



# Ira L. Cater Post 318

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

**May—June 2024**

## POST OFFICERS

**Commander:**

Crystal Beeler  
360-742-2122

**Quartermaster:**

Bruce Smith  
360-754-1346

**Chaplain:**

Brandon Pruett  
541-399-5409

**Service Officer:**

Chrystal Beeler

## Honor Guard Contact

Brandon Pruett  
VFW Post 318  
Chaplain  
541-399-5409

## 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.

## Canteen Manager:

Nicole Foster  
360-357-9255

## Canteen Hours:

Monday: Noon to 8pm  
Tuesday: Closed  
Wednesday: Noon to 8pm  
Thursday: Noon to 8pm  
Friday: Noon to 11pm  
Saturday: Noon to 9pm  
Sunday: Noon to 7pm

## Newsletter Inputs or Issues:

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## Commander's Corner

Hello everyone,

Great things to come these next couple of months.

First congratulations to the new officers for this next year

Commander Crystal Beeler  
Senior Vice Commander Brandon Pruett  
Junior Vice Commander Billy Welsh  
Quartermaster Bruce Smith  
Chaplain David Hood

Please come out and help clean up the post. We have work parties every Tuesday and we will feed you. The Post needs some TLC so please come out and help.

We have a lot of stuff on the calendar for the next couple of months come enjoy the community and the events.

We have been attending the Olympia City Council meetings and anyone that might want to come join us and support is always welcome.

On 13 June 2024 @ 5:30 pm, we will have a community meeting at the VFW with some of the City Council members, OPD, business owners and homeowners, and Unity Commons in our community to discuss the homeless and crime issues in our area.

VFW state convention is 19-23 June 2024 in Spokane Valley if you would like to attend.

Thank you all again for your support and I really look forward to this next year as your Commander

Crystal Beeler  
Post Commander  
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## AUXILIARY OFFICERS

**President:**

Kelimaria Brigham  
360-791-2075

**Treasurer:**

Darcy Mugartegui

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

## Auxiliary President's Corner

Happy Spring:

As we roll towards Spring the Auxiliary is very busy with End of the year events.

We held our elections at the last meeting. I am pleased to announce that the votes are in, and the new officers are:

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## Auxiliary President's Corner

President: Nina Fuller  
Sr Vice President: Casey Pruett  
Jr Vice President: Carmen Hood  
Chaplin: Dianne Devoe  
Treasurer: Darcy Mugartegui  
Guard: Georgie Davick  
Conductor: Gail Yenne  
Trustee #3: Gail Johnson  
Appointed  
Patriotic Instructor: Peter Schultz  
Secretary: Cheryl Greenfield  
These new officers will start on July 1, 2024.

We will once again have a joint installation with the post. Time and date will be announced shortly.

Several of our members met and updated our standing rules. Thank you to the committee members who came in on worked on them. The committee also worked on updating our dues with the increase in State and National dues. We will vote on the dues increase at the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. It is proposed that we raise the dues from \$26.50 to \$35.00. This helps offset the increase of \$7.00 at the state and national level.

The Montesano Auxiliary will be hosting the district spring Luncheon on May 4. The event will be held at Geppetto's in Montesano, starting at noon, at the event we will update the standing rules for the district.

The District Meeting will be held on May 11 starting at noon in at the Ocean Shores post. District elections and installation will be held.

We will be announcing soon when we will be holding our initiations for the new members that joined this year and handing out member year pins in June.

The Auxiliary will be hosting a Father's Day Breakfast on June 16, time and menu will be posted.

The state convention will be held June 19-22, 2024, at the Mirabeau Hotel in Spokane. Room reservations are still available. State officers will be elected at this time. If you are planning on going, please let me know. The Auxiliary will pay for the banquet meal for our auxiliary members wishing to go.

We are still hoping to get the Food Panty up and running. We are waiting for the clearance from the post and for them to clean the space that we will be using. Once we can get the space, we will put together a list of items we are going to be stocking and get a list of veterans to help. We will be starting small assisting 5 Veterans to start and adding as we get food items and grants and sponsors.

I would finally like to thank this year's officers, Cheryl Dowd, Sher Dotson, Diane Devoe, Deb Walsh, Gail Johnson, Darcy Mugartegui, Nicole Foster, Patti Hughes, Casey Pruett, Cheryl Greenfield, and Peter Schultz.

It has been a pleasure to be your President for the last 4 years.

Enjoy Spring.

**Kelimaria Brigham**  
**Post 318 Auxiliary President**

### *Interested in Dancing?*

Please join us on Thursdays from 12:30-3:30

VFW Post #318 in the Hall.

Cost is \$10 per person which goes to pay for the band and the rest goes back to the club.

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## Honor Guard

*Please remember the Honor Guard when making donations to the Post.Honor Guard. Questions or to arrange a service please contact:*

**Brandon Pruett**  
**VFW Post 318**  
**Chaplain**  
**541-399-5409**

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## Sons of AmVets

We hold our monthly meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month. If you are interested in joining please join our meeting. Membership Applications are 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. P  
hone # (360) 628-4970.



## Drawing News

**The Weekly Drawing is  
now held on Sunday at  
5:00 pm**

## AmVets Post 2

AmVets will hold their next Horse Racing event on May 4 starting at 4:00pm.

This is always a fun event where you can wager on your favorite pony and possibly win a few dollars in the process. Proceeds from this event are used to promote Veterans services in our community.

The Canteen will be serving The Norton Family pulled pork sandwiches which come with Mac Salad and Coleslaw.

AmVets in coordination with the Canteen will host Cornhole Tournament of June 22 at 4pm.

AmVets holds their monthly business meetings on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6pm. Membership application are available at the post.



## Canteen Corner

Hi All,

The VFW Canteen is seeking volunteers to help out with our Friday Night Dinners. This is a great opportunity to give back to the veteran community and share your culinary skills!

A big thank you to all the volunteers who help each month with Big Mouth Bingo, Wednesday Bingo, and Friday nights! Your efforts are greatly appreciated. It was a great success.

If you are interested in volunteering for Friday Night Dinners, please contact me directly. I would be happy to hear from you! Thank you for your support!

Also the Canteen is raising some additional funds for the purchase of a new sound system. If you have attended Bingo or Karaoke lately, you may have noticed our sound goes out periodically. We need your help with this capital expense.

Thank you for your support!

*Nicole Foster*  
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## Amvets Auxiliary

Happy Mother's Day to all *Mothers!* We appreciate everything you do! Thank You!

Our next meeting is MOVED to May 19th @ 3pm, everyone enjoy Mother's Day.

The Quilt Auction was a huge success. Our president, Georgia, expressed many Thank You's to everyone that sold tickets, bought tickets, donated time, donated items and helped. It was Fun and will help in our donations to various veteran programs.

Election of new 2024 officers: President: Georgia, 1st Vice: Marianne, 2nd Vice: Shirley, Treasurer: Judi, Secretary: Pam, Sargent at Arms: Kathy

We are always looking for new members, please let us know if you are interested in joining our group.

**Georgia Watson 360 970 6772 President**





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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](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.

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Newsletter Editor  
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Olympia, WA 98506  
360-489-9198

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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  
September/October  
November/December



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5  5pm Sunday Drawing	6 6:00pm VFW Post & Auxiliary Social Meeting	7 <b>Canteen Closed</b>	8 Bingo & Raffle 5-6 pm Burgers 4:30-5:15pm	9 12:30-3:30pm Dancers  6pm Queen of Hearts	10 Friday Night Dinner 5-7:30 pm  Karaoke 7 -10pm	11
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