



# Ira L. Cater Post 318 VFW & Auxiliary

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

May & June 2022

## POST OFFICERS

**Commander:**

Ken Smith  
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Crystal Beeler  
360-742-2122

**Chaplain:**

Bill Zebelka  
360-754-1346

**Service Officer:**

Jim Ratcliff  
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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:**

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**

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## Commander's Corner

Greetings everyone,

My time as commander will be coming to an end. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, Crystal Beeler will be taking the helm of 318. I have enjoyed leading such a great organization as ours. After traveling around and seeing other posts in our area and across the country I can honestly say 318 is among the best. That is true because of the outstanding members we have who step up and help when needed. I am proud of the accomplishments everyone put forth with what we had to deal with during the times of COVID shutdown and the great lengths it took to stay viable. We never lost focus of what is important and that is taking care of veterans.

We are not done though. We have our Veterans Service Day coming up on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Please let Crystal know if you are able to assist with the event. We have the virtual blood drive throughout the month of May. Please reach out to family and friends and encourage them to donate if able. Use the code V318 when donating.

If out of the Bloodworks Northwest region have them email me to say where and when they donated. We have a goal of 318 donations. This is an easy goal if we all participate even if you can't I'm sure you know someone who can.

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## 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 this to be my last newsletter.*

**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

Happy Spring Auxiliary Members

Thanks to Sher Dotson & her team we once again had a very successful bazaar. Plans are now in the works for a fall Rummage Sale headed up by Darcy Mugartegui, please watch for more information as we get closer to the sale. We are also working on Buddy Poppy sales, watch the post bulletin board for signup sheets to help. This is one of our fundraisers to help with the support we provide to our veterans. May 14<sup>th</sup> we will be working with the post on the Veterans Service Day. The Auxiliary will be working on Father's Day brunch for all the dads. Please let me know if you can help support this by donating varies food items or working the kitchen or helping to clean up afterwards.

At our last meeting we help our annual election for officers for the 2022-2023 year. Next year's officers elected by Acclimation 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 Mugartegui  
Trustee#3- Christina Bateman  
Appointed by the President Keli Brigham  
Secretary-Cheryl Greenfield  
Patriotic Instructor-Peter Schultz.

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## Commander's Corner (continued)

Reach out to family and friends wherever they are.

The VFW is a great organization. I am proud to be a part of it. Let's always remember those who came before us. We help the dead by taking care of the living.

Thanks for your support.

Regards,

**Ken Smith**

**Post Commander**

**360-556-6594**

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## Memorial Day Buddy Poppy Campaign

In the week before Memorial Day you will see those familiar stands around town, manned by VFW Post & VFW Auxiliary members. What goes through your mind? "Good, there they are, I can give to support those veterans who have given so much for me & my freedom".

We know this is what you think, because you tell us so as we sit and pass out the little red flowers & accept your generous donations that mean so much to our veterans, our military, and their families.

The VFW member you received your poppy from is a volunteer. Their supervisor is a volunteer, & the people helping organize the campaign are volunteers. Their only pay is the feeling of pride that comes from devoting time & effort to those who have given so much. And to the families of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

Where does the money go? We get asked this question many times .....

We are proud to tell you it goes to helping & supporting our veterans, our military & their families. It goes to direct assistance programs for needy & disabled veterans and active service members and their families in our own community.

## Auxiliary President's Corner (continued)

The Auxiliary & post will hold a joint installation of officer's June 26. Details to follow.

On April 23, the district 5 Auxiliary held the spring Luncheon hosted by Shelton. After the luncheon the current district offices went over the standing rules & made a few changes to be voted on at the next District meeting. Those changes will be presented at the first meeting in May for our auxiliary to vote on if we agree or disagree with the changes put forth. Please come & voice your option. As the largest auxiliary in the district our voice is heard.

The State convention will be held in Spokane on June 15-18<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you are planning on attending. I will be driving over on Wednesday June 15.

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

*Until Next Time*

**Kelimaria Brigham**  
**Auxiliary President**

**360-791-2075**


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There is of course someone who does get paid. The disabled veteran who assembles the Poppy from the original parts receives a nominal sum for their work. The amount is small but it does help them buy little luxuries that make hospital life tolerable. It also enables them to buy a gift now and then for their family.

So, when you receive your "Buddy Poppy" give from your heart (and pocketbook/wallet), but most importantly WEAR IT PROUDLY! You have helped a veteran. You have helped the family of someone who can no longer help them. YOU HAVE DONE GOOD!

Remember as you donate to this worthy cause the veterans and the sacrifices they have made for you. **Schedule** 

I also ask that you remember the generosity of the establishments we are at. They have generously allowed us to put up our stands and distribute our Buddy Poppy's. Shop at these establishments and let them know you appreciate their commitment to our veterans and their families. Thank you in advance for your donations and support.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

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## VFW Auxiliary Treasurer Message

Just reminder that unpaid Annual membership is now lapsed, and 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 [mrslifter@gmail.com](mailto:mrslifter@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.

Another reminder to please update any changes to Phone #, address or emails so that any notices and 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month at 6pm. During the summer months we only meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. There are lots of volunteer opportunities as well so keep a watch out for posters at the post and 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 Marti Way E.

Olympia, WA. 98506

You can also reach me via phone: 360-556-6584 or send an email

Thanks, and look forward to seeing you all soon

Sincerely,

**Candy Benguerel Smith**  
**Auxiliary Treasurer**

**360-556-6584**

[mrslifter@gmail.com](mailto:mrslifter@gmail.com)

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**Monday – May 23rd** – The United States Postal Service at (Westside)

400 Cooper Point Rd, Ste 27, Olympia

**Tuesday - May 24th** at Albertsons

3520 Pacific Ave, Olympia

**Wednesday – May 25th** - Safeway

(Westside) – 3215 Harrison Ave NW, Olympia

**Thursday – May 26th** – Safeway

4280 Martin Way E, Olympia

**Friday – May 27th** – Ralph's Thriftway

1908 Fourth Ave, Olympia



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## May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>  <b>Wkly Drawing 6PM</b>	<b>2</b> Pinochle 11AM  <b>VFW Post &amp; Auxiliary meeting: 6PM</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Bridge 11am  Bingo & Burger 4:30-6:00 PM Raffle Karaoke 6-9	<b>5</b>  Queen of Hearts 6PM	<b>6</b>  Karaoke 6 to 9pm	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>  <b>AmVets Auxiliary Meeting 3PM</b>  <b>Wkly Drawing 6PM</b>	<b>9</b> Pinochle 11AM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Bridge 11am  Bingo & Burger 4:30-6:00 PM Raffle Karaoke 6-9	<b>12</b> Dancers Club 12-4pm  Trivia 5pm Queen of Hearts 6PM SFBH 6-7PM	<b>13</b>  Friday Night Dinner  Karaoke 6 to 9pm	<b>14</b> Veterans Service Day  
<b>15</b>  <b>Wkly Drawing 6PM</b>	<b>16</b> Pinochle 11AM  <b>VFW Post &amp; Auxiliary meeting: 6PM</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Bridge 11am  Bingo & Burgers 4:30-6:00 PM Raffle Karaoke 6-9	<b>19</b> Dancers Club 12-4pm  Queen of Hearts 6PM	<b>20</b>  Live Music  SFBMC Mtg 6:30pm	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>  <b>Wkly Drawing 6PM</b>	<b>23</b> Pinochle 11AM	<b>24</b>  <b>Sons Of AMVETS Meeting 6PM</b>	<b>25</b> Bridge 11am  Bingo & Burgers 4:30-6:00 PM Raffle Karaoke 6-9	<b>26</b> Dancers Club 12-4pm  Queen of Hearts 6PM	<b>27</b>  Friday Night Dinner  Karaoke 6 to 9pm	<b>28</b>  <b>PONG! 7pm</b>
<b>29</b> CVMA -Combat Vets Motorcycle Assoc -10am  <b>Wkly Drawing 6PM</b>	<b>30</b> Pinochle 11AM	<b>31</b>  <b>AMVETS Meeting 6PM</b>				



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## June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>  Bingo & Burgers 4:30-6:00 PM Raffle Karaoke 6-9	<b>2</b>  Queen of Hearts 6PM 	<b>3</b>  Friday Night Dinner  Karaoke 5 to 9pm	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>  Wkly Drawing 6PM	<b>6</b>  Pinochle 11AM  VFW Post & Auxiliary meeting: 6PM	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  Bingo & Burgers 4:30-6:00 PM Raffle Karaoke 6-9	<b>9</b> SFBMC Mtg 6:30pm  Queen of Hearts 6PM 	<b>10</b>  Friday Night Dinner  Karaoke 5 to 9pm	<b>11</b>   Horse Races 5pm
<b>12</b>  AmVets Auxiliary Meeting 3PM  Wkly Drawing 6PM	<b>13</b>  Pinochle 11AM	<b>14</b>  ARMY DAY  Happy Hr All Day!!  Paint & Sip 6pm	<b>15</b>  Bingo & Burgers 4:30-6:00 PM Raffle Karaoke 6-9	<b>16</b>  Queen of Hearts 6PM 	<b>17</b>  Auction Begins  Friday Night Dinner  Karaoke 5 to 9pm  SFBMC Mtg 6:30pm	<b>18</b> Auction
<b>19</b> Auction	<b>20</b> Auction  Pinochle 11AM  VFW Post & Auxiliary meeting: 6PM	<b>21</b> Auction  Sons Of AMVETS Meeting 6PM	<b>22</b> Auction  Bingo & Burgers 4:30-6:00 PM Raffle Karaoke 6-9	<b>23</b> Auction  Queen of Hearts 6PM 	<b>24</b>  Auction Ends  Friday Night Dinner  Karaoke 5 to 9pm	<b>25</b> 
<b>26</b>  Wkly Drawing 6PM	<b>27</b>  Pinochle 11AM	<b>28</b>  AMVETS Meeting 6PM	<b>29</b>  Bingo & Burgers 4:30-6:00 PM Raffle Karaoke 6-9	<b>30</b>  Queen of Hearts 6PM 		

## RIP

### VFW Members:

John Harris



### 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, and I appreciate everyone that has stepped up and volunteered to help. I will be stepping down very soon as I move closer to retirement. We will need to assign someone the title of Honor Guard Commander in the coming weeks. If you are interested in taking on this rewarding position, please let me know or let Ken Smith know so we can get you trained and 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

Camping Here We Come!

In March, the Happy Hookups camped at the Midway RV Park in Centralia, enjoying some very nice weather, a very nice clubhouse, and some delicious food. They had New York steaks, seafood soup, lasagna with all kinds of foods filling in around these entrees' for both Wednesday and Thursday nights' meals. This group never goes hungry! While at Midway, the Hookups Camping Club found their logo on the clubhouse wall and realized they'd not been there since 2010, so we added 2022 to the board! In April, we visited one of our favorite spots, Hoquiam River RV campground, which boasts a nice clubhouse as well, with a very some nice folks who run the campgrounds. 16 members attended dinner Thursday night and thank you Pam and Bob for a delicious pork loin, gravy, baked potato meal. The theme was "happy birthday" and we celebrated members *Darrus Wright, Don Farrar, Marianne Kirsch, and Rhodetta Seward's* birthdays. **continued...**

## Happy Hookups (continued)

Dessert was not at a loss, the camp group manager even brought us a homemade cake, nor was food the entire campout – Wednesday evening everyone gathered over baked potato soup and grilled cheese sandwiches, and finished the evening playing Left, Right, Center.



You can see from pictures; Georgia doesn't seem to like having hers taken!



The Camping Club's next outings are May 17-19, 2022, at Glen Ayr, Hoodspout and June 14-16 at American Sunset in Westport. June is the Club's Annual Meeting; the club provides the Thursday dinner meal for club members to include T-bone and New York steaks. If you're interested in joining, you don't want to miss this campout!

**Rhodetta Seward, Wagonmaster**

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**Mike Day, Scout**

360.861.8888



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## ☆☆☆☆ Canteen Corner

Hello from the bar side,

Hope everyone has had a great couple of months. I just wanted to pop in & say thank you for all the continued support through transitions being made in the canteen. We are trying to improve for you all you guys! With that being said, we are trying to re-do a few things around here, & donations are gladly accepted to make those happen sooner. Come talk to myself (Camille) or Alexa, about how you can help. Queen of hearts rule change will be taking affect for the new round of the game, updated rules will be posted for all to read, & the drawing night will be changed to Thursday nights, look forward to seeing you all there. We are also going to be having quite a few events coming up soon like, cornhole, beer pong, trivia night, paint & sip, and more! So, keep an eye out on the calendar & in the canteen for dates & times! Look forward to seeing you all!

**Cheers!**

**Camille Jenkins**

**Canteen Manager**

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## More Editor's Notes

For those of you that do or would like to submit an article for the newsletter, please see the schedule on the back page with the deadline dates of when to send in your submission & please get them to me by those dates. I will send out a reminder email but don't just rely on that please. Please mark in on your calendar as well then hopefully I can get the newsletter out on time.

Thank you so much for all that you do!!

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## Service Officer

Please call for an appointment.

**Jim Ratcliff**

**Service Officer**

360-754-1346





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Olympia, WA 98506

### 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](mailto: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  
Newsletter Editor  
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[vfw318news@gmail.com](mailto: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

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November/December