



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

If you have changes or additions,
please contact editor@vfwwadistrict1.org

October 4th	Quartermaster School of Instruction—Department HQ—1000hrs.
November 11th	Veterans Day
December 16th	Deadline to register for Mid-Winter Banquet
January 10th	District 1 Meeting—Teacher, VOD, PP, and Student Essay Awards—Post 2100
January 16-17th	Mid-Winter Conference-Vancouver
January 23rd	Commanders' only meeting-1830 hours-Post 2100
March 28th	District 1 Memorial Service—Post 2100
May 9th	District Convention—Post 2100
April 17th	Commanders' only meeting-1830 hours-Post 2100
June 4-6th	Department Convention-Yakima

Martin Spani to Step Down As Post 1040 Commander

After 19 years Marty is stepping down from being Commander of Post 1040. He and his wife are moving north to the Mt. Vernon area. Senior Vice Frank Martinez will be stepping up to run the Post. Over the course of Marty's leadership, Post 1040 has been one of the most successful Posts in both District I and the Department of WA. Under his leadership, Veterans Park in Lynnwood was established and is one of the premier parks of its kind in this area. Marty's leadership will be missed.

Mid-Winter Reservations

We normally have good attendance by District I at the Mid-Winter Conference. We are trying to get a couple of tables together for the banquet on Saturday evening. If you do plan on attending, please let Don Wischmann know ASAP (if you haven't done so already). We would like to give Robin a good head count earlier than the rest of the Districts. In the Department mailing Robin states that there will be fewer seats than in the past and normally this banquet is packed. Therefore, she is only holding seating open at District tables until October 31st—after that anyone with a paid reservation will be assigned seating at the District table. Also, make sure you get your payment to Department for your banquet tickets. Tickets are \$33/person. Neither Don nor I want to be bankers for this event.

Order Your Poppies

November is quickly upon us so order your poppies from Department if you haven't already done so.

Using Square for Receipts

Almost everyone has a smart phone or knows someone in their Post who owns one. A product called Square has been around for a couple of years and I suggest if your QM or Poppy chair doesn't have one, they should take a look at getting one. Basically, it is a device you can plug into your phone to accept credit card payments. You can use it while you distribute Buddy Poppies, collect dues at meetings from those folks who don't carry cash or checks, or simply have one available should you need to accept funds from someone. You can order one for free from <https://squareup.com/> There is a service fee so cash is best but this is the next best thing.

Articles in Newspapers

If you have an article published in your local newspaper, please make sure that Ray Fairbank at Department receives a copy of it. If you take a look at the Department's website of posted articles, you'll see that the majority of them are from Post 1040. Since I know a bunch of other Posts are also publishing pieces in the local newspapers, it means they aren't getting them to Department.

50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Vietnam War Welcome Home Celebration



50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Vietnam War

Joint Base Lewis-McChord
Salutes Vietnam-era Veterans

October 9, 2014

1-5 pm

Welcome Home!

- Salute Ceremony to honor Vietnam-era Veterans and a Massing of the Colors at Watkins Field begins at 1 pm
- Ceremony keynote speaker is General (Retired) Barry McCaffrey
- Enter at DuPont Gate Exit 119, Interstate 5
- Parking opens at 11 am
- Events include interactive displays with service members and a Pinning Ceremony
- Families and friends are invited
- Vietnam-era Veterans are asked to pre-register at: <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/vetm.cfm?i=210707&k=0060420E7B50>
- For more information, please call 593rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command at 253-967-5171 or 253-967-3570



The following is a repost from the Army on this ceremony:

The Commanding General, I Corps, is having a ceremony and reception on 9 October to honor all veterans that served during the Vietnam War era. It is most important to note that this is all veterans and not just those that served in Vietnam and SE Asia. This includes Cold War veterans of that era such as SAC, Air Defense, Europe, Korea, at sea, CONUS, etc. In addition to veterans, the public is invited and encouraged to attend. Veterans and the public are requested to enter Joint Base Lewis-McChord through the DuPont Gate at I5 Exit 119 starting at 11:00 am. All will

be guided to parking.

The ceremony will be held on Watkins Field (Main Parade Field) starting at 1:00 PM. Included in the ceremony will be the entire 7th Infantry Division, 593rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command and other major units stationed on JBLM. The Washington Army National Guard and the civilian community will participate through the Massing of the Colors to honor the American Flag as the symbol of our Country.

Ceremony speakers will be General Barry McCaffrey, recipient of the two Army Distinguished Service Crosses in the Vietnam War, and Lieutenant General Stephen R. Lanza, Commanding General, I Corps.

Major JBLM Army and Air Force units will have displays for visitors located in the main part of the Army part of the installation.

There will be a reception with the Vietnam Era Veterans and their families and friends where Generals McCaffrey and Lanza will present each veteran with a commemorative pin.

Please RSVP by October 3rd if you plan on attending by following the link

<https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=210707&k=0060420E7B50>

It would be nice to have every Post from District I represented at the ceremony and having a representative carrying their Post colors in the Massing of the Colors. You will be rubbing shoulders with a lot of different veterans groups as well as a number of VFW Posts. The Army is going to a lot of work to put this on and I suspect there are a lot of troopers who would rather be doing something else than marching in a parade so our presence will let them know that we appreciate their efforts.

Membership Totals as of September 29th

Post	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior Year	Percent	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention
921	58	0	2	0	60	63	95.24%	0	6	0.00%
1040	195	4	2	31	232	291	79.73%	0	90	35.56%
1561	105	1	1	15	122	155	78.71%	1	53	35.85%
2100	692	2	4	15	713	792	90.03%	4	81	28.40%
2554	31	0	0	2	33	34	97.06%	0	9	11.11%
7511	32	0	1	1	34	38	89.47%	0	6	16.67%
8870	145	3	0	14	162	211	76.78%	0	58	31.03%
9417	50	0	1	6	57	67	85.07%	0	14	50.00%
	1308	10	11	84	1413	1651	85.58%			

Tally Reports as of September 26th

Post	bylaws	Articles	990's	audits		poppies	Bonds expire 8/31	
				March	June		QM	Club
921	2/19/13	11/4/13	13	4/14	7/30	2,000	90k/3k	
1040	12/13/12	X	13	4/11	7/7	1,500	60k/3k	
1561	11/2/10	X	13	5/16	7/8	5,000	90k/3k	
2100	3/22/13	X	12	5/5	MIA	2,000	30k/3k/3k	3k
2554	12/10/12	X	12	4/15	8/18	1,000	90k/5k	
7511	5/22/01	X	12	5/12	9/17	NONE	15k/3k	
8870	1/7/14	X	12	4/9	7/15	NONE	30k/30k	
9417	Nat'l 8/21	X	13	4/17	7/22	NONE	10k/8k	
Dist 01	8/2/13	X	13	4/15	7/21		5k/3k	

Post	Comm. Svc					Hospital				Chaplain			
	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	May	June	July	Aug	May	June	July	Aug
921	5/30	6/30	7/30	8/28		5/30	6/30	7/30	8/28	X	X	X	MIA
1040	6/2	7/7	8/5	9/5		6/2	7/7	8/5	9/5	X	X	X	X
1561	MIA	7/14	8/10	9/11		MIA	7/14	8/10	9/11	MIA	X	X	X
2100	6/13	7/7	8/10	9/5		6/13	7/7	8/10	9/5	X	X	X	X
2554	7/9	8/10	8/10	MIA		7/9	8/10	8/10	MIA	X	X	MIA	MIA
7511	9/15	9/15	9/15	9/15		9/15	9/15	9/15	9/15	MIA	MIA	MIA	MIA
8870	6/3	6/24	7/30	9/3	9/26	6/3	6/24	7/30	9/3	X	X	X	X
9417	7/28	7/28	8/8	9/12		7/31	7/31	8/8	9/12	X	X	X	X
Dist 01													

The Tally Report is almost a week old so if you've filed your reports ignore the MIA reference. Make sure your 990's are filed with the IRS. If they have been filed, make sure Department is getting a copy of them. Also, we have 3 Posts who haven't ordered Buddy Poppies. It is getting close to the drop dead date to receive them on time for Veterans Day. I have also taken the liberty to highlight the missing reports so don't blame Robin. Once you get behind, it's tough to catch up so try and stay on top of them.

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: Third Tuesday -6:30PM - 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: American Legion Post 66
117 6th Ave. S.
Edmonds, WA. 98020

Meeting Date: 2nd Friday-12:30 PM (Lunch at 11:45AM) Auxiliary will continue to meet at the Senior Center—same time and date as the Post

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 3:00 PM