



VFW & Ladies Auxiliary
District I Dep't of Washington
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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS

Upcoming Events for the 2013-14 Year

December 7th	Anniversary of Pearl Harbor at Naval Station Everett
December 9th	District winners of VOD, PP, Essays and Teacher of the Year with annual report due to Department
January 1st	Safety Award entries due to Department
January 4, 2014	District Meeting-Alderwood Boys and Girls Club- Lunch 12 PM- Awards Ceremony for VOD, PP, Youth Essays, and Teachers of the Year-Commander's Visit
January 17-18th	Mid-Winter Conference, Yakima
February 21st	Commander Meeting- Post 2100-6:00PM
March 1st	Newsletter Award entries to Department. Scout of the Year entries to Post Post recognition Citation Requests to National
April 1st	Veteran of the Year nominations, Scout to the Year entries, and Humanitarian Award nominations entries to Department
April 19th	District Memorial Service and meeting, Lunch 12PM, Meeting 1:00PM
April 30th	Publicity Award entries to Publicity Chair. VFW Special Projects to National. NMS recognition deadline
May 17th	District Convention-Alderwood Boys and Girls Club-Lunch 12PM, Meeting 1:00PM
June 4th -6th	Department Convention, Yakima
July 21st-24th	National Convention, St. Louis

Sultan Post Reaches Out for New Members

I recently attended a Post when the subject of advertising for new members came up. The question was "what was National doing to help the Posts in their recruiting efforts". The answer is they are trying. Lou Diamond Phillips has been hired as the spokesperson for the VFW and will be making commercials (perhaps infomercials is a better term) which will be aired on both radio and TV. While any effort from National is a good effort, I think it is up to each Post to let the community know that VFW is alive and well in their area. A great example of that are the efforts being made by Post 2554 in Sultan. Chuck Donahue, Post Commander and his wife Judy, an Auxiliary Member, have designed an attractive poster advertising their Post's meeting place and time and Jerry Gibson, Post Trustee, distributed the posters around town to the local businesses. The businesses, including the Red Apple grocery store, proved willing to post the information and assist the Post in getting the word out. In addition, a young Post member has set up a great Facebook site for the Post. You can check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/SultanVFW2554>. Finally, the Post is advertising their meeting in the Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce weekly newsletter. The efforts are paying off. At their November meeting, two transferees showed up along with a new member. I have forwarded a copy of the poster to the Post Commanders but if you would like a copy (I'm sure Chuck and Judy won't mind plagiarizing their idea) let me know. District can help you in printing the Poster off if you need it, but you will have to knock on the doors to have it distributed.

Publicize Your Post (like 1040 does)

I always give Marty Spani, Commander at Post 1040, a bad time about never meeting a camera he didn't like, but Post 1040 are champs at getting in the newspapers, both local one and the Herald. The latest was an article in the newspaper about selecting their Voice of Democracy winner and the fact that she is now in the District running for 1st place. Publicity like this for a Post can't be bought. Whether you have a VOD, PP, or Youth Essay winner (not to mention Teacher, Police, Firefighter, or EMT, get the word out to the press.

Around the District

SFC Dave Sivewright, a recent member of the Sultan Post, is also know at the Hwy. 2 Freedom Runner. SFC Sivewright has logged 2,800 miles running with Old Glory since 2010.

Art King, a local residence of Sky Valley, is making Dignity Sticks for any veteran that would like them. A dignity stick is a long walking stick with a carving at the top such as an eagle. If you are interested in obtaining one, you can contact Dave Sivewright at javajive47@gmail.com.

Post 2100 's home is still on the market. In the meantime, the Post is doing great things such as providing free Thanksgiving meals to veterans.

Post 8870 along with American Legion Post 66 is hosting a Christmas dinner for its members, families on December 14th and has invited all veteran students at Edmonds Community College who wish to attend to join the celebration.

Post 1040's next meeting is their annual wrapping party where they package care packages for the troops overseas.

Safety Awards

After a lot of emails flying back and forth on the deadline for Safety Awards. It now appears that the Posts have until the end of December to get the awards to District (not Department) where the winners will be forwarded to Department. Why the change is a bit of a mystery since there are so few of the entries to begin with. However, if you do have a nomination, please get it to me as soon as possible as I plan on taking the holidays off.

District Meeting –January 4th

Just a heads up that we will be having our annual student essay finalists along with the teachers of the year at our January meeting. Lunch will begin promptly at noon so please plan on arriving prior to that time. Once we have everyone seated we will commence with introductions and get the awards program underway. Following the luncheon, we will have a District meeting. I will have more in the next newsletter.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance

The following invite was received from Navy Base Everett. Post 8870 has one survivor, Erv Schmidt, that many of you know. If you know of anyone in your community that was present, would you please contact them and let them know of the ceremony. They will need to have clearance to go on the base which can be done through Troy Schulz.

We are planning our event this year and we are really trying to make it special again this year. We have typically made this primarily about Pearl Harbor since that has the direct connection to the Navy. This year we are expanding a bit and what I am trying to do is gather as many survivor's as possible. I am requesting from all of you to assist me in locating any of these survivor's in your communities. If you know of any local survivor's that we can reach out to. I do not know if some of them are in community centers or reside in the community, so maybe with a little help we can push this to contact other organizations send me back the information whatever it would take.

Any assistance would greatly be appreciated. The event this year will be held on December 6th at 0930. Invitations for all will come out later this week as well.

Thank you for any support you can provide in this endeavor.

*V/R
Troy W. Schulz
Executive Assistant/Protocol Officer
Naval Station Everett
425-304-3357
BB 425-508-2940*

Gordon Huggins Dist. 16 Cmdr. Running for Department Jr. Vice Position

Gordon Huggins has announced he will be in the race to be elected Jr. Vice next year. Gordon is expected to face Elmer Clark who is currently Judge Advocate. I will invite Gordon to attend a future District Meeting to introduce himself to the Post Commanders and other attendees.



Buddy Poppy Report

December 1, 2013

On January 4th we will have a Buddy Poppy Contest. Corsage or tray favor.

Bring in a brown bag, label the bottom of the display telling the Post or Auxiliary number. The total poppies used and the name of the person making the tray favor or corsage.

Mid winter is having the same contest so plan to get it there for the judging.

Plan now for your Buddy Poppy drive in the spring, Memorial Day will be here before you know it.

Check with your stores and get permission so that you will be ready. Have you ordered your Poppies for the rest of the year?

Have available and ready, your Buddy Poppy story brochures. Take membership applications and brochures for Patriotic Art and Voice of Democracy.

See you at the District One meeting January 4th. Have your entries there by 11:30.

Ronald Haley

Ruth Herren

Co-chairmen for District 1 Post and Auxiliary

Post Tallies as of November 25th

Post	audits			poppies	Comm. Svc							Hospital						
	4th Qtr	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr		May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
921	4/22	9/30	10/28	1,000	5/28	7/8	8/9	9/3	10/1	11/6		5/28	7/8	8/9	9/3	10/1	11/6	
1040	4/8	7/10	10/10	1,500	6/11	7/3	8/2	9/6	10/4	11/8		6/11	7/3	8/2	9/6	10/4	11/8	
1561	5/14	7/12	10/17	5,000	6/20	8/27	8/27	9/19	10/15	11/13		6/20	9/4	9/4	9/19	10/15	11/13	
2100	5/31	10/1		2,000	8/21	7/9	7/31	9/9	10/1	11/20		8/21	7/9	7/31	9/9	10/1	11/20	
2554	4/12	8/9			7/19	7/19	8/9	9/4	10/1			7/19	7/19	8/9	9/4	10/1		
7511	4/24	9/16	11/4		7/11	7/11	8/20	9/9	10/30	11/12		8/20	8/20	8/20	9/9	10/30	11/12	
8870	4/9	7/10	10/15	5,000	5/29	6/27	7/29	8/28	9/24	10/31		5/29	6/27	7/29	8/29	9/24	10/31	
9417	4/9	7/19	10/30		8/30	8/30	8/30	11/1	10/30			9/3	8/30	9/3	11/1	10/30		

Post	Chaplain						
	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
921	x	x	x	x	x	x	
1040	x	x	x	x	x	x	
1561	x	x	x				
2100	x	x	x	x	x	x	
2554		x	x	x			
7511							
8870	x	x	x	x	x	x	
9417	x	x	x	x	x		

Please try to keep on top of your audits. Of all the reports required by Department, this is the one that I hate see put on the back burner. Also, remember to qualify for a White Hat, Chaplain's reports must be submitted to Department.

Membership as of December 2nd

Post	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted	Percent	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention
921	56	0	0	1	57	61	93.44%	0	6	16.67%
1040	197	7	2	44	250	285	87.72%	1	87	52.87%
1561	100	1	1	22	124	168	73.81%	0	68	33.82%
2100	708	12	7	27	754	825	91.39%	5	87	39.08%
2554	26	1	0	3	30	33	90.91%	1	5	60.00%
7511	32	0	1	4	37	36	102.78%	0	6	83.33%
8870	150	5	3	22	180	214	84.11%	2	70	35.71%
9417	53	1	0	5	59	66	89.39%	1	14	35.71%
	1322	27	14	128	1491	1688	88.32%	10		

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: 2nd 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: Arlington High School ROTC portable. That is at 18821 Crown Ridge Blvd Arlington, WA 98223

Meeting Date: 1st Tuesday—7:00PM

Old Guard Post #2100

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

Meeting Date: **Change—December 19th - 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

Monroe #7511

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

Meeting Date: 2nd Thursday - 7:00PM - Auxiliary 2nd Thursday—12:00PM

Edmonds Post #8870

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

Meeting Date: 2nd Friday-12:30 PM (Lunch at 11:45AM)

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 4:00 PM