



**Upcoming Events Calendar**

August 4th	VFW School of Instruction. District Commander is required to attend, but all are welcomed. Post 91, Tacoma. 9:00AM
August 8th	Post Commanders' Meeting, Snohomish Boys & Girls Club, 6:00PM
August 11th	Auxiliary School of Instruction. Time and place TBD
August 25th	District 1 School of Instruction—Alderwood Boys and Girls Club—Lunch 12 PM Meeting 1 PM. Aquasox game—7:05PM.
November 1st	Deadline for Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy, and Teacher of the Year
November 17th	District 1 Meeting —Alderwood Boys and Girls Club—Lunch 12 PM Meeting 1 PM
January 1st, 2013	Deadline for Public Servants Award
January 5th	District 1 Award Presentation Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Teachers of the Year —Alderwood Boys and Girls Club—Lunch 12 PM Presentation 1 PM
January 18th – 20th	Mid-Winter Convention—Yakima
March 1st	Deadline for Scout of the Year
March 30th	District 1 Meeting —Alderwood Boys and Girls Club—Lunch 12 PM Meeting 1 PM
May 18th	District 1 Convention —Alderwood Boys and Girls Club—Lunch 12 PM Meeting 1 PM
June 5th-8th	Department Convention—Yakima
July 20-25th	National Convention—Louisville, KY

**Post Commanders' Meeting**

A short meeting of Commanders will be held at the Snohomish Boys & Girls Club at 6:00PM on August 8th to discuss the agenda for the School of Instruction and pass along any information that is picked up by Commander Jim Traner at the Department School of Instruction on August 4th. Please RSVP Jim at [commander@vfwadistrict1.org](mailto:commander@vfwadistrict1.org) at your earliest convenience or 425-218-0101(c). A small bribe in the way of pizza and soft drinks will provided.

**An Evening at the Aquasox**

We are putting together a District wide outing at the August 25th Aquasox game. We are asking every Post & Auxiliary to give us a head count of how many tickets they would like to buy. The tickets are \$10/each (normally \$12) and we need a group of at least 20 to get the discounted rate. The game is on the same day that the District School of Instruction will be held, but with a 7:05PM start there will be no conflict between the two events. Following the game there will be a fireworks show and for those of you who have been at the stadium for a fireworks show can testify that they put on a first class event. We may also be in line to have a veteran throw out the first ball of the game (management is working to make sure that another group has been promised to make the first pitch). Assuming that we can arrange that, we will need to determine who throws the first pitch, whether by lottery, age, conflict, etc. Please send your head count and check for the tickets to:

Jim Traner  
 Traner Smith & Co.  
 110 James St., Suite 106  
 Edmonds, WA 98020

As soon as we have the tickets we will get them out to the individual Posts & Auxiliaries for distribution. Time is of the essence so your prompt follow up on this would be appreciated.

## Around the District



Lynnwood Post 1040 won the VFW National Outstanding Community Service Award which was presented to Commander Spani at the National Convention (pictured above). In addition, Doug Kerley received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Puget Sound Blood Bank for his donation of 300 pints of blood.

Arlington Post 1561 will be meeting at Lincoln Hill Village, 27522 72nd Avenue NW, Stanwood, WA 98292 for their August Meeting after losing their prior location due the sale of the building.

Mike Reagan of Post 8870 has now completed more than 3,000 portraits of our fallen comrades at no cost to the families - check out his website at [www.fallenheroesproject.org](http://www.fallenheroesproject.org)

Post 9417's Commander, Denise Calosso, was presented with Department Certificates for 100% Membership and Patriot's Pen Program and National Recognition for Americanism and Patriot's Pen Program at their July meeting by District I Commander Jim Traner.

Post 8870 in Edmonds will be celebrating its 30th anniversary at its August meeting.

Post 2100 is currently planning on adopting a unit and is looking for a local unit for adoption.

Post 2554 and 9417 teamed up to carry Post flags and the Colors for the Sultan Shindig parade in Sultan.

Monroe Post 7511 is planning on conducting three recruiting days at Duvall, Carnation, and Monroe's Post Offices with Danny Houghton, District I's membership chair, assisting them.

## The President's Corner—Jan Beam

Greetings from your President. I am in Reno attending the National Convention. There may be many changes ahead depending on how the vote goes. I will let you all know when I get home. I hope the wind doesn't blow me to Oz with Dorothy and Toto. Post 1040 will be picking up a National Community Services award while we are here. Post 91 from District 3 took 1<sup>st</sup> in the field competition while here. I will update you on any District one awards at a later date. Today we, John and I were able to assist a vets widow on getting service help. So you can assist as you travel. Remember to toot your horn and honor the dead by helping the living. Please let our Chaplain Tammy Bunch know if someone needs a card or call. She is there to do that but can not do her job if she is unaware.

### Post & Auxiliary Inspection Schedule

10/2/12	Tuesday	1561	Arlington	6:00PM
10/3/12	Wed.	9417	Gold Bar Aux.	3:00PM
10/4/12	Thursday	9417	Gold Bar	5:00PM
10/8/12	Monday	2100	Everett Aux.	5:30PM
10/11/12	Thursday	7511	Monroe Aux.	1:00PM
10/11/12	Thursday	2554	Sultan	6:30PM
10/12/12	Friday	8870	Edmonds	11:30AM
10/20/12	Saturday	921	Snohomish	12:00PM
10/25/12	Thursday	2100	Everett Post	5:30PM
11/1/12	Thursday	1040	Lynnwood	6:00PM
11/8/12	Thursday	2554	Sultan Aux.	6:00PM
11/8/12	Thursday	7511	Monroe	11:00AM

## Teacher of the Year—Get Ready

The school year is quickly approaching and nominations for the VFW's National Citizenship Education Teacher Awards (Teacher of the Year) will be due to the Post November 1st. Since a lot of schools don't begin classes until September, that only leaves 60 days to get your nominees selected. Remember, nominations don't need to come from principals or superintendents, they can come from co-workers, parents, or anyone who has knowledge of an outstanding teacher. There are three teaching levels eligible for Teacher of the Year: K-5, 6-8, and 9-12th grade. Remember, teachers who promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette, and patriotism are prime candidates. Also, you must, in 350 words or less describe why your candidate is deserving of the award. Just as important, **complete the VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award nomination form.** If you do have a nominee you wish to forward to District, he or she **must submit a one-page resume with up to 5 pages of documentation of their teaching experience (references, news articles) and a head-and-shoulder photo of themselves.** This information needs to be submitted to District by November 15th. You can download the application at <https://www.vfw.org/uploadedFiles/VFW.org/Community/Teacher%20Award%20Brochure.PDF>

### Tip of the Day

For some reason, getting fire and police departments to actually submit candidates to the Posts for the Public Servant National Award (Law Enforcement, Firefighter, EMT) seems to be one of the more frustrating annual tasks. Post 1040 came up with a great candidate last year, but that seems to be the exception to the rule. If you write letters and follow up with a phone call to your local fire department, etc. and have no success in having a candidate proposed, make sure you indicate that your Post attempted to submit a candidate by indicating your efforts on your Community Service Report. Even if you fail, you will still get credit for the attempt.

## The Commander's Corner

The National Convention held in Reno was attended by over 2,000 delegates. The most controversial proposed change to the by laws was the issue of the Post Commander appointing the Chaplain, Judge Advocate, and Surgeon. The proposal was defeated soundly. Other than that, we had the politicians speak (boring), awards given to various recipients including our District's Teacher of the Year, Debra Howell who gave a great acceptance speech, and the National VOD recipient who was outstanding. I brought back some items which I will share with the Commanders at our August 8th meetings.

### Membership

Danny Houghton is membership chair for District One and I believe everyone knows him as he attended most Post meetings last year and continues to do so this year. When your Post decides what date it will be conducting a membership drive, please let Danny know. I would like every Post to have a Snohomish County Map available with all the Posts indicated on the map with their contact information. That way, an individual getting off the ferry in Edmonds who lives in Gold Bar may be enticed to pick up a membership application they might not otherwise consider. We all want our Posts to achieve 100% membership but at the same time we need to help each other out. Danny will provide maps to you when he visits your Posts.

### Chaplain's Report

While at the Department Convention, I got a chance to look at District One Posts' compliance with submitting Chaplain's reports to Department. I believe one or two Posts submitted all the reports and the rest had no reports or perhaps one or two. I was a Post Commander last year and my Post was one with zero reports. My excuse—out of sight out of mind. However, if each Post Commander could follow up and insure your Chaplain is submitting the reports, it would be appreciated. Also, would you have your Chaplain cc the District so we can stay abreast of what each Post is doing.

## **Post & Auxiliary Meetings (same time and place unless otherwise indicated)**

### **Gay Jones Post #921**

**Meeting Place:** Snohomish Boys and Girls Club  
402-2nd Street  
Snohomish, WA 98290-3097

**Meeting Date:** 3rd Saturday - 1:00 P.M.

### **Walter A. Deebach Post #1040**

**Meeting Place:** Alderwood Boys & Girls Club  
19719—24th Ave. W.  
Lynnwood, WA 98036

**Meeting Date:** 1st Thursday - 7:00 PM

### **Boyer Daniel Post #1561**

**Meeting Place:** Lincoln Hill Village (temporary—future meeting's location to be determined)  
27522 72nd Avenue NW  
Stanwood, WA 98292

**Meeting Date:** 1st Tuesday—7:00 PM—Auxiliary 1st Tuesday—6:30PM

### **Old Guard Post #2100**

**Meeting Place:** Everett Post Home  
2711 Oakes Ave.  
Everett, WA 98201  
425-252-2100

**Meeting Date:** Last Thursday of month 6:30 PM—Auxiliary 2nd Monday—6:30PM

### **Stoehr Glidden Post #2554**

**Meeting Place:** United Methodist Church  
211 Birch Ave.  
Sultan, WA 98294

**Meeting Date:** 2nd Thursday 7:30 PM

### **Monroe Auxiliary #7511**

**Meeting Place:** I.O.O.F. Hall  
610 So. Lewis St.  
Monroe, WA 98272

**Meeting Date:** 2nd Thursday - 12:00 P.M.-Auxiliary 2nd Thursday—1:00PM

### **Edmonds Post #8870**

**Meeting Place:** Edmonds Senior Center  
220 Railroad Ave.  
Edmonds, WA. 98020

**Meeting Date:** 2nd Friday-12:30 PM

### **Martin-Osterholtz Post #9417**

**Meeting Place:** Gold Bar Post Home  
301-3rd St. P.O. Box 663  
Gold Bar, WA. 98251

**Meeting Date:** 1st Thursday - 6:00 PM-Auxiliary 1st Wednesday—4:00PM