



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

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

August 11th	Commanders Only Meeting— Post 2100—6:30PM
August 16th	District 1 School of Instruction – 12:00PM Brown Bag Lunch 1:00PM Meeting—Alderwood Boys and Girls Club Aquasox 7:05 PM
January 10th	District 1 Meeting—Teacher, VOD, PP, and Student Essay Awards—Post 2100
January 16-17th	Mid-Winter Conference- Vancouver
March 28th	District 1 Memorial Service— Post 2100
May 9th	District Convention—Post 2100
June 4-6th	Department Convention-Yakima

District School of Instruction

The District School of Instruction will be held on August 16th at IPM (brown bag lunch at noon). This is a mandatory meeting for both Post Commanders and Post Quartermasters. We try not to repeat what can be read from handouts. However, we need to get everyone on the same page for the 2014-15 year so there will be a bunch of information for you to take back to your Posts.

Everett Aquasox

VFW Night at the Aquasox is scheduled for August 16th at 7PM. This is an opportunity to show off VFW. Unlike the prior years, we will all be sitting together. It's a lot of fun and we can show the community that VFW is alive and well in Snohomish county. By the way, there will be a great fireworks show following the game. Last year, there was a short fuse which made for a really interesting show.

Let District Know of Special Events

I sent out an email to Post Commanders to get back to me with events their Posts are hosting. It was like shooting at the moon. I'm not sure if it was even received since I didn't hear anything from any Commanders. The Valley Posts are working well together but there is no reason why members from 8870 or 1040 can't drop by Gold Bar for a pancake breakfast, for instance. However, when the other Posts aren't made aware of various events, it is darn hard to attend them. Likewise, Auxiliaries, if you're hosting an event, sponsoring a fund raiser, and just want to publicize a meeting (for instance when the Department President shows up), let me know and I'll get it into the newsletter. The only reason for lack of communication in District I is someone who is in charge of an event not dropping me a email (or snail mail) and letting me know what is taking place.

National Convention

I watched the National convention held in St. Louis as it was streamed live to my computer in my office. I suggest that each Post Commander watch the video clips on VFW.org to see what takes place at the National level.

Post #9417's Auxiliary Changes Meeting Time

The Auxiliary has change their meeting time to 3PM in advance of shorter days. The date (1st Thursday of the month) will remain the same.

Post 8870

VFW Post 8870 will be back at the Edmonds Senior Center for their August meeting after temporarily relocating for their July meeting.

Department Mailings

Department mailings aren't mailed. Each month you need to go to www.vfwofwa.org, proceed to "Links" and review the mailings from National and Dep't.

Final Year End VFW Membership Numbers for District I

Post	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted		N/R LM	Prior	
						Prior	Year		Percent	Annual
921	57	4	0	2	63	61	103.27%	0	6	50.00%
1040	201	11	10	69	291	285	102.10%	3	87	100.00%
1561	102	7	3	43	155	168	92.26%	0	68	72.06%
2100	711	18	8	55	792	825	96.00%	7	87	78.16%
2554	25	3	1	5	34	33	103.03%	0	5	120.00%
7511	32	0	1	5	38	36	105.55%	0	6	116.67%
8870	153	10	5	43	211	214	98.59%	4	70	81.43%
9417	53	3	0	11	67	66	101.51%	1	14	78.57%
1334		56	28	233	1651	1688	97.80%	15		

37 members. That's how many we lacked to achieve 100%. I suggest for those Posts who came up just a "little bit shy", that they aim at getting back to their 2012 membership numbers. There is no reason why every Post can't make it if their members recruit. There is no way to make it if the members leave it in the hands of their Post Commander to obtain new members. Put an application into the hands of every Post member and strive to have each Comrade bring in one new member.

Who is Eligible for the Auxiliary

Ladies Auxiliary VFW Members are...

- Wives
- Widows
- Mothers
- Foster and Stepmothers (who have performed the duties of a parent)
- Grandmothers
- Daughters
- Granddaughters
- Foster and Stepdaughters (who attained that status prior to the age of sixteen and for whom the duties of parent were performed)
- Sisters, Half-sisters, foster and Stepsisters (who attained that status prior to the age of sixteen)

Members must be citizens of the United States and at least 16 years old.

Women eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States shall be eligible for dual membership in the Ladies Auxiliary.

I purchased a life membership for each of my daughters several years ago. Both are busy with families and careers just as I was at their age, but I figured at some point they may be interested in becoming active. A membership would make a nice present for the girls who have everything. For more information, go to

<http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org/membership-application-form/>

Let's try and help out the Auxiliary.

VFW Programs Deadline Dates

The dates that have an asterisk are required deadlines by National. The rest of the dates are recommended dates. If Department modifies these dates, we will let you know. Everyone should be on the same page as far as deadlines go.

Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award

*November 1, Teacher Nominations to the Post

November 15, Completion of Post judging

December 15, Completion of District judging

January 10, Completion of Department judging

January 15, District participation reports to Department Chairmen

*January 15, Department winners to National

*January 31, Department reports to National

Public Servant National Award (Law Enforcement, Firefighter, Emergency Services)

January 1, Nominations from Post to Department

February 1 (to guarantee awards for Department Conventions), nominations from Department to National

Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen

*November 1, Student entries to the Post

November 15, Completion of Post judging

December 15, Completion of District judging

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Scout of the Year

March 1, Scout entries to the Post

April 1, Post entries to Department Scouting Team Member

*May 1, Department entry to National from Department Scouting Team Member

Commander's Corner—Don Wischmann

As I settle in as District Commander, I have been to most of the Posts. The new Commanders are taking charge of their Posts and setting Goals. We have an excellent District and should do well this year.

One of the biggest items I have seen so far is the Community Service Reports not being submitted on time. If there is a problem, please contact me and I will assist you. The Hospital and Chaplin reports must be submitted each month even if there is nothing to report.

August 11th is a Commanders meeting, all Post Commanders are required to attend. We will discuss a number of items for the District to accomplish.

August 16th will be the District School of Instruction, all Post Commanders and Quartermasters are required to attend. This is a requirement for a White Hat. At School of Instruction I will have a better idea of the requirements for White Hats and will be able to help you all achieve this Goal.

Remember, the District is here to help, if you need assistance, do not hesitate to call.

Again I am looking forward to this year.

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 Rail Road 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 3:00 PM