



Commanders Corner

Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,
It's all about membership!
The more members we have, the
better off we are. At the National

level, it's important to have over a million members to help push veteran legislation.

Our membership is strong, but we still need 20 more members to meet our goal. If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible. If you are having a hardship, please contact the Quartermaster, Paul Manly, if you need assistance. Paying early will not change your renewal date.

We had the opportunity to award a 2nd Scout the high rank of Eagle in January. We have 2 more girls only a step away from Eagle. We have 2 entries into the State Scout of the Year contest.

We hand a great awards ceremony for our essay contests. Nearly all the winners were in attendance. If you have a student (child, grandchild, or neighbor), encourage them to enter. Information will be available on the VFW website as early as March for next year's Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy. The State essay (3rd to 5th grade) a little later.

Elections will be coming up in April. Now is the time to start thinking of who should lead the Post, especially if you are interested in making a difference.

Thank you to all our volunteers for all they do.

Mike Fagan
Post Commander



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

(Am Leg) al243wa@gmail.com

(Scouts) qm@vfw1474.org

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

President's Message

Welcome Auxiliary and Post members,
We only have a few continuous members that have not paid their dues yet, so if you have not sent your dues in yet, please do so. Our membership really helps to support our Veterans and their families. The dues are only \$30.00 a year unless you would like to purchase a life membership and not worry about paying every year. I have enclosed the fees under the membership bulletin.

At Mid-Winter, this year we received a Certificate of Appreciation for all the volunteer work we do in Americanism. Thank you to everyone that helps!

January 12th, we had our Awards ceremony at the post for all of the winners of the essay, patriots pen, and Voice of Democracy. We had a wonderful turnout for the ceremony and the teachers and parents were also there. At the ceremony, the Auxiliary also gave a Patriotic Youth award to Kalynn Porter (LJ) a very active girl scout from troop #2242 that the Auxiliary sponsors for all the volunteer work she does for the auxiliary. The troop also received a national citation for a youth group that supports our Veterans.

February 15th is the District 9 meeting at Post #1435. This day we will have our Memorial Service for those that have passed this year. The joint memorial service is at 11:00 a.m., then they will serve lunch at noon and at 1:00 p.m. we will have our meeting. Everyone is welcome, if you just want to come to the memorial at 11:00 a.m. to show your respect for those that have passed this year, you are welcome.

We would love to see more Auxiliary members at our meetings. We now meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month unless something conflicts with our time.

Our next meeting will be February 8th 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:

Ernie Beroth

Alice Harty

John Russell Sr

L.O. "Bill" Brown

Ernie Brown (101)

80 and Over

Roy Hendrickson

Suzanne Witter

Wesley Clements

Nancy Spink

Gary Quinn

Glenn Albert

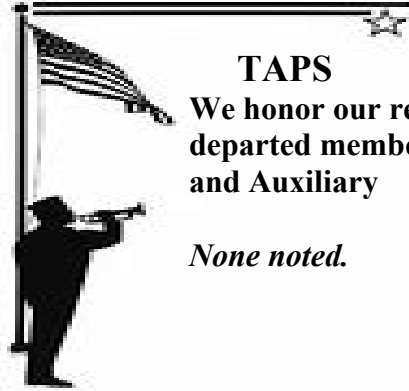
If we've missed you, please let us know. We don't have all birthdays on file. Many of the Auxiliary members have ONLY the year on file. If your name is here, and your birthday is NOT in February, please let us know the correct date!

LEGISLATION:

VFW PRIORITY GOALS — CONGRESS MUST:

- ✓ Modernize budget processes and ensure proper federal oversight.
- ✓ Protect veterans and their survivors by cracking down on Claim Sharks and improving access to benefits, protections and compensation.
- ✓ Enhance education benefits, expand outreach efforts and provide additional resources for small businesses to ensure veterans succeed after leaving the military.
- ✓ End the offset between military retirement pay and VA disability compensation.
- ✓ Ensure DPAA is fully funded to perform its personnel recovery mission.
- ✓ And much more.

You can get involved. If you're already involved, please report it for Community Service!



TAPS

We honor our recently departed members of the Post and Auxiliary

None noted.

• **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:

1115 hours, 7252 miles, 141 member days, 247 Auxiliary days, 576 veterans helped, \$19,610 spent in the following categories:

Community Service :

Americanism, 5; Blood donations 7; Community Activities 3; Honor Guard 10; Memorial Service 5; Public Safety Recognition 1, Wreaths Across America 2, Other 35,

Legislative: Local 2; National 1; Other 1

Veterans Assistance: Buddy Visits 1, Homeless Vets 1, Hospital 10; Information booth 5; 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 2

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.

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

| SUN Breakfast 9-11 Texas Hold-em 2:00 | MON Bowling 12:00 Texas Hold-em 4:00 BSA Troops 242 & 243 6:30 | TUE \$2 Tacos Dice 3:00 Bobby & Tommy 5-7 | WED Bar Bingo 5:00 | THU Zag BB | FRI Bingo 1:00 Bar Bingo 5:00 | SAT Dinner 5-7 Zag BB |
|--|---|---|--------------------------|---|--|---|
| ABOVE: THESE EVENTS HAPPEN EVERY WEEK! | | | | | | |
| FEBRUARY 2025 | | | | | | 1 Dinner: Tater Tot Casserole |
| 2 Breakfast: Pancakes, links, egg | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Aux 10:30 FRA 10:30 Kaiser 1:00 Dinner: chicken fried steak Woodside Swing 7:00 |
| | | | | | | |
| 9 Breakfast: Biscuits/gravy, links, eggs Superbowl Party 2:30 Door prizes, etc. | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 <i>Fundraiser dinner for Inland NW Honor Flight</i> | 14 | 15 Dinner 4-6: Stroganoff Winter Ball 6:00 |
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| 16 Breakfast Egg casserole | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Hillyard Belles 5-6 | 21 | 22 Holey Board Dinner: Goulash \$10 |
| House 12:00 Post Mtg 1:00 | | Am Leg 6:00 | | BSA Order of the Arrow – 6:30 | | |
| 23 Breakfast Surprise | 24 | 285 | 26 | 27 | 28 | |

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

Strawberry Chocolate Valentine \$6
Sex on a Snowbank \$6.00

VFW 1474, HILLYARD
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509-487-3784

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OUR
92ND YEAR**

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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.

Superbowl Party

***Sunday, February 9, 2:30 p.m.
Kickoff 3:30 p.m.***



Pot Luck

***Door Prizes
Surprise Contest***

50-50 Raffle

Kansas City Chiefs vs Philadelphia Eagles





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.

An Eagle Court of Honor on January 11th Madison receive her Eagle Scout award. She is the 2nd girl to receive the Eagle award from Troop **243**, and there are two more girls that are life scout and working on theirs.

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.



American Legion Post 243

If you have dues unpaid for 2025, please send them in as soon as possible. As of December 31st, 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, 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!

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.



Madison giving her father the parent Eagle pin at her Eagle Court of Honor, Jan 11th 2025.

VFW NATIONAL HOME:

The National Home offers families of veterans, active-duty military and members of the VFW and its Auxiliary opportunities for growth and development in our nurturing community. All 42 of our beautiful homes are located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

At any time you can reach out to our helpline.

[Our Helpline: 800-313-4200](tel:800-313-4200)



BUDDY POPPY:

In Flanders Fields

by Col. John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow

Between the crosses row on row,

That mark our place; and in the sky

The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago

We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,

Loved and were loved and now we lie

In Flanders fields.



Take up our quarrel with the foe:

To you, from failing hands we throw

The torch; be yours to hold it high.

If ye break faith with us who die

We shall not sleep, though poppies grow,

In Flanders fields.

Auxiliary 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.

If you haven't already paid your dues, please do. They are only \$30.00 a year and your dues are important for us to support our Veterans and help with National Home the VA Hospitals and Nursing Homes that our Veterans may have to go to. We are also able to help the community, our youth and give the Veterans and their families the support they deserve.

Remember being a member allows you to receive a Cancer grant from National, if you are diagnosed with cancer and from our Auxiliary. If you want to know what our Department does and learn about our programs visit the Department website at:

www.vfwauxwa.org

If you still need to pay your dues, please send them to the Post address or come in and pay. If you need financial help and want to keep your membership, please give Karen Flynn a call at (509) 669-8144. If you are able to pay your dues, please send them to the address below
VFW Auxiliary #1474
2902 E Diamond Ave.
Spokane WA 99217

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

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

Through age 20 \$253

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| 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!

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Attention All,

Due to policy changes and the closures of the Cannon St. and TRAC shelters by the City of Spokane, VFW Post 1474 will no longer be providing meal services to these and other shelters. We will still be operating our Food Pantry and will continue donating food and other items to our local partner organizations.

We will be liquidating some of our commercial food service equipment along with some other equipment. The following is a list of equipment for sale:

QTY: ITEM: PRICE:

- 3-Stainless steel commercial rolling prep tables. \$150.00 ea.
- 2-Insulated foam commercial Cambros. \$175.00 ea.
- 2-Stainless steel commercial freezers 27"x27"x84". \$600 ea.
- 1-Stainless steel commercial electric meat slicer. \$350.00
- 1-Stainless steel commercial sm sandwich refrigerator/prep \$475.00
- 1-Stainless steel commercial large sandwich refrigerator/prep. \$750.00
- 1-Stainless steel commercial food warmer 27"x27"x84". \$600

*The age and condition of each item varies from good to excellent with prices being between 50-70% of new cost depending upon condition. All commercial equipment is in good working order. All equipment is sold "As Is" and will be the buyer's responsibility to load and haul. Prices on commercial equipment are firm.

Other equipment for sale:

- 3-Non commercial chest freezers 36"x36". \$225.00 ea.
- 1-Standard metal non-commercial washing machine. \$100.00
- 3-Metal non-commercial electric turkey roaster ovens. \$40 ea.
- 1-Non commercial upright freezer 24"x24"x72". \$40.00 ea.
- 1-Non commercial mini refrigerator 20"x20"x32". \$40.00
- 1-Small non commercial microwave. \$25.00
- 1-Non commercial upright freezer 24"x24"x72". \$60.00

**The condition of each non commercial item listed above varies from fair to excellent with prices being between 40-60% of new cost depending upon condition. All items are in good working order. All items are sold "As Is" and are the buyers responsibility to load and haul. Only the sale price or highest offer will be considered for these items.

Additional items and equipment for sale:

- 1-Metal 4 drawer metal file cabinet. \$60.00
- 1-Commercial 7' metal 900lb. Rated rolling scaffolding. \$160.00

***Sale opens February 3, 2025 and closes February 10, 2025

Pictures available through email or text upon request. Equipment will not be held or reserved for any party and will be sold on a "First come first served" basis if sale prices are met. Otherwise equipment and items will be sold for the "highest acceptable offer". Serious inquiries only.

To schedule a showing contact:

Program manager (208) 704-5834
jakeingram747@gmail.com
Quartermaster (509) 979-1627
qm@vfw1474.org
Canteen Manager (208) 704-5738
gabby3557@gmail.com

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. Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text.

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They are only \$30.00 a year and your dues are important for us to support our Veterans and help with National Home the VA Hospitals and Nursing Homes that our Veterans may have to go to. We are also able to help the community, our youth and give the Veterans and their families the support they deserve.

HOSPITAL:

WHAT DOES A VAVS VOLUNTEER DO?

Volunteer assignments vary depending on the needs of the facility and at the direction of the facility's Voluntary Service Program Manager. Voluntary Service Program Managers place volunteers in assignments which permit them to utilize knowledge & skills, offer opportunities for learning, compliment their physical capabilities and contribute to the needs of the facility. Once accepted, volunteers will be required to complete orientation and receive information concerning assignments, policies and procedures, infection control, fire and safety and liability. Each volunteer will be entered into the Voluntary Service System (VSS) which is used to record volunteer hours. Volunteers should never discuss Veteran benefits eligibility information with a patient. Veteran benefits counseling is not a VAVS assignment.

If you are interested in volunteering at the VA Hospital, please give Patsy Moon a call: 509 280-4675

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Besides helping fund the creation of the Vietnam, Korean War, World War II and Women in Military Service memorials, in 2005 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to contribute to building the new Disabled Veterans for Life Memorial, which opened in November 2010. And in 2015, we became the first supporter of the Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial which broke ground in July of 2022. (from the VFW website)

Americanism

Fly your flag on Patriotic Days!



February 2nd - Groundhog Day

February 7th - Wear Red Day

February 4th - Happy Birthday to the USO - The USO was founded in 1941. They have helped troops both overseas and at home as well as families of deployed, wounded and fallen military personnel. There are more than 250 locations worldwide with more than 30,000 volunteers. Many major airports have USO welcome centers for our troops when they come home.

February 12th - Full Moon

February 12th - Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

February 14th - Valentines Day

February 17th - Presidents Day -

February 22nd - George Washington's Birthday

February 24th - Russia invaded Ukraine 2022

February 28th - First Gulf War ends, 1991

If you see someone in your neighborhood that fly their flag every day, please let me know. We have certificates that we like to give out to the citizens that are patriotic. We also give them to businesses. If you see that they need a new flag, please let the Auxiliary know and we will try and replace it. Call Karen Flynn - (509) 669-8144.

HONOR FLIGHT:

Quilters, we need your help.

Each year there are 4 Honor Flights with approximately 60 Veterans aboard. We were advised at mid-winter that the 60 Veterans are now 90 per flight. [Esther Roche](#) and I go each October for the final flight

of the year passing out quilts to each and every Veteran when they return back to SeaTac. But 90 is a number that is unreachable by ourselves. If you don't quilt, do you know someone who can help us out? The quilt size is simply a lap size (**approximately 40 x 45**) and in patriotic fabric, 100% cotton. Any help you can give when be beyond appreciated. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. We can arrange a meeting place to gather these quilts that you have generously made for our Veterans. Thank you in advance. I know our American Heroes will be so appreciative. If you want to know more about Honor Flight go to www.pugetsoundhonorflight.org #auxiliarypatriotism [#Auxdeptwa](#)





Hillyard VFW Food Pantry

Opens Thursday, February 20th

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.

Pick up on Thursday noon to 4 at 2902 E Diamond Ave.

Limited to 1 request per month

Inland NW Honor Flight is in need of help. Their fundraising currently only allows 1 flight per year where there used to be 2. Puget Sound Honor Flight has 4 flights per year.

Come to the Post to support Honor Flight Thrsday, February 13th 5:00 to 7:00 p.m..

Dinner \$12.00 Chicken Cordon Bleu
50-50 Raffle
Gift Basket Raffle
General donations accepted.

The following people from Post 1474 have been on this Honor Flight (that I know of):

Glenn Albert
Cody Hurst
Leonard Paulson
Paul Manly

Remember these?

“It’s not the price you pay to be a member, it’s the price you paid to be eligible.”

“Still serving” They are still valid.



VFW: Our voice was instrumental in establishing the Veterans Administration, development of the national cemetery system, in the fight for compensation for Vietnam vets exposed to Agent Orange and for veterans diagnosed with Gulf War Syndrome. In 2008, we won a long-fought victory with the passing of a GI Bill for the 21st Century, giving expanded educational benefits to America's active duty service members, and members of the guard and reserves, fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. We were the driving force behind the Veterans Access and Accountability Act of 2014, and continually fight for improved VA medical centers services for women veterans. The VFW's legislative advocacy efforts were also the driving force behind the passage of the 2019 Blue Water Navy Veteran Act, and the passage of the 2022 Honoring Our PACT Act, which the VFW considers one of the most significant pieces of veterans legislation in history.