



Ira L. Cater Post 318 VFW & Auxiliary

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

May & June 2021

POST OFFICERS

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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:

Alyssa Davis

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

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Commander's Corner

Greetings All,

In 2020 faced daunting challenges due to the pandemic. We were forced to close for a few months and that took away our ability to accomplish a lot of things we might have otherwise been able to do.

Our focus was, is, and will ever be support of veterans. This entails many aspects but there is one underlying need. That need is support; membership is key to any organization and ours is no different. The VFW is a great organization and as our motto states "no one does more for veterans"! But that takes volunteers to make things happen.

Currently we have positions needing to be filled. Above all is the color guard. This is a vital crux of 318. The color guard provides final honors for veterans. Please consider becoming a part of the color guard team.

There will be a celebration of life for R.D. Norleen on the 31st of May, which is also Memorial Day. What a great opportunity to celebrate someone who gave so much of himself to 318. See the calendar for times.

It has been an honor to lead 318 for the past year. I look forward to doing more great things with you all.

Thanks for your support.

Regards,

Ken Smith

Post Commander

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Editor's Notes

*I used to have a
handle on life, but
then it broke.*

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President:

Kelimaria Brigham

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Treasurer:

Sharon Ryan

360-320-1913

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

Auxiliary President's Corner

Hello All!!

It has been wonderful getting back to the VFW!!

The Auxiliary is in full swing. A big Thank you to Sher Dotson and all who helped with our Spring Bazaar. I am sad to report that we are missing our Auxiliary Banner and the poles for our flag banners. If anyone might know where they are Please let me know. We were unable to put out our signs to drive traffic to the Bazaar. If not found, we will have to replace prior to our fall Bazaar and rummage sale.

We have elected our new offices, but unfortunately, we have one position still to fill. We need a Treasurer. This position is of great importance to the Auxiliary. If you have an interest, please consider this position. Training is available.

List of next year's officers:

President Kelimaria Brigham

SR. Vice President Cheryl Dowd

JR. Vice President Sher Dotson

Chaplin Dianne Devoe

Guard Gail Johnson

Conductress Candis Smith

Trustee#1 Karen Schultz

Trustee#2 Gail Johnson

Trustee#3 Candis Smith

Secretary Cheryl Greenfield

Patriotic Instructor Peter Schultz

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VFW Auxiliary President (continued)

May 15 the Auxiliary will be having a cake and cookie reception to present membership pins and install new members that have joined in the past year. Membership pins are awarded for every 5 years of Auxiliary Membership.

I would love to see members attend our meetings. We meet the first and third Mondays of each month at 6pm. Please join us!!! We would love to see you.

Stay Safe and Well
Kelimaria Brigham
Auxiliary President
skbrigham@comcast.net



I used to be addicted to the Hokey Pokey, but then I turned myself around.



Happy Hookups

Happy Hookups Are on the Road Again The Happy Hook Ups enjoyed three wonderful days of sunshine in March 2021 at Rest A-While RV Resort, on the water at Hoodspout.

Two members celebrated their new rigs, Mike & Judy Day & Jack & Rhodetta Seward, so of course, there was champagne!

Pam Springer & Bob Long hosted the campout, providing a delicious dinner Thursday night, & we had 17 members for the morning meeting. This is very unusual for March – truly a telling story people were ready to get out after many months of being cooped up from the pandemic. We discussed the June campout, to be held at Westport. This will replace our annual holiday party, & members decided the club will provide steaks, baked potatoes with all the trimmings, salads, rolls, & dessert. Sign-ups will begin at the April campout, so members will need to get their orders in soon if they plan to attend. We also decided to serve breakfast in the morning just prior to the meeting: biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, fruit, & coffee. YUM!

The sunsets were absolutely stunning on the water. Saturday night got a little chilly, but Cliff Runyon received an MVP award for making coffee to warm everyone up (well they could add Bailey's if they wanted to . . .) It was so good to see Judy Roderick join us too – it had been a while since she had been out to one of the campouts. April's campout took place at Hoquiam River RV Park, & again, the club was blessed

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VFW Auxiliary Treasurer Message

This will be my last contribution to the Post Newsletter as my husband and I are relocating to Wisconsin soon and I will be resigning from the office of Auxiliary Treasurer. You can still place applications, payments, and letters in the "Treasurer's Box" in the Post hallway. It will be monitored. Future payments of dues and correspondence to the Auxiliary Treasurer should be mailed to the following name and address until further notice:

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

Checks should be made payable to **VFW 318 AUXILIARY**.

Thank you all for your support these past few years. Please consider serving your Auxiliary as Treasurer...

Thank you very much.
Sharon Ryan
Auxiliary Treasurer
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with beautiful weather – three gorgeous days of sunshine. Tuesday, all members visited the Hoquiam VFW, & since they arrived early & stayed through dinner time, they enjoyed tacos & taco salads -- the price was outstanding! Wednesday, club members surprised Wagon Master Rhodetta with a lasagna birthday dinner (yes, she turned another year younger!).

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More pictures after the calendar!!
We had a BALL!!



She was a bit over overwhelmed, as she is the one who typically cooks on Wednesdays. She thought she was going out somewhere for dinner, but instead they sneakily decorated the clubhouse, cooked while she sat & enjoyed a beautiful fire & visited, & she had not one, but TWO birthday cakes, ice cream, cards, gifts – WOW they even sang to her! What a great group of people! And thank you Joe & Carol for the lasagna – it was fabulous. Everyone enjoyed the meal.

Thursday night, Pam and Bob again hosted with pork loin, delicious potatoes and yummy gravy and blended up two flavors of margaritas. Everyone filled in with wonderful salads, veggies, and desserts – (lemon meringue pie, cake, and ice cream). We campers know how to eat well! We had 16 members for our meeting Thursday morning – thanks Ed Elliot and Donna Graves for driving down for the meeting. And it was great to see Kathy Uhlmann and Darrius Wright, Wednesday & Thursday, – it has been way too long! Our next campout is May 18-20 at Glen Ayr RV along Hood Canal. If you have an RV & are a VFW or AMVET member & are interested in joining the club, contact US & we will be happy to get you more information.

Rhodetta Seward,
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Cliff Runyon
Scout 360.480.4267





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May 2021

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						1 DAV Mtg 12PM 
2 Wings & Fries! Wkly Drawing 6PM	3 Pinochle 11AM VFW Post & Auxiliary meeting: 6PM	4	5 Cinco de Mayo  Bingo & Burger 4:30-6:00 PM Raffle Karaoke 6-9	6 Sons of Italy 5:30 SFB -Special Forces Brotherhood 6:30PM	7 Karaoke & Snacks 5 to 9pm	8 
9  Brunch 10am-12pm Wings & Fries! Wkly Drawing 6PM	10 Pinochle 11AM AmVets Auxiliary Meeting 3PM	11 Paint & Sip 6pm \$25	12 Bridge 12pm Bingo & Burgers 4:30-6:00 PM Raffle Karaoke 6-9	13	14 Live Music by: Four Stroke Ride 7pm-10pm	15 ★ Armed Forces Day 
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June 2021

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RIP

VFW Members:

R.D. Norleen



VFW Auxiliary Members:

Frederica "Ricki" Grayson

~ District 5 President

Sandy Anderson

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Color Guard

ATTENTION! This is an order!

And as always, the bin on the side of the VFW 318 building has been emptied of aluminum cans!

Please feel free to fill it up with aluminum cans, but not glass bottles, soup cans, plastic protein drink containers, etc. Thank you and keep up the good work! At ease...

Color Guard Commander

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More Happy Campers!!!

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☆☆☆☆ **Veterans Support**

I thought about a book. It is called "Women Vietnam Veterans: Our Untold Stories". The Author is [Donna A. Lowery](#) (retired Army). You can get it on Amazon. She lives here in Thurston County. This is written from females that **weren't** medical but were in Vietnam.

As a note on Food Banks. I was on a committee a few years ago. The Thurston County Food Bank was looking at whether they had satellites that were meeting the needs of veterans. The question is do they want to fill out the forms that the Food Bank uses to get grants with. VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Post 318 **doesn't** want to fill out the Food Bank forms; so they are not part of the Food Bank. VFW wants to be able to give to any veterans with no constraints. If they are like the Lacey Veterans Services Hub, who does the forms, then they could be connected. In fact, the Hub gives out two different kinds of Food Bags. One is cooking and the other is non-cooking.

Another note is that if a veteran is needing a Covid-19 shot, call 206-716-5716.

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MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION

I am pleased to invite our Auxiliary members to a Cake and Cookie Reception on May 15th at 2pm. We will be presenting Members with Membership year pins. We will also be installing new members who joined us this past year.

Please RSVP to me by Saturday May 8th.

Email to skbrigham@comcast.net or call 360-791-2075, please leave a message.



☆☆☆☆ **Canteen Corner**

Hello from the bar side!

We now offer karaoke two nights a week, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Street Taco Tuesdays are getting quite popular too!

Please welcome our new bartenders, Adam and Camille, and happy birthday to Adam! We will be having biscuit and gravy brunches for both Mother's and Father's day. We now have wings & fries every Sunday 4:30p-6:00p!!!

Lots of new members: if you see someone new, please say hello and welcome them to our Post family!

Cheers!

Alyssa Davis

Canteen Manager

360-357-9255



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Service Officer

From the service officer I'm at the post every Wednesday from 5-7 pm. The most common claim I see is Tinnitus a constant ringing in the ears. Think it might be service related come in & see me.

Bill Zabelka

Service Officer

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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@outlook.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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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

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