



Commanders Corner

Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,

Our new "Military Order of the Cootie" will be having it's first meeting, installation, and initiation on Sunday, October 5th. If you signed up or if you are an officer or former officer and would like to sign up, you will need to be there. Contact Paul Manly if you have not signed up and are interested.

Our youth scholarship contests (Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and Youth Essay) have entries due by Oct. 31st. If you have a child, or know of a child, grandchild in 3rd grade through High School, they are eligible to participate, including home-school children. The National winner of the Voice of Democracy will receive a \$35,000 scholarship. If you are interested in helping to judge these essays, contact Paul Manly or Steve Corker.

Public Servant awards are also available. This applies to police, fire-fighters, EMTs, 9-1-1 operators, and explosive ordinance technicians. Call Paul if you have a candidate, or download the entry form from the Department website (www.vfwwa.org).

The District meeting is October 18th at the Elk post. All members in good standing can go to these meetings and are encouraged to do so. Our next post meeting is October 19th. This will be our District inspection. It would be nice to have a good turnout. We could also have state officers attending since they will be at the District meeting the day before.

On October 16th we will have a meet & greet for all Post members to come in for a free lunch and meet your officers - get re-acquainted with the Post.

Please support the Auxiliary functions - Sunday Breakfast - Christmas Bazaar, etc.

We're going to have a busy fall,

Mike Fagan

Post Commander



From the Quartermaster

With the processing of current life members completed, our membership looks really good. We need but 20 members to make 100% and less than 25 members for eligibility for All-American. Annual members: You can renew early. I will not change your expiration month, but renewing late will. OR you could become a life member and avoid the hassle of renewing each year.

I was able to process the newsletter on our website to make it quicker and easier to access. The newsletter will be posted each month around the 1st or before.

Very Respectfully

Paul Manly

Adjutant/Quartermaster

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President's Message

Auxiliary and Post Members,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Post and Auxiliary Patriotic Ceremony on September 19th. Together, we honored three

important occasions—**The Star-Spangled Banner (Sept. 14), Constitution Day (Sept. 17), and POW/MIA Remembrance Day.** A special thank-you goes to **Girl Scout Troop 2242** for their meaningful participation in setting the POW/MIA table. We had a wonderful turnout, and I hope you enjoyed the program as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events planned:

Halloween Kids' Party

Saturday, October 25th at 1:00 p.m.

Bring your children or grandchildren for an afternoon of fun! There will be games, prizes, and plenty of food.

Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale

Saturday, November 22nd, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Lunch will be served for just \$6 (sandwich & soup). The Auxiliary will also have crafts and baked goods for sale. Proceeds will directly support our veterans and their families. If you'd like to donate crafts, baked goods, or your time, please let us know.

If you cannot attend but still wish to support, donations may be mailed to:

VFW Auxiliary #1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave., Spokane, WA 99217

District Meeting

October 18th at the Elk Post

Lunch begins at noon, followed by the meeting. All members are welcome!

Membership Dues Reminder

Don't forget to pay your dues! Those paid by **October 31st** will be entered into a **\$50 drawing**.

Life members who pay their **\$5 cancer insurance** will also be entered.

Next Auxiliary Meeting

October 11th at 10:30 a.m.

This will also be the **Official Visit from our District President**. Please try to attend—we'd love to see as many members there as possible!

Thank you all for your continued support and dedication to our mission. Together, we make a difference.

Loyally,

Karen Flynn, President

We support our Active Duty & Reserve members:

All these comrades are members of Hillyard VFW Post 1474:

Rett Burroughs, Army

Jared Bordwell, Army

Brett Downey, Air National Guard

Thank you for your service!

Please let us know if you are still serving so we can add you to this list.

Birthdays:

90 and Over:

Gary Brown (92)

Joan Caulfield-Detmer (90)

James Firzlauff (93)

Charlotte McCabe (90)

Pearl McCoy (97)

Herbert Nelson (94)

80 and Over

Jerry Altringer

Joyce Cumpton

Larry Eakle

Monte MacConnell

Alan Marsh

Stan McPhee

Fay Sandham

Donald Shove

If we've missed you, please let us know. We don't have all birthdays on file. Many of the Auxiliary members have ONLY the year on file.

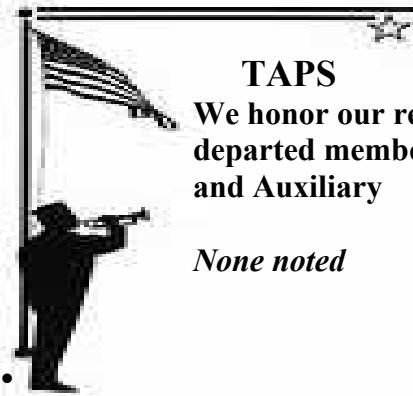


LEGISLATION:

Support Today's Veterans and Military Please contact or visit your congressional representatives and stress that these are the issues we will be fighting for in the 119th Congress. These priority goals reflect the resolutions passed and supported by the men and women of the VFW and its Auxiliary. To find your congressional representatives, visit vfw.org/ActionCorps. Play a Role in the Process Engage and help us ensure that these priority goals are enacted. ***Sign up today for the VFW Action Corps Weekly and VFW Action Alerts: • Visit vfw.org/JoinActionCorps***



POW-MIA Ceremony



TAPS

We honor our recently departed members of the Post and Auxiliary

None noted

• Community Service

Community Service Report Information:

Who? Name and Post or Aux member

When? Date of Activity

What? What type of activity, or what did you do as community service

How many hours, including driving time

How many miles? Round trip miles

Number of Veterans helped (if any)

Community Service Report (since Jul 1)

451 hours, 2,733 miles, 71 member days, 61 Auxiliary days, 251 veterans helped, \$4,248 spent in the following categories:

Community Service :

Americanism, 3; Blood donations 3; Community Activities 1; Honor Guard 1 Memorial Service 5; Other 8

Veterans Assistance: Buddy Visits 1, Hospital 1; Information booth 3; Unmet needs 2, Phone well check 1

Youth Development: Essay combo 3

Scouting: BSA 5, GSA 1

You, too, can be part of this report. Send community service to the Quartermaster. If in doubt, ask, but generally any assistance (especially for veterans) outside the Post building counts. Blood bank donations all count.

Please send community service reports (Post and Aux) to: Paul Manly at pmanly@icehouse.net

If you have anything to contribute to the newsletter, please try to get it in by Tuesday following the Post meeting. Ed.

Veterans' Day Poppy Drive

Veterans' Day Poppy Drive and information tables will be Friday &

Saturday,

November 7 & 8.

Please sign up at

the Post - and

early, if possible.

We would like to explore more and new locations.



SUN Breakfast 9-11 Texas Hold-em 2:00	MON Bowling 12:00 BSA Troops 242 & 243 6:30	TUE Dice 3:00 Music with Bobby & Tommy 5-7	WED Bar Bingo 5:00	THU Cribbage Darts	FRI Bingo 1:00 Bar Bingo 5:00	SAT Dinner 5-7
ABOVE: THESE EVENTS HAPPEN EVERY WEEK!						
OCTOBER 2025			1 Nick-birthday party 8:00 pm	2	3	4 Butch wake 1:00 Dinner: Pot luck
5 Breakfast: Eggs, bacon, hashbrowns	6	7	8	8	10	11 Aux Mtg 1030 Block Party 2-6 Dinner: Chili & sides \$10
Cootie installation 1:00-4:00						
12 Breakfast: Breakfast casserole	13	14	15	16 Meert & Greet 12-2 Soup & San Hillyard Belles 5-6	17	18 FRA 10:00 Dinner: French dip \$12
19 Breakfast: Biscuits & gravy,	20 Paint & Sip 5-7 \$30 Pay in advance to bartender	21	22	23	24	25 Hallowe'en kids party 1-3 Dinner: Fish & Chips \$12
House 12:00 Post Mtg 1:00		Am Leg 6:00		BSA Order of the Arrow – 6:30		
26 Breakfast: Pancakes, egg, sausage	27	28	29	30	31 Bar Bingo Costume Contest	

Please, please, please!

Make reservations for all Special dinners
at least 2 nights before the dinner or you
may not get fed.

Bar Hours: 12 noon to 7 p.m. or later.

Check the white board for other specials & events

Paint 'n Sip
Money. Oct 20th
5 to 7 p.m.
\$30 per person

Specials: Thursday– Happy Hour 1-5,
\$1 off all alcoholic drinks
50¢ off all non-alcoholic drinks
Drink Specials:



Sorry. we did not get the
advance picture for the
bulletin. but I'm sure they
will be floating around the
by the time this is received.

VFW 1474, HILLYARD
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ALL MEETINGS IN THE HALL
2826 E Diamond Ave

POST MEETING
3RD SUNDAY 1:00 p.m.

AUXILIARY MEETING
2ND SATURDAY 10:30 a.m.



YOU ARE INVITED TO A PUBLIC
END OF SUMMER
VFW POST 1474
BLOCK PARTY
OCT 11TH • 2:00PM TO 6:00PM
BBQ • MUSIC • CAR SHOW • VENDORS •
LINE DANCE LESSONS
• \$5 BBQ MEAL
HOTDOG, CHIPS & SODA • \$10 DONATION
CAR SHOW ENTRY
HOSTED BY: VFW 1474 & EVENT CENTER
2902 & 2826 E. DIAMOND ST - HILLYARD
• ROAD CLOSED BETWEEN BUILDINGS •



VFW #1474 AUXILIARY
**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR,
CRAFT AND BAKE SALE**
OPEN TO PUBLIC
Saturday, November 22, 2025
10 am to 3 pm
Xmas Items, Homemade Crafts, Baked Goods
At VFW Post Canteen
2902 E. Diamond Ave
Corner of E. Diamond & N. Regal
Lunch Available: Soup & Sandwich \$7
Help the Auxiliary support our Veterans and Families
Donations welcomed of Xmas items, Baked Goods & Homemade
Crafts. Contact Cheryl Gagne at 206-290-2127 to arrange pick-up.
Liquor served to VFW & Auxiliary members only



BOY SCOUTS

Post 1474 sponsors two Scout Troops and a Cub Scout Pack

BSA Troop 242 for boys, middle school through high school and **BSA Troop 243** for girls, middle school through high school – both meet on Mondays at 6:30

p.m.

Cub Scout Pack 242 meets on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Cooper Elementary School (the Pack is too large to meet comfortably at the Post). Boys and girls both can participate in this group. All groups are looking for new members. Our Scout troops are very active. If you know of a youth who would like to join, let Paul know and he will get you in touch with the scoutmaster, or, come to the meeting hall during the scout meeting time. If you would like to participate as an adult, there are many leadership opportunities.



Girl Scout Troop 2242

Auxiliary sponsors Girl Scout Troop 2242 of the Girl Scouts of America. If you know of a girl that would be interested in this group contact Natasha Porter or Karen Flynn. Thank you to the girls who participated in our POW-MIA ceremony. You did a great job.



Celebraing Navy Day with the Lonesome Sailor

Outside the Navy museum in Washington DC - Honor Flight 2023



American Legion Post 243

If you have dues unpaid for 2026, please send them in as soon as possible.

Please join us on October 16th for a meet & greet. We'd like to get to know you - and get a free lunch (soup & san) for

all members of the VFW Post 1474, American Legion Post 243, and Fleet Reserve Association Branch 38 We'd like to get to know you.

Dennis McCully
Commander, Post 243
American Legion



Fleet Reserve Association

The Fleet Reserve Association is open to all members who served in the Navy, Aprine Corps, and Coast Guard and have an honorable discharge. They meet at the Hillyard VFW Post on the 2nd Saturday of

each month at 10:00 a.m. New members are welcome!

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AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP:

Don't forget, if you have your dues paid by October 31st you will be in a drawing for \$50.00. Life members will be in the drawing also.

Here are some National awards too:

Awards for Members: ▪ 5 Member Recruiter Pin. Each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits five (5) new and/or rejoined members to the VFW Auxiliary will receive a 5 Member Recruiter Pin. Pin will be mailed directly to the recruiter. ▪

5 Member Recruiter Drawing.

Each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits five (5) new and/or rejoined members to the VFW Auxiliary will be entered into the 5 Member Recruiter Drawing to receive a \$100 Visa Gift Card.

Dues are \$30.00 a year for annual membership and if you don't want to worry about paying every Year you can covert to a Life Member. Cost of this is listed below.

Please mail your dues to:

VFW Auxiliary #1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave.
Spokane, WA 99217

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES are not refundable.

Attained age by 12/31 of year applying for Life

Membership.. Through age 20 \$253

21-25	\$242	26-30	\$230	31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213	41-45	\$201	46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184	56-60	\$173	61-65	\$161
66-70	\$150	71-75	\$132	76-80	\$109
81-85	\$86	86-90	\$69	91 and over	\$58

AMERICANISM:

Fly your flag –

October 13th – Columbus Day

October 27th – Navy Day, salutes all of the military personnel who have served, both past and present, in the United States Navy.

Gold Star Mother's & Family Day – Sunday, September 28

Observed annually on the last Sunday of September, Gold Star Mother's and Family Day honors and remembers the mothers and immediate families of service members who died in the line of duty. The term "Gold Star" comes from the tradition of military families displaying Service flags:

- ✓ ★ **Blue Star:** A family member is serving in active duty
- ✓ ★ **Silver Star:** A family member was wounded or injured in a war zone
- ✓ ★ **Gold Star:** A family member was killed during active duty — representing ultimate sacrifice for freedom

Gold Star families bear the immeasurable pain of loss, yet they also carry immense pride in their loved one's service. As President Barack Obama stated in his 2011 Proclamation:

"Gold Star mothers and families know the immeasurable cost of fighting for the ideals we believe in, and they know the pride that comes with exemplary service to America."

— President Barack Obama, September 23, 2011

Let us remember and honor their sacrifice — not just in September, but always.

Fly your flag on all Patriotic Holidays!!

"It's not the price you pay to belong, it's the price you paid to be eligible." Please keep your membership current.



Honor Flight Fundraiser
Coming soon!
Please help support this
opportunity for veterans to
go to Washington DC



SUICIDE AWARENESS:

Crisis Signs

These signs require immediate attention. If you are experiencing any of these and need medical attention, call 911 now. For immediate help in dealing with a suicidal crisis, contact the Veterans Crisis Line: [Dial 988 then Press 1](tel:988).

- ✓ Thinking about hurting or killing yourself
- ✓ Looking for ways to kill yourself
- ✓ Talking about death, dying, or suicide
- ✓ Self-destructive behavior, such as drug abuse, risky use of weapons, etc

If you would like to sponsor a few members of the Auxiliary they will be walking 30 miles in the month of October for Suicide Awareness. Please send any donations to the Auxiliary at 2902 E. Diamond Ave., Spokane 99217 and earmark it for Suicide Awareness.

Free, 24/7, confidential support is a call away. The Veterans Crisis Line can help even if you're not enrolled in VA benefits or health care.

Call: 988 then press 1

If you are a Veteran, service member, or any person concerned about one who is hard of hearing, you can connect with professional, caring VA responders through [online chat](#) and text message ([838255](tel:838255)). For TTY users: Use your preferred relay service or dial 711 then 988.



Recruiting membership at the Fair