



Ira L. Cater Post 318 VFW & Auxiliary

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

November & December 2020

POST OFFICERS

Commander:

Ken Smith

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Quartermaster:

Amy Buckley

360-754-1346

Chaplain:

Bill Zebelka

360-754-1346

Service Officer:

Bill Zabelka

360-754-1346

Meetings

A **Social Members Meeting** is held in the Meeting Hall at 7PM on the first Monday of every month. **General Membership meeting is at 7PM on the third Monday of each month.** House Committee meeting is at 6PM the third Monday of each month.

VFW Auxiliary meetings are at 7PM 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

William Kenney

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Cheryl Dowd, Newsletter Editor

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Commander's Corner

Greetings All,

Although 2020 definitely had challenges for all of us, we do have a lot to be thankful for. The year started off with a canteen that was struggling. Allyssa came to the rescue when she filled the bar manager vacancy. With her guidance we were able to reopen in June as a restaurant under the state's safe opening plan. Since that time, the menu has grown and is still looking to expand

Also, in 2020 we hosted the District 5 meeting in October when COVID didn't allow the original host to do so. This brought us the opportunity to be selected to host the State mid-winter conference in January 2021. The dates are January 15 to 18. We will be having a dinner on the 15th from 1700 to 1900, RSVP required. We are still in need of drivers to shuttle guests from the Red Lion to the post for the dinner. See the bulletin board for more information.

In early January, the floor in the canteen will be replaced. This is going to be a great new look for the bar & includes an expanded dance floor. Despite all that has happened we have & will persevere. We are veterans; we have been there; we will see this through.

Currently the state has disallowed indoor dining. At present we are operating outdoors with a tent & heaters. Please come out & enjoy each other's company and support the post.

Regards,

Ken Smith

Post Commander

360-556-6594

vfw318commander@hotmail.com



Editor's Notes

Happy New Year!
It can only get better!!

...we hope...

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President:

Kelimaria Brigham

360-791-2075

Treasurer:

Sharon Ryan

360-320-1913

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

Auxiliary President's Corner

Happy Holidays!

I hope this newsletter finds all well & well rested after the Holidays.

Our great Auxiliary Volunteers staffed a wonderful Bazaar. Smaller than in years past but still well attended. Thank you to all our helper. I was great to see many return Venders. And as always, our Kitchen Staff lead by Georgia served up some wonderful food! Sher Dotson always does such a great job leading this event.

Our buddy poppy day which was held on November 8 at the post; Yield a few new members. I hope to have more events to show potential members what the Auxiliary is all about.

The Mid-Winter conference is schedule to be held the 3rd weekend in January Hotel RL. We will be hosting this event. I will be looking for volunteers to help staff the registration table for the Auxiliary. The Post will be hosting a dinner on Friday night. I will send out an email as soon as I know what else will be needed for this event. Let us keep our fingers crossed that the event is not cancelled.

The post has put up a tent to help the canteen continue to operate. They are still hosting the Seahawks games! Come join the diehard SEAHAWK fans! Have a drink and enjoy some food.

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VFW Auxiliary President (continued)

The Auxiliary is still meeting with social distancing on the first & third Mondays. We have a few activities planned when we can get together in groups. One I am looking forward to is our paint and sip event. Not sure if I can paint, but I sure can sip some wine! Thanks, Danielle, for working on this event for us.

With the newsletter only being sent via email, if you find an auxiliary member who needs a paper copy of the newsletter, please let me know I will make sure they get one.

Have a Wonderful New Year hope to see all of you soon!

Smiles and Hugs
Kelmaria Brigham
 Auxiliary President
skbrigham@comcast.net



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VFW Auxiliary Treasurer Message

A **HUGE** thank you to all of our Annual members who have paid their 2021 Auxiliary dues. For those Annual members who have not yet paid dues (\$26.50) they are overdue as of January 1, 2021. You need to pay your dues to remain in good standing, have access to the Post & Auxiliary meetings & maintain continuous years of membership. There is no longer a "reinstate" category for membership. You will have to go through the process of proving eligibility, Membership vote, & rejoining the Auxiliary after June 30, 2021!

Please make your check payable to: VFW Post 318 Auxiliary. You can send your dues payment to - Sharon Ryan, 5039 Madison Hts Ct SE, Olympia, WA 98501 or put your check into the VFW Auxiliary Treasurer's Box at the Post or pay online at Malta.vfwauxiliary.org. Thank you so much!

To all Auxiliary members, we need your help! Has your contact information changed? Please make sure the Auxiliary Treasurer has your up-to-date contact information - Current mailing address, phone numbers, & email address. You can call or text (360) 320-1913 or email at sharonnjim@gmail.com. Here's looking forward to everyone having a much better, healthier, vaccinating 2021 Year!!!

Thank you very much.
Sharon Ryan
 Auxiliary Treasurer
 360-320-1913
sharonnjim@gmail.com



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January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				No New Years Party but hours may be extended.	1 Music & Snacks 5 to 7pm 	2
3  Seahawks vs 49ers 1:25pm  Tacos & Tequila Wkly Drawing 6PM	4 VFW Post & Auxiliary meeting: 7PM	5	6	7 Sons of Italy 5:30	8 Music & Snacks 5 to 7pm 	9
10 Wkly Drawing 6PM	11 AmVets Auxiliary Meeting 3PM	12	13	14	15 Music & Snacks 5 to 7pm  State Mid-Winter Convention Hosted by VFW 318	16
17 Wkly Drawing 6PM	18 VFW Post & Auxiliary meeting: 7PM	19 Sons Of AMVETS Meeting 6PM	20	21	22 Music & Snacks 5 to 7pm  You PICK!	23
24 Wkly Drawing 6PM	25	26 AMVETS Meeting 6PM	27	28	29 Music & Snacks 5 to 7pm  You PICK!	30
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February 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Music & Snacks 5 to 7pm 	6 DAV 11am
7 Wkly Drawing 6PM	8 AmVets Auxiliary Meeting 3PM VFW & Auxiliary meeting: 7PM	9	10	11	12 Music & Snacks 5 to 7pm 	13
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VFW Members:

Gene Wiles
Bill Allen –AmVet



VFW Auxiliary Members:

Billie Phillips
June Link

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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...



William Kenney
Color Guard Commander

Happy Campers!!



☆☆☆☆ Happy Hookups

2020 certainly has been a year to remember, or perhaps a year to forget! For the VFW Happy Hook Ups, we had some good times, several cancellations, & some disappointments. A year in reflection:

Some members didn't renew their membership due to health issues – we wished them well & hope our paths cross at the Club. We canceled some campouts due to COVID restrictions but were also able to get some fun campouts in with excellence attendance. Due to COVID, at these campouts, members began sharing more meals together which truly built additional comradery. We played games, sat around campfires, had lots of good appetizer/cocktail hours & some great. We just enjoyed ourselves, & we truly lucked out on the weather this year. We ended our year with one final disappointment which was not being able to hold our annual Holiday Dinner at the VFW – this was disappointing for the camping club members & the VFW. We always share a great dinner, gift exchange & have a huge amount of FUN. And the club enjoys an additional 30 or so people in the club for a December Saturday evening which is good for business.

Here we are now, looking forward to 2021! A vaccine is now being distributed & probably just around the corner for us. Are you ready to get in line when it becomes available?

The Hook Ups have most of their schedule booked for 2021 & are hoping most of the schedule can happen. We're unsure of January or February until we hear from the Governor again, but we are confident we should be able to begin camping in March as planned. Most of us will be ready to get outside, enjoy fresh air & each other's company again as soon as we can.

We wish you a healthy, happy new year & encourage everyone to make the most of 2021! It truly can only get better if we all work together!

Rhodetta Seward, Wagonmaster
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Cliff Runyon, Scout 360.480.4267



☆☆☆☆ Canteen Corner

Hello from the bar side!
We are still open and have a wonderful heated outdoor tent just waiting for you!

Meetings are continuing as normal, and Friday nights we offer fried snacks, including fish and chips.

Open noon to nine every day, hope we see you soon!

Cheers!
Alyssa Davis
Canteen Manager
360-357-9255



♥ My girl, Bert ♥

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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 and 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.

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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