



Commanders Corner

Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,
Congratulations! We made it
to 100% membership. However, we
need just 5 more members for All-

American. If you have not paid for this or next year and
your membership has expired, get your dues to the
Quartermaster so he can post it BEFORE June 30th.

We have had several activities of note recently.
Our Girl Scout troop performed a flag retirement
ceremony on Flag Day, June 14th. Each pair of Scouts
had a chance to retire a flag - intimidating if you are not
used to campfires. We had a good crowd to observe the
ceremony.

No-Li Brewery, in addition to helping us with a
fund-raiser recently also allowed us to set up an
information table for 2 days last week. Unfortunately,
we were not able to sign up any new members.

We are still in need of some members to take on
leadership roles. Although our Election Report was
complete, we have several members fulfilling more than
one position. Please attend the next meeting and
volunteer to take on some leadership role. Remember,
as Veterans, we are still serving.

Our Post Yard Sale was postponed due to the
weather turning on us. See the calendar for the new
date.

Post Picnic - July 4th, Friday. Not a Potluck, but
lots of good food. Everyone welcome!

Hillyard Festival is fast coming up. Plan to be a
part of the one-day event this year.

Still serving,

Mike Fagan

Post Commander

**The Military Order of the Cootie
of the United States (MOC, or
simply Military Order of the
Cootie)** is a national honor
degree membership association
separately constituted as a subordinate and as an
auxiliary order chartered by the Veterans of
Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW). The
organization's services include supporting the VFW
National Home and veterans hospitals. Founded in
1920, it became a subsidiary of the VFW in 1923.

The formation of a "Pup Tent" for the MOC was
approved. If you are interested, contact the
Quartermaster 509-979-1627. We will be doing
frequent visitations at the Veterans Home and the VA
Hospital.



President's Message

Sisters and Brothers,

I am honored to be our
new Auxiliary President. I want to
give a very special thanks to Karen
Flynn for her years of service and
dedication as well as her continued support in her new
role as Senior Vice President. Karen and I will be
working closely together as she advises and helps guide
me through my first year as our President.

Our next meeting is Saturday July 12th at 10:30
am and I encourage all to attend. Our District 9 Picnic
is the following Saturday July 19th at 12pm at VFW Post
5924 in Elk, WA. The address is 39716 N. Camden
Extension Rd. They will be Barbecuing Hamburgers and
Hotdogs, please bring sides. We hope to see you there!

The Post will be taking over Sunday breakfast
for the summer and I want to give a sincere thank you
to all of you who cooked and served breakfast this past
year! This is not only an important Auxiliary fundraiser,
it is also a time to connect with one another and an
opportunity to invite the public and share with them all
that we do here at Post and Auxiliary 1474. Please
continue to come, eat, socialize, volunteer and support
Sunday breakfasts.

I also want to thank Patsy Moon, who gets the
bread donations every Sunday throughout the year! We
have 2 new mini refrigerators/freezers next to the
bread table for the produce and desserts, so be sure to
check those and continue to donate as those donations
help fund our vital programs. Thank you to Girls Scouts
Troop 2242 for their flag retirement ceremony.
Congratulations on a job well done!

We have some exciting events and
opportunities coming up this summer. Our annual 4th
of July barbecue will be held on Friday the 4th with
festivities kicking off at 1PM. There will be a beer keg
this year, and live auctions, followed by Bar Bingo and
then the closing of the Silent Auctions. The Hillyard
Festival will be held Saturday August 2nd with the
parade starting at 10AM with lineup starting at 8 AM.
Anyone who would like to participate can walk, or ride
in the back of a truck, please contact Crystal (208) 704-
5738 for details.

Yours in Service,

Jake Ingram

Auxiliary President



Honor Flight fundraiser dinners every
other month. Raffle in place right now.

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 Allemani (96)

Clifford Eickstadt (93)



Howard Brewer (98)

George Fortner (94)

80 and Over

Bruce Campbell

Sidney Hogue

Joseph Thorne

Steve Corker

Larry Neil

Gracie Warner

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 July, 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,

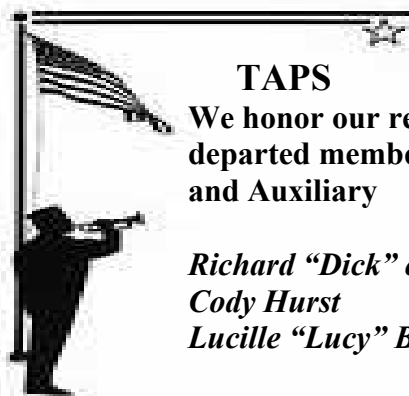
Open to any needy veteran

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

Richard "Dick" or "Rip" Ripley

Cody Hurst

Lucille "Lucy" Baker

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:

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

2393 hours, 14,546 miles, 208 member days, 592

Auxiliary days, 2,524 veterans helped, \$32,424 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 53

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

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 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!						
		1	2	3	4 Independence Day - Post Picnic 1:00	5 Dinner: Shepherd Pie \$12
6 Breakfast: Eggs, sausage, toast, fruit	7	8	9	10	11	12 Aux Mtg 1030 Dinner: Chicken fried steak \$12 Woodside Swing 7:00
13 Breakfast: French Toast, scrambled egg	14	15 Am Leg 6:00	16	17 Hillyard Belles 5:00 BSA Order of the Arrow – 6:30	18	19 FRA 9:30 District 9 Picnic - Elk Noon to ??
20 Breakfast: biscuits & gravy House 12:00 Post Mtg 1:00	21	22	23	24	25	286 Dinner: Chili & cornbread \$10
27 Breakfast: pancakes, egg, sausage	28	29	30	31	JULY 2025	

Please, please, please!

Make reservations for all Special dinners
at least 2 nights before the dinner or you
july not get fed.

Bar Hours: 12 noon to 7 p.m. or later.

Check the white board for other specials & events

July 4th Beer Special: No-Li light on DRAFT.
\$3.00 - or buy a card for 4 for \$10.00

We will have Silent Auctions to support the
Post beginning May 31st and ending July 4th.

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



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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.

Flag Retirement Ceremony - June 14th



Girl Scout Troop 2242 -
Each pair of scouts had the opportunity to retire a flag.
7 Auxiliary, 3 Post members, scouts, family, & others
attended



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 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 Natashaia Porter or Karen Flynn.

Girl Scouts were giving back to our Veterans by giving them cookies at our Sunday breakfast. They raised over \$40,000 for veterans from their cookie sales!

VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT:

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.

Thank you for all you have done this year and will continue to do long into the future.

Thanks to No-Li Brewery for the opportunity to set up a couple of information/recruiting tables during June



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.

We held elections at our last meeting. All officers will remain the same for another year. Installation will be next meeting.

Dennis McCully

Commander, Post 243

American Legion

Richard Cummings, a SAL (Sons of the American Legion) member of Post 243, Spokane Washington, has completed and received a degree of "Doctor of Divinity" from the College of The Open Bible, February 2025. Congratulations Richard. Your dedication to the Legion Family and this community is appreciated by all. Richard is also a member of our Auxiliary



Fleet Reserve Association

The Fleet Reserve Association is open to all members who served in the Navy, Air Force, 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!

POST PARKING LOT SALE

(Postponed from June due to weather)

AUGUST 9 & 10 - SAT-SUN

LOTS OF STUFF TO SELL

YARN?

The Auxiliary has a member who knits for newborns at the hospital and elementary students at the schools. She would like donations of yarn. If you have yarn to donate, please take it to the Post or call Patsy Moon and she will pick it up. Patsy's number is 509-280-4675.



AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP:

We all know Membership is the backbone of our Organization, so why do we find it so hard to keep our members?

It's time to **invite**. Recruit a new member today!

VFW Auxiliary Eligibility Wheel

*Step- and adopted parents, children, siblings (and half-siblings), grandparents and grandchildren are considered the same as biological parents, children, siblings, grandparents and grandchildren and may join the VFW Auxiliary under their VFW-eligible veteran.

Dues are now payable for the New Year, please send your \$30.00 to VFW Aux. #1474, 2902 E. Diamond Ave., Spokane WA 99217

Also if you are a life member you can send \$5.00 to our Auxiliary or bring it to the Post and be sure to get a receipt for cancer insurance through our Auxiliary. This way our Auxiliary can help you out along with the National love gift.

Buy a life membership and you will not have to worry about paying your dues

Every year!

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!

SUICIDE AWARENESS:

call **1-800-273-8255** and Press 1,

Governor Ferguson Confirms Commitment to Preventing Suicide Among Washington's Service Members, Veterans, and Their Families through Governor's Challenge

OLYMPIA – Washington State Governor Bob Ferguson [recently signed](#) a [proclamation](#) renewing the state's dedication to the [Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and Their Families](#) (SMVF). This initiative, in partnership with the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration](#) (SAMHSA) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), unites all 50 states and five territories in a collaborative effort to implement comprehensive suicide prevention strategies for SMVF.

"We need the help of all Washingtonians and I urge everybody to raise awareness of the support services that are available for suicide prevention," said Gov. Ferguson during the proclamation signing. "I urge all people in our state to raise awareness of behavioral health, suicide prevention, lethal means safety, and the support services available in our communities. Together we must encourage those in need to reach out for help, hope, and community"

The Governor's Challenge has three focused priority areas:

- ✓ [Identifying SMVF and Screening for Suicide Risk](#)
- ✓ [Promoting Connectedness and Improving Care Transitions](#)

[Increasing Lethal Means Safety and Safety Planning](#)



AMERICANISM: FLY YOUR FLAG

July 2nd – Made in America Day

July 4th – Independence Day/4th of July

July 27th – National Hire a Veteran Day

July 27th – National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

July 28th – National Buffalo Soldiers Day

Celebrating Patriotic Holidays

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

Star Family Recognition

You may have seen a blue star, gold star or silver star service flag or service banner in the window of a home in your area. A service flag or service banner is a banner approved by the Secretary of Defense that family members of those serving in the United States Armed Forces can display.

- Blue Star Families can display a flag or banner with a white field and a red border, with a blue star for each family member serving in the United States Armed Forces during any period of war or hostilities.

- Gold Star Families can display a flag or banner with a white field and a red border, with a gold star that represents a family member who died during military operations.

- Silver Star Families can display a flag or banner with a blue field with an outer red and inner white border, with a silver star that represents a family member who was injured, wounded or became ill during or as a result of combat. You are encouraged to recognize and honor these families in your community.*

Some things we can do are:

Display your American Flag at home and place small American Flags throughout your neighborhood to boost morale. **Don't forget the 4th of July!**

Phone a friend. So many of us rely on texting to communicate and while it's a great way to check in, the sound of another's voice can bring comfort to another person that a text can't. For those who are alone and sheltering at home, a phone call may be the only contact they have with the outside world. Spare a few minutes, pick up the phone and make someone's day!

Donate food or money to a food pantry, or take a meal to a shut-in or person in need.

Put up signs on lawns, windows or doors to say "Thank You" to our first responders.

*During WWII, the Silver Star represented a serviceman who was actually in combat zones. Ed.

