



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Upcoming Events for the 2013-14 Year

June 1st	Election reports due at National, Department, and District
June 4th -7th	Department Convention, Yakima
July 21st-24th	National Convention, St. Louis

VFW & Ladies Auxiliary  
District I Dep't of Washington  
June 2014

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**NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS**

**Post 2554 & District I  
Take First Place in National  
Newsletter Competition**

As you all know, I have stressed the importance of keeping your Post members involved even if they can't make every meeting. One of the best ways to do this is through a monthly newsletter. Sultan began their newsletter about a year ago and submitted a representative newsletter to Department where it was chosen as the first place winner in the small Post competition. It was then forwarded to National to compete against the other Departments' winners. I have just learned that they have been awarded First Place in their category. That is an outstanding achievement. To be able to start up a newsletter and within one year win the National competition is outstanding. I also learned that for the second year in a row, the District I newsletter has been awarded first place for medium size Districts. Not a bad average for a little District tucked away in the Northwest and a small Post in that District.

**Post 921 Supports Oso  
Mudslide Victims**



Representatives from Gay Jones VFW Post # 921 (Snohomish) attended the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of Boyer Daniel VFW Post # 1561, which is located in Arlington. Commander Danny Houghton represented the members of Post #921 and presented a check in the amount of \$5000 to Post #1561 Commander, Willy Hughes. Danny was joined by his Quartermaster, Elmer Johnson. The generous donation was given for the purpose of providing much needed assistance to active duty military personnel/veterans whose families have been impacted by the Oso mudslide. Thanks to the leadership of Commander Willy Hughes and Chaplain Eric Welter, the Arlington Post has served in a leadership role by providing immediate financial assistance to those whose lives have been disrupted by the natural disaster.

**District Officers Elected**

The District Convention took place on May 17<sup>th</sup> and the officers for 2014-15 were elected. Don Wischmann, Post 2100, will be the new District Commander. Senior Vice is Danny Houghton (Post 921), Jr. Vice is Bill Morse (Post 1561), Quartermaster is Ron Haley (Post 1040), Adjutant is John Beam (also with Post 1040), Chaplain is Jim Raymond (another Post 1040 Comrade), and Ken Kusters is Judge Advocate. Ken is the Commander of Post 7511. We have good representation from our Posts and a fine group of officers for the upcoming year.

## Dignity Sticks and Post 2554



Post 2554 has been instrumental in helping veterans who need a walking stick to get what is known as a “dignity stick”. Although it is difficult to see, the top of each walking stick is carved with a unique feature. Through an article in the local newspaper in Walla Walla, 90 year old Bernice Mock, a nurse who served in WWII, requested one. Chuck Donahue (right) and Gerry Gibson (center) made the trip to Walla Walla and personally delivered (with the help of the QM of Walla Walla Post 992) a dignity stick to Ms. Mock. If anyone has a question with regard to obtaining a stick, you can contact Chuck at [chuckles.donahue@comcast.net](mailto:chuckles.donahue@comcast.net)

## 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.

## “Soon To Be” Past Commander’s Comments

I would like to thank the Commanders for their support the last couple of years. In addition, I would like to express my thanks to the many comrades and sisters of the various Posts that I have come to know. There are a lot of folks in District I working hard for veterans and their communities and it was my pleasure to come to know them. While it has been somewhat disappointing that we could not achieve 100% membership, it wasn’t without effort. It is what it is. I would also like to personally thank Ron Haley for the superb job he did not only as Quartermaster, but as Chief of Staff and, in particular, Inspector. As you all know, a routine inspection of a Post turned into a two year saga when Ron’s questions and requests forced an admission of guilt by a QM. Of one thing I can be assured, no Post in District I will take the Trustee’s job as a rubber stamp to approve the Quartermaster’s Reports. I would also like to personally thank a couple of comrades we all know, Elmer Johnson and Danny Houghton. Those two busted their butts in their recruiting efforts and almost got shot when a loaded weapon was brought into the gun show at Monroe and discharged. I don’t believe they give out Purple Hearts for those type of wounds but I have to give them both an “attaboy” ribbon. I will be Don’s Chief of Staff in the coming year, so I will be dropping by the Posts from time to time although not with the same frequency as I did as District Commander. I wish each Post and Auxiliary the best of luck and thank them for being there to help our service personnel and our veterans.

## Membership

Post	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior	Percent	Div	RS	City	State	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention
921	57	4	0	2	63	61	103.28%	9		SNOHOM	WA	0	6	50.00%
1040	201	11	10	68	290	285	101.75%	3		LYNNWO	WA	3	87	98.85%
1561	102	6	3	41	152	168	90.48%	5		ARLING-	WA	0	68	69.12%
2100	711	18	8	55	792	825	96.00%	1		EVERETT	WA	7	87	78.16%
2554	25	3	1	5	34	33	103.03%	10		SULTAN	WA	0	5	120.00%
7511	32	0	1	5	38	36	105.56%	10		MONROE	WA	0	6	116.67%
8870	152	8	5	42	207	214	96.73%	4		ED-	WA	3	70	80.00%
9417	53	3	0	11	67	66	101.52%	9		GOLD	WA	1	14	78.57%
	<b>1333</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>1643</b>	<b>1688</b>	<b>97.33%</b>					<b>14</b>		

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

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

## **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

	<b>Hospital</b>											
<b>Post</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>
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	<b>Chaplain</b>											
<b>Post</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Ap</b>
<b>921</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>1040</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>1561</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X
<b>2100</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>2554</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>7511</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>8870</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>9417</b>	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	

### **Post of the Year for District I is 1040**

The District Commander chooses the Post of the Year annually and makes the award presentation at the District Convention. This year, Post 1040 returns as reigning champions. As I said in the presentation, all the Posts did some things well, but Post 1040 did all things well and deserved to be recognized. The choice was easy but in a lot of ways, it overlooks the achievements made by individual Posts. I hate to start a list because I know I'll overlook certain achievements so I restrain from beginning a list. However, I think it is safe to say, the VFW is alive and well in Snohomish County. I don't read all the local newspapers (something that I should have done), but I know that at least Post 1040, Post 8870, or Post 2100 will appear in print at least weekly in either the Beacon, Everett Herald, or one of the one line publications. Like I say, if the folks don't know you're around, they can't find you. Keeping your name in print is one of the best ways to let the veterans in your communities know you're around.