



VFW & Ladies Auxiliary
 District I Dep't of Washington
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Upcoming Events for the 2013-14 Year

August 31st	Post Bonding to Department
October 18th	Commanders Meetings– Post 2100-6:00PM
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

School of Instruction

The District's School of Instruction was held on August 17th. All the Posts were represented while we went over the latest information from National and Department. Linda Fairbank, membership chairman for the west side of the State came and spoke about the latest changes regarding increased dues, length of memberships and the opportunities we have signing up members and having continuous members pay their dues prior to January 1st. In essence, someone paying today is actually paying through December 31, 2014 while someone paying on January 1, 2014 will have their membership expire on the same date in 2015. Our Quartermasters and membership chairs will have their work cut out for them over the next year or so until everyone is on the same page. This is also an excellent time to have members convert their memberships to a Life membership and we will be preaching that to the choir throughout the year. We also covered a number of other VFW programs but let me point out that all this information is available at www.vfw.org. Simply go the website and spend some time reviewing the information available there. Also, you will find resources for Commanders and Quartermasters. While virtually all our Commanders this year are in their second year or more, there is information available to you that may be useful in the forthcoming year.

Budget

The District budget was passed at the District meeting following the School of Instruction. The only change we made from the prior year is we will not be having a fund raiser at the District level this year. The raffle last year raised approximately \$1,700 and with the increase in per capita fees the District will realize an increase in revenue of approximately \$500. While not exactly flush, we do have sufficient funds to carry out our mission for the next several years.

Tally Reports

I believe every Post (with one exception) is receiving the Tally Sheet from Department each Friday. Like everything else in life, it is easy to keep up on reports but when you fall behind, it is a son of a gun to make yourself sit down and catch up. I would ask each Post Commander to keep tabs on what reports are missing from your Post and follow up with the appropriate individuals to see that they stay current.

Community Service Reports

I have asked Ron Haley to maintain a list for me of where each Post stands in regards to the projects required to receive a White Hat. While I get out to most of the Posts during the month and know what is going on, I can't see what is being reported to Department unless I review each CSR or have a summary report prepared. We had an instance last year where a Post did all that was required (plus more) but failed to report it to Department. I would like to see every Post in District I being awarded a White Hat and will do what I can to see that it happens.

Chaplains Report

Remember to copy our Department Chaplain, Tom Darling, on your Chaplain Reports. His email is tnt874@comcast.net and his mailing address is 500 Darby Dr., #102, Bellingham, WA 98226.

Department and District Directories

Each Post should now have Directories for Department and District. If you are missing yours, let me know. Also, I have converted these directories to a pdf file and you are welcome to download them to your computer, laptop, smart phone, or tablet. Just drop me an email and I'll forward them to you.

Credit Cards for Poppys (and Dues?)

During a Memorial Day Poppy Drive, Post 8870 experimented with using credit card readers attached to iPhones and iPads and while only several individuals chose to use a card, the two that did gave over a \$100 to the Post Relief Fund. The card readers are free and the fee is 2.75% of the swiped transaction (a manually entered credit card number is 3.5% plus 15 cents). You can link your Post's bank account to it and my experience has been that the funds arrive within a business day. I know the percentage sounds like a lot, but you'll be receiving 97.25% more than you would have assuming the individual had no cash. The website is www.squareup so take a look if you're interested.

And just a thought, if your dues are \$35 the fee would be 97 cents. It may be a painless way to collect dues at a meeting.

VFW Night at the Aquasox

Post 1040's honor guard presented the Colors at the Aquasox game on August 17th and Eric Welter from Post 1561 threw out the first pitch. We had a number of folks there but unfortunately we were seated all over the stadium. The Aquasox said the game was sold out but a heck of lot of fans should up disguised as empty seats. Of course, the Seahawks were on the tube at the same time and I suspect a lot of folks stayed home to watch them demolish Denver. For those of us who stayed for the fireworks, the finale blew up on the ground. Fortunately, it was a contained explosion, but I initially had visions of having body parts over the outfield. With the exception of one explosion, the evening was thoroughly entertaining.

Post 2100 to Consider Selling Post Home

For those interested, Post 2100 will be discussing the sale of their Post home at their August 29th meeting at 6:30PM.

Post and Auxiliary Inspection Schedule

Arlington Post #1561	Tuesday, September 3rd	6:00PM
Gold Bar Auxiliary #9417	Wednesday, September 4th	3:00PM
Gold Bar Post #9417	Thursday, September 5th	5:00PM
Sultan Post #2554	Thursday, September 12th	6:00PM
Monroe Auxiliary #7511	Thursday, September 12th	1:00PM
Edmonds Post & Auxiliary #8870	Friday, September 13th	11:30PM
Snohomish Post #921	Saturday, September 14th	12:00PM
Snohomish Auxiliary #921	Saturday, September 21st	12:00PM
Arlington Auxiliary #1561	Tuesday, October 1st	6:00PM
Lynnwood Post & Auxiliary #1040	Thursday, October 3rd	6:00PM
Sultan Auxiliary, #2554	Thursday, October 10th	6:00PM
Monroe Post #7511	Thursday, October 10th	6:00PM
Everett Auxiliary #2100	Monday, October 14th	5:30PM
Everett Post #2100 (Note Change of Date from Sept. 26th)	Thursday, October 31st	5:30PM

The Commander's Corner—Jim Traner

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: 2nd Tuesday—7:00PM (Important Change—Normally the 1st Tuesday)

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

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