



Commanders Corner

Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,

As we enter the holiday season, our building remodel is starting to show progress. From Thanksgiving to New Year's eve, we will have nearly the entire building open with the West half completed. Beginning New Year's Day, we will be closed for 2 to 3 weeks while we finish the East half of the building. Please bear with us. You will be pleased with the final results.

Our current food contract with the Salvation Army/City of Spokane is coming to an end this month. We are looking for alternatives to continue something that will continue to bring us a great revenue stream.

Looking at the Dashboard on the National Website, it shows that we have met all the requirements to be, once again, an All-American Post – except membership. If you are an annual member, please pay those dues ASAP. Even if your dues do not expire until June, we can't count you in the membership requirement until they are paid. Send your dues to the Quartermaster before Christmas and save \$10.

Next month we will have the final arrangements for our 90th Birthday celebration along with recognition of our Past Commanders and Presidents.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Mike Fagan
Post Commander



From the Quartermaster: Minutes in Brief (Nov 19)

Oct-Annual members who pay their dues before Christmas, can pay \$30 instead of \$40, but must send the money to the Quartermaster, not National. This will not change anniversary dates if paid early.

**The Post Authorized the purchase of 10 wreaths from "Wreaths Across America" These will be used at Evergreen Cemetery*

**The Post approved the purchase of additional items for the remodeling project..*

**The Post approved the fees for the re-chartering of the Scout troops and scholarships for needy scouts.*

**The Post approved \$500 for the Christmas baskets to aid this great Auxiliary project.*

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

(Am Leg) al243wa@gmail.com

(Scouts) qm@vfw1474.org

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President's Message

Auxiliary and Post Members,
With the Holiday season here, we have lots of giving members.

The Thanksgiving dinner was a success because of all the good help we had. Thank you for all your

generous contributions and help.

December 2nd is the Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar and bake sale, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Post. If you have items to donate, we will be there by 9:00 a.m. or you could bring donations to the Post on Friday. If you can't come and would like to help our Veterans, you could send a donation to our auxiliary treasurer. Your donations help us support our Veterans.

***Please send it to: VFW Auxiliary #1474,
2902 E. Diamond Ave. Spokane, WA 99217***

December 16th is the Children's Christmas party in the Post. It will start at 1:00 and last until 3:00. Santa is coming and there will be lots of presents for the kids and for the parents. Lunch will also be served. Lonna Webb is the chairman and has lots of fun activities planned.

Applications for a Christmas basket need to be turned in by **December 15th**. If you know of someone in need, please have them fill out the application. They will all be reviewed and called. Patsy Moon is the chairman and does an outstanding job making sure everyone is taken care of. The pickup date for these will be December 20th.

Please get your dues paid this month. If you don't pay them, you will NOT be a member in good standing. Send your dues to the Post address or drop them off with the bartender.

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Buddy Poppy distribution at the (4) grocery stores we were at. All the monies that were donated are both in our Relief fund that help our Veterans and Families.

I hope you all have a Wonderful Holiday season.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

Loyally, Karen Flynn, President

VETERANS CRISIS LINE

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

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

At our November Life Membership drawing, we drew the name of Harry Burger. Harry, had you been at the meeting, you would have become a Bronze Legacy Life Member.

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:

James Schroeder

80 and Over

Pat Husband

Peggy McLaughlin

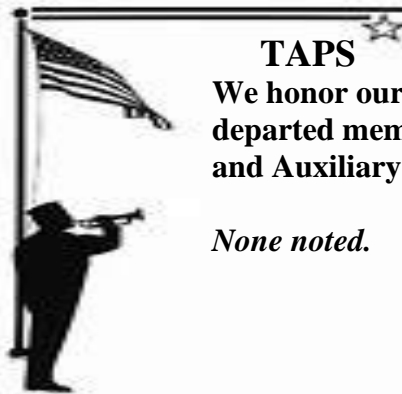
Crystal Whaley

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. That's why we missed Patsy Moon last month (sorry, Patsy). If you have been missed, send us a note.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS TO BE APPROVED AT OUR DECEMBER MEETING:

1. **Article III, Sect. 1 (Meeting dates) change to read "as per the current electin report."**
2. **Article VI. Section 1. Add:**
 - A. **QUARTERMASTER**
 - i. **The Quartermaster is authorized to pay all repeating monthly bills (i.e. telephone, utilities, etc.) upon receipt.**
 - ii. **The Quartermaster is authorized to pay all normal transactions with VFW Department and National (i.e. membership transmittals, delegate fees, bonds, etc.) when due.**
 - iii. **The Quartermaster is authorized to pay all fees and taxes to local, county, state, and federal agencies when due.**
3. **Article VI, Section 2. Add:**
 - A. **COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS**
 - 1 **The Senior Vice Commander, if another member is not so appointed, shall be the membership chairman.**
 2. **The Junior Vice Commander, if another member is not so appointed, shall be the youth activities chairman. The Youth activities chairmanship can be sub-divided into various activities (i.e. Voice of Deomcracy, Patriot's Pen, Scouting, etc.)**
3. **Article VI, Section 1.**
 - B. **ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER**

The Commander may, upon request and with approval of the Quartermaster, appoint an Assistant Quartermaster.



TAPS

We honor our recently departed members of the Post and Auxiliary

None noted.



AMERICANISM:.

Fly your flag:

December 7th – National Pearl Harbor remembrance day

December 25th – Christmas Day

History of important dates:

December 8th – War Declared on Japan

December 11th – Germany and Italy declared War on U.S. 1941

December 15th – Iraq War Ended – 2011

December 20th – Panama Campaign Began – 1989

December 31st – Official End of WW11

December 31st – Kosovo Campaign Ended – 2013

First Day of Winter is December 22nd!

ENTITLEMENT TO BANNERS

Flying blue-star banners/flags is limited to specific family members. The spouse, parents (including adoptive and step-parents), siblings, children (whether natural-born, adopted, foster children or step-children) are entitled to display the window banner.

FLYING BANNERS IN THE WINDOW

The white field, edged with red, can hold up to five blue stars. The blue of those stars symbolizes hope and pride for the service of a family member. These banners are displayed facing out in a front window. Silver stars, which indicate a family member wounded in action, symbolize gallantry, while gold stars, added for family members killed during active duty, stand for sacrifice made for honor and freedom. The gold or silver stars are made slightly smaller than the original so that a thin border of blue shows around the addition. The white star banner has yet to be approved by the Secretary of Defense.

If any member would like a banner, please contact Karen Flynn (509) 669-8144 or Paul Manly (509) 487-3784 and we will see that you get one.

DECEMBER 2023						1 Happy Hour 3-6 – Drink Specials Bar Snacks	2 Auxiliary Bazaar 10-3 Soup & San Lunch Dinner: \$10 Fish & Chips & Chowder
3 Breakfast 9-11 Pancakes, eggs, sausage Texas Hold'em 3-5	4 Bowling 12:00	5 Dice Games 3:00 Bobby/Tommy 5-7	6 Bar Bingo 5:00	7 Pearl Harbor Day Poker 1:00	8 WOODSIDE SWING 7:00	9 FRA 9:30 Kaiser group 1:00 Jody 3:00 Dinner: Chicken Fried Steak \$10	
	BSA Troop 243 6:30-9	BSA Troop 242 7-9	Contra-Band 6:30 – 8:00	Cub Pack 242 6 - 8			
10 Breakfast 9-11 Egg, sausage, hashbrowns, toast Texas Hold'em 3-5	11 Bowling 12:00	12 Dice Games 3:00 Bobby/Tommy 5-7	13 Bar Bingo 5:00	14 Poker 1:00 Hillyard Belles 5-7	15 Christmas Party with Jody 3:00 Potluck Dinner	16 Aux Mtg 10:30 a.m. Kids Party 1-3 Dinner – Fried Chicken - \$10	
	BSA Troop 243 6:30-9	Am Leg 6:00 BSA Troop 242 7-9	7:00 BS Troop 243 Scout Committee Contra-Band 6:30 – 8:00	BSA Order of the Arrow – 6:30			
17 Breakfast 9-11 Biscuits & Gravy with eggs Texas Hold'em 3-5	18 Bowling 12:00	19 Dice Games 3:00 Bobby/Tommy 5-7	20 Bar Bingo 5:00	21 Poker 1:00	22 Bar Closes at 4 for Staff Party; Staff Christmas Party	23 Dinner Fettuccini \$12	
							House 12:00 Post Mtg 1:00
24 Christmas Eve Post Closed	25 Christmas Day Post Closed	26 Dice Games 3:00 Bobby/Tommy 5-7	27 Bar Bingo 5:00	28 Poker 1:00	29	30 Renaissance Fair 10:00 Dinner: Pork Ribs \$12	
							BSA Troop 242 7-9
31 New Year's Eve Bkfst: Eggs, Sausage, hashbrowns							

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: Friday – Happy 3-6, Drink specials,
snacks**
**Dec 1-16: Beef Barley Soup and Sandwich -
\$7**
**Dec 17-31: Cream of Broccoli Soup and
Sandwich - \$7**
Drink Specials: Hot Buttered Rum \$5.00
Peppermint Patty \$4.50

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OUR
90TH YEAR**

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ALL MEETINGS IN THE HALL
2826 E Diamond Ave

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

AUXILIARY MEETING
3RD SATURDAY 10:30 a.m.



VFW #1474 AUXILIARY
**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR,
CRAFT AND BAKE SALE**
OPEN TO PUBLIC
Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023
(If remodeling is completed)
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 \$5
Help the Auxiliary support our Veterans and Families
6 Ft Tables for Rent \$15 ea.
Limited number of tables
available, so reserve early.
Contact Cheryl Gagne
at 206-290-2127.
Donations welcomed/needed of
Xmas items, homemade Crafts
& Baked Goods. Contact Cheryl
Gagne at 206-290-2127 for
pick-up or bring to Post before
10 am on sale day.
Liquor only served to VFW members



**NEW YEAR'S EVE
PARTY!**
Music & Dancing
Half-price drinks
Hor d'ouerves



Designated Drivers
(Leave your keys at the bar and
we'll get you home safe!)

FUN FOR ALL!



BOY SCOUTS

Post 1474 sponsors two Scout Troops and a Cub Scout Pack

BSA Troop 242 for boys, middle-school through high school – meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

BSA Troop 243 for girls, middle school through high school – meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Court of Honor on September 18th saw 3 girls promoted and lots of merit badges. Pictures, below:

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. They 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.

Troop 243 at the Court of Honor. We have 7 very active girls, but they would love to have a few more.



American Legion Post 243

As we reflect on this past year and start celebrating this holiday season, it would be appropriate to pause and remember what our compassion to others should be. Often our interests are self-fulfilling, easy and convenient to forget those that are struggling.

With many resources available, these still need to be supported. Take your time to volunteer, donate clothing and food. Help those agencies that support our members and their families. Take time to listen, help with Toys for Tots, other things like Tree of Sharing and the Salvation Army. Help a family in need. Above all, give your blessings.

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 Merry Christmas and 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, 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 9:30 a.m. New members are welcome!



Membership VFW Auxiliary Members:

One reason to pay your dues now! **After the end of December, you will not be a member in good standing if your dues aren't paid.**

A benefit of being a Member of the VFW Auxiliary #1474: The VFW Auxiliary offers cancer grants to members who are battling cancer. Eligibility requirements:

- Applicant must be a member of the VFW Auxiliary for one (1) full year.
- Current dues must be paid before applying for a cancer grant.
- After twelve (12) months have passed from date of diagnosis or last treatment, application will not be accepted.
- A member is allowed two (2) grants during lifetime. Twelve (12) months must elapse between new diagnosis and/or treatment from date of first grant for a second application to be considered. Continuous treatment which lasts beyond the twelve (12) month period will qualify for a second grant.
- Application will be rejected if member has been deceased for longer than 30 days.

Funds are paid directly to the member or, in the case of a deceased member, to their estate. Funds are dispersed 2-4 weeks following the acceptance and approval of the completed and signed application.

Please read the instructions carefully before submitting an application. The most common reason an application is denied is due to missing information from either the member or physician. Questions? Contact National Headquarters at 816.561.8655.

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

Auxiliary Life Memberships: 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

If you want to know what our Department does and learn about our programs visit the Department website at: www.vfwauxwa.org

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SANTA IS COMING!
Children's Christmas Party
DECEMBER 16TH, 1:00-3:00 p.m.



**VFW POST AND
 AUXILIARY #1474**

**Santa,
 Games, gifts, hot dogs!
 2902 East Diamond Ave.**

Children's Christmas Party
 December 16th, 1:00 p.m.
 If you would like to donate a gift for the parents, please keep it at \$5.00. That way every child will have the same opportunity to pick a gift of the same value as all others to give to their mom or dad.
 Thank you,
 Lonna Webb-Youth Chairman

Christmas Baskets for Needy:
Please fill out the application below and submit it to the Post or Auxiliary on or before December 15th. Baskets will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, except that Veterans and their families will come before any non-veteran families.



<p>Hillyard VFW Auxiliary 1474 Request for Christmas Basket for Needy family</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address: _____ (Baskets will need to be picked up at the Post)</p> <p>Telephone: _____</p> <p>Total members in family: _____ Adults; _____ Children.</p> <p>VFW or Auxiliary Member? (Yes/No) _____</p> <p>Veteran or family of Veteran? (Yes/No) _____</p> <p>Have you received baskets in the past? _____ If yes, when? _____</p> <p>Return to the Post no later than Friday, December 15th Baskets will be available on Wednesday, December 20th.</p>	<p>Approved ____ Denied ____ Auxiliary Committee:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Notes: (Auxiliary only)</p>
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