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Spring & Summer 2019 Newsletter

Commander's Corner



Salutes, Spring is here, and I am looking forward to all the fresh & new things that are going on at Post 9301. We have new members, new lighting and new officers coming up. Our election of Post officers is in April and members are stepping up and old members coming back, all with eagerness and drive to help run the Post. It is great to see new people, which means new ideas and new energy. Thank you all for taking part.

I am once again proud to say that we have achieved above 100% membership. 9301 was awarded a \$100 check from VFW Dept of WA, and a flag streamer from VFW National that we proudly display on our Post flag. VFW national has been hard at work going to Washington DC to represent veterans and defend our rights and benefits. Please consider signing up for "Action Corps Weekly" which is an easy-to-read electronic newsletter that highlights the VFW's efforts on Capitol Hill. Receiving this newsletter (via email) you will read about the VFW's strength in advocating for our heroes, and keeping us armed with all the tools and info we need in keeping with the mission of the VFW. Our Post is dedicated to supporting Veterans, Active Military and their families. As a leader in the community for Veterans, my goal has always been for our Post to be visible in the community and be known as being on hand to help Veterans and their families. We can aid them with a 'one-of-kind assistance' and services designed to help and support them. With that we will have a more in-touch and healthier community of Veterans.

Summer will be upon us soon and we are planning for our spring and summer events: Memorial Day ceremonies, Parades, Flag Day and fishing with Veterans, (my personal favorite !!) So, plenty of things will be happening with us in and around the community. Keep an eye on the attached calendar. Please consider becoming more involved. It's a great way to help others, have fun and enjoy the camaraderie of our comrades.

Respect, Dignity, Teamwork, Commitment, Integrity; we should remember these values as the very cornerstone of every military organization since our great country established the services of "Those in Uniform"

Keep in touch and don't hesitate to call me with ideas and or question/comments.

Lonnie Rose, Post Commander, 360-220-5676

A Chaplain's Perspective

My Comrades, Sister & Brothers, the last few months we have grieved the loss of many Post and Auxiliary Members. Let's remember Freedom is powerful. It's a gift. And a treasure.

The most significant, important gifts in life are always worth fighting for. And often, they come with a great price. They are not free. Somewhere along the way, someone paid dearly for the liberties we enjoy so freely today. But sometimes, we forget. It's easy to take them for granted. We enjoy freedom, but most of us alive today, have always had it. We may not even be fully aware of just how many men and women have paid dearly for the gifts we enjoy today. The price was paid through many long years. Remember, Pray and give thanks for all those who have protected our nation, also for the men and women in uniform, and their families. There's great power and strength in the loyalty of your service, Thank you for reminding us that there's incredible love and sacrifice displayed, when one is willing to stand strong, and fight for freedom.

This service of love and sacrifice on behalf of these people, points us directly to the greatest love of all, the very gift and sacrifice of Christ. Our Savior was willing to pay the ultimate price, so that we can live free Forever.

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;" Psalms 23:4

President's Corner

Greetings to everyone, we managed to remain very busy the last 3 months even though we did not have a meeting in January & February. We stayed busy helping Veterans and their families. We visited Veterans at retirement homes that we had met at Christmas time, and did errands for them. We also made visits to the Coast Guard during the shutdown. We were able to help our Post/Aux members with meals after illnesses. Our Aux also works hand & hand with the Post at their monthly fundraising Breakfast. Aux members put together baskets to raffle off at the breakfast to raise money for our relief fund. We also sent out 71 troop care boxes at Christmas and \$3,762 in coupons were sent to our adopted base in Japan. Aux 9301 takes very seriously the mission that was put in place in 1914 "to improve the lives of veterans, active-duty service members and their families and our communities".

Our Aux has flourished so much in the last few years. We need to do our best to assure that this organization will be here for the community and to carry on its purpose. It is our duty to grow and mentor the next generation of family members of veterans so that they may carry on the torch. In doing this, comes some good and bad. But if we keep focused and remember our purpose we will thrive. My Pastor spoke on Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they will be called children of God". He shared that a peacemaker is not someone who avoids conflict at all costs; they are the ones who seek to be peaceable and to pronounce the gospel of peace. Sometimes this conviction can cause opposition, but never deny the facts & truth for the sake of {trying to make Peace}. Being a peacemaker takes some overtime, but God also promises to be present in this work. By the success of this Auxiliary, I truly believe that God is present and blessing our Auxiliary.

Elizabeth Rose, Auxiliary President

Commander Lonnie Rose with
Ellen Courtney, at right.
A younger Foster Courtney,
below.



Auxiliary Chaplain's Corner

Greetings fellow Aux & Post 9301 members,

It's been a long cold winter here in Whatcom County. As we head into Spring I'm sure everyone must be celebrating the return of warmer weather and glorious sunshine!

After our 2-month break in Jan. and Feb. it was good to see everyone again who attended the monthly meeting this past Tue, March 12. Our Aux 9301 President Elizabeth Rose shared with the 16 members in attendance all business that had been conducted over the past 2 months, and new upcoming business as we head into the new year.

Sadly, we lost one of our longest standing lifetime members, Ellen Courtney, on Feb. 21, 2019, when she passed away after a 2-month battle with brain cancer. Ellen will be missed by all who knew and loved her. She was both a true Patriot who loved her Country and a dedicated member of Aux 9301 who willingly gave her time and energy to serving veterans and families.

Her memorial service was well attended by her loving family and community members who admired and respected Ellen for her commitment to helping others. She joined her husband, VFW Post 9301 charter member, Foster Courtney, who had passed away just 8 weeks prior to Ellen. It was both an honor and a privilege to pay our respects to these 2 outstanding people.

As always, our thoughts and prayers are with all of our members and the veterans and families we serve. For those who are recovering from surgery, the loss of a loved one, or who may be battling depression trying to regain their good health, we are here for you.

Our Aux is continually growing with new members! We are blessed to have such an active and healthy Auxiliary. The credit goes to all of our hardworking and dedicated members, and the excellent leadership of our President, Elizabeth Rose.

Next month many of us will be celebrating Easter and the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thankful for His continued blessing and protection over us. And for the strength to keep moving forward that comes from His great love for us.

Psalms 121:1-2 "I will lift my eyes up to the mountains; From where shall my help come? My help comes from the Lord."

Philippians 3:13 "For it is God who works in you to will and to work according to His good purpose."

James 1:17 "Every good and perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights."

In His Name,

**Dawn Thompson, Auxiliary 9301 Chaplain,
Veterans and Family Support**



Welcome Spring!


MARCH

23 rd	Saturday	Spring Troop Box shipment -Come to Post and help!	3pm
29 th	Friday	Vietnam Veterans Day FREE Event at Lynden Museum, Lunch at 1pm	10am-4pm

APRIL

9 th	Tuesday	VFW/Aux Meeting – 6:30pm meeting, 5:45pm dinner & fellowship	
20 th	Saturday	Post Fundraiser Breakfast \$7, \$6 with breakfast card, free under age 5	8-11am
21 st	Sunday	Easter Sunday	


MAY

14 th	Tuesday	VFW/AUX meeting@ 6:30, Installation of Officers @ 5:30, Dinner after.	
18 th	Saturday	Breakfast, \$7, ½ price for Veterans {Armed Forces Day}	8-11am
		Armed Forces Day 	
24 th	Friday	Put Flags up at Monumenta Cemetery, Lynden	6pm
25 th	Saturday	Lynden Ace Hardware VFW Community Outreach Event & BBQ	10am-3pm
25 th -27 th	Sat - Mon	VFW Poppy Drive at Safeway in Lynden	9am-5pm
27 th	Monday	Memorial Day -Lynden Cemetery Ceremony	10am
		-Greenwood Cemetery Ceremony	1:30pm

JUNE

1 st	Saturday	Lynden Farmer Day Parade, Honor Guard Leads Parade	10:30am
		Carry a Fallen Soldier Banner --Be at Front St & 10th by 10am	
11 th	Tuesday	VFW/Aux Meeting – 6:30pm meeting, 5:45pm dinner & fellowship	
14 th	Friday	Flag Day	12pm
		Distribution of stick flags at Veterans Park in Lynden, Grover & 4 th	
14 th	Friday	Ceremony of Dedication of Flag Boxes from Boy Scouts --TBA	
15 th	Saturday	Post Fundraiser Breakfast \$7, \$6 with breakfast card, free under age 5	8-11am
29 th	Saturday	Sumas Parade, Post Honor Guard Leads	11am
		Come Carry a Fallen Soldier Banner -be there by 10:30 am	

JULY

4 th	Thursday	Happy 4 th of July!! 	
9 th	Tuesday	VFW/Aux Meeting – 6:30pm meeting, 5:45pm dinner & fellowship	
13 th	Saturday	Everson Parade, Honor Guard Leads. Carry a Fallen Soldier Banner--	11am
		--Be at Hwy 9 and Main St church parking lot by 10:30am sharp	
19 th -20 th	Fri-Sat	Aux Garage Sale {Collecting Items NOW}	9am-5pm
20 th	Saturday	Post Fundraiser Breakfast \$7, \$6 with breakfast card, free under age 5	8-11am

TAPS:

Robert Boice • Foster Courtney • Gilbert Hagen • Leo Holz • Robert Johnson
Dale Smith • Bernie Visser • Peter Zuidmeer • Robert Zweegman



History on TAPS: "Taps" is a bugle call - a signal, not a song. As such, there is no associated lyric. Many bugle calls had words associated with them as a mnemonic device, but these are not lyrics. A Horace Lorenzo Trim wrote a set of words intended to accompany the music: (See Back Page)

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President



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VFW 9301 Lynden Breakfast

\$1.00 OFF with this card

\$7.00 8-11 am

**KIDS 5 and under FREE
3RD SATURDAY of each month**

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TAPS (Cont'd):

Day is done, gone the sun, from the lake, from the hills, from the sky; All is well, safely rest, God is nigh. Fading light, dims the sight, and a star gems the sky, gleaming bright. From afar, drawing nigh, falls the night. Thanks and praise, for our days, 'neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky; As we go, this we know, God is nigh. Sun has set, shadows come, Time has fled, Scouts must go to their beds always true to the promise that they made. While the light fades from sight, and the stars gleaming rays softly send, to thy hands we our souls, Lord, commend.



Officers

Post:
Commander: Lonnie Rose 360-220-5676
Senior Vice: Andy Sauer / Junior Vice: Dwight Worden
Quartermaster: Darwin VanDerPol / Adjutant: Rex Dudley
Chaplain: Greg Newman
Trustees: 1 Year –Robert Rose, 2 Year –Kerry Whitworth,
3 Year –Eric Keyes
Officer of the Day: Richard (Zeke) Secules

Auxiliary:
President: Elizabeth Rose 360-220-5676
Senior Vice: Judy Carlson / Junior Vice: Emily Worden
Chaplain: Dawn Thompson / Secretary: Jerri Luginbill
Treasurer: Jenna Schrengohst / Conductor: Lee Carlson
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