



**VFW & Ladies Auxiliary
District I Dep't of Washington
January 2015**



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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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Upcoming Events for the 2014-15 Year

If you have changes or additions, please contact
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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
January 24th	District 1 Raffle drawing—1700 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

District Meeting

We've revised our meeting this year from the last two years. VFW and the Auxiliary will be having lunch at noon with the District meetings starting at 1:00PM. At 2PM we will receive the students and teachers and begin the awards ceremony at that time. Following the awards ceremony we will provide cake and ice cream to the attendees of the meeting. We would like to see as many VFW and Auxiliary members as possible to show our support for the students and the teachers.

Buddy Poppy Displays

Chairs—Ruth Herren and Ron Haley

By this time you have probably had 1, 2, or more Buddy Poppy drives and have ordered your Poppies. At our January District meeting, we will have a Poppy display. The theme is "Public Promotion". When you arrive with your display, please check in with the Buddy Poppy chairmen and upon leaving, check it out with them.

Raffle Tickets

Make sure you return your unused tickets, stubs, and a check to District no later than the Commanders' only meeting on January 23rd. When your tickets were issued to you, you were given an Excel worksheet to assist you in reconciling your tickets. Realistically, you need to collect everything at your meeting in January and make sure everything is accounted for and tied up in a nice neat package. If you need additional tickets let Don Wischmann know and he will get you as many as you need.

Ladies Auxiliary Seeking Members

We are conducting our annual membership drive for eligible Ladies to join the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Membership in the Ladies Auxiliary is limited to wives, widows, mothers, foster and stepmothers who have performed the duties of parent, grandmothers, daughters, granddaughters, foster and stepdaughters (who attained that status prior to age sixteen and for whom the duties of parent were performed), sisters, half-sisters, foster and stepsisters (who attained that status prior to age sixteen) of persons who were or are eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Members must be citizens of the United States, or United States Nationals, and not less than sixteen years old.

If you are eligible for membership, we would certainly like to have you join our organization. To establish eligibility, we need a copy of the Veteran's service discharge or separation certification (DD-214) or other papers such as travel orders, pay, etc.

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

For further information, contact 425-337-1559 and ask for information on the Ladies Auxiliary. If no one answers, be sure to leave your telephone number and name so we can respond to your call.

Has Your Post Considered Becoming a Commemorative Partner of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War

What does that mean? It means that as a Post, you have committed to hold two functions each year in 2015-17 to recognize, thank and honor our Vietnam Veterans and their families. In return, the Department of Defense will provide you with a Commemoration flag and seal which can be used in any event you hold. For instance, the Edmonds Cemetery board will be recognizing Vietnam veterans at next Memorial Day's ceremony. That would be one of the two events required to be conducted.



The flag you will receive, should you decide to become a Commemorative Member, was designed specifically to honor the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam war. To be more specific, the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration is the official title given to the Department of Defense program in the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act. The traditional use of the color gold to signify a 50th Anniversary was chosen for the phrase "50th Anniversary" and symbolizes the specific mission of the Department of Defense program as outlined in the Congressional language "to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War." A representation of the Vietnam Service Medal rests below the

inner rings. The red, white, and blue inner rings represent the flag of the United States of America and recognize all Americans, both military and civilian, who served or contributed to the Vietnam War effort. The outer black ring serves as a reminder of those who were held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action during the Vietnam War. The black ring surrounds the red, white, and blue rings to call attention to their sacrifices, the sacrifices of their families, and the defense of our nation's freedom. Within the blue ring are the words "Service, Valor and Sacrifice"; virtues demonstrated by our veterans during the Vietnam War. The gold-rimmed white star located between the words "Service" and "Valor" represents hope for the families of those veterans for which there has not been a full accounting. The blue-rimmed gold star located between the words "Valor" and "Sacrifice" represents the families of those veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice during the war. The blue star at the bottom of the inner blue ring represents the families of all veterans and symbolizes their support from home. At the bottom of the inner blue ring are six white stars, three on each side of the blue star. These six white stars symbolize the contributions and sacrifices made by the United States and its Allies, Australia, New Zealand, Philippines, Republic of Korea, and Thailand. The center circle contains a map of Vietnam in black outline relief, signifying both the country and the Vietnamese veterans who stood with our veterans. The subdued outlines of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and surrounding waters represent the area of operation where U.S. Armed Forces served. The green laurel wreath signifies honor for all who served. The phrase "A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You" is the personal message to each veteran, civilian, family member, and all who served and sacrificed during the Vietnam War. The seal's blue background is the same color as the canton in the United States Flag.

Becoming a member is relatively simple. Go to http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/commemorative_partners/ and fill out the appropriate paperwork. To date, Post 2100 and Post 8870 are members.

Post	bylaws	Art.	insp.	990's	audits		poppies	Bonds	
					june	Sept		QM	Club
921	2/19/13	11/4/13	10/14	13	7/30	10/30	2,000	100k/3k	
1040	12/13/12	X	10/2	13	7/7	10/6	1,500	60k/3k	
1561	11/2/10	X	10/7	13	7/8	10/8	5,000	90k/3k	
2100	3/22/13	X	10/21	12	10/14	10/22	2,000	30k/3k/3k	3k
2554	12/10/12	X	10/9	12	8/18	11/14	1,000	90k/5k	
7511	12/8/14	X	11/13	13	9/17	12/15	500	15k/3k	
8870	1/7/14	X	11/14	13	7/15	10/14	5,000	30k/30k	
9417	9/19/14	X	11/29	13	7/22	11/3	500	10k/8k	
Dist 01	8/2/13	X		13	7/21	10/21		5k/3k	

Community Service Report

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

Hospital Report

Post	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
921	5/30	6/30	7/30	8/28	10/30	10/30	12/11	1/2
1040	6/2	7/7	8/5	9/5	10/3	11/7	12/5	12/31
1561	11/5	7/14	8/10	9/11	10/14	11/12		
2100	6/13	7/7	8/10	9/5	10/6	11/6	12/15	
2554	7/9	8/10	8/10	11/3	11/3	11/17		
7511	9/15	9/15	9/15	9/15	10/6	11/13		
8870	6/3	6/24	7/30	9/3	9/29	10/27	12/3	12/30
9417	7/31	7/31	8/8	9/12	10/14	11/5	12/12	

Chaplain Report

Post	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
921	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
1040	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1561		X	X	X				
2100	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2554	X	X						
7511								
8870	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9417	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 NO MEETING IN JANUARY

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