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VFW Post 9301

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July, August, September 2017 Newsletter

Commander's Corner

As we welcome summer good things are happening at our Post. After Dept. Convention on June 24 all of our new officers took their positions for the fiscal year 2017-18. I have been honored with another year being re-elected as your Post Commander. Our new Post Officers are as follows. Sr. Vice: Cliff Ellyson, Jr. Vice: Andy Sauer, Quartermaster: Jim Neyens, Adjutant: Rex Dudley, Chaplin: Randall Marston, Judge Advocate: Walt DeKraai, Officer of the Day: Richard Secules, 1 year Trustee: John Kershner, 2 year: Robert Rose, 3 year: Darwin VanderPol, Service Officer: Dale Magden. We also have 3 District 15 positions filled by our members: Jr. Vice: Randall Marston, Adjutant & Judge Advocate: myself, Lonnie Rose. I personally thank all of you for stepping up. Together we can make this year the Best Year ever for 9301. New members have come aboard, and it is good to see the new faces, not to mention the new ideas. I welcome all the new members to Post 9301 and this great organization. We have been busy with many community outreach programs and a few projects. Thank you, to all who took part and made them successful.



Independence day brings to mind the beginning of our nation, and the struggles that our forefathers endured. Many fought and died to make us a free nation, and many still die to keep us free, making the United States of America the greatest nation on earth. Happy 4th of July.

On Saturday, July 8 our Honor Guard will lead the Everson Main St Parade. This parade is my personal favorite, it reminds me of the many parades I was in during my younger years as part of the Navy drum and bugle corps in San Diego. I would like to see all of you attend our Post meetings, come in at 6:30 for dessert and coffee, and to meet new and old members. As some of you know I am the Chaplain for our local chapter 165 Vietnam Veterans of America. The annual VVA car show is coming up on July 23. Come out and see more than 300 classic cars at Barkley Village. Fundraisers are necessary to keep our Post alive. Our next big one is on Friday and Saturday Aug 18 & 19, our annual garage sale! We have a lot of fun and it allows us to give out information to Veterans and even recruit some. Post & Auxiliary will share the work/money, so please donate all your items that you no longer want. Thursday Aug 17 we will be working on setting up, so come out, camp out at the Post. Barbecue, play croquet and help out. It's a fun time!

Patriot Day is September 11th, Remember those who lost their lives and were injured in that terrorist attack on our soil. POW/MIA recognition day is September 15, our Post would like to present a short remembrance program or take part in one, and details for this event will come soon. Keep an eye on the calendar for upcoming events. We are looking forward to another successful year. Don't hesitate to contact me at 220-5676 with questions, comments, ideas or concerns.

Lonnie Rose, Post Commander

Auxiliary President's Corner

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I would like to Thank You for reelecting me as your President of the VFW Auxiliary Post 9301. With your great help and support we will again achieve our goals. Our elected officers range in membership years from one year to 20 years. Yes, we had 4 first year members who were elected this year. Awesome!! Congratulations to ALL Auxiliary members as you are all WINNERS! I would like to introduce you to your new officers for 2017-2018. Senior Vice: Judy Carlson, Junior Vice: Steven Crawford, Secretary: Connie Streubel, Treasurer: Debbie Corsino, Chaplin: Dawn Thompson, Conductress: Faith Magden, Trustees: Shirley Hiner, Stephanie Rasmussen, Luke Rose, Guard: Audrey Gargus, Patriotic Instructor: Lee Carlson, Historian: Marguerite Neyens, Newsletter Editor: Karissa Sauer... Congratulations!



Our Auxiliary is dependent on strong leadership. I am excited to be working with such dedicated members as we strive to do our very best to meet the needs of our veterans and acknowledge the sacrifices of our military. I encourage you to attend our meetings to learn how you can be part of fulfilling our mission of providing unwavering support for uncommon heroes. But, attending our meetings is not everything. If you cannot attend the meetings try to take part in the many things we are involved with. We are looking forward to another successful year and I appreciate all those that have stepped up to the plate to assist when we put the call out. A BIG thank you to all who made it to our meetings and those who helped at all our functions, we cannot make our auxiliary function smoothly without your help and participation. A special Thanks to the members that came before us and paved the foundation for us to be able to continue our mission.

Elizabeth Rose, President, VFW Auxiliary 9301

Post Chaplain News

Greetings Comrades and Friends – As we enjoy tasty berries and the longer days with the advent of Summer, we are by nature mindful of the ongoing costs of Freedom. There are DOD expenditures that include the payroll for those serving which is support for grateful families. There is a budget caring for veterans who suffer, exposed while standing in the gap for us. Your VFW helps ensure this keeping the faith with our vets is kept. There is the opportunity cost of lost human potential and life, expended as credit for the Nation. Experiencing this sacrifice can be another Long War. What remains is ours. None of us can afford all these costs. We accept they are handled at echelons way above, and every American gets a dividend of this investment. Often, we feel the need to pay it back, or to pay forward a goodness we have known so that others can enjoy it too. This is how we keep good going. God made us all to be in motion so the effects of our combined interactions creates a vibrant land. May each of us do our part as we relate to others with kind thought and purpose. May the Lord grant us peace and strength as we consider the needs of those around us and the needs of those departed. We know that an acidic body is sick, since it was designed to be in balance. We are people that never accept a permeating injustice. We will never forsake Liberty for safety. God means for us to be healthy, overcoming all wounds. With righteousness, according to his holy Word, we ask that He intercede for us in all matters. We daily PRAY the cost so our youth will have the greatest perpetual inheritance on Earth: America.

Randall Marston, Chaplain

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Auxiliary Chaplin News

Greetings Everyone,
Summer has arrived and Aux 9301 is thriving! God is blessing us with new opportunities to serve and members who are willing and able to do the work. As we continue to welcome new members, our Facebook page is evidence of the enthusiasm and positive attitude everyone brings to our meetings and community events. Many thanks to all!
Let us remember to keep our Aux President, Elizabeth Rose, in prayer. For strength, protection, and continued wisdom as she leads us into the 2017-2018 year. Her commitment and passion in serving veterans keeps our Aux active and motivated and as members may our priority be to share her vision and support her endeavors.
For any of our members, and the veterans and families we serve, who are experiencing financial hardship, health challenges, or any of the other stressors of daily life, we ask for God's blessing and grace over you, and to meet your needs and bring you comfort.
As always, it is an honor to 'serve those who have served'. May our Heavenly Father be glorified in all we do. Amen!

Dawn Thompson, Auxiliary Chaplain / Veterans and Family Support

Judge Advocate's Corner

RESOLUTION TO MAKE ENGLISH THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Whereas: it is the duty of all patriotic U.S. citizens to uphold our language, history and culture.

Now therefore be it resolved: that the Combined Veterans Association of Northwest Washington will stand with all other U.S. Citizens to make English the official language of the State of Washington.

This resolution in no way interferes with the rights of any ethnic group in their private conversations, schools, churches and businesses.

English will be the primary language; all other languages will be secondary in our State of Washington education systems.

All voting pamphlets and ballots will be in English only.

English will be the official language for the State of Washington for all government acts including every order, resolution vote, election and for all records and judicial proceedings of the Government of the State of Washington.

All Veterans organizations conduct their meetings in English.

CONTACT YOUR WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATORS TOLL FREE

HOT LINE: 1-800-562-6000

Resolution No. 415

SECURE AMERICA'S BORDERS / HALT ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

WHEREAS, the ability of individuals to illegally enter the United States is a threat to homeland security, undercuts the rule of law, and imposes economic strains on U.S. border communities; and

WHEREAS, 96% of our 2,000 mile border with Mexico is not protected by any physical barrier; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security "Secure Border Initiative" will not achieve operational control of the nearly 7,000 mile northern and southern borders until 2011; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. also needs to secure over 16,000 miles of coastline and all airports and shipping ports of entry; and

WHEREAS, the December 2005 9/11 Report Card gave failing grades to the Department of Homeland Security in a number of areas, including airport passenger arrival screening against terrorist watch lists; and

WHEREAS, despite various immigration laws and several different immigration enforcement agencies, there are an estimated eight to ten million illegal immigrants living in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, attempts to catch illegal aliens once they have established themselves in the United States have proven even less effective than our efforts to control border-crossings; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, that we urge the Administration and Congress to fast-track funding to departments and agencies responsible to halt the flow of illegal aliens from entering the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon the Department of Homeland Security to expedite all initiatives to secure the entire United States border and ports of entry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we insist the U.S. government aggressively work to identify all illegal aliens and determine who should be deported and who should be allowed to apply for citizenship under existing laws.

Submitted by Commander-in-Chief to Committee on NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The intent of this resolution is: To expeditiously secure U.S. borders and halt the flow of illegal immigrants.

Walt DeKraai, Post Judge Advocate



July



4 TH	Tuesday	Independence Day	
8 th	Saturday	Everson parade (Honor Guard will lead)	11am
11 th	Tuesday	VFW Meeting -- 7pm Meeting, 6:30 dessert & fellowship	
15 th	Saturday	VFW Post Breakfast \$6, \$5 with breakfast card	8-11am
23 rd	Sunday	VVA Car Show, 2211 Rimland Dr, Barkley Village	10am-2pm

August

8 th	Tuesday	VFW Meeting -- 7pm Meeting, 6:30 dessert & fellowship	
17 th	Thursday	Garage sale setup Noon-? Camp out, Barbecue, PARTY!	
18 th -19 th	Fri-Sat	Garage Sale	9am-??
19 th	Saturday	VFW Post Breakfast \$6, \$5 with breakfast card	8-11am

September

11 th	Monday	Patriot Day -Fly your Flag!	
12 th	Tuesday	VFW Meeting --7pm Meeting, 6:30 dessert & fellowship	
15 th	Friday	POW/MIA Day Fly your Flag!	
16 th	Saturday	VFW Post Breakfast \$6, \$5 with breakfast card	8-11am
24 th	Sunday	Gold Star Mother's Day	Sunday



Hall Rental

Our hall is a great source of income for our Post. Please help us ensure that our community knows we are here to help them secure a location for their next event! Simply put them in touch with our Rental Coordinator, Elizabeth Rose, at 360-220-5676
Thank you!

Volunteers Needed

There are so many opportunities to help out at the Post! We need volunteers for our monthly breakfast, fundraising events, yard work, flag disposals, cleaning, and so much more! We can't support our Nation's Veterans without you, the volunteers! Help us make a difference. Call: Elizabeth Rose, at 360-220-5676

Historian's Corner

You have an opportunity to showcase a few of your or your family's veteran mementos in the upstairs display case at the Post. One picture of the veteran would also be appreciated. Please contact Marguerite Neyens at vfwpost9301@gmail.com so she can give you a form to fill out and return with the memorabilia to be displayed. Thanks.

Marguerite Neyens, Auxiliary Historian



Patriotic Art

Congratulations to our own Audrey Gargus, Auxiliary Guard, for taking First Place in the Patriotic Art Contest at the Post level. Audrey graduated from Bellingham High School this year and is thinking of going on to Seattle Art Institute.



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Judge Advocate's Corner (Cont'd)

THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S IDEAS ON IMMIGRANTS AND BEING AN AMERICAN IN 1907

"In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American.... There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language.... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people." --**Theodore Roosevelt 1907**

Walt DeKraai, Post Judge Advocate



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