needs, including week-long resort stays starting at just \$409, exclusive discounts on hotels and much more.

VETERANS DAY

Our annual Veterans Day Parade will kick off at 10:45 down Yakima Ave. Start the day with breakfast at the club starting at 9:00. Kim's Got Smoke will be doing lunch after the parade. Help is needed with hot dogs for the kids in the parade. This is our day so come out to show your support for VFW Post 379 and our Community Veterans.

SERVICE OFFICE

SERVICE OFFICER NEWS & INFORMATION

The VFW Service Officer is Eric Lawlor

The Service Office has moved into the new Chuck Austin Place, located at 1630 South 16th Avenue (the old Marine Corps Armory)., 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: vfwvsoyakima@gmail.com.

HALLOWEEN

The Post and Aux will be doing a Trunk & Treat at the Post starting at 5:00pm on Oct 31st. Help is needed or just bring the kids down. See you there.

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.

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

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 or drop off a note to the bar. We will have a file at the bar for your suggestions.



The club will be having a Halloween party on Friday Oct 27th. So dig out your costume and come on down for a good time.

ATTENTION VETS

Pact Act claim sharks are targeting veterans at unprecedented rates. If you have been on social media or checked your email inbox recently, you have no doubt received countless solicitations from law firms or agencies advertising their assistance with your VA claim in the wake of PACT Act.

From our National Veterans Service experts, here are some important things to remember:

1. NEVER PAY for claims assistance. Presumptive claims are straight forward and can be easily be handled by any VA accredited claims representative.
2. File a claim for any PACT Act conditions.
3. Contact a VFW Accredited Service Officer today to discuss the PACT Act and what it means to you.
4. If you have been fighting for years, you may think the PACT Act claim may be complicated. Good news: presumptive claims are some of the simplest claims because the VA is conceding that your illness happened because you went somewhere bad.

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. Vfw379.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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FUNERAL TEAM

We have changed our name to Yakima Valley Veterans Honor Guard (YVVG). This was to include all the local Veteran Groups in our endeavors to provide the best program to provide our Veterans and their families with an honorable and dignified funeral.

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 509-961-2007 or Steve Thompson at 509-834-0971.

We will be having a Clam Chowder feed fund raiser on Nov 18th from 1-4 at American Legion \$10.00.



Happy Birthday to the Marine Corps. November 10th.

POST 379 OFFICERS

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