



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**

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

**Membership**

Most of the time, new members just don't show up at meetings. They are invited. Urge your members to invite a friend, acquaintance, or co-worker that they know is eligible for membership. Membership is everyone's responsibility, not just the Senior Vice's. There is no reason why each Post can't achieve 105%, much less 100%.

**National By-Laws & Manual of Procedure**

If you haven't ordered the 2013-14 Podium edition of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure and Ritual, you may do so from the VFW store. If you are like me and do all your shopping online, trying to find it from the online catalog at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) is like finding a needle in a haystack. The website is in serious need of updating. The link to that page is <http://www.vfwstore.org/detail.aspx?ID=22690> or you can give the store a call. The cost is \$7.25.

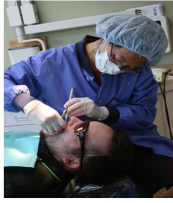
**Inspections**

Just a note to all the Quartermasters. Please have all your books and records in order and available when the District Inspector arrives. We have only allotted so much time to each Post and its important that your records be organized and complete. Otherwise, it requires additional trips to the Post which takes up your time and that of our inspector. I recommend that the Commanders review the records with the QM prior to the inspection to insure everything is in order.

**Life Membership Award**

I helped a Comrade pro bono on a problem he had with the IRS. He, in turn, has given me \$300 to use specifically to purchase a Life Membership for a worthy Comrade(s). I would like to have each Post Commander consider a worthy Comrade in their Post and drop me a note as to why they should receive a up to \$300 for a Life Membership.

## 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

## Creative Patriotic Art Awards

District I hasn't had many participants in this contest so I thought I would make you aware that it exists. Officially known as the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest, this annual scholarship contest gives talented art students in grades 9-12 an opportunity to compete for up to \$10,000 for college.

Sponsored solely by the [Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars](#), this high school art competition requires the fusion of artistic talent with a passionate patriotic vision.

Entries must be submitted to your local VFW Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship Chairman by March 31st. For more information, Karol Kiens, Auxiliary #9417, is the District I Chairman. Her contact information is listed in the District I Directory.

Entry forms and additional information may be found on the Ladies Auxiliary website at [www.ladiesauxvfw.org](http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org).

## Buddy Poppy Report by Ron Haley and Ruth Herren

The VFW conducted its first Buddy Poppy nationwide distribution in 1922. The VFW soon adopted the Buddy Poppy as its official memorial flower. A Buddy Poppy campaign will provide funding for the projects in this program and the proceeds from this project is to be placed in the Relief Fund to be used solely for the welfare of veterans and their dependents. Poppies can be ordered by your Auxiliary or with the Post or Junior Girls Unit. When distributing your Poppies make sure to have some "History of the Buddy Poppy" brochures. They can be ordered through the VFW Supply Department. Use the VFW Store Catalog or [www.vfwstore.org](http://www.vfwstore.org) or [www.ladiesauxvfw.org](http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org) to get more information on brochures and poster. You can receive samples of that information at our annual District School of Instruction. Be sure to use and distribute Buddy Poppies everyday. Remember to use them in membership drives, fundraisers, and any events in which your Post or Auxiliary participates. At the Department Convention, displays can be entered into four categories: (1) public promotion of the Buddy Poppy, (2) memorial or inspirational, (3) artistic or decorative, and (4) memorial or inspirational for the Jr. Girls Units.

We will have public promotion of the Buddy Poppy display at our January District meeting.

For our District Memorial meeting, please prepare a memorial or inspirational display.

At our May District Convention, you can bring artistic or decorative display.

The winners will be encouraged to take their entries to the State Convention in June.

If you have any questions, please contact District I VFW and Auxiliary Chairmen Ron Haley or Ruth Herren at 425-337-1559.

## Gold Bar Auxiliary Hosting Fund Raiser

The Gold Bar Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a Benefit Breakfast for Kim Drake, a local resident battling cancer, on October 5th from 7:30 AM to 12 noon. The breakfast will be held at Post 9417, 301 3rd St., Gold Bar. Suggested donation is \$6 per person.

## Post and Auxiliary Inspection Schedule

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
Edmonds Post & Auxiliary #8870	Friday, October 11th	10:30AM
Everett Auxiliary #2100	Monday, October 14th	5:30PM
Everett Post #2100 (Note Change of Date from Sept. 26th)	Thursday, October 31st	5:30PM

## Memorial Services for Veterans

On the last Tuesday of the Month at 10AM, a service is held at the Edmonds Memorial Cemetery for veterans who died in Snohomish County but received no military honors at their funeral. The Washington National Guard performs the ceremony including a flag folding and the honor guard from Post 1040 is the rifle team. In September, 135 veterans were honored. As soon as the names are released for October, they will be posted on the VFW 8870 website ([www.vfw8870.org](http://www.vfw8870.org)). Please take a moment to review the names and should you recognize a name, please let their family members know that they are invited to attend the ceremony and a flag folding will be done and presented to them. We are also encouraging VFW members to attend and show their respect to those Snohomish County veterans who have passed on.

## District Membership Statistics as of 9/26/13

Post	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted			Prior An- nual	Retention	
						Prior Yr	Percent	N/R LM			
	921	56	0	0	1	57	61	93.44%	0	6	16.67%
	1040	193	3	1	21	218	285	76.49%	1	87	25.29%
	1561	100	1	1	12	114	168	67.85%	0	68	19.12%
	2100	704	9	6	17	736	825	89.21%	2	87	26.44%
	2554	25	0	0	0	25	33	75.75%	0	5	0.00%
	7511	32	0	0	2	34	36	94.44%	0	6	33.33%
	8870	148	4	2	13	167	214	78.03%	2	70	21.43%
	9417	<u>52</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>84.84%</u>	<u>0</u>	14	21.43%
		1310	18	10	69	1407	1688	84.84%	5		

## **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:** 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