

# Commanders Corner

Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,

In the next several days, we as Americans are to participate in a civic exercise known as voting. Preserving

and participating this sacred right is one of the many reasons why we served and continue to serve. This is the time that we all stand, vote and take back control of our government. It matters not to me if you are a "R" or a "D", what matters is that we all are "P"s meaning, we participate. PLEASE VOTE!!!

It is that time again when the turkeys and the reindeer come a visiting. We do plan on having a free Thanksgiving dinner, we will do Christmas food baskets, and a few extra cool things leading up to that special Christmas day. We're not done yet because new years eve is right around the corner so keep an eye on your news letter schedule and the table tops at the post for flyers and other news.

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Respectfully yours, Mike Fagan, Post Commander



## From the Quartermaster:

Tired of paying dues? Become a Life Member and never pay dues again!

 VFW Life Memberships: Thru Age 30
 \$425

 31-40
 \$410
 41-50
 \$375
 51-60
 \$335

 61-70
 \$290
 71-80
 \$225
 Over 80
 \$170

 A 12-month payment plan is available (Post members).



Wes Anderson & Glenn Albert at the stand down

Karen Flynn, Cathy Anderson, & Robyn Sterrett at the Stand down



# President's Message Auxiliary and Post Members:

FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

We are not having a Halloween party this year for the Children, but we did partner up with Hillyard Built and there was a Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> in the Hillyard community.

Poppy Drive is November 8th and 9th for Veterans Day. If you would like to help by volunteering at a store, please go to the Post and sign the sign-up sheet. We are at the Five Mile Rosauer's, Safeway on Francis and Monroe, Albertson's on Nevada, and Safeway in Hillyard. You may call Paul at the Post (509) 487-3784 or Karen at (509) 669-8144.

Veterans Day – Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> Lunch will be served to all Veterans no cost to them. Non-Veterans lunch will be \$6.00. Homemade Soup and sandwich.

Don't forget our *Christmas Bazaar and bake sale on Saturday, Dec. 7th.* If you could donate a baked good or some of your special crafts it will help us support our needy families at Christmas. We also make donations to the VA Hospital and Spokane Veterans Home. If you would like to make a donation to help out, please send to VFW Aux. #1474 at 2902 E. Diamond Ave., Spokane, WA 99217

Reminder: Your dues of \$30.00 are payable now. Please send them to the Post address Or drop them off at the Post. There will be a drawing for \$50.00, if your dues are paid by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. If you don't want to worry about paying every year, you may want to Convert to a life member.

The Post will be serving a Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving, November 28<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help out or cook a turkey or ham, please give the Post a call. Volunteers could also make dressing, mashed potatoes, salads, dessert, rolls, etc. No charge for dinner!

Next Auxiliary meeting is November 16th at 10:30 a.m.

Karen Flynn, President, (509) 669-8144

C District 9 and Auxiiary 1474 had 2 tables at the recent Stand Down. Wes anderson was assisted at the Sitrict table by members of Post 1474.

## 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:

Dean Kronberger Joseph Turner



John Cummings Patsy Moon

**David Morton** 

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, please let us know the correct date!

#### **AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP:**

If you don't want to worry about paying your dues every year you may want to pay for your life membership.

Your membership is important to the Veterans, it supports their benefits. Without your membership we will not be able to help them or their families.

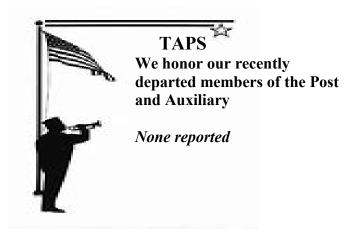
We only have 50 annual members that still need to pay their dues. Remember your dues help support Our Veterans and their families. Please send your dues of \$30.00 in or drop off at the Post. There is a \$50.00 drawing for all paid up members by December 1, 2024.

If you know of a member in a nursing home, please let us know, so we can help them out.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES are not refundable. Attained age by 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.

Through 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



# 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 Long?** How many hours, including driving time

**How Many Miles?** Round trip miles **Number of Veterans Helped** (if any)

## Community Service Report:

This year-to-date, Post 1474 has reported the following community service:

777.75 hours, 4589 miles, 101 member days, 155 Auxiliary days, 243 veterans helped, \$12,637 spent in the following categories:

#### **Community Service:**

Americanism, 2; Blood donations 4; Community Activities 2; Honor Guard 9; Memorial Service 4; Other 18,

Legislative: Local 1; National 1; Other 1

<u>Veterans Assistance:</u> Homeless Vets 1, Hospital 3; Information booth 4; National Home 2; Standdown 1;

Veterans & Military Support 1; Other 5

**Youth Development:** Other 2

Scouting: BSA 54, GSA 1, Eagle Scout 3

You, too, can be part of this report. Send commuity 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.

Send community service reports (Post and Aux) to:

Paul Manly at pmanly@icehouse.net

Also send Auxiliary Community Service to:

Patsy Moon

Auxiliary Community Service Coordinator (509) 280-4675 moonstar744@yahoo.com

### Medicare Information Workshop

Tom McDonald will present a Medicare information workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00. Got questions? He will have or can get the answers. If you are on Tricare and do not have one of the 3 supplements that give you money back - be there!

Every	Every	Every	Every	Every	Every	Every
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Breakfast 9-11	Bowling 12:00	Dice 3:00				
Texas Hold'em 2:00	Texas Hold'em 4:00 BSA Troops	Bobby & Tommy	Bar Bingo 5:00	BINGO 1:00	BINGO 1:00	Dinner 5-7
Sun Nite Football	242/243 6:30-9:00	5 – 7	3.00	Thur nitte Football		

	Nov	em	ber		1	2 Dinner: Tater tot casserole
Breakfast Eggs, hashbrowns, sausage, toast Holey board 3:00	4	5 VOTE	6 3:00 Medicare Workshop - all are invited for information	7	8	9 Fleet Reserve 9:30 Kaiser group 1:00 Woodside Swing 7 Dinner: Chicken Fried Steak \$12
10 Breakfast French Toast, egg, sausage	Veterans' Day Free lunch for veterans 12:30-3:00	12	13	Hillyard Belles 5:00 BSA Order of the Arrow – 6:30	15	16 Aux 10:30 Dinner: Chicken Cordon Bleu - \$12
Breakfast: Biscuits & Gravy, egg, sausage House 1:00 Post Mtg 2:00	18 Evergreen Cemetery Board 10:00	19 Am Leg 6:00	7:00 BS Troop 243 Committee	21	22	23 Dinner: Captain's Platter \$12
24 Breakfast Surprise	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Free Dinner	29	30 Dinner: Fettuccini Alfredo \$10

Please, please!

<u>Make reservations for all Special dinners</u> 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 Board for Food Weekly Specials! Monthly Drink Specials: Check the board

Monday Night Football - big screen TV.

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

AUXILIARY MEETING 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY 10:30 a.m.





#### **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. in the main building.

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. During the summer there is limited activity.

Eagle Scout Project: The first order of bricks has been installed. You can continue to order bricks - the next order will go in by November 15th. Order forms are at the Post. Remember, proceeds for brick orders until Zoe receives her Eagle award will continu to help future scouts with their projects. The Eagle Court of Honor is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m.



Our Auxiliary has taken over sponsorship of Girl Scout Troop 2242 of the Girl Scouts of America. If you know of a girl that would be interested in this girl scouts group contact Natashia Porter or Karen Flvnn.

### 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 10:30 a.m. New members are welcome!.



# American Legion Post 243



Please join us at our next meeting, November 19th, 6:00 p.m.. There are lots of youth programs coming up. Dennis McCully Commander, Post 243 American Legion

## **Americanism**

November 3<sup>rd</sup> Daylight savings time ends -Don't forget to set your clocks back! November 10<sup>th</sup> Birtheday - Marine Corps **Birthday** 



November 11th is Veterans Day! Let's not forget to thank our Veterans for their service.

#### **VETERAN'S DAY REMEMBRANCE**

Jack and Dan's - 1226 N. Hamilton, Spokane, Saturday, November 9, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds of the raffle and auction will be donated To the Spokane Veterans Home Betterment Fund.

#### **VETERANS DAY:**

Veterans Day is an opportunity to publicly commemorate the contributions of living veterans. Originally called Armistice Day, it officially received its name in America in 1926 through a congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar congressional action. If World War I had truly been "the war to end all wars," November 11 might be still called Armistice Day. Realizing that peace was equally preserved by veterans of World War II and Korea, Congress decided to make the day an occasion to honor all those who have served America. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day. (The first Veterans Day parade took place in 1953 in Emporia, Kansas.) A law passed in 1968 changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

Please remember: \*It is important to replace faded or damaged flags - and retire them. They should not be put in the trash. Please drop them off at the Post and you may put them in the red, white, and blue box by the back door in the parking lot. The VFW and Auxiliary members and Scouts will retire them properly.

### Show proper respect to the Flag:

- ✓ When the Flag is displayed and the National Anthem is played and/or sung, all those present should face the Flag and salute.
- ✓ When the Flag **is not** displayed and the national anthem is played and/or sung, all those present should face the music and salute.
- ✓ Members should stand when the Flags are

# November 28th - Thanksgiving Day

If you would like to participate in giving a Veterans Day card, please drop them off at the Post

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#### HOSPITAL

The VA Hospital is always looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please give us a call and we can advise you of what is needed to do. Youth groups and non-members are allowed to visit the veterans. The veterans love to have young people visit them.

#### **LEGISLATION:**

November 5<sup>th</sup> – DON'T FORGET TO VOTE! Be sure to vote for the person and the things that are good for our Country.

Tell Congress to Include VFW Priority: As we speak, the House and Senate Committees on Armed Services are negotiating their versions of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2025. An important VFW legislative priority, S.2888 / H.R.3933, TAP Promotion Act, is currently in the House version (Section 563) only. Ensuring veterans receive their VA benefits and health care as soon as they leave the military facilitates a smooth transition, and can also reduce the risk of homelessness, food insecurity, and suicide. Tell Congress to keep the TAP Promotion Act in the final version of the defense bill to make permanent VA's practice of including accredited claims representatives in TAP classes.

# Bingo at Hillyard VFW

Thursday & Friday 1:00 p.m.
Sales start 1 hour prior to play.
All Bingo supplies will be available.
Canteen and kitchen will be open.
All 8 pull tab games will be available.
Bring your friends and plan to enjoy a good time!



Remember

**E**veryone

**D**eployed

\$1 off your first beverage of choice if you're wearing a red shirt on Fridays

Hillyard VFW Auxiliary 1474	Approved Denied
Request for Christmas Basket for Needy family	Auxiliary Committee:
Name	
Address:	
(Baskets will need to be picked up at the Post)	
Telephone:	
	Notes: (Auxiliary only)
Total members in family: Adults; Children.	
VEW or Auxilian Mambar? (Vac No.)	
VFW or Auxiliary Member? (Yes/No)	
Veteran or family of Veteran? (Yes/No)	
Have you received baskets in the past? If yes, when?	
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Return to the Post no later than Friday, December 16 <sup>th</sup>	
Baskets will be available on Wednesday, December 21st	