



Ira L. Cater Post 318 VFW & Auxiliary

State of Washington 2018-2019 Newsletter of the Year Award Winner!

May & June 2023

POST OFFICERS

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Bill Zebelka
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Service Officer:
Jim Ratcliff

Meetings

A **Members Social Meeting** is held in the Meeting Hall at 6PM on the first Monday of every month. **General Membership meeting is at 6PM on the third Monday of each month.** House Committee meeting is at 5PM the third Monday of each month.
VFW Auxiliary meetings are at 6PM on the 1st and third Mondays of the month.
Amvets meeting is the third Tuesday, however no meetings until March 28th.

Canteen Manager:
Nicole Foster
360-357-9255

Canteen Hours:
Monday: Noon to 7PM
Tuesday: Noon to 6PM
Wednesday: Noon to 8PM
Thursday: Noon to 7PM
Friday: Noon to 11PM
Saturday: Noon to 9PM
Sunday: Noon to 7PM

Color Guard Commander
Brandon Pruett
541-399-5409

Newsletter Inputs or Issues:
Jackie Tobosa, Newsletter Editor
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Commander's Corner

Howdy everyone,
First, I would like to thank VFW Auxiliary for our repair to the HVAC system. The bill was almost \$3000 and without hesitation they stepped up and donated the money.
Next thank you members of the post for voting me in as commander once again. I assure you this year is going to be great.

I want to thank all who stepped up to take on more volunteer responsibility as officers this year. The VFW Post officer team is as follows:

- Jessica Spencer: Sr. Vice Commander
- Stephen Brigham: Jr. Vice Commander
- Bruce Smith: Quartermaster
- Brandon Pruett: Chaplain
- April Acey: Adjutant

House Committee

- Josh Howen (Chairman)
- Wayne Mugarategui
- Terry Landes
- Ben Chakwas

Our joint installation with the VFW Auxiliary will be held 7 May 2023 come join us and celebrate a new year.

The 2nd of May we will be having a leader meeting for all of the clubs associated with the VFW starting at 6:00 pm.

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AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President:
Kelimaria Brigham
360-791-2075
Treasurer:
Karen Schultz

Please Contact either of the above if you have Auxiliary issues!

Auxiliary President's Corner

Happy Spring!!

I want to thank everyone who came to our 100th Anniversary Party for the Auxiliary. I hope everyone had a great time. We passed out member pins and the 100th Anniversary pin to all those in attendance. A special thank you to Darcy, Gail, and the Honor Guard. I could not have done all of this without you.

We also had a wonderful Bazaar; Sher did a wonderful job behind the scenes getting the tables rented. Steve, Jay, and Matthew. Thank you for the set up and breakdown of the room. Patty, Gail, Jackie, Dottie, and everyone who helped in the kitchen and at the raffle table. It was a small but wonderful event.

We will be holding our election on May 1st; the installation of the Officers will be on May 7th at 2pm. This will be a joint installation with the post.

I would like to invite everyone to the next District Meeting, on May 14th starting at

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Commander's Corner (continued)

These next couple months are going to be busy 14 May we will be doing Mothers Day Bruch, mothers eat for free every-one else 10 dollars.

Horse Races 20 May, taco's start at 430, races start at 430.

Memorial Day Potluck, 29 May the VFW will be providing the fried chicken, VFW Auxiliary will be making the scalloped potatoes, and we ask that everyone else brings their favorite side dish for the potluck we will be starting this at 1230.

With Memorial Day coming up please remember those who are no longer with us. Flags will be available for people to take to local cemeteries.

GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN.

Lastly, I ask everyone to please check up on our veterans and their families. Sometimes a phone call and can make all the difference.

Thank you for your support! .

Crystal Beeler
Post Commander
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Honor Guard

Greetings,

Thanks to Brian Baker for serving as our Honor Guard Commander you will be missed!

We have a contact that is trying to sell a plot in the Mills & Mills veterans section that is no longer needed. Contact me if you have interest.

As always, Thank You for everyone's support! Taking care of Veterans is what we do best.

Respectfully,
Brandon Pruett
Honor Guard Commander



Auxiliary President's Corner (continued)

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Noon at the Elma Grange. Lunch will be available at a cost of \$10.00. At this meeting the new District Officers will be elected.

The State convention is June 15-18 in Spokane, please let me know ASAP if you are planning on attending.

We are still looking to add the Flag "ladies", if you would like to participate, please contact Darcy. No experience is needed.

We will be having a 4th of July BBQ this year if you are interested in helping plan this event. Please let the Commander know and she will get you in touch with the planning committee.

I would like to thank Sara Baker for working on the Newsletter these past few months, Jackie Tobosa will be taking over for the post as the newsletter Editor. Thanks, Jackie, for taking on this task.

Our Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each Month. We would love to have all auxiliary members come out.

Until Next Time, Keep Smiling.

Kelimaria Brigham
Auxiliary President
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House Committee

We are so grateful for all the volunteers that help with everything that we do at the Post this past year. Without you, this post could not do the great things that it does.

Please give your continued support and welcome to our new and returning house committee members Josh Howe (Chairman) Wayne Mugartegui, Terry Landes and Ben Chakuas .



Canteen Corner

Hi,

We are almost half way through the year already and the canteen is doing well. We are still making and implementing changes so thank you for your patience and understanding while these changes take place. I would like to say thank you to any and all members who have donated and cooked the Friday night dinners and have served food. I also want to say thank you to the others who have been volunteering their time to assist with all other VFW business needs. We now have a calendar up at the bar for members to sign up to cook Friday night dinners. We are in need of more volunteers for the following: Wednesday Bingo callers & food runners. Thank you for all of your continued support!

Cheers!
Nicole Foster
Canteen Manager
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Sons of AmVets

Membership Applications available at the post. You need a copy of your sponsors DD-214, \$40 and completed application. Please mail to Daniel Criscola. 798 Brockway Rd, Chehalis WA 98532. Phone # (360) 628-4970.



Happy Hookups

Any questions about the camping club? Contact either the Wagon Master, Rhodetta Seward rhodetta@comcast.net 360.791.7011 or the Scout, Steve Kirsch, 2kirschs@gmail.com 360.561.9577





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May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 VFW Post & Auxiliary meeting: 6PM	2 6pm VFW Contact Leader Meeting	3 Bridge 11am Bingo & Burgers 4:30-6:00 PM Raffle	4 Dancers 12:30 -3:30PM Tacos 5 -6pm Big Mouth Bingo 4:30 -5:30pm Queen of Hearts GPM	5 Karaoke 6-11PM Friday Night Dinner 5-7PM	6
7 2PM VFW Post & Aux Installation AmVet Aux Meeting 3PM Wkly Drawing 6PM	8	9	10 Bridge 11am Bingo & Burger 4:30-6:00 PM Raffle	11 Dancers 12:30-3:30PM Queen of Hearts GPM	12 Karaoke 6-11PM Friday Night Dinner 5-7PM	13 8AM Marine Breakfast CVMA Ride 2pm
14 Mother's Day 10-2pm Brunch \$10 Mothers Free Wkly Drawing 6PM	15 VFW Post Auxiliary meeting: 6PM	16 Sons Of AMVETS Meeting 6PM	17 Bridge 11AM Bingo & Burgers 4:30-6:00 PM Raffle	18 Dancers 12:30-3:30 pm Tacos 5-6pm Queen of Hearts GPM	19 Karaoke 6-11PM Friday Night Dinner 5-7PM	20 Horse Races 4pm
21 Wkly Drawing 6PM	22	23 AmVets Meeting 6PM	24 Bridge 11AM Bingo & Burger 4:30-6:00 PM Raffle	25 Dancers 12:30-3:30PM Queen of Hearts GPM	26 Karaoke 6-11PM Friday Night Dinner 5-7PM	27
28 Wkly Drawing 6PM	29 Memorial Day 12:30PM Potluck	30	31 Bridge 11AM Bingo & Burger 4:30-6:00 PM Raffle			



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June 2023

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Newsletter Submissions Policy

All submissions for the newsletter are strongly encouraged! Email submissions must be sent to the VFW Post 318 email address of: vfw318news@gmail.com. I will also take written input in person or via a second person. All submissions should be received by me no later than the fifteenth of the month previous to the by-monthly issue—late submissions will be considered as time permits.

I prefer newsletter submissions as an e-mail or an e-mail attachment as a text or MS Word document, as this will prevent me from retyping the submission. But I will accept type written or hand written submissions.

All submissions MUST contain contact information! I need this information in case I need to clarify or verify any information submitted. Name and contact information will not be published without permission.

As Editor, I reserve the right to edit all submissions. This will include primarily spelling and grammar errors, but may also include content. I may delete duplicate information or content that was mentioned in other articles.

I may also delete parts of the submission or reword, paraphrase, as needed to fit the newsletter. I will retain the meaning or intent of the submission.

Anything submitted that is clearly inflammatory, unfounded or not factual, will not be published unless there is a pressing need, and will have a rebuttal, if appropriate, published at the same time.

Any newsletter issues are to be directed to me.

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Disclaimer

All events mentioned in the newsletter and on the calendar are subject to change and/or cancellation. Contact the VFW Canteen if it is a Canteen event, if in doubt. If it is a Post event, contact a Post Officer.



Deadlines

Submission Due Dates:

December 15th

February 15th

April 15th

June 15th

August 15th

October 15th

Late submissions with will be considered if time permits.

Newsletters publishing dates:

January/February

March/April

May/June

July/August

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November/December