



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

November 1st	VOD, PP, Youth Essays and Teacher of the Year due to Post
November 15th	Winners of VOD, PP, Youth Essays and Teacher of the Year due to District
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

Membership Goals

In addition to the "100%" test, I would suggest that each Post set a goal of at least 5% new members. In a year where a Post lost a number of members to death or transfers, the 100% goal may not be met, but in the long run it would be. For instance, Post 8870 had 214 members last year. A reasonable goal would be signing up 11 new members. Post 921, on the other hand, would set a goal of signing 3 new members. What's the best way of finding members? First, personal contact. We all know vets but we may not know they are eligible. I recently signed up a neighbor that I had known for 30 years, but I didn't realize he had been "in country". I didn't have my radar tuned correctly. Secondly, you need to let veterans know you are in the community. In this day and age, the internet is the best tool for allowing veterans to find you. I have seen two cases in the last month where individuals did not know a Post existed in their community. In the first case, it was a teacher in a middle school seeking a veteran to speak at a Veterans Day assembly. In the second case, it was a veteran who received a letter generated from a list Fred Green sent of "at large" members letting him know of the time and place of the local Post meeting. Whether the Post sets up a website, social media, advertises in the local paper, or hangs a sign in the Post Office, you must get the word out to veterans that you exist.

I would suggest that each Post form a committee and develop a plan. If you need help in writing an article for publication in a local newspaper, Fred Apgar is a wiz at writing. He is the District publicist and can "clean up" an article that you write. Meanwhile, if it takes signage at the entrances to your town, check with your local planning board and see if you can place one with your Post meeting place, date, and time. Finally, make sure your local newspaper publishes the time and meeting place of your Post meetings. District has the Everett Herald covered but every community as a small local newspaper. These are just a few suggestions and I suspect your can come up with a lot more on your own.

Happy Thanksgiving! A Free Dental Care Day to Support War Veterans



Eligibility:

- Veterans who have been deployed to war & their spouse. DD214 form and Award letter required.
- Have no dental insurance
- Have financial need

Date: Saturday, Nov 9th, 2013

Time: 8:00am to 3:00pm

Place: 22516 SE 64th Pl, Issaquah, WA 98027

Call Dr. Theresa Cheng, Issaquah Periodontics, at (425) 392-8992 for an appointment. Limited availability

Life Membership Award

I had two nominations from Post Commanders for the life membership award. I have to admit, I didn't think I'd get two nominations of very qualified individuals but I decided to award the \$300 to Andy Dingman of Post 1040. Andy is a Gulf War veteran. In his nomination, Marty had the following comments

Since joining the Post 3 years ago Andy has:

*** Set up & maintains the Post 1040 website @ vfw1040.org*

*** Served as chairman for Teacher of the Year- 2 years*

*** Served as chairman for Patriotic Citizen Essays - 2 years*

*** Served as chairman Youth essays- 3 years*

*** Orders & maintains all the Flags at Lynnwood Veterans Park*

*** Volunteers time for poppy drives*

*** Serves as Post 1040 Trustee*

If all my members did just a portion of the time & effort that Andy puts forth we would really have a great Post.

1040 is already a great Post but other than that, I have to say that Andy is a great choice for a life membership.

VFW Post 1040's Honor Guard

For the past three years, a group of Veterans have been providing Military Funeral Honors to deceased veterans, who at the time of their death had not received such honors. The rendering of Military Funeral honors is a ceremony that reflects our nation's gratitude to those who, in times of war and peace, have faithfully defended our nation. It is the final demonstration of respect our nation can provide to family members of our veterans. Every veteran who has worn the uniform of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard has earned the right for the rendering of Military Funeral Honors.

Under the leadership of Commander Martin Spani, members of VFW Post #1040 in Lynnwood have volunteered to serve as members of the Post's Honor Guard. Commander Spani, a Marine Corps veteran who served in Vietnam, serves as the Commander of the Honor Guard unit, which includes a bugler who plays taps and seven riflemen who fire a 21 gun salute. All members of the Honor Guard purchase their own uniforms and volunteer countless hours of their time to honor the memory of our deceased veterans.

In conjunction with the 81st Brigade Special Troops Battalion of the Washington State National Guard, VFW Post #1040 Honor Guard presents Military Funeral Honors three times a month at regularly scheduled ceremonies. Ceremonies are rendered monthly at Washelli and Acacia Cemeteries to honor King County veterans. On the last Tuesday of each month, ceremonies are rendered at Edmonds Cemetery for the families of Snohomish County veterans. In addition, the Honor Guard is asked to render Military Funeral Honors at numerous private burial ceremonies throughout the Puget Sound.



Post Tallies as of October 25th

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

Post	Hospital					Chaplain				
	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
921	5/28	7/8	8/9	9/3	10/1	X	X	X	X	X
1040	6/11	7/3	8/2	9/6	10/4	X	X	X	X	X
1561	6/20	9/4	9/4	9/19	10/15	X	X	X		
2100	8/21	7/9	7/31	9/9	10/1	X	X	X	X	X
2554	7/19	7/19	8/9	9/4	10/1		X	X	X	
7511	8/20	8/20	8/20	9/9						
8870	5/29	6/27	7/29	8/29	9/24	X	X	X	X	X
9417	9/3	8/30	9/3			X	X	X	X	

Membership as of October 29th

	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior Year	Percent	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention
921	56	0	0	1	57	61	93.44%	0	6	16.67%
1040	194	4	1	25	224	285	78.60%	1	87	29.89%
1561	100	1	1	16	118	168	70.24%	0	68	25.00%
2100	705	10	6	22	743	825	90.06%	3	87	32.18%
2554	25	0	0	1	26	33	78.79%	0	5	20.00%
7511	32	0	0	3	35	36	97.22%	0	6	50.00%
8870	149	5	3	17	174	214	81.31%	2	70	28.57%
9417	52	1	0	4	57	66	86.36%	0	14	28.57%
	1313	21	11	89	1434	1688	84.95%	6		

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 8821 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—November 21st - 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