



## Commanders Corner

Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,  
Our most important meeting of the year is this month. This is our election for officers for the ensuing

year. If you would like to help your Post, please step forward and hold an office. There are a dozen offices, some of which often go unfilled. The meeting has been changed due to Easter Sunday falling on our normal day.

**The meeting will be Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**

Membership is just a few short of our goal. If you are an annual member and unpaid, please send your dues in to the Quartermaster. We will be having an open house for membership and have invited 120 potential members who have moved to Spokane from other states. You are welcome, also. Please come and greet these folks and make them feel welcome.

Many thanks go to Jake Ingram for his assistance with grant-writing. He has been instrumental in obtaining several grants and donations. The most recent are acknowledged elsewhere.

My hip surgery went well, but I'm still in some pain and slow to get about. Bingo is a great opportunity for me.

Thank you to Crystal and her bartenders for keeping us in operation. And thank you for your patronage. It's your support that really keeps us in operation.

Again, please come to the meeting. This is important.

Thank you to all our volunteers for all you do.  
Mike Fagan  
Post Commander

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### ***From the Quartermaster:***

Post members can mail dues directly to the Post (\$40), or never pay dues again and pay for a Life Membership.

**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).

To be put on the newsletter email list, Send a request by email

to: (VFW) [qm@vfw1474.org](mailto:qm@vfw1474.org)

(Am Leg) [al243wa@gmail.com](mailto:al243wa@gmail.com)

(Scouts) [qm@vfw1474.org](mailto:qm@vfw1474.org)

## **Membership Drive Open House**

**Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**All day long, noon to 7 p.m.**

**Free Finger food & soda**

**Discounted alcohol drinks**

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## **President's Message**

Auxiliary and Post Members,

Thank you to everyone that came to the St. Patrick's Day celebration. Lots of members came out to celebrate and had Rueben sandwiches made by myself and

Catherine Anderson and the potato salad was made by Patsy Moon and the macaroni salad made by Karen.

Also, I want to thank Cheryl for taking the orders and collecting the money. We did not hear any complaints, so we are sure everyone was happy.

March 29<sup>th</sup> is Vietnam Veterans Day and to honor our veterans the Auxiliary will be serving chicken salad on croissants with soup from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. No charge to them and guests are \$10.00.

We are having the children's Easter party on April 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. There will be lots of games and prizes to enjoy. Please bring your children and grandchildren and hopefully the weather will be nice and warm for them to be outdoors.

Do not forget to come into the Post and put a bid on one or more of the Easter baskets. We have adult and children's baskets. Bids will be picked up on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday morning breakfast every week for \$6.00, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Each week the menu changes. If you would like to cook or help out, please contact me at (509) 669-8144.

The next Auxiliary meeting will be on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. We will have nominations and elections for new officers.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> the Auxiliary will be having a taco bar with extras and music. We will be serving from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. This is to celebrate **Cinco de Mayo**. Come in and have some fun and dancing!!!

Hope you all have a nice Easter!

Loyally,

Karen Flynn, Aux. President

### ***Special Projects Report:***

Fundraising efforts are well underway and we've had some donations. Grant writing is a long arduous process and hopefully more will come through soon. We still have some construction to complete, equipment to replace, a mortgage to cover, credit card debt and other expenses. If you have fundraising ideas and can help with that please let me know.

The food pantry is up and running. If you know of Veterans, members or others in need please contact myself or Crystal. If you'd like to donate food or funds to the food pantry please contact us. We'd like to thank all those who have done so: Betty & Warren Henry, Marty Phanco, Patsy Moon, Kyle Michael, Melissa Hughes, Nick Craig, And all others who've donated!

If you know of anyone with catering needs, food services or event hosting please refer our services!

Yours in Service, Jake Ingram, Special Projects Manager  
(208) 704-5738, [vfw1474.projectmanager@gmail.com](mailto:vfw1474.projectmanager@gmail.com)

**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:**

- William Chinault      Helen Gummer (99)
- Hugh Lynn (101)      Robert Morozzo
- Lawrence Smith

**80 and Over**

- Robert Fried      Donna Goodell
- Vonnie Kreider      Richard Ripley
- Claire Suiter

*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 April, please let us know the correct date!*

**LEGISLATION:**

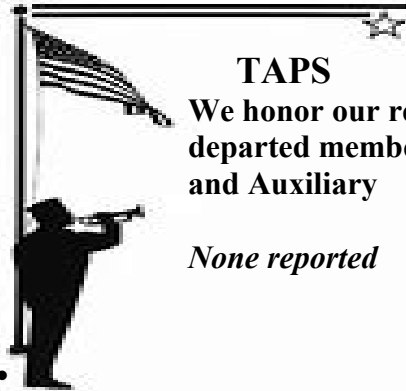
**This is from the VFW ACTION CORPS WEEKLY -**

Washington Conference Hats in the Halls: VFW leaders from all 50 states and the Department of Pacific Areas traveled to our nation's capital to personally meet their respective members of Congress on behalf of all veterans, active duty service members, and military families. Leadership and their corresponding delegations focused their messages on the following six legislative priorities: unaddressed toxic exposures, transition from service, exploring alternative PTSD treatments, cracking down on predatory claims companies, GI Bill parity, and retirement and military personnel.

**Hillyard VFW Food Pantry**



Opens Thursday, Aprch 20<sup>th</sup>  
Open to any needy veteran  
Open, as food permits, to needy Hillyard residents.  
Call ahead on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday to request food, 509-487-3784. or Crystal: 208-704-5738  
Pick up on Thursday, noon to 4, at 2902 E Diamond Ave.  
Limited to 1 request per month



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

*None reported*

**• 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:

**1308 hours, 8553 miles, 164 member days, 271 Auxiliary days, 636 veterans helped, \$20,241 spent in the following categories:**

**Community Service :**

Americanism, 6; Blood donations 8; Community Activities 3; Honor Guard 12 Memorial Service 7; Public Safety Recognition 1, Wreaths Across America 2, Other 37,

**Legislative:** Local 2; National 1; Other 1

**Veterans Assistance:** Buddy Visits 2, Homeless Vets 1, Hospital 11; Information booth 6; National Home 2; Standdown 1; Veterans & Military Support 1; VFW Mental Wellness 1, Other 10

**Youth Development:** Patriot's Pen 2, Multiple Essay 1, Other 3

**Scouting:** BSA 7, GSA 2, Eagle Scout 5

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)

Also send Auxiliary Community Service to:

Patsy Moon Auxiliary Community Service Coordinator  
(509) 280-4675 [moonstar744@yahoo.com](mailto:moonstar744@yahoo.com)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Breakfast 9-11 Texas Hold-em 2:00	Bowling 12:00 Texas Hold-em 4:00 BSA Troops 242 & 243 6:30	\$2 Tacos Dice 3:00 Bobby & Tommy 5-7	Bar Bingo 5:00		Bingo 1:00  Bar Bingo 5:00	Dinner 5-7

ABOVE: THESE EVENTS HAPPEN EVERY WEEK!

APRIL 2025		1	2	3	4	5
6 Breakfast: French Toast, egg, sausage	7	8	9	10 Open House Membership Drive all day	11	12 Aux 10:30 Kaiser 1:00 Dinner: Tater Tot Casserole \$10
13 Palm Sunday Breakfast: Biscuits & gravy, egg, links	14	15  Am Leg 6:00	16	17 Hillyard Belles 5-6  BSA Order of the Arrow – 6:30	18	19 FRA 10:00 Dinner 5-7 Baked Potato Bar/Mex corn BSA 242/243 fundraiser \$12
20 Easter Breakfast: Quiche	21	22	23	24 Honor Flight Fund- raiser	25	26 Dinner: Jambalaya & beans, salza & chips \$12
27 Breakfast Eggs, sausage, hasbrowns, toast  House 12:00 Post Mtg 1:00	28	29	30	May 1	May 2	May 3 Auxiliary Cinco de Mayo Taco bar & music

*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**  
**April Fool's Cocktail \$6**  
**Sunny Daze \$6**



VFW 1474, HILLYARD  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
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[QM@VFW1474.org](mailto:QM@VFW1474.org)

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ALL MEETINGS IN THE HALL  
2826 E Diamond Ave

POST MEETING  
3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY 1:00 p.m.  
Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> this month

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



**EASTER CELEBRATION FOR  
CHILDREN**

**COME TO HILLYARD VFW AUXILIARY  
#1474**

WHEN: April 12, 2025 - Saturday  
TIME: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
WHERE: 2902 EAST DIAMOND AVE.

**EASTER EGG HUNT, PRIZES, GAMES, LUNCH**



Lunch for Veterans on this day!  
12:00 - 2:00

Chicken salad on croissants with soup.  
VFW Post #1474  
2902 E. Diamond Ave.

**No charge to Veterans, Guests \$10.00**





## BOYSCOUTS

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 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 group contact Natasha Porter or Karen Flynn.



girl scouts



### American Legion Post 243

If you have dues unpaid for 2025, please send them in as soon as possible. As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, you will no longer be a member in good standing.

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.

Your Post Officers would like to extend a Happy New Year to each and every member and their families.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

New members are welcome!

Many Thanks to Fabric Works for the donation of our beautiful curtain-room divider. Please consider them for your curtain needs. See ad on the next page.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

*The Illustrating art contest* must be submitted to the auxiliary by Aprch 31<sup>st</sup>. This contest is divided into (3) categories –K-2, 3-5, and 6-8 graders

The Entry must be completed during the current school year. • Entry must be two dimensional. • Entry must be on canvas or paper. • Canvas entries must be submitted on a stretcher frame or canvas board. • Paper entries must be reinforced with heavy paper. • Do not frame art with wood, metal, plastic or glass. • Mats may be used, including mounted and floating mats. • Entries may not be smaller than 8”x10” and not larger than 18”x24” including mat. • Acrylic, chalk, crayon, ink, aprker, pastel, pen, pencil, tempera, watercolor, glitter or other media may be used. • If the American Flag is used, it does not need conform to the Federal Flag Code in relation to colors, numbers of stars and stripes and other pertinent rules of the code. • Coloring sheets, digital art and photography are not accepted. • Completed typed or printed legible entry form including parent and/or guardian signatures. • Students name, age and grade level must be printed on back of art entry.

If you know someone that would like to enter this contest, please contact Karen Flynn at (509) 669-8144 or [kstf10@hotmail.com](mailto:kstf10@hotmail.com) for the official entry form.

*S*The Post would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the following individuals and organizations:

Mary Ziegler Cash Donation

Jackie. Snowblower, lawnmower, refrigerator, stove Donation

Harbor Freight \$200.00 store credit Donation

VFW Foundation. \$2,5000.00 Post Assistance Grant Awards

VFW 1474 Auxiliary. Newsletter cost donation to the Post

Tony Paghetti. equipment purchase

Bill Silcock. donation to the Cemetery

Bill Silcock. donation to VFW 1474 Auxiliary

Kyle Michael, Marty Phanco, Patsy Moon. Food Pantry volunteer Service

Richard Phanco. Dinner Sponsor

Steve Corker. Fundraising Efforts

Feed Spokane. Food Donations

Second Harvest. Food Donations

Miracle Blade Knives for providing complimentary sets.

John & Mary Eckart for once again hosting a Holey Board tournament at the Post, and on short notice.

Please support them by playing Holey Board anywhere they host it

Spokane comedy club for donating 4 tickets for us to use in a raffle.

All of our volunteers for their hard work supporting our Post and Auxiliary as well as our community.

### **Auxiliary Membership:**

Dues are payable now, so if you send them to our Auxiliary and you should receive your 2025 membership card within 2 weeks from National. Remember your dues help us serve our Veterans.

From your dues we support the VA hospitals and Veterans homes, National Home, Cancer grants, the Department Presidents special project and the National Presidents Special project, Scholarships and the needs of Veterans.

***If you don't want to worry about paying your annual dues every year you should become a life member. Remember dues are \$30.00.***

***If you received a letter with a self addressed stamped envelope, we would like a response about your membership.***

***Please mail in your dues to the Post and be sure to address it to the Auxiliary or you may bring them into the Post and ask for a receipt.***

Mail to: VFW AUXILIARY #1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave., Spokane WA 99217

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES 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 your dues to the Post or bring them in and be sure to get a receipt!**

### **Veterans and Family Support:**

We are all united in our passion for this organization and at our core, we are all here for the same purpose, to support our veterans, service members, their families and our communities and you have not disappointed! The number of reports that have been shared with me over this past year of all the wonderful things Auxiliaries are doing across the nation for our heroes is amazing and every single one of you should be proud of the work you've done. The assistance and guidance offered within the Veterans & Family Support Program never ends and is at the heart of why we exist as an organization. Veterans and Military Support Program Military Assistance Program (MAP) Troop Support – VFW Unmet Needs Financial Grants – VFW Sports Clips Help a Hero Scholarship Student Veteran Support - VFW National Veterans Service VA Claims & Separation Benefits Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Awareness Mental Wellness

It's up to each of us to honor our veterans' service to this great nation, and the easiest way to do that is by giving our time. All of us Banding Together for Our Veterans will continue to fight for their rights and offer the support and encouragement that is needed not only to them, but to our service members and their families as well.

### **Americanism:**

Patriotic holidays are an opportune time to involve the whole family and bring community attention to your Auxiliary. When fun family events are presented to your community, prospective new members will walk through the door. Patriotic holidays can serve as the perfect way to show that your Auxiliary supports patriotism, veterans and their families as a top priority.

Did you know March 29 is National Vietnam War Veterans Day? On March 29, National Vietnam War Veterans Day honors a generation of men and women who served and sacrificed. This date is the day when the last combat forces departed South Vietnam in 1973, even though some of the troops remained until their final departure in 1975. It is important we recognize and raise awareness about all patriotic holidays, whether they are lesser-known or well-known. Here are just a few lesser-known patriotic holidays coming up:

- ✓ Star-Spangled Banner Day: March 3
- ✓ K-9 Veterans Day: March 13
- ✓ Rosie the Riveter Day: March 21
- ✓ Medal of Honor Day: March 25
- ✓ National Vietnam War Veterans Day: March 29
- ✓ Gold Star Spouses Day: April 5

### **SUICIDE AWARENESS:**



[The Veterans Crisis Line](#) connects veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, [online chat](#), or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, [chat online](#), or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

We raised \$250 for **Honor Flight**. Look for future opportunities about every other month. Thank you to all who ate dinner and donated to Honor Flight!

Next fundraiser: April 24<sup>th</sup>.

