



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



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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS

Upcoming Events for the 2014-15 Year

If you have changes or additions, please contact
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March 28th	District 1 Memorial Service— Post 2100
April 17th	Commanders' only meeting-1830 hours-Post 2100
May 9th	District Convention—Post 2100
June 4-6th	Department Convention-Yakima

Veteran of the Year

Recommendations for Veteran of the Year must be to Department no later than April 1st. The written recommendation must be no longer than 300 words long. For further information, you may contact John Beam at fuzzyface@frontier.com or call him at 425-486-3637.

White Hats

It is getting to that time of year to evaluate the various requirements to earn a White Hat and where you stand in the process. Of course, if your membership won't be 100%, you can skip to the next article regardless of your Post's achievements. However, if you have achieved 100%, make sure your "i's" and "t's" are dotted and crossed. Last year we had a Post who should have received a White Hat but the various Community Service Reports omitted some important information such as participation in various VFW programs. Make sure that you go through the requirements for a White Hat and that your paperwork is in order.

Memorial Service

March 28, 2015 our district meeting will be held at Post 2100 Everett. This is our Memorial Service. The District Chaplin, Jim Raymond, will need a list of all your deceased members that have died since March 1, 2014 and February 28, 2015. Jim has requested the list be sent to him no later than March 14, 2015 at:
Jim Raymond
P.O. Box 1352
Granite Falls, WA. 98252

Post Nominations & Elections

Section 217 of the Manual of Procedure requires that nominations of Post officers shall open in March and remain open until the Post is ready to vote. The Section goes on to say the Post elections will be held in April and officers will take office following Department's Convention which is held in June. It is critical that your Post Election Report be completed as soon as Post elections are held in April. John Hamilton, Adjutant General, requests that you submit your reports online using the Online Membership System (OMS). By doing so, a copy of the report will be sent to the email address of the person completing the report and Department HQ's. Please submit a copy to District as well. Even if there is no change in your officers from year to year, the election report is still required to be submitted annually. Failure to submit the report by June 1st can result in the Post's Charter being revoked.

2016 Essay Themes

Department announced that next year's youth essay theme will be

"Why is America My Favorite Country?"

National has also announced their themes:

Themes for Voice of Democracy are "My Vision for America" while the Patriots Pen theme will be "What Freedom Means to Me".

It's not too early to let your teachers and schools know the themes so they can build them into their curriculum for next year.

Gold Bar is Hosting Pancake Feed

On March 21st from 7-10am, Post 9417 is hosting a pancake feed. The suggested donation is \$5 but I'm sure they'll happily take more. This is also an opportunity to get to know our Comrades on the eastern frontier of District I so mark your calendars.

Edmonds Post Moving Forward on Veterans Plaza



On January 20th, the Edmonds City Council approved the design concept for Veterans Plaza. Above is the Memorial Wall with waterfalls segmenting a granite wall. Each segment will feature a branch of the service. The design was selected from a number of submissions of ideas from around the country and even one from Mexico. SiteWorkshop of Seattle was chosen unanimously by the committee who has been meeting since last summer. Committee members are made up of members of VFW Post 8870, American Legion Post 66 and members from the community including a wide representation of various interests.

Post 1040 Supporting Scouting Does Your Post?



At the BSA Cub Scout Pack 331 Blue and Gold banquet held at Edmonds United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 28th, VFW Post 1040 awarded the Scouting Spirit & leadership award to Webelos Cub Scouts Dirk Smith & Justin Hecox. This award is given annually for outstanding Leadership and Scouting Spirit shown by a member of Pack 331. Pictured L-R; VFW Past Commander Martin Spani, Scout Dirk Smith, Scout Justin Hecox & VFW Quartermaster Brian Seguin.

Using Amazon to Support VFW Projects

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support.

I grabbed the above description off the Amazon website. I know I spend far too much money at Amazon but, then again, I rarely end up at the Mall. I signed up for Amazon Smile and selected Puget Sound Honor Flight for the charity I wished to support. Every purchase I make will give Honor Flight .5% of the amount spent. Painless, easy, and a great way to help out a good cause. Thanks to Marty Spani who pointed it out to me.

Post	bylaws	Art.	insp.	990's	Audits			poppies	Bonds	
					June	Sept	Dec		QM	Club
921	2/19/13	11/4/13	10/14	13	7/30	10/30	1/20	2,000	100k/3k	
1040	12/13/12	X	10/2	13	7/7	10/6	1/14	1,500	60k/3k	
1561	11/2/10	X	10/7	13	7/8	10/8	1/9	10,000	90k/3k	
2100	3/22/13	X	10/21	EXT	10/14	10/22	2/10	2,000	30k/3k/ 3k	3k
2554	12/10/12	X	10/9	12	8/18	11/14	2/13	1,000	90k/5k	
7511	12/8/14	X	11/13	13	9/17	12/15	1/20	500	15k/3k	
8870	1/7/14	X	11/14	13	7/15	10/14	2/16	5,000	30k/30k	
9417	9/19/14	X	11/29	13	7/22	11/3		500	10k/8k	
Dist 1	8/2/13	X	1/10	13	7/21	10/21	1/13		5k/3k	

Comm. Svc

Post	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
921	5/30	6/30	7/30	8/28	10/6	10/30	12/11	1/2	1/29	3/4
1040	6/2	7/7	8/5	9/5	10/3	11/7	12/5	12/31	2/6	3/5
1561	11/5	7/14	8/10	9/11	10/14	11/12	1/13	1/13	2/10	
2100	6/13	7/7	8/10	9/5	10/6	11/6	12/15	1/13	2/16	3/4
2554	7/9	8/10	8/10	10/20	10/20	11/17	1/8	1/13	2/20	
7511	9/15	9/15	9/15	9/15	10/9	11/13	1/6	1/6	2/9	
8870	6/3	6/24	7/30	9/3	9/26	10/27	12/3	12/30	1/27	2/17
9417	7/28	7/28	8/8	9/12	10/14	11/5	12/12	1/22	2/16	

Hospital

Post	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
921	5/30	6/30	7/30	8/28	10/30	10/30	12/11	1/2	1/29	3/4
1040	6/2	7/7	8/5	9/5	10/3	11/7	12/5	12/31	2/6	3/5
1561	11/5	7/14	8/10	9/11	10/14	11/12	1/13	1/13	2/10	
2100	6/13	7/7	8/10	9/5	10/6	11/6	12/15	1/13	2/16	3/4
2554	7/9	8/10	8/10	11/3	11/3	11/17	2/13	1/13	2/20	
7511	9/15	9/15	9/15	9/15	10/6	11/13	1/6	1/6	2/9	
8870	6/3	6/24	7/30	9/3	9/29	10/27	12/3	12/30	1/27	
9417	7/31	7/31	8/8	9/12	10/14	11/5	12/12	1/22	2/16	

Chaplain

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

Membership as of March 7, 2015

<u>Post</u>	<u>Life</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Reinst</u>	<u>Cont</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Adj Prior Yr</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>N/R LM</u>	<u>Prior</u>	<u>Retention</u>
921	58	2	0	5	65	63	103.17%	0	6	50.00%
1040	195	8	2	62	267	291	91.75%	0	90	67.78%
1561	108	2	0	33	143	155	92.25%	0	53	75.47%
2100	697	11	3	56	767	792	96.84%	6	81	75.31%
2554	31	5	0	5	41	34	120.58%	0	9	44.44%
7511	33	0	1	4	38	38	100.00%	0	6	66.67%
8870	145	5	0	38	188	211	89.09%	1	58	70.69%
9417	51	2	1	14	68	67	101.49%	0	14	100.00%
	<u>1318</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>1577</u>	<u>1651</u>	<u>95.51%</u>	<u>7</u>		

Websites & Facebook

I'd like to add each Post's website, Facebook, and other social media to our listing of meetings. In addition, I think they should be added to our next District Directory. I attended Post 1561's meeting and found out they had updated their website <http://vfw1561.org> and it is very well done. I know that Sultan Post 2554 also has a nice website and Facebook presence. My Post, 8870 in Edmonds, has a good website but we are a bit weak in the social media area. 1040 has a website and a Facebook page. If your Post needs a hand in setting up a website or social media page, please let District know and we will see if we can give you a hand. If you do have a website, make sure you update it frequently. There is nothing like going to a website and seeing meeting information that is a month old.

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