



## Commanders Corner

Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,  
The Spokane Interstate Fair starts this week. We have three different opportunities to participate and get free admission to the fair:

### **District 9 information and recruiting booth.**

Our day is Thursday, Sep. 11<sup>th</sup>. Contact Paul Manly (509-979-1627) if you are interested in helping. Limited to 12 people with 4-hour shifts. Saturday.

**District 9 Food Booth** (formerly Post 51 food booth). Many opportunities within the 10 days of the fair. There is a QR code posted at the Post to pick your own schedule. After scheduling, contact Danny Leichty for tickets.

**Pushing wheelchairs for veterans from the Spokane Veterans Home**, Sep 5, 8, and 11. Contact Paul Manly for more information if you are interested in this.

Our new "Military Order of the Cootie" will be having it's first meeting, installation, and initiation on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. 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. 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have a child, or know of a child, grandchild in 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

We're going to have a busy fall,

Mike Fagan  
Post Commander



### **From the Quartermaster**

My apologies for the lateness of this newsletter. I was called back to Fife for several days the past 2 weeks to assist the new State Quartermaster.

I am also working on a better solution for the website to make it easier to access the newsletter.

Annual members: We are now starting to renew your 2026 membership. 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.

Very Respectfully  
Paul Manly  
Adjutant/Quartermaster



## **President's Message**

To all Auxiliary and Post members,

September is a busy month. This year we will be doing a membership drive at the Spokane Fair. If you come out, come by and say hello. We do need volunteers to be at the booth, if you are interested, please give Paul a call at 509 979-1627. The Post and Auxiliary will be there on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. They also need volunteers for the food booth, and the fair is for 10 days and begins on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Family Fun day is September 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Come with you family and enjoy games, prizes and food.

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, the auxiliary is back to cook breakfast. We are still serving from 9:00-11:00 for \$6.00 a plate. Hope you will continue to support us, so we can continue to support our Veterans.

September 19<sup>th</sup> we will be having a POW/MIA demonstration for the Missing man table. The ceremony will begin at 4:30 p.m. and after the ceremony we will be serving a Mexican dinner for \$12.00. Everyone is welcome!

September 20<sup>th</sup> is the district meeting at Post #51, lunch will be served at noon, and the meeting will follow around 1:00 p.m. All members are welcome to attend.

This year the Christmas bazaar and bake sale will be November 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will be from 10:00 to 3:00. There will be Auxiliary crafts, so if you want to donate and come and help out, please let us know. We will also have tables you can rent for \$15.00. The proceeds that the Auxiliary makes will go to support our Veterans and their families. If you cannot attend the bazaar and want to contribute to help our veterans and the families, you may send a donation to our auxiliary at 2902 E. Diamond Ave., Spokane WA 99217

### **Do not forget to pay your dues!**

**They are \$30.00 for annual members and for life members cancer insurance through our Auxiliary is \$5.00. You could be in the drawing, if you are paid by October 31<sup>st</sup> for \$50.00!**

**School of Instruction is September 6<sup>th</sup> at Post 379 in Yakima. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a joint session until the lunch break then the VFW and the Auxiliary will split and further the information for the programs that were not covered. Every member is welcome, and you can learn about the programs we support for our Veterans and their families.**

**Reminder: The next Auxiliary meeting –**  
September 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.  
**Loyally, Karen Flynn, Aux. 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:**

Merv Adams (99)

**80 and Over**

Jay Barden

Catherine Chinque

Roger Glanville

Sheldon Hubbard

Jack Wesley Peters

*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. If your name is here, and your birthday is NOT in September, please let us know the correct date!*



**AMERICANISM:**

**September has many patriotic days to be recognized.**

**September 1st** – Labor Day and VJ Day, Japan signed Formal Surrender (1943)

**September 11** – Patriot Day – Let's not forget what happened on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> and be thankful for what we have.

**September 14<sup>th</sup>** – Stars Spangle Banner – Written by Frances Scott Key (1814)

Also the Auxiliary was organized in (1914)

**September 17<sup>th</sup>** – U.S. Constitution Approved (1787)

**September 19<sup>th</sup>** – POW/MIA Recognition Day

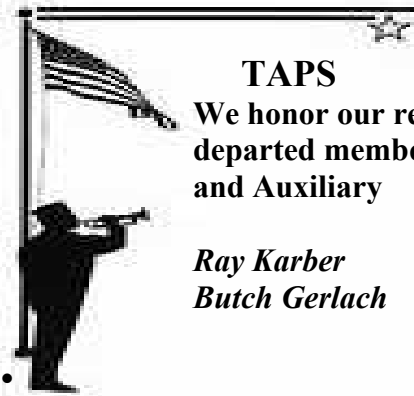
**POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY**

*National POW/MIA Recognition Day is a day to remember POW/MIA's and America's responsibility to do everything in its power to account for those who are missing or captive.*

*The Post and the Auxiliary will have a short ceremony at 4:30 p.m. at the Post. Hope to see you there. The auxiliary will be having a Mexican dinner afterward for \$12.00. Main course will be burritos! Hope you will come to bingo hungry and enjoy the dinner we are preparing.*

**September 29<sup>th</sup>** – The VFW was established in (1899)  
Gold Star Mother's Day

**Flag your flag on all Patriotic Holidays!!!**



**TAPS**

**We honor our recently departed members of the Post and Auxiliary**

*Ray Karber*

*Butch Gerlach*

**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)**

182 hours, 1,109 miles, 35 member days, 22 Auxiliary days, 159 veterans helped, \$1,581 spent in the following categories:

**Community Service :**

Americanism, 2; Blood donations 2; Community Activities 1; Honor Guard 0 Memorial Service 4; Other 4

**Veterans Assistance:** Buddy Visits 1, Hospital 1; Information booth 3;

**Scouting:** BSA 4,

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](mailto: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.

**Block Party**

**Oct. 11, Sat.**

**1 to 5 p.m.**

**More info next month.**



| SUN<br>Breakfast 9-11<br>Texas Hold-em<br>2:00  | MON<br>Bowling 12:00<br><br>BSA Troops<br>242 & 243 6:30 | TUE<br>Dice 3:00<br>Music with<br>Bobby &<br>Tommy 5-7 | WED<br><br>Bar Bingo<br>5:00 | THU<br><br>Cribbage<br>Darts  | FRI<br>Bingo 1:00<br><br>Bar Bingo<br>5:00        | SAT<br>Dinner 5-7  |
|---|--|--|------------------------------|---|---|--|
| ABOVE: THESE EVENTS HAPPEN EVERY WEEK!  |  |  |                              |   |   |  |
|   | 1  | 2  | 3                            | 4   | 5   | 6<br>Dinner: Meat<br>Loaf  |
| 7<br>Breakfast:<br>Biscuits & gravy<br><br>Ray Karber<br>Memorial 1:00                  | 8  | 9  | 10                           | 11  | 12  | 13<br>Aux Mtg 1030<br>Family Fun Day<br>1-4<br>Dinner: Chicken<br>Fried Steak  |
| 14<br>Breakfast:<br>Eggs, bacon,<br>hashbrowns, toast                                   | 15   | 16<br><br>Am Leg 6:00                                  | 17                           | 18<br><br>Hillyard Belles<br>5-6                                      | 19<br>POW-MIA<br>4:30<br>Aux dinner<br>Burritos + | 20<br>FRA 10:00<br>District 9<br>SOI - 11:00<br>Lunch/mtg 12<br>Anita Bieber<br>Memorial 1:00<br>Dinner:<br>Shepherd Pie |
| 21<br>Breakfast:<br>Biscuits & gravy,<br>egg, fruit<br><br>House 12:00<br>Post Mtg 1:00 | 22   | 23   | 24                           | 25<br>Hillyard<br>Belles 5:00<br><br>BSA Order of<br>the Arrow – 6:30 | 26  | 27<br>Bingo fund-<br>raiser 2:00<br>Dinner: Tater<br>tot casserole   |
| 28<br>Breakfast:<br>French toast, egg,<br>sausage                                       | 29<br>Paint & Sip<br>5-7                                 | 30   | SEPTEMBER 2025               |   |   |  |

***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**

**Specials: Thursday– Happy Hour 1-5,**  
**\$1 off all alcoholic drinks**  
**50¢ off all non-alcoholic drinks**  
**Drink Specials: Cinnamon roll \$5**  
**Rum & Coke \$4**

JOIN US FOR PUBLIC

# BINGO

TO BENEFIT THE NEW VFW EVENT CENTER

## FURNISHINGS

FUNDRAISER



**\$1** **SAT. SEPT 27TH** **\$1**  
**PLAY TIME: 2-6PM**  
 2902 E Diamond Ave



**VFW**  
 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
 VFW POST 1474



PAINT THIS PAINTING!  
 11 x 14

**Paint & Sip**

Mon. Sept. 29th 5-7pm  
**\$30 Pre-pay the bartender**  
 Event by: Mindfulness Masterpiece



VFW 1474, HILLYARD  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
2902 E Diamond Ave  
Spokane WA 99217-6117  
509-487-3784

**CELEBRATING  
OUR  
92<sup>ND</sup> YEAR**

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HILLYARD HI-LITES  
[www.VFW1474.org](http://www.VFW1474.org)  
[QM@VFW1474.org](mailto:QM@VFW1474.org)

**Return Service Requested**

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ALL MEETINGS IN THE HALL  
2826 E Diamond Ave

POST MEETING  
3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY 1:00 p.m.

AUXILIARY MEETING  
2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY 10:30 a.m.



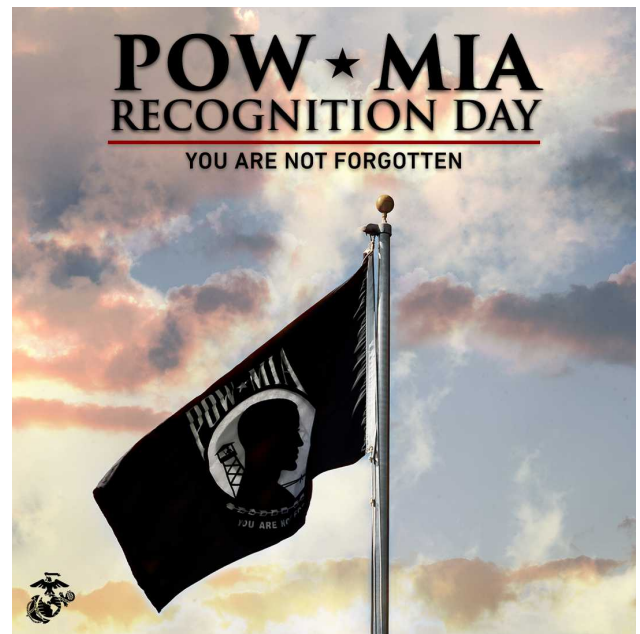
**Hosted By:**  
VFW AUX. 1474

**WHEN:**  
Saturday Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 1PM



Games and Activities for  
the Whole Family.

**WHERE:**  
VFW 2902 E. Diamond Ave.  
Spokane, Wa. 99208



**Ceremony**  
**Friday September 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 p.m.**  
**Followed by Bingo.**





## 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.

Both troops took time out from their weekend camping trip to attend the Agent Orange ceremony for “The Wall that Heals” (Vietnam Memorial Wall), Friday August 29<sup>th</sup>).

**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.

## LEGISLATION: Priority Goals

### Health Care

To ensure service members and veterans receive timely access to high-quality health care without increasing cost shares, Congress, VA, and DOD must:

- ✓ Eliminate service member and veteran suicide.
- ✓ Reform the dysfunctional community care program at VA.
- ✓ Strengthen care and research for mental health and traumatic brain injuries.
- ✓ Research the efficacy of plant-based alternative therapies for PTSD.
- ✓ Improve oversight of Vet Centers to ensure adequate staffing, resources, and funding.
- ✓ Enhance programs and services for women and underserved veterans.
- ✓ Preserve the integrity of TRICARE.
- ✓ Properly implement VA and DOD health IT systems.
- ✓ Expand nursing home eligibility and long-term care options.
- ✓ Modernize care for veterans outside of the United States.



## American Legion Post 243

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

If you find you are having difficulties and need help, please reach out and ask for assistance. As former service

members, we have been taught to give a strong front, hide our true feelings and fears. Also, if you know of any individual in trouble, please help.

Dennis McCully  
Commander, Post 243  
American Legion



## Fleet Reserve Association

The Fleet Reserve Association is open to all members who served in the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard and have an honorable discharge. They meet at the Hillyard

VFW Post on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. New members are welcome!

## AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP:

If you know someone that is eligible ask them if they would like to join the Auxiliary:

\*Step- and adopted parents, children, siblings (and half-siblings), grandparents and grandchildren are considered the same as biological parents, children, siblings, grandparents and grandchildren and may join the VFW Auxiliary under their VFW-eligible veteran.

**Dues are now payable for the new year. The dues are \$30.00 that need to be sent to our Auxiliary.**

**For everyone that pays by October 31<sup>st</sup> will be in a drawing for \$50.00, please try and get your dues in by then.**

*If you don't want to worry about paying your annual dues every year you should become a life member.*

## 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  |

## Mail dues to:

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

## 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 September 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.



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

Recruiting booth at the Spokane  
Interstate Fair still has some openings

Contact Paul if you are interested:  
509-979-1627

## Hillyard Festival Parade 8/3/25



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Saturday, November 22, 2025**

VFW #1474 AUXILIARY

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR,  
CRAFT AND BAKE SALE**

*Xmas Items, Homemade Crafts, Baked Goods*

**At VFW Post #1474**

Donations welcomed of Xmas items, Baked Goods & Homemade Crafts. Contact Cheryl Gagne at 206-290-2127 to arrange pick-up.  
Bring baked goods to Post morning of Bazaar,