



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



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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Upcoming Events Calendar

District I Raffle

December 1st & 2nd	Recruiting at the Monroe Gun Show
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
January 31st	Raffle drawing—Post 2100
February 1st	Deadline for Newsletter of the Year competition
March 1st	Deadline for Scout of the Year
March 16th	District 1 Auxiliary Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser
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

At the District meeting on November 17th, a raffle was approved as a fund raiser replacing the fund raiser at the Smokey Point Rest Stop. The prize will be a 46" Flat Screen HDTV. On November 20th, the raffle committee consisting of Jim Traner, Willy Hughes, Nathan Farmer, Don Wischmann and Fred Apgar met and worked out the details of the raffle. At the meeting of the group, it was decided to charge \$5 per ticket with the drawing taking place on January 29st at Post 2100 giving the lucky winner a couple of days to set it up in time for Super Bowl Sunday on the 3rd of February. A total of 1,000 tickets will be distributed to the Posts for sale. Hopefully, a total of \$5,000 will be raised and expenses are estimated to be \$600. We really need assistance from everyone to make this a success. The raffle tickets would make a great stocking stuffer or gift in a Christmas card. Distribution has already begun. If you would like a ticket(s), please contact Jim Traner at commander@vfwwadistrict1.org

January District Meeting

Just a heads up on the January meeting. We will be hosting the Essay, Patriot's Pen, and Voice of Democracy winners as well as the Teachers of the Year winners. Rather than having a business meeting first, we will begin by having them show up and eat lunch with us and immediately begin the presentations. Post 1040 and Post 8870 will host the lunch. So please mark your calendar to be at the meeting by 12:00PM as the awards will begin as soon as we get everyone settled. After the awards have been issued, the students and teachers will be excused and we will have a business meeting. Hopefully, no snow is planned for that day.

Minutes at the District Website

Minutes of the last District meeting can be found at www.vfwwadistrict1.org. Contact commander@vfwwadistrict1.org for the password to view them.

District Recruiting Table

The District will have a recruiting table at the Monroe Gun Show December 1st and 2nd. I realize this is late notice to some of you, but any help you can lend to sit at the table and answer questions about VFW and sign up new members would be appreciated. You must be a member of the Washington Arms Collectors. We had a lot of fun at the last gun show and hopefully we can get a few more folks to participate.

Around the District

A big thanks to the Gold Bar Post 9417 Auxiliary and Post for hosting the District Meeting in November. There were a number of positive comments from both our members and visiting members from other Districts complimenting 9417 on the great job.

Arlington Post 1561 (nicknamed the Nomads this year) have moved their Post meeting in December to the Olympic Place Retirement Community, 209009 Olympic PL NE, Arlington.

Monroe Post 7511 is the first Post to achieve 100% membership this year. A tip of the hat to Commander Ken Kosters. Also, their regular December meeting is cancelled and there will be a Christmas dinner at 6:00PM on December 13th.

The various Posts are getting into the local newspapers. Commander Denise Watkins-Calosso was pictured in the The Monroe Monitor & Valley News Newspaper while Post 1561 made the Arlington newspaper, both for participating in Veterans Day activities.

Post 1040 celebrated Veterans Day at Veterans Park in Lynnwood with Mike Reagan, Post 8870 member and Fallen Hero Portrait Foundation artist, as the keynote speaker.

Post 8870 raised over \$11,500 during its Veterans Day Buddy Poppy fund raiser.

Post 2100 hosted a Veterans Day dinner for veterans at its Post home.

If I missed your Post's activity, let me and I'll add it next month.

Wet Bus to Mid-Winter

District 4 will be hosting a bus to the Mid-Winter conference in Yakima. It will depart Department HQ at 0930 on January 18th and return Sunday, January 20th. The cost is \$110.00 per person. For reservations, call Dean Miller at 360-536-2597. Mail your checks to Dean Miller, P.O. Box 5494, Bremer-ton, WA 98312.

District Passes Audit

The District was audited by Department Auditor Nestor Tamayao and passed with flying colors thanks to Ron Haley's meticulous bookkeeping.

District Approves Revised Budget

The members attending the District meeting approved an amended budget which primarily moved funds from the Commander's fund and eliminated a budget line item for Poppy's and Loyalty Day, two events which the Post's participate in and which the District can support without expenditures. The line items increased were the awards for the student essays, Patriot's Pen, and Voice of Democracy. The revised budget is posted at the District website and is password protected. If you would like to review it, please contact me and I will provide you with the correct password.

Membership

It's time to get serious about membership. Remember, a member who hasn't paid by December 31st is no longer a continuous member and must be reinstated upon receipt of payment. In addition, if the comrade is an officer they no longer are eligible to hold their position. Bottom line, get busy and contact your membership for dues. A personal call with a follow-up note from the Post Commander or Quartermaster will go a long way in getting to 100% membership. Also, a return envelope with your Post's address is a must. If District can help you, let us know.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

The Navy Station Everett has invited VFW to attend its ceremony on December 7th at 10:30 AM. I would urge as many folks as possible to attend this event. If you have access to the base, RSVP Troy Schulz at troy.schulz@navy.mil and if you don't have base access, include your full name, date of birth, and driver's license number and state where issued. The Navy would also like to display any Pearl Harbor photos or memorabilia that you may have so please let your Post members know ASAP.

The Commander's Corner

It is District's job to assist the Posts, not vice versa. Membership is at the top of everyone's list and if you need any assistance in the way of mailing labels, etc. let us know. One of the purposes of the raffle is to build up funds to assist the Posts in recruiting. You need to have a strong website and media presence in your community. People will join an organization they can readily find on the internet as opposed to seeking out an organization hidden from sight. Every Post should be in their local newspaper on a monthly basis. Why? Because every Post is doing something that warrants an article on a monthly basis. Take a picture, write down a few facts and District will assist you in drafting an article for submission to your local paper if you feel you need help. It is important to designate a member to be your Post's reporter. We will all be doing projects to assist veterans for Christmas so there is no better time to take a picture, write an article, and submit it to your local press. I will probably see most of you prior to Christmas as I make my rounds to the local Posts. However, if I miss anyone, let me be the first to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas or Happy Hanukah as the case may be, and a Happy New Year.

The President's Corner

I just got back from Spokane for the National President's visit to our state. A good time was had by those that attended. LeAnn Lemley, our National President, was a delight to be with. Membership was stressed during this function. We in District One need to work on this. We have a few Auxiliaries in our District that need help getting strengthened. Mark your calendars for March 16th. District One Auxiliary is holding a chili cook off. We need entries to cook their chili as well as folks to buy a bowl of chili. Please contact me if you want to participate. 425-486-2637. I was sent a report listing our hours, dollars, and miles in community service from May 1st to October 31st. The following are those totals. 10,684.75 hours, \$ 28,011.55 dollars and 216,279 miles. Good job gals, keep up the great work.

Housekeeping Stuff

Midwinter Conference in Yakima is coming up. If you are planning on attending, make sure you reserve your room at the Red Lion ASAP. It is my understanding they are running out of room. Midwinter is down to one day—Saturday. If the weather isn't bad, it's a 2 3/4 hour drive from my house in North Edmonds so you can leave on Saturday and come back on Sunday. If the weather is tricky or you don't like driving the pass in the winter, District 4 will be running a bus over the mountain on Friday so you can ride it but will need to make reservations for Friday as well as Saturday.

Most of the Post's are getting their Community Service, Hospital, and Chaplain's Reports to Department. Jim Raymond would like copies of the Chaplain's Report so remember to cc'd to him on anything you send to District and Department.

If any of your officers have not paid their dues by December 31st, they are no longer eligible to hold office. In fact, they are no longer members of the VFW and will have to apply for reinstatement. Please take a look at your rosters and make sure everyone is paid up well before the 31st.

Make sure you are using the up to date membership applications when signing up new members. There should be a gray bar at the bottom of the form. If you need forms, let Danny Houghton know and he will get the corrected forms to you.

				audits			
Post	bylaws	insp.	990's	June	Sept	poppies	Bonds
921	5/22/95		11	10/2	11/26	2,000	90k
1040	Nat'l	11/1	11	7/9	10/11	2,000	60k/3k
1561	11/2/10	10/2	11	7/30	11/8		90k
2100	3/20/02	10/25	11	9/20	11/20		50k/3k/3k
2554	3/30/04		11	7/30			30k/30k
7511	5/22/01	11/8	11	9/21		500	15k/3k
8870	3/8/07	10/12	11	9/5	10/17	10000	35k/ 35k
9417	3/27/02	10/4	11	7/11	10/11		10k/8k
Dist. 01	6/17/08	11/17	11	7/17	10/22		5k/3k

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Post	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
921	6/8	8/9	8/9	9/10	10/10	11/9	
1040	6/8	7/6	8/3	9/7	10/5	11/2	
1561	6/11	7/11	8/13	9/11	10/12	11/10	
2100	8/20	7/17	8/15	9/7	10/1	11/5	
2554	9/18	9/18	9/18	9/18			
7511	11/19	11/19	11/19	11/19	11/19	11/19	
8870	5/22	6/14	7/26	8/15	9/27	10/19	11/21
9417		8/13	8/13				

HSP

Post	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
921	6/8	8/9	8/9	9/10	10/10	11/9	
1040	6/8	7/6	8/3	9/7	10/5	11/2	
1561	6/11	7/11	8/13	9/11	10/12	11/10	
2100	8/20	7/17	8/15	9/7	10/1	11/5	
2554	9/18	9/18	9/18	9/18			
7511							
8870	5/22	6/15	7/26	8/15	9/27	10/19	11/21
9417		11/8	11/8				

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Post	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Notes
921	X	X	X	X	X		need Sept. audit
1040	X	X	X	X	X		
1561							
2100	X	X	X	X	X		
2554	X	X	X	X	X		need Sept. audit
7511							need Sept. audit
8870	X	X	X		X	X	
9417	X	X		X			

Membership Stats as of November 29th

<u>Post</u>	<u>Life</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Reinst</u>	<u>Cont</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Prior</u> <u>Year</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>New Life</u> <u>Members</u>
921	55	0	0	2	57	66	86.36%	0
1040	197	6	5	36	244	310	78.70%	1
1561	98	3	1	23	125	144	86.80%	1
2100	730	3	1	41	775	848	91.39%	3
2554	28	0	0	2	30	35	85.71%	0
7511	30	0	1	4	35	35	100.00%	0
8870	144	9	2	29	184	214	85.98%	2
9417	51	0	0	4	55	65	84.61%	0
	1,333	21	10	141	1,505	1,717	87.65%	7

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

If you change the date or time of your meeting, please let both District and Department know of the change.

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 #156

Meeting Place: Olympic Place Retirement Community
20909 Olympic PL NE
Arlington, WA

Meeting Date: 1st Tuesday—7:00 PM—Auxiliary 1st Tuesday—6:30PM (Change of Location)

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 -7:00 PM (Changed from 7:30PM)

Monroe #7511

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

Meeting Date: December 13th-6:00PM (Special Christmas Dinner)

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