



Commanders Corner

Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,
As we look forward to a new membership year, we're planning a few new things.

Our Post is going to be instrumental in the Hillyard Festival this year (later this week). The Festival committee folks have asked us to step in to help keep it alive. The bingo (25¢ per card per game) will be at the Post all day Saturday.

We have over 200 current members and even more Auxiliary members, yet we don't see most of you very often, and in many cases don't even know who you are. Please let us know what would encourage you to come around more often. We can always change our activity schedule to accommodate the most people.

We are going to try something new this month. We are offering a free lunch to veterans who are shut-in or in assisted care facilities at the Post. If you can help with this project, volunteers are needed - especially if it takes off.

The VFW has several scholarship contests for students - Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen in particular. If you have children - or grandchildren - in grades 3 through 12 encourage them to participate. Applications are available at the post or online at www.vfw.org. Contact Paul if you have any questions.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is a list of "lost" members - those we have lost track of or had mail returned as undeliverable. Please help us locate these folks. They are important.

Looking forward to a great year,

Mike Fagan
Post Commander



Auxiliary, cont.

If you are interested in learning about the programs, the Department School of Instruction will be in Yakima at their Post Home. It will be Saturday, September 6th, to begin at 9:00 a.m. If you want to get there at 8:00 a.m. you can visit and have coffee and refreshments.

Thank you for everything you all do to help our veterans.

Our next meeting will be on August 9th at 10:30 a.m. Hope to see you then!

Loyally,
Karen Flynn
Auxiliary President

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President's Message

To all Auxiliary and Post members,

Our Auxiliary did very well this last year supporting our programs. At the convention we received several awards.

Veterans & Family Support – 3rd Place, Patsy Moon, chairman
Americanism – 2nd Place, Karen Flynn chairman
Auxiliary Outreach – 1st Place, Patsy Moon chairman
Historian – 2nd Place, Natasha Porter, chairman
Mentoring – Steve Corker, chairman received a special award.
Nat'l Home/Buddy Poppy – 2nd Place, Cheryl Gagne chrm.
Hospital – 1st Place, Patsy Moon, chairman
Scholarships – 3rd Place, Steve Corker chrm.
Youth Activities – 1st Place, Lonna Webb, & the Auxiliary, chrm.

We also received an award for an Outstanding Auxiliary and President.

All these awards were accomplished by the auxiliary working together. The chairmen were the ones that reported on the program at our meetings.

District 9 Outstanding President of the year, Karen Flynn
We also won the drawing for \$100 in membership!

The new reporting year began July 1st and I know with the help of all our members we will have another good year.

I am sorry to say we have had a change in our officers this year due to health issues. The officers now are:

President: Karen Flynn
Sr. Vice President: Steve Corker
Jr. Vice President: Vacant
Treasurer/Secretary: Cheryl Gagne
Chaplain: Crystal Ingram
Conductor: Natasha Porter (Sissy)
Guard: Tony Paggetti
Patriotic Instructor: Catherine Anderson

Since we need to give 30 day's notice of a vacant office we will nominate and elect a Jr. Vice President at our September meeting. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please let us know.

Everyone is welcome to join the Auxiliary and Post in the parade during Hillyard days, August 2nd. The parade begins at 10:00 a.m., but the line up is at 8:00 a.m. We will be leading the parade with the flags and we will also have a decorated truck to ride in for those that cannot walk the parade.

Please dress patriotic! The parade will begin by the swimming pool on Market St. and go to Broad. The opposite of what we are use to. Hope you can come and join us. For those that like to play bingo the Hillyard Post will be hosting it at the Post, 2902 E. Diamond Ave., to begin shortly after the parade.

Also coming up is the Spokane Interstate Fair. Our Post and Auxiliary will have a booth on Thursday, September 11th and if you are interested in helping, please call Paul Manly at 509 979-1627. We also need volunteers to work in the food booth. This did belong to Post #51, but now it is District 9. We get a percentage of what they make. If you sign up to work it, please let them know if you are a Post or an Auxiliary member. The fair begins September 5th. 🐾

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:

Eugene Lane (97)

Vernon Struthers (93)



Pat O'Hara (96)

80 and Over

Richard Everett

James Paul

Allan Gunderson

Judith Payne

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 August, please let us know the correct date!

LEGISLATION:

Advocacy in the Future. Our advocacy work must never stop. As times change, so must the bills and legislation change to sustain and promote our veterans' benefits. We must never allow our voices to be silenced or drowned out. Whether you are an Auxiliary Officer, Chairman or fellow member, your contributions to the Legislative Program matter and are important. Share what you have learned and pass your knowledge on to the next generation of advocates.

Continue our core objectives:

- Call, write and speak to your legislators.
- Study and share the VFW Priority Goals.
- Subscribe to the VFW Action Corps Weekly.
- Respond to VFW Action Alerts.
- Keep current on pending legislation (federal & state).
- Visit the VFW Legislative Resource webpage:

<https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/national-legislative-service> • Attend town hall meetings.

Hillyard VFW Food Pantry

Opens Thursday,

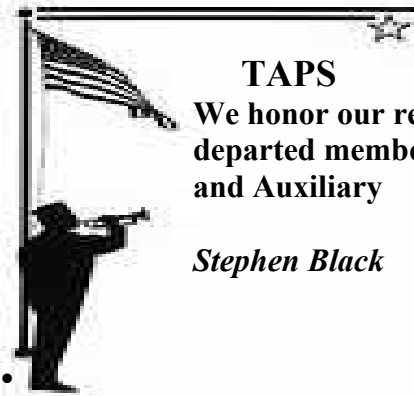
Open to any needy veteran

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

Stephen Black

• 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:

Last year's final report:

2406 hours, 14,561 miles, 210 member days, 593 Auxiliary days, 2,538 veterans helped, \$32,549 spent in the following categories:

Community Service :

Americanism, 9; Blood donations 11; Community Activities 5; Honor Guard 15 Memorial Service 10; Public Safety Recognition 1, Wreaths Across America 3, Other 54

Legislative: Local 6; State 1; National 3; Other 1

Veterans Assistance: Buddy Visits 6, Homeless Vets 1, Hospital 21; Information booth 8; National Home 5; Standdown 1; Unmet Needs 11; Veterans & Military Support 2; VFW Mental Wellness 1, Other 15

Youth Development: Patriot's Pen 2, Multiple Essay 2, Patriotic Art/Singing 1, Other 5

Scouting: BSA 11, GSA 6, Eagle Scout 5

This year, so far:

21.5 Hours, 68 miles, 7 member days, 1 auxiliary day, 2 veterans helped, \$87.00 spent.

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.

SUN Breakfast 9-11 Texas Hold-em 2:00	MON Bowling 12:00 BSA Troops 242 & 243 6:30	TUE \$2 Tacos 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!						
		AUGUST 2025			1	2 Hillyard Fest 25¢ Bingo 11:00 to Close Dinner: Menu
3 Breakfast: Bkfst San, O'Brien pot, fruit	4	5	6	7	8	9 Aux Mtg 1030 Dinner: Chicken Fried Steak \$12
10 Breakfast: Quiche & fixins	11	12	13	14	15	16 FRA 10:00 Dinner: Beef Stroganoff, Salad, roll \$12
17 Breakfast: Omelets to order	18	19	20	21 Hillyard Belles 5:00	22	23 Dinner: Shish- ka-bob, pasta salad \$12 Paint 'n Sip 6:00 p.m.
House 12:00 Post Mtg 1:00		Am Leg 6:00		BSA Order of the Arrow – 6:30		
24 Breakfast: Biscuits & gravy	25	26	27	28 Honor Flight Fundraiser Chick fried stk	29	30 Dinner: Spaghetti & meatballs \$12
Aug 31 Breakfast: French Toast		Starting Thursday, Aug. 14 - Free lunch for Veterans who are in Assisted Living facilities 12-2 every Thursday. Your assistance for serving, etc. will be most helpful.				

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 acoholic drinks
50¢ off all non-alcoholic drinks
Drink Specials: Paloma \$4
Red, White, & Blue \$5

*HOLEY BOARD coming in August. Date was not set at
time of publication. Look for it on a Saturday.*

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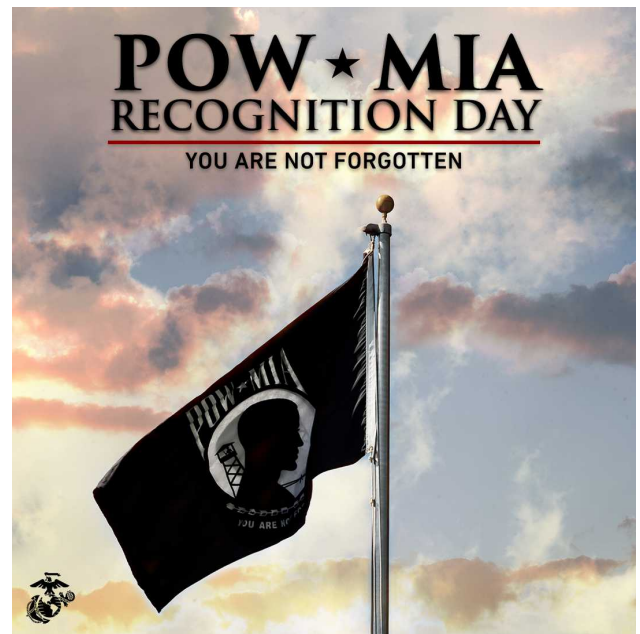
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ALL MEETINGS IN THE HALL
2826 E Diamond Ave

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

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

POST PARKING LOT SALE
(Postponed from June due to weather)
AUGUST 9 & 10 - SAT-SUN
LOTS OF STUFF TO SELL



Ceremony
Friday September 19th, 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.

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.



AMERICANISM: FLY YOUR FLAG

The families of our all-volunteer military make unprecedented sacrifices these days to serve our country. Our efforts must continue to strengthen military families by connecting them with their neighbors – individuals and organizations – to create vibrant communities of mutual support.

August is Antiterrorism Month

4 August – Coast Guard Birthday

7 August – Purple Heart Day

8 August – VJ (Victory over Japan) Day (1945)

10 August – Agent Orange Awareness Day

14 August – Navajo Code Talkers Day

29 August – Marine Corps Reserve Birthday



The Purple Heart, established by George Washington in 1782, is the oldest military award still given to U.S. service members, recognizing those wounded or killed in action.



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 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. New members are welcome!

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP:

Dues are payable now,

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.

Please mail your \$30.00 for your yearly dues to:

VFW Auxiliary #1474

2902 E Diamond Ave.

Spokane, WA 99217

If you want to drop them off at the Post, please be sure to get a receipt!

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

The Purple Heart has its roots in the Badge of Military Merit, which was created by General George Washington on August 7, 1782. This award was designed to honor enlisted soldiers for their bravery and meritorious service during the American Revolutionary War. The original badge was a heart-shaped piece of purple cloth, and only three soldiers were awarded this honor during the war:

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. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available.



Where are they? The following members and friends have had their mail returned as undeliverable. If you know of a good address for them, or should they be deceased, please let me know.

Aalund Jr.	Harvey
Ashley	Janet
Brendel	Howard J
Brewer	Howard
Butcher	Joan
Carter	Konni
Castor	Connie Strode
Chesnut	Melody
Chinque	Catherine
Coleman	James A.
Cook	Richard E
Crawford	Mildred
Elliott	Linda
Farwell	Brian
Fay	Jana
Firzlaff	James R.
Fortner	George A.
Goodwater	Nyla
Gould	Lois M
Harvey III	Joseph L
Hendrickson	Roy W

Howell	Stephen A
Johnson	David E
Koch	Cynthia
Lawless	Gerald F
LeComte	Shirley
Lorentzen	Terry E
Lynn	Hugh
Marx	Douglas J
	Penny, Philip, &
McGuire	Richelle
Miller	James P
Miller	Kittie
Morozzo	Robert E
Mosely	Henry
Nelson	Herbert A
Newton	Roland
Overturf	Robert W
Pratt	Alvey William
Price	Kermit
Ramey	Benny L
Rummel	Kenneth C.
Rundgren	Russell A
Sales	Dorothy
Samuel	Anthony "Sam"
Schmidt	Linda
Smith	Lawrence E
Soper	Burton W
Stewart	Jack J
Strange	Sandra
Taschler	Ann
Thorne	Joseph D.
Warner	Nellie
Yale	Steven P



Honor Flight Fundraiser Dinner
Thursday, August 28th.
Chicken Fried Steak \$12.00
Raffle/Auction items also.

Please help support this opportunity for veterans to go to Washington DC