



Ira L. Cater Post 318 VFW & Auxiliary

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

July & August 2022

POST OFFICERS

Commander:

Crystal Beeler
360-742-2122

Quartermaster:

Bruce Smith
360-754-1346

Chaplain:

Bill Zebelka
360-754-1346

Service Officer:

Jim Ratcliff
360-754-1346

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 Monday's of the month.

Canteen Manager:

Camille Jenkins
360-357-9255

Canteen Hours:

Monday: Noon to 9PM
Tuesday: Noon to 9PM
Wednesday: Noon to 10PM
Thursday: Noon to 9PM
Friday: Noon to 12PM
Saturday: Noon to 9PM
Sunday: Noon to 9PM

Color Guard Commander

Brian Baker
360-819-2164

Newsletter Inputs or Issues:

Cheryl Dowd, Newsletter Editor
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Commander's Corner

Hello everyone, I'm so very honored to be your next Commander!

This year's officers are
Albert Lynch - Sr Vice Commander
Jessica Spencer -Jr Vice Commander
Bruce Smith - Quartermaster
Trry Landes -Adjutant
Bill Zebelka -Chaplain
Dave DeVoe -Surgeon

I cannot wait to get things moving. I went to department convention & I learned so much great information & stuff to help veterans & their families.

I want to say how incredibly amazing the VFW AUXILIARY are! We were lucky to have them to put on a wonderful Father's Day picnic & I just hope they understand how much that meant to all of us at the VFW.

While we were at convention, we learned that the PACT Act had passed the house at 100%. It has gone up to Senate & is now delayed due to it being on recess at the Senate, but our biggest hope is that it will pass very soon through the Senate because our president has said that as soon as it hits his desk, he will sign it. I look forward to explaining what the PACT Act is to anybody that would like to know. I will start posting information like that in our newsletter, so everybody understands the information about the great things that the VFW is doing..... **continued....**

Editor's Notes

Do you know MS Publisher??!

*Would you be interested in being part of the Newsletter team? Please let me know if this is something you would like to do. I would like to be **DONE** by the end of the year.*

Thank you very much!!!

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President:

Kelimaria Brigham
360-791-2075

Treasurer:

Candis Smith
360-556-5684

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

Auxiliary President's Corner

WELCOME TO SUMMER!

As our summer is approaching, I would like to remind everyone that we are only meeting on the 3rd Monday of month for July, August, & September. We have a full line up of events happening this summer & in the plans for the fall. Please look at your newsletter & the different announces that will be made.

I attended the Washington State Convention in Spokane with our Treasurer Candy Smith. We had a wonderful time meeting people from other posts, electing the new State Officers & visiting the post in & around Spokane. At the convention we received the Health Auxiliary Award, & we were also honored with the "Outstanding Auxiliary of the Year" Award.

I think the best part of the convention was the announcement of the winner of the Patriotic arts competition. The submission sent to us by a Senior from Olympia High School not only won 1st place at our District event but won 1st place at the State level. This fabulous piece of art is now moving on to the National competition. Once we find out who the winners are we be hosting an awards ceremony & meet & greet for our young collegebound winner.

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Commander's Corner
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in the legislation & at Congress every day to help our veterans that gave their all & their family members & to help those veterans that are still here that are having difficulties.

Please, never hesitate to reach out to me. I want to make sure that all of our veterans & their family members are taken care of. NO ONE DOES MORE FOR OUR VETERANS, that is what I stand by & what our post will be standing by.

Thank you to all those that helped with the Mother's Day brunch, Bruce Smith, Carl Mantegna, Ken Smith, Brian Baker, Hilda Smith, Andy Garate, & the Boy Scouts. It was a great success I hope all the others felt loved & well fed that morning.

Thank you everyone that supported the horse races. I was very proud to be a part of that because we together got to do a combined VFW, Auxiliary, AmVets, Sons of AmVets, event & that will be one of many that we will do, thank you Carl for all than you did with that.

There is so much great stuff in the works, please continue to support the canteen & all of its fun activities.

Very Respectfully,
Crystal Beeler
Post Commander
360-742-2122

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Auxiliary President's Corner
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The installation of Officers was held on Sunday June 26 with the Post. To remind you the next years officers are:
President -Kelimaria Brigham
Sr Vice President-Cheryl Dowd
Jr Vice President-Sher Dotson
Chaplin-Dianne Devoe
Treasurer- Candis Smith
Conductress-Gail Yenne
Guard-Gail Johnson
Trustee #1-Gail Johnson
Trustee #2 Darcy Mugaregui
Trustee#3- Christina Bateman
Appointed by the President Keli Brigham
Secretary-Cheryl Greenfield
Patriotic Instructor-Peter Schultz.

On the 4th of July we will be walking in the Tumwater 4th of July Parade with Post 11402. If you would like to walk with us, please let me know. Our theme is Hawaiian Luau. Then afterward the Honor Guard is hosting the 4th of July Picnic at the post from 11-2

On August 1st the Post will be hosting some Airman from 6 pm to 8pm. We will be providing finger type foods, light hors d'oeuvres & appetizers. Please let me know if you can bring anything.

On August 21 the district school of instruction will be hosted by McCleary. I will get times & location out to the officer prior to the event.

Please remember as an auxiliary our duty is to serve Veterans. If you know a Veteran in need, please let us know.

Until Next Time

Kelimaria Brigham
Auxiliary President
360-791-2075

skbrigham@comcast.net

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A special thank you to all the volunteers at the Father's Day Celebration. I had terrific help with setting up the tables & chairs - decorations & the donation of the best tasting food. Also, the clean-up crew & help with putting everything away & cleaning the kitchen. I could not have done the event without each & every one of you.

THANK YOU!

Gail Johnson -

Father's Day Celebration Coordinator.

VFW Auxiliary Treasurer Message

Just reminder that unpaid Annual membership is now lapsed, & you will need to submit a new application along with the DD214 of the eligible VFW member. If you are unsure of your annual membership status, please contact me at 360-556-6584, via email at mrsflifter@gmail.com, or through the drop box for Auxiliary treasurer at the post.

For our Life members you can still pay your Cancer dues at any time. So please get those Cancer dues in. This is an important benefit you do not want to lose.

To ALL Members a reminder to please update any changes to Phone #, address or emails so that any notices, newsletters, & other information can get to you in a timely manner. Also, if you know of any member who may have moved, please let me know.

We are ending our 2021-2022 membership year and boy has it had new challenges for all of us. We are still need membership participation at meeting the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month at 6pm. During the summer months we only meet the 3rd Monday of the month. There are lots of volunteer opportunities as well so keep a watch out for posters at the post & on the calenderers If you need applications for membership, have any questions or concerns, please address them to me at:

Attn: VFW 318 Auxiliary Treasurer
2902 Martin Way E.
Olympia, WA. 98506

You can also reach me via phone: 360-556-6584 or email mrsflifter@gmail.com

Thanks, & look forward to seeing you all soon

Sincerely,

Candy Benguerel Smith
Auxiliary Treasurer
360-556-6584

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Hey! to all the AmVet Auxiliary members - our meetings are the second Sunday of each month at the VFW at 3pm. Please come, we need your help & ideas.

THANK YOU!
Gail Johnson

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July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Friday Night Dinner	2 Live Music By Randy Litch
3 AmVets Auxiliary Meeting 3PM Wkly Drawing 6PM	4 Pinochle 11AM  4TH OF JULY POT LUCK 11 A.M. to 2 P.M.	5	6 Bridge 11am Bingo & Burger 4:30-6:00 PM Raffle	7 Dancers Club 12-4pm Queen of Hearts 6PM  SFBH 6-7PM	8 Jungle Juice Karaoke Friday Night Dinner	9 SFBH Event
10 Wkly Drawing 6PM	11 Pinochle 11AM	12 Sangria <i>Ladies Night!</i>	13 Bridge 11am Bingo & Burgers 4:30-6:00 PM Raffle Karaoke	14 Dancers Club 12-4pm Queen of Hearts 6PM 	15 Friday Night Dinner SFBMC Mtg 6:30pm	16 Brewing Class Live Music By Bart "Hoss" Herigstad
17 Wkly Drawing 6PM	18 Pinochle 11AM VFW Post & Auxiliary meeting: 6PM	19 Sons Of AMVETS Meeting 6PM	20 Bridge 11am Bingo & Burgers 4:30-6:00 PM Raffle	21 Dancers Club 12-4pm Queen of Hearts 6PM 	22 Karaoke Friday Night Dinner	23 Memorial Service 
24 CVMA -Combat Vets Motorcycle Assoc -10am Wkly Drawing 6PM	25 Pinochle 11AM	26 AMVETS Meeting 6PM	27 Bingo & Burger 4:30-6:00 PM Raffle Karaoke	28 Dancers Club 12-4pm Queen of Hearts 6PM 	29 Friday Night Dinner	30  Horse Races
31 Wkly Drawing 6PM						



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August 2022

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	1 Pinochle 11AM	2	3 Bingo & Burgers 4:30-6:00 PM Raffle	4 Queen of Hearts 6PM 	5 Jungle Juice Karaoke Friday Night Dinner	6 Memorial Service Live Music TBA
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VFW Members:

None reported

VFW Auxiliary Members:

None reported

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Honor Guard

Greetings ALL!

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered over the last couple months. Our Honor Guard Team has grown by several new members, & I appreciate everyone that has stepped up & volunteered to help. I will be stepping down very soon as I move closer to retirement. I would like to thank Ken Smith for stepping in as Jr Commander for now, until I step down, then he will be ready to transition into this position. As always, Thank You for everyone's support! Taking care of Veterans is what we do best!!

Brian Baker
Honor Guard Commander
360-819-2164



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Happy Hookups

Westport was a beautiful setting for the June campout & Annual Meetings for the Happy Hookups. Nineteen members were in attendance for the meeting & 21 for the dinner. Members enjoyed a spaghetti dinner Wednesday & began Thursday with a biscuits & gravy, scrambled egg, bacon breakfast & finished the evening with a delicious BBQ of T-bone and New York steaks with lots of sides, baked potatoes & so many desserts – way too much food.

Elections were held & **Steve Kirsch was elected Scout & Rhodetta Seward, Wagon Master for the 2022-23 camping year.**

August Campout: Pacific Beach – MUST CALL NOW AS THEY WILL NOT HOLD OUR SPOTS. Pacific Beach Military RV, 108 1st St N, Pacific Beach, 360.276.4414 Press # for front desk and tell them you are with the Happy Hook Ups!

Club's Next Campout: July 19-21 check out on 22nd – Silver Cove, 352 Hall Rd, Silver Lake, 360.967.2057. Frank & Vickie hosting and are providing Shrimp Tacos.

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Happy Hookups (continued)

NEW MEMBERS: If you have a RV (trailer or motorhome) and like to camp, and are over 21, a veteran or a family member of a veteran, DAV, or AmVet, contact the Wagonmaster or Scout or someone you know is a current member of the Happy Hookups, and ask for more information about the club. We want you to try us out and we try you out before joining. Come on out and check out what we do – we're a pretty laid-back group – some ride bikes, some play games, we sit around campfires, take walks, many have dogs, some like to read, cook, most like to visit and laugh, and we have happy hours with appetizers, we do potlucks and we all like to eat!



Guess the women must be off doing all the work (hee hee)! Actually, they went to BINGO at the VFW!

Try us on and see what you think!

Rhodetta Seward
WagonMaster
360.791.7011



Steve Kirsch
Scout
360.951.4747

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Canteen Corner

Hello from the bar side, We had some great success with our Silent/Live auction, raised over \$2000 for the post, & that is amazing! We also have some changes happening such as, new SUMMER hours, & having volunteers come in to work on Sundays, & any extra needed days! It has been a great success so far, so make sure when your volunteers are in here you are treating them well! We also have our paid staff kicking butt on a regular basis which has been amazing as well. With that being said I want to thank everyone for continuing to show your support in these times of change!

Cheers!
Camille Jenkins
Canteen Manager
360-357-9255



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House Committee

As our new year of officers have started I would like to thank everyone for their support of the canteen & post. We are going to have a great year I would like to encourage you to give the House Committee or Camille, canteen manager & Crystal, our new commander some ideas on how to make it better we are here to listen and easy to find I want to congratulate our new officers and to let them know they have our support hope to see you at the next social or post meeting Carl

House committee chair

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Service Officer

Please call for an appointment.

Jim Ratcliff
Service Officer
360-754-1346



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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.

Cheryl Dowd
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Olympia, WA 98506
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vfw318news@gmail.com This e-mail address is **ONLY** used for newsletter items..

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
September/October
November/December