



Commanders Corner

Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,

Last year we were only 5 members short of making All-American for the 2nd straight year and

1 member short for All-State. Annual members, you do not need to wait until your membership expires to renew. Your renewal date only changes if you do not renew within the correct month. Please send in your dues early so we can have a chance at All-American again this year.

April is our month for officer selection. This is your opportunity to determine the direction of the future of our Post. 1st nominations will be in March. Please come to the meetings to show your support. The next meeting is Sunday, March 16th at 1:00 p.m.

At our last meeting, we approved a change in the makeup of the House Committee. The committee will now operate as a committee of the whole with all Post and Auxiliary members in good standing eligible to participate and vote. Keep in mind that any action that affects finances must also be approved later by the Post. The House Committee meets on the 3rd Sunday, 1 hour before the Post meeting.

We look good with our community service, but I know there are many of you doing more community service that does not get reported. Please send any community service to the Quartermaster. Primary items include blood donations, hospital visitations, etc.

Frequent buyer cards were developed to give a price break for our frequent customers. During the past several months we have seen cards that are 2 and 3 years old. The membership voted to put a 6-month expiration on the cards. This will be effective in March and the cards will indicate they will expire. Previously issued cards will not expire at this time, but you really should get them used up.

Thank you to all our volunteers for all you 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

Auxiliary and Post Members,

Think spring, it will be here soon! The first day of spring is March 20th and we will set our clocks ahead on March 9th, for Daylight Savings time!!!

On March 15th to celebrate St. Patrick's Day the Auxiliary will be serving Reuben sandwiches with potato or macaroni salad. We will be serving from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and the cost will be \$12.00.

On March 29th it is **Vietnam Veterans Day**, and we will have lunch for them at no cost. We will be serving chicken salad on croissants with soup. Guests will be charged \$10.00.

The Auxiliary will have Easter baskets to bid on again this year. They will be out by March 15th and the bids will close on April 18th. Come in and check them out, you will not be disappointed. Remember there will NOT be any crossing out of bids.

I am still collecting tabs from cans, so if you have any, please bring them to the Post and I can take them to the Ronald McDonald House. Also, if you have toiletries and would like to donate them to the Auxiliary we will take them to them also. They like shampoo, conditioner, soap, and lotion to put in the rooms. Please drop them off at the Post and let them know they are for the Auxiliary.

The Ronald McDonald House is temporary lodging and support for families with critically ill or injured children.

We are still serving breakfast for \$6.00, and the time is 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Each week the menu changes. The Post and Auxiliary work together and if you would like to cook or help out, please contact Karen at (509) 669-8144.

It is that time of year when we have nominations and elections for new officers. At the meeting in March we will have nominations and then April we will have nominations again and elections.

We would love to see more Auxiliary members at our meetings. We meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the Post.
The next meeting will be March 8th.

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:

Jack Stewart

80 and Over

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| Patricia Austin | Neal Clason |
| Isaac Henry | James Lawson |
| Thomas Mielke | Alvey Pratt |

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 March, please let us know the correct date!

LEGISLATION:

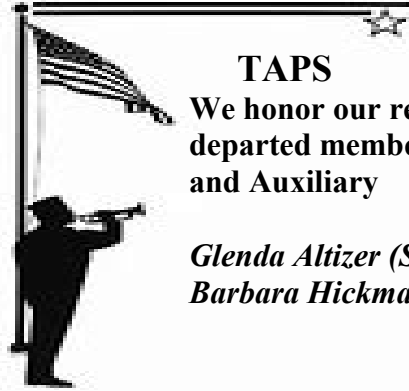
Our legislative efforts need to keep going full speed ahead!

We need to make sure that all those campaign promises are kept and that all our elected officials are held accountable in their sworn duties.

We must continue our fight on Capitol Hill to pass legislation that protects the rights of our veterans and provides them the benefits they and their families so greatly deserve.

We must keep the pressure on and flood those lines of communication with what is important for our veterans and their families. Our messages need to be loud and clear as we continue to:

- Write letters to our congressmen. • Call and speak to our representatives.
- Invite our elected officials to our Posts. • Attend town hall meetings.
- Post messages on social media.
- Educate others on the VFW Legislative Priority Goals.
- Subscribe to VFW Action Corps Weekly.



TAPS

We honor our recently departed members of the Post and Auxiliary

- Glenda Altizer (Sep)*
- Barbara Hickman (Jul)*

• **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:

1134 hours, 7660 miles, 147 member days, 251 Auxiliary days, 618 veterans helped, \$20,010 spent in the following categories:

Community Service :

Americanism, 5; Blood donations 7; Community Activities 3; Honor Guard 11 Memorial Service 6; Public Safety Recognition 1, Wreaths Across America 2, Other 35,

Legislative: Local 2; National 1; Other 1

Veterans Assistance: Buddy Visits 2, 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!						
			MARCH 2025			1 Dinner: Roast & sides \$12
2 Breakfast: French Toast	3	4	5	6	7	8 Aux 10:30 FRA 12:00 luncheon Kaiser 1:00 Dinner: French Dip & sides \$12
9 Breakfast: Eggs, hash- browns, sausage	10	11	12	13 <i>Mexican Train 5:00</i>	14 Hawaiian Dinner \$12	15 Dinner 5-7 Reubens \$12
16 Breakfast Biscuits & gravy	17 Corned Beef & Cabbage lunch \$12	18	19	20 Hillyard Belles 5-6	21	22 Holey Board Dinner: Meat Loaf & sides \$10
House 12:00 Post Mtg 1:00		Am Leg 6:00		BSA Order of the Arrow – 6:30		
23 Breakfast Surprise	24	25	26	27 Mexican Train 5:00	28	29 Nat'l Viet Nam Vets Day Free lunch for Vets 12 to 2 Horse Races 2:00 Dinner Fajitas \$10
<u>Mar 30</u> Breakfast: Potatoes, egg, sausage	<u>Mar 31</u>				Saturday, cont. Trivia	

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**

Irish Coffee \$6

Irish Float \$6

VFW 1474, HILLYARD
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OUR
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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.



Hillyard VFW Food Pantry

Opens Thursday, March 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. or Crystal: 208-704-5738
Pick up on Thursday, noon to 4, at 2902 E Diamond Ave.
Limited to 1 request per month



**COME TO POST #1474 ON MARCH 15TH TO
CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY
FROM 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. DINNER
REUBEN SANDWICH AND POTATO or
MACARONI SALAD - \$12.00
2902 E. Diamond Ave.**



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.

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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.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

The Illustrating art contest must be submitted to the auxiliary by March 31st. 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, marker, 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 kf10@hotmail.com for the official entry form.

SCHOLARSHIP: Patriotic Art Contest-

Each year, more than 4,000 high school students from across the country participate in the VFW Auxiliary’s Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. The contest began in 1979 to recognize up-and-coming artists and encourage patriotism in youth. [View the current National state winners](#) or [all the previous first-place national winners for Young American Creative Patriotic Art](#). This contest comprises only two-dimensional entries. The 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest is exclusively for three-dimensional art pieces. [Click here to see the current National state winners for this contest](#).

Who is Eligible to Apply?

- ✓ **Students in grades 9-12 by the March 31 deadline** who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools.
- ✓ Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence status (the application for which has not been denied) to become a U.S. citizen.
- ✓ Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or older, GED and adult education students, or national winners of previous Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contests are ineligible.

Please contact Karen Flynn or Steve Corker, if you need the official entry form.

Auxiliary Membership:

MEMBERSHIP:

MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL INCENTIVE FOR MARCH:

Any member that signs up a new member Between **March 1-15th** there will be in a drawing for \$25.00.

To be eligible: If you have a husband, wife, sister, brother, daughter, son, grandmother, grandfather, grand-daughter or grand-son that served in a foreign war, insurrection, or expedition, which service is recognized by the award of a campaign or service medal of the United States.

*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. 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 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. Remember dues are \$30.00, or you can convert to a life member. See the amount below:
VFW Auxiliary #1474
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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

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:

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
Unmet Needs Financial Grants Sports Clips Help a Hero
Scholarship Student Veteran Support

* National Veterans Service

VA Claims & Separation Benefits



Americanism

Fly your flag on Patriotic Days!

“Americanism means the virtues of courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity, and hardihood – the virtues that made America.”

-Theodore Roosevelt

Do not forget to fly your flag!

March is the month of the Military Caregiver

1 Mar – President Kennedy created U. S. Peace Corps (1961)

3 Mar – Star Spangled Banner made the U. S. National Anthem (1931)

3 Mar – Navy Reserve Birthday

5 Mar – Seabee Birthday

9 Mar – Daylight Savings Begins (set your clocks ahead)

12 Mar – Girl Scouts of USA founded (1912)

13 Mar – K9 Veterans Day (1942) Is the official birthday of the US K-9 Corps, a day to honor their service.

16 Mar – Final day of 26-day Iwo Jima battle – 19,938 casualties (1945)

16 Mar – West Point Military Academy founded (1802)

25 Mar – Medal of Honor Day – This is the day we honor the heroism and sacrifice of MOH recipients for the US.

29 Mar – Vietnam Veterans Day – A national holiday to recognize and honor veterans who served in the military during the Vietnam War.

The **Veterans Crisis Line** 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!