



Ira L. Cater Post 318 VFW & Auxiliary

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September - October 2023

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Commander's Corner

Greetings everyone,

First, I would like to thank everyone that has helped around the club. With all the changes and all I've been going through there's been a lot of maintenance work happening. Thank you so much to the house committee. You guys are incredible for doing everything that I ask; I really appreciate you. I don't think I thank Jackie enough for the amazing work on the newsletter. Thank you, to all volunteers that help with our club.

These next two months are going to be some fun and exciting ones, as summer winds down. We have some new things that we're going to be trying out. More to follow...

The End of the summer barbecue will be held on September 16. We'd love to see everybody there. It will be a potluck; VFW will be providing hotdogs and hamburgers so please come on out.

Trivia night was awesome and we're tentatively having another one on 7 October. Details to come.

We will be doing Trunk or Treat on 29 October. Hope to have some participation from our members here either helping us inside with a booth. Something fun for the kids to do or outside by decorating their trunk or the back of their trucks.

Are there any other ideas that you would like to do at the post? Please let us know if you have some new ideas. Perhaps there's something that you enjoyed in the past that we can bring back or there's something that we're doing now that we can improve, let me know so we can enjoy our community together.

Thank you again everyone!

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AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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Darcy Mugartegui

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

Auxiliary President's Corner

Hello,

With the close of the summer months, we kick into gear our fall activities. Starting with the Rummage sale on September 22-23. Set up will be the 21st starting around 4 pm. Please remember that we cannot bring items early. And everything must be checked in by Darcy. There are things that we cannot take so please make sure that you only bring items on the list. The bartenders are not able to accept any donations prior to drop off time on the 21st.

With the fires in Spokane, we will try our best to assist our brothers and sisters that have lost a great deal. Several Post/Auxiliary members have lost their homes. Currently they need basic toiletries items. It has been presented to the District Office that we have these items sent instead of cash donations. Once we location, it will let people know where to send donations.

At our meeting in September, we will go over our standing rules for this year. I need to get the budget set before we can proceed. We will also start discussing the rise in our yearly dues. National has raised the annual amount that we pay for each annual membership, this means our annual dues will also go up. This change will be in effective July 2024. It has been mentioned that the Department of Washington will also

have an increase starting July 2024. We will find out more at the mid-winter conference. If you would like
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Honor Guard Contact

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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 Mondays of the month.

Canteen Manager:

Nicole Foster
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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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a say in what our dues will be raised to please come to the meetings.

The currently buddy poppies are available as well and the new design. At this time, we will only be purchasing the "old" ones. They will still be available for the next 5 years.

Candy Smith and I attended the State School of Instruction. Candy, Diane Devoe, and I attended the District School of Instruction. All are invited to attend the district meetings, the next district meeting is October 28, Post 3057 in Westport.

We will start gathering items for the Thanksgiving baskets, keep an eye out for needed items.

Our Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each Month. October through June. July August and September we only meet on the 3rd Monday. We would love to have all auxiliary members come out.

Until Next Time, Keep Smiling.

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Sons of AmVets

Sons of AmVets held their annual election of Officers and selected Jim Donnelly as their new commander.

On a sad note the club lost a longtime member Mike Smart. Our condolences to his wife and family. Mike will be missed.

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.

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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

The month of July saw 3 Honor Guard events for auxiliary post groups or the community.

Thanks to all that have helped with 4th July party. A total of 77 people turned out to support the honor guard, total cash received was \$1200 towards Honor Guard support.

Special thanks to Cheryl Dowd my co-chair you're a "donation machine", couldn't have been such a success without you.

Live band was great with lots of dancing. Thanks Terry, great job cooking and to all that brought side dishes. The set up and cleanup crew rocked it with record timing.

The beer was great even though we had less due to the keg exploding in Steve's face three times for everyone's enjoyment.

See you next year!

Again, thank you to the team. We can't support our community or veterans without members like you .

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Amvets Auxiliary

Hi there everyone,

On the 1st Wednesday of each month this Auxiliary participates in the BINGO game here at the Post. We also will occasionally be doing the 5th Wednesday. Come join the FUN and cooler temperatures.

Our Carole R. raffles rotisserie chickens in support of scholarships. Assistance from members to donate prizes and volunteer to do calling is needed. A big THANK YOU to Carole and the many volunteers.

Georgia W. is looking for fabric donations, for example: old towels, old sheets, old clothing. This is for shredding the fabric. If you have questions and donations, please call Georgia: 360-970-6772.

Coming Soon from our auxiliary: a Quilt Auction! Look for Posters with more information and pictures. Quilt is made and donated by Georgia W. Thank you Georgia!

Thank you to all! Secretary Pam S.

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Canteen Corner

Hi,

Summer is almost over 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: Friday night dinner cooking, dinner cleanup & food runners.

We also have two new bartenders, Quanah and Laura. Both have worked here at the VFW in the past and I am happy to have them back. .

Please be patient with all the changes and new staffing as everyone gets into the groove of things. Thank you for all of your continued support!

Cheers!

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AmVets Post 2

AmVets Post # 2 in conjunction with the Son's of AmVets will hold our Horse Race Event on September 9 at 4:30 pm. Tacos both hard and soft as well as Taco Salads will be available starting at 4:30.

We hope you will join us for this exciting and fun event. Wager a few dollars, watch the ponies and enjoy refreshments and tacos.

AmVets holds their monthly business meetings on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6pm.

Membership application are available at the post.

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THE HOOK August 21, 2023

After several years, the Happy Hookups traveled back to Friends Landing in Montesano and what a wonderful time they all had. The weather was beautiful, camping sites generously long, paved, and large, surrounded by water on both sides of the park with a wonderful mile and a-half bike/walking trail. Several members brought their bikes, others brought their "legs" and many utilized the trail. Friday afternoon, Judy R. and Cheryl served champagne and members celebrated their new Winnebago! Friday evening, members enjoyed a "propane, authorized fire" at Steve & Marianne's campsite down by the water; it was very enjoyable as it really cooled down in the evening. Marianne even brought out lots of cozy blankets.

Saturday before dinner, many enjoyed raspberry and strawberry margaritas at the Seward's site. AND THEN, Saturday dinner was absolutely out-of-site with fresh halibut, tuna, clam strips and shrimp prepared by Darrus, Kathy and fresh crispy fries made by Bob. Everyone filled in with yummy salads, delightful dishes, and scrumptious desserts. Oh my, if anyone left hungry, it was definitely their fault!

Business Meeting: Saturday morning, new Wagon Master Frank called his first meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. Mike led the flag salute. Three new member prospects were welcome, **Scott & Geri Badavinac of Chehalis, and Heather Gilkey of Olympia**. There were 11 rigs attending the campout, with 20 members with 5 additional guests for dinner (including the new member prospects and Darrus' family so around 25 attending dinner).



T-Shirt Report: Marianne picked up the shirts and those who ordered them can pick them up – they are \$20 each. She has about five extra for new members and we can order more once these are gone. The club will make a couple of dollars on each shirt and she reported they were purchased by a local vendor.

Scout Report: Steve shared the results of the recent survey distributed to all members at the Columbia River campout and sent to those not in attendance. He said it was returned by most members. Bruce asked if he would be basing his decisions on where we go based on these results? Steve noted these results will be considered when he and the next Scout consider any new and existing RV Parks. Cheryl asked if some of the lunches in November, January and February could be on Saturday rather than Friday as she cannot make Fridays. Steve announced where they were. Several told him Silver Saloon just changed hands and is going to become a Mexican restaurant. He will look into dates and will have the schedule updated should dates change.

Both Steve and Frank reported on the next campouts. **Next Campout: September Campout: September 5-7, Copalis River RV, 3209 W-109, Copalis, WA 360.940.7048 Marianne & Steve Hosts. Dinner Thursday will be Brisket & 5-bean chili. Please:** Contact Marianne with what you're going to bring to fill in, so we can avoid duplicates if possible. Her number is: 360.951.4747.

October Campout: Glen Ayr RV, 25381 US 101, Hoodspport, 360.877.9522. Joe & Carol Hosts

Old Business: Raffle: Frank reviewed the multiple suggestions from the previous two meetings regarding raffle ideas. **Pam moved** to have Frank design a form with the ideas and then have members vote for one. (Suggested grouping similar ones into one as some seemed the same). Members to submit the form back to Frank. The motion was **seconded by Lou**. Bruce said, "it's not about the gift, it's about supporting the club." Judy R. said she noted someone recommended gift cards, an idea she liked; she asked **Frank** to put it on the list to go on the form. Judy D. said she loves getting gifts versus a gift card. Rhodetta called for the question. Frank called for the vote – members unanimously passed the motion.

The winner of the brown bottle was Steve. Meeting adjourned 10:44 a.m. - wonderful job Frank.5

Minutes scribed by Rhodetta.

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Good time had by all!





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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
September/October
November/December



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SEPTEMBER 2023

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3 Wkly Drawing 6pm	4 Labor Day	5	6 Bridge 11am Bingo & Raffle 5:00-6pm Burgers 4:30-5:30	7 12:30-3:30pm Dancers 4:30-5:30pm BIG MOUTH BINGO 5-6pm TACOS 6pm Queen of Hearts Drawing	8 Friday Night Dinner 5-7:30pm Karaoke 7-10pm	9 4:30 pm AmVets/Sons of Amvets Horse Racing and Tacos Event
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OCTOBER 2023

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Rummage Sale Information

Darcy Mugartegui

The Auxiliary's annual Rummage Sale is coming up on September 22nd and 23rd. I really want to thank everyone who donated. I really want us to be successful and have a great sale since this has always been a good fundraiser for the organization. However, last year the cleanup was so difficult mostly due to the number of items we could not sell, or even give away because they were either items that we should not accept, or they were not in good, clean sellable condition.

We really want to continue holding the sale, but we must stick to the rule. This policy is for our volunteers, so they do not kill themselves trying to clean up the event. You would not believe how difficult this event is to manage, especially when boxes of items are dropped off without review.

Let me give you a few highlights from last year.

I had a truck and cargo trailer full of items that did not sell last year. I went through many boxes that we just threw together on the last day due to the amount of stuff left over. We also had to throw away so much since they were not items that were not allowed or were not purchased and not able to be donated to Value Village, in any of the five loads that were taken.

I found two ceiling fans that were in boxes all taken apart, had a coffee table that was very marred up, a tv and boxes of items that looked like a junk drawer was emptied out into a box.

PLEASE DO NOT DROP ANYTHING OFF PRIOR TO 5 PM THURSDAY.

1. Why? There was a large quantity of stuff that was not sellable, and we had to dispose of it! There is a list of the items that are allowed. Please read the list when making your donations. We are doing the Rummage sale to raise money. So, **PLEASE remember that items need to be in good condition and clean.**
2. Please contact me if you have any questions at 360-791-2412 alildab40@gmail.com rummage in subject line about what you may have. I am the only one allowed to make the decisions.

Please do not call the post or just drop stuff off.

1. Furniture is not on the list because it takes up too much room and can be heavy. If you have something like that there are better ways to get rid of them.
2. Clothes need to be clean and not stained. Please donate items you would be happy to buy.
3. All items do need to be there on Thursday, so we have the 2 days to try and sell. No items can be dropped off past 10am Friday morning.
4. Last year was a crazy year for glasses (LOL) we may have to limit a few kitchen items if we get too many this year.
5. Not to keep harping about things but, please no wigs especially in a giant rat's nest. We had 3!
6. Just an idea I took 5 boxes of books to Half Price Books, and they paid us \$7.45.

Thank you so much for your help both the donations and the volunteers at the event.



COMING SOON!!!

VFW 318 AUXILIARY'S

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Friday – DECEMBER 1, 2023 - 9:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday – DECEMBER 2, 2021 – 9:00am to 4:00pm

MANY UNIQUE AND ONE-OF-A-KIND GIFTS

Yes it is that time of year. That means it is time to get those needles clicking and that sewing machine spinning. Get those beads strung. Use it as practice for stringing popcorn. Is it really that close? Yes it is!

If you have a talent you would like to show off, or have a friend or relative that has a special talent, let them know about our Bazaar and have them contact our Bazaar Chairman. Not only will you have fun but you will be supporting our veterans.

All proceeds go to our programs that help and support our local veterans, military and their families.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT