



**VFW & Ladies Auxiliary
District I
Department of Washington
September 2012**



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS

Upcoming Events Calendar

Sept. 11th	Memorial Service, Jackson Plaza, Naval Station Everett, 0800-0900, RSVP by September 7th— Troy.schulz@navy.mil
October 20th	Department of Washington Service Officer Training-Post 91-Tacoma, WA 10AM to 3PM.
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 Service Officer Training

Department has announced a Service Office Training class for October 20, 2012 at Post 91 in Tacoma. The address is 2000 S. Union, Tacoma WA. The class will be from 10AM to 3PM. If your Service Officer is planning on attending, please contact Ross Walker at 253-778-9732.

Birthdays

Post 1561 and Post 8870 both celebrated mile stone birthdays. 1561 just turned 85 while 8870 is a young 30 years old.

Chaplain’s Reports

Chaplain’s reports are now to be submitted to Department HQ in Fife. Previously Tom Darling wanted them sent directly to him. So please inform your Chaplain of this change in procedure.

Membership

What’s the best way to increase your membership? The very first thing that is necessary is to let the community know your Post is a part of it and what you do in the community. The question each Post Commander needs to ask is how does an eligible veteran know that there is a Post in their community and how does that individual get in touch with the Post to learn about membership. There is no pat answer to those questions as each Post operates in different environments. However, it is imperative that the Post Commander sit down with their line staff to determine a solution to those questions. We now have a number of Posts with websites. I would like each Post with a site to track perspective member contacts via the web and whether then become members. Please submit that information to Danny Houghton. Also, let the local news print know about the date and place of your meeting and insure it is in the local newspaper each month (District will be the Everett Herald contact).

School of Instruction Packets

There are a few packets left from the School of Instruction. If you would like an extra, let me know and I’ll get it to you.

Around the District

The Arlington Post 1561 will meet at their temporary location in Stanwood for September. Commander Willy Hughes has put in paperwork to meet at the AFRC in Marysville for their October meeting. The hunt for a new home is taking a bit more time than was originally thought it would take.

Willy also forwarded me information on the Arlington Freedom Festival (even the name sounds cool). This is an event remembering 9/11. You can contact Willy for further information or go to

<https://www.operationhomefront.net/washington/EventRegistrationForm.aspx?ID=20706>

Denise Watkins-Calosso let me know that a number of members from other Posts attended Gold Bar's pancake breakfast. Hopefully, we can all pitch in when other Post's need some help.

It's not in our District but the vet's club on the Seattle Central Community Campus is having a Stand Down on September 12th from 9AM to 2PM.

I sent out an email to all the Post Commanders regarding the 9/11 memorial ceremony at the Naval Everett Base. Remember that if you plan to attend, you must RSVP by September 7th. It would be nice to have a good representation at this memorial service. Please wear your covers if you attend.

Post 2100 is allowing the use of their parking lot to the Chief Selectees from the USS Momsen to hold a car wash at their Post on Sunday, September 9th from 11:00AM to 3:00PM. It is a fund raiser for the Chiefs' veterans programs so it's for a great cause. Please mark your calendars and bring your cars over for a wash. You'd think the Navy would be great at washing things down.

At the District I School of Instruction, it was decided to junk the Smoky Point rest stop fund raiser for District I, and go to a raffle. The prize will be an HDTV and the drawing will be just before Super Bowl Sunday. We haven't nailed down the cost or number of the tickets (although in total we need to be below \$5,000 due to state gambling regulations), but we will get the word out to everyone once the Post Commanders and District hash out the details. Selling a few raffle tickets beats spending an all-nighter at Smoky Point as anyone who has done it will tell you.

The President's Corner—Jan Beam

Greetings from your District I President.

Now that school of instruction is over lets all jump into our programs and get our feet wet. If you have any questions I'll be glad to assist you and answer them. Call me and we will talk and get business taken care of. My home phone # is 425-486-2637.

Leave a message and I will call you back. My cell phone is 206-200-3462. I respond promptly if I'm near a cell tower. There are times that I may be too far from a cell tower to respond, but will when the message comes thru. There is a list of District One hostess & hosts in the 2012-13 District roster. I have been informed by our Department President that she will visit District One at our November meeting. Lets show her how great District One is.

Loyally, Jan Beam District One President 2012-13

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 Aux.	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	6:00PM
11/8/12	Thursday	7511	Monroe	11:00AM

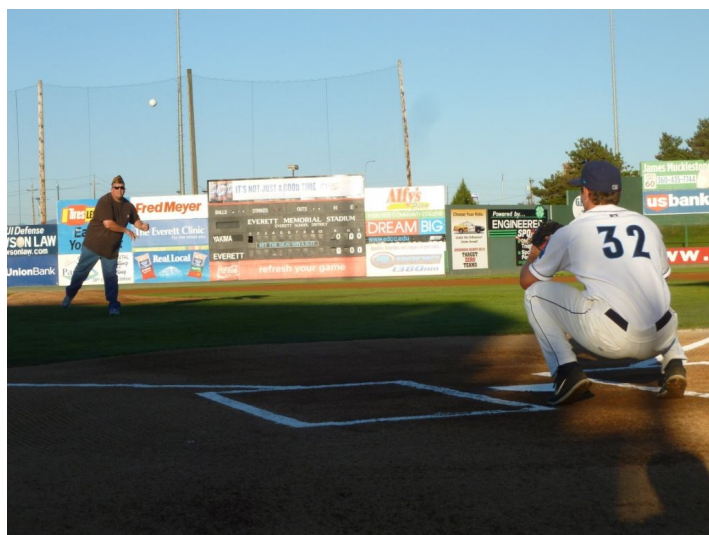
State & District Directories

The 2012-2013 Official State Roster and By-Laws as well as the District I Directory are available on line at the District's website www.vfwwadistrict1.org. In addition, I have emailed copies of both documents to everyone on my District I distribution list. If you didn't get a pdf version let me know and I'll get another one out to you.

District I's Night Out at the Aquasox Throwing out the First Pitch(es)



Nathan Farmer Post 1561



Eric Welter Post 1561



Don Wischmann Post 2100

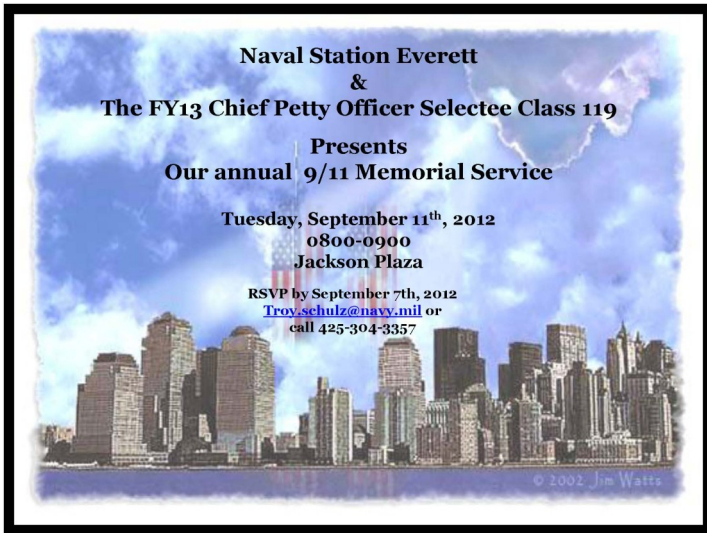
District I had 30 plus folks attending the game on August 25th and we were honored to have 3 VFW members throw the honorary first pitch. The catcher, #32 Matthew Vedo, is actually a pitcher for the team. Since I had to attend a wedding, Willy Hughes, Commander of the Arlington Post, selected the members who threw the first pitch by who showed up first. To top off the evening, the section the VFW was sitting in won tickets to the last game of the season (sounds like the Aquasox were looking out for the VFW. So you folks who didn't take advantage of discount tickets really missed out since the free game means the average ticket price per game is \$5 to those who chose to attend. Hopefully, we will have another outing like this next year. It was a good opportunity to rub shoulders with our VFW comrades from around the District.

Publicity

Ray Fairbanks is publicity chair for Department and would like to track any articles about VFW in Washington state. If you have an article or picture published in the newspaper, please forward a copy to Fred Apgar (his contact information is in the District I Directory). I would hope that almost every Post would have at least one article a month. If you need help in wording an article, Fred would be happy to help (he's a gifted writer) or Dick Simmons of Post 8870 who was a reporter for the Seattle PI. In either case, let me know if you need a hand.

Time to Order Poppies

By now most of you should have received you 2012-2013 Official State Roster and By-Laws published by Department. In the center of that publication is what can only be described as a very bright fuchsia order form. Please note that it can take 2 to 3 months to receive an order so the time to order for Veterans Day is about the time you are reading this article. So please place your order ASAP and don't find yourself short of Buddy Poppies. And, please, every Post should order them. This is a great opportunity to be out in the community.



The Commander's Corner

Now that I've been to all the Posts at least once, if not more, I'm impressed on how hard everyone is working on membership. I'm in Rotary as well where membership is an issue and sat through a presentation recently. You could have substituted VFW for Rotary during the talk. What works? Having a real presence in the community, having a mission, and reaching out to your friends and associates—not waiting for them. I think all the Posts in the District are making a real attempt at these goals. Now we need to convert the efforts into results.

Membership Statistics 8/30/2012

Post		Life	New	Reinst.	Cont.	Total	Prior Year
921	Snohomish					0	66
1040	Lynnwood		4	5	16	25	310
1561	Arlington		1	1	12	14	144
2100	Everett				19	19	848
2554	Sultan				1	1	35
7511	Monroe				2	2	35
8870	Edmonds		6	2	18	26	214
9417	Gold Bar				2	2	65
Totals			11	8	70	89	1717

Before everyone panics, remember that Life Members have not been posted to the statistics as 8/30/2012 and it's early in the membership renewal process for most folks. However, you can see that 1040 has done a great job in reinstatements. According to Marty, he has been on the phone with the folks who have dropped out in the past and invited them to come back. I would suggest following his lead as he is obviously very successful in his strategy.

Post Tally as Provided by Department—8/30/2012

Post	Audit Reports			C.S.R.			Hospital Report			Chaplain's Report			Bonds	Poppies
	June	Sept.	Dec.	May	June	July	May	June	July	May	June	July		
921				6/8	8/9	8/9	X				X	X		
1040	7/9			6/8	7/6	8/3	X	X	X					
1561	7/30			6/11	7/11			X	X				90K	
2100					7/17			X			X			
2554	7/30												30K/30K	
7511														
8870				5/22	6/15	7/26			X				35K/35K	10,000
9417	7/11												10K/8K	

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