



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Upcoming Events for the 2013-14 Year

May 1st	Loyalty Day
May 17th	District Convention-Alderwood Boys and Girls Club-Lunch 12PM, Meeting 1:00PM
June 1st	Election reports due at National, Department, and District
June 4th -7th	Department Convention, Yakima
July 21st-24th	National Convention, St. Louis

District Memorial Service

District I memorial service was held Saturday, April 5th at the Alderwood Boys and Girls Club. Tom Darling, Department chaplain, was to preside but at the last minute had a medical emergency in his family so was unable to attend. In his place, John Beam, took his place and did a fine job although we always seem to find a new hiccup every year. If you were there, you know what I mean. None the less, we had a respectful ceremony for those Comrades and Sisters who passed away in the last 12 months. We lost some great members and leaders and now is the time for the younger members to get involved and become the leaders of the future.

Website Contact Information

About once a week someone contacts me via the District I website where I have a "contact me" tab. I almost always ask how they found District I and almost always it is a simple Google search of VFW in Snohomish County. As I sat down at my computer this morning, I had a woman contact me about securing some Buddy Poppies that could be handed out at her church on Memorial Day. Although I have hammered home the point over these last two years that folks have to be able to find you to join your Post, only a few of the Posts have moved into the 21st century. I would urge everyone to get serious about setting up a website, regardless how meager, so anyone doing a search in your community for VFW can find your Post. If you would like a recommendation of good web designer, let me know.

VFW & Ladies Auxiliary
District I Dep't of Washington
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www.vfwwadistrict1.org



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Everett Post 2100 Changes Meeting Date

At their April meeting, Post 2100 passed a motion to move its meeting date to the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be May 20th at 6:30 at their Post home. The Auxiliary is unchanged.

Post Officers Elected

April was election month and the Post Commanders for the following year will be:

- Post 921 Danny Houghton
- Post 1040 Marty Spani
- Post 1561 Nathan Farmer
- Post 2100 Dan Wischmann
- Post 2554 Chuck Donahue
- Post 7511 Ken Koster
- Post 8870 Jim Blossey
- Post 9417 Doug White

Oso Slide Assistance

Assistance to the victims of the Oso Slide has fallen primarily into Post 1561's hands and to their Chaplain, Eric Welter, in particular. Eric worked with one of the victims of the slide at Naval Station Everett and has become the contact person for VFW. Post 921 and Post 8870 have made funds available for Eric to use to assist current and former military families recovering from the disaster.

Service in VFW Recognition

About 10 years ago, Post 8870 set aside a portion of their installation meeting to honor members with service pins in increments of 5 years and special invitations are sent to all members who would be receiving a pin. It is the most well attended Post meeting of the year. Just a thought for the other Posts. The pins can be order from the VFW catalog.

VFW Membership as of April 29th

<u>Post</u>	<u>Life</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Reinst</u>	<u>Cont</u>	<u>Total</u>	Adjusted		<u>N/R LM</u>	Prior	
						<u>Prior Year</u>	<u>Percent</u>		<u>Annual</u>	<u>Retention</u>
921	57	4	0	2	63	61	103.28%	0	6	50.00%
1040	201	11	10	68	290	285	101.75%	3	87	98.85%
1561	104	4	2	36	146	168	86.90%	1	68	63.24%
2100	712	17	8	51	788	825	95.52%	7	87	74.71%
2554	25	3	1	5	33	33	103.03	0	5	120.00%
7511	32	0	1	4	37	36	102.78%	0	6	100.00%
8870	154	7	5	38	204	214	95.33%	3	70	77.14%
9417	53	2	0	9	64	66	96.97%	1	14	64.29%
<u>1,338</u>		<u>48</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>213</u>	<u>1626</u>	<u>1,688</u>	<u>96.32%</u>	<u>15</u>		

An Observation

Even though the General Orders coming down from on high seem to repeat the rule on a monthly basis, Officers of the Day seem reluctant to have members remove baseball caps worn in meetings. The rule is VFW covers or bareheaded are the only two alternatives when attending a VFW meeting. It may be picky, but it's the rule.

District Meeting Schedule for 2014-15

August 16th - School of Instruction—Alderwood Boys and Girls Club
 January 10th - Student Essay and Teacher Awards—Post 2100
 March 28th - District Memorial Service and Meeting - Post 2100
 May 9th - District Convention—Post 2100

Additional “Commanders’ Only Meeting” to be announced.

Everett Aquasox Game

This has turned into an annual event for District I. We have selected the August 16th game to be VFW night. Of course, there will be fireworks following the game and this year, we hope to all sit together. Tickets will be \$10. More information to follow.

Post Tallies

Post	bylaws	Articles	insp	990's	audits				poppies
					1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	
921	2/19/13	11/4/13	9/14	13	9/30	10/28	1/28	4/14	3,000
1040	12/13/12	X	10/3	13	7/10	10/10	1/7	4/11	1,500
1561	11/2/10	X	9/3	12	7/12	10/17	2/10		5,000
2100	3/22/13	X	10/23	12	10/1	2/11	3/4		2,000
2554	12/10/12	X	9/12	12	8/9	12/19	1/29	4/15	500
7511	5/22/01	X	10/10	12	9/16	11/4	1/15		500
8870	1/7/14	X	10/11	12	7/10	10/15	1/21	4/9	15,000
9417	3/27/02	X	9/5	13	7/19	10/30	1/18	4/17	500
Dist 01	8/2/13	X	1/4	12	7/19	10/16	1/16	4/15	

Comm. Svc

Post	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
921	5/28	7/8	8/9	9/3	10/1	11/6	12/6	1/9	2/7	3/7	4/4
1040	6/11	7/3	8/2	9/6	10/4	11/8	12/6	1/3	2/7	3/7	4/4
1561	6/20	8/27	8/27	9/19	10/15	11/13	12/13	4/9	4/9	4/9	4/9
2100	8/21	7/9	7/31	9/9	10/1	11/20	12/10	1/10	2/10	3/7	4/9
2554	7/19	7/19	8/9	9/4	10/1	12/10	12/12	1/29	3/19	3/19	4/11
7511	7/11	7/11	8/20	9/9	10/30	11/12	12/16	1/8	3/14	3/14	4/11
8870	5/29	6/27	7/29	8/28	9/24	10/31	12/2	12/26	1/30	2/28	3/24
9417	8/30	8/30	8/30	11/1	10/30	1/18	1/18	1/18	3/20		4/17

Hospital

Post	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
921	5/28	7/8	8/9	9/3	10/1	11/6	12/6	1/9	2/7	3/7	4/4
1040	6/11	7/3	8/2	9/6	10/4	11/8	12/6	1/3	2/7	3/7	4/4
1561	6/20	9/4	9/4	9/19	10/15	11/13	12/13	4/9	4/9	4/9	4/9
2100	8/21	7/9	7/31	9/9	10/1	11/20	12/10	1/10	2/10	3/7	4/9
2554	7/19	7/19	8/9	9/4	10/1	12/10	12/10	1/29	3/19	3/19	4/11
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Chaplain

Post	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
921	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1040	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1561	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
2100	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2554	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7511	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
8870	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
9417	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X

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: 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