



## Commanders Corner

Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,  
We held our annual elections  
this past Sunday. Your officers for  
next year are:

Commander: Mike Fagan, Sr. Vice Cdr: Nick Craig

Jr. Vice Cdr: Tom Thiesing

Quartermaster-Adjutant: Paul Manly

1-year Trustee: John Custer, 2-year Trustee: John Ford

3-year Trustee: Damon Smith, Chaplain: (vacant)

Judge Advocate (vacant), Surgeon (vacant):

Please give these officers your full support! If you  
would like to fill any of the vacancies, let me know.

Please take a note of the Community Service  
report for the year-to-date. The Auxiliary is seriously  
outshining the Post. If you have anything to report,  
please send it to the Quartermaster.

Our Memorial Day Weekend Poppy Drive is  
coming right up this month. Your help will be  
appreciated - and it counts for Community Service as we  
also have an information booth - could possibly get a  
few new members.

Last year we approved moving the Annual  
Memorial Day Service from May 30<sup>th</sup> to Sunday of  
Memorial Day Weekend in hopes we can get more  
participation, including from our scouts.

Thank you to all our volunteers for all you do.

Mike Fagan

Post Commander

Thank you to John & Cindy Bryant  
& all at NO-LI Brewhouse &  
Sheldon Jackson. We would like  
to extend our most sincere,  
heartfelt gratitude for the  
Frontline Freedom fundraiser in  
our honor. Your support and  
generous donation is funding our key programs and  
community services. Your quick response to our  
request was outstanding, exceptional and far above  
and beyond anything we could have possibly hoped  
for!



### **Thank you for supporting Veterans!**

No-Li Brewing Co. Who set up a fundraiser for us and  
raised \$5,000 + a \$1,000 donation. Picture in next  
month's newsletter.

We thank Bill Silcock for his help with the Frontline  
Freedom fundraiser and all who purchased the shirts.

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

## President's Message

Auxiliary and Post Members;

May is a busy month for  
the Auxiliary. We have several  
activities going on and we are  
hoping some of our members will  
try to participate.

The Auxiliary voted and installed their new  
officers at the last meeting. The officers elected  
were: President, Jake Ingram; Sr. Vice President, Karen  
Flynn; Jr. Vice President, Steve Coriker;  
Treasurer/Secretary, Cheryl Gagne; Chaplain, Crystal  
Ingram; Conductor, Natasha Porter; Guard, Tony  
Paggetti; Patriotic Instructor, Catherine Anderson and  
Trustee 3; Mary Eckart, Trustee 2, Bill Silcock; Trustee  
1, Marty Phanco. We are thrilled to have a few new  
members step up and take office. I am sure we will have  
a good year.

The Easter party for the children was a success,  
each child had a great time. Thank you to Sissy and the  
girl scouts for planning the games, a thank you to  
Catherine for all her help, thank you for the photos with  
the Easter bunny by Blondie Does and Legends  
Photography LLC. A big thank you to all the Auxiliary  
members who chipped in to help!!!!

**May 3rd the Auxiliary is having a taco bar  
and homemade tamales to celebrate Cinco de Mayo.**  
We will also have chips and dips. There will also be  
entertainment. Come and support the auxiliary and the  
entertainment.

District 9 Auxiliary and Post meeting is planned  
for May 3rd at Post #3386 in Airway Heights. There will  
be a luncheon at noon and the meeting will start between  
1:00 to 1:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome and hopefully  
you can come to support the district.

May 11<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day and all mothers will get  
breakfast for free. All others only \$6.00.

The Poppy drive is May 23rd and the 24<sup>th</sup>, Memorial  
weekend. If you can help, please sign up at the Post or  
call Paul at 509 487-3784 or Karen at 509 669-8144. We  
need members to volunteer because we are at (4) stores.  
Our state convention is in Yakima, June 25<sup>th</sup>-29th at the  
Yakima Convention Center. Save the dates and come to  
the convention. The two hotels that have special rates  
are the Ledgestone Hotel and the Holiday Inn. If you  
want more information, you can go to the Department  
website at: [www.vfwauxwa.org](http://www.vfwauxwa.org)

Loyally,

Karen Flynn, Aux. 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:***

Jack Ensminger (97) Boyd T Hand (94)

Hugh Lynn (101) John Kirwin (92)

Robert Kyle (92) Ellis McEachern (101)

Norma O'Banion (94) Lawrence Robert (96)

#### ***80 and Over***

Jack Fagan Patty Fisher

Carolyn Gilbertson Joseph Harvey III

Tom Upchurch

*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 May, please let us know the correct date!*



### **LEGISLATION:**

Support Today's Veterans and Military Please contact or visit your congressional representatives and stress that these are the issues we will be fighting for in the 119th Congress. These priority goals reflect the resolutions passed and supported by the men and women of the VFW and its Auxiliary. To find your congressional representatives, visit [vfw.org/ActionCorps](http://vfw.org/ActionCorps). Play a Role in the Process Engage and help us ensure that these priority goals are enacted. Sign up today for the VFW Action Corps Weekly and VFW Action Alerts: • Visit [vfw.org/JoinActionCorps](http://vfw.org/JoinActionCorps)

### **Hillyard VFW Food Pantry**

Opens Thursday,

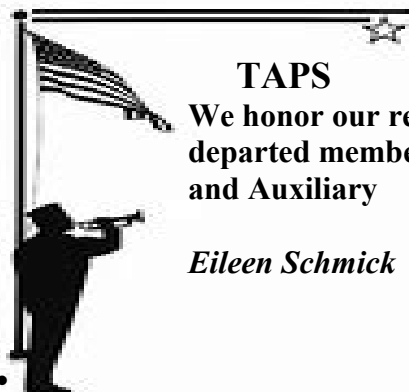
Open to any needy veteran

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**

***Eileen Schmick***

### **• 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:

**1910 hours, 12,496 miles, 178 member days, 479**

**Auxiliary days, 2,465 veterans helped, \$30,604 spent in the following categories:**

#### **Community Service :**

Americanism, 8; Blood donations 8; Community Activities 3; Honor Guard 14 Memorial Service 8; Public Safety Recognition 1, Wreaths Across America 3, Other 46,

**Legislative:** Local 6; State 1; National 2; Other 1

**Veterans Assistance:** Buddy Visits 4, Homeless Vets 1, Hospital 21; Information booth 6; National Home 3; Standdown 1; Unmet Needs 6; Veterans & Military Support 2; VFW Mental Wellness 1, Other 15

**Youth Development:** Patriot's Pen 2, Multiple Essay 2, Other 5

**Scouting:** BSA 10, GSA 5, 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](mailto:pmanly@icehouse.net)

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	FRI Bingo 1:00  Bar Bingo 5:00	SAT Dinner 5-7
ABOVE: THESE EVENTS HAPPEN EVERY WEEK!						
MAY 2025				1	2	3 <i>Cinco de Mayo dinner with music</i>
4 Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, egg	5	6	7	8 Open House Membership Drive all day	9	10 Aux 10:30 Kaiser 1:00 Dinner: Taco Salad \$12
11 Breakfast: Mothers Day - Surprise	12	13	14	15 Hillyard Belles 5-6  BSA Order of the Arrow – 6:30	16	17 FRA 9:30 Dinner BLT & Pasta Salad \$12
18 Breakfast: Biscuits and Gravy, egg, links House 12:00 Post Mtg 1:00	19	20  Am Leg 6:00	21	22	23	24 Karaoke 5:30 Dinner: Fish & Chips & Sides \$12
25 Breakfast French Toast, egg, sausage	26	27	28	29	30	31 Dinner: Pork Chops & sides \$12 Silent auctions start

***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***

*We thank Spokane Indians baseball, Spokane Chiefs hockey, Spokane Comedy Club and Miracle Blade Knives for their donations. These are just a few of the items we will be putting in our late Spring Silent Auctions.*

**Specials: Thursday– Happy Hour 1-5,  
\$1 off all alcoholic drinks  
50¢ off all non-alcoholic drinks**

**See the board for specials:  
Margaritas!!!**

***We hosted a Boy Scouts fundraiser dinner that generated \$330.00. We hosted an honor flight fundraiser dinner that generated \$75 for that cause.***

***We will have Silent Auctions to support the Post beginning May 31<sup>st</sup> and ending July 4<sup>th</sup>. Donations for these auctions are welcome.***

VFW 1474, HILLYARD  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
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OUR  
92<sup>ND</sup> YEAR**

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[QM@VFW1474.org](mailto:QM@VFW1474.org)

**Return Service Requested**

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ALL MEETINGS IN THE HALL  
2826 E Diamond Ave

POST MEETING  
3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY 1:00 p.m.

AUXILIARY MEETING  
2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY 10:30 a.m.

## VFW Day of Service

Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>  
Evergreen Cemetery  
Cemetery Cleanup  
8 a.m. Until Noon  
bring your lawnmowers,  
weed whackers, etc.  
All help will be welcome.

## Annual Memorial Day Service

Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 noon  
Evergreen Cemetery  
10015 N Market St.







## 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



girl scouts

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.

## American Legion Post 243



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



## Fleet Reserve Association

The Fleet Reserve Association is open to all members who served in the Navy, Aprine Corps, and Coast Guard and have an honorable discharge.

They meet at the Hillyard VFW Post

on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m.  
New members are welcome!

## NATIONAL HOME/BUDDY POPPY

The biggest celebration of the National Home's century of service is the Community Celebration set for June 28, 2025! This incredible community event will be a full day of fun, featuring FREE carnival rides, a car show and exciting family activities. The celebration will wrap up with live music and a dazzling laser light show – an unforgettable way to honor 100 years of service and support. Mark your calendars and join the festivities!

Buddy Poppy: Poppy days will be May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be at (4) grocery stores. We will be at the Safeway in Hillyard, Safeway on Nevada, Safeway at Monroe and Francis, and Rosauer's at Five Mile. We need volunteers to help, so if you could take a couple of hours out of your schedule to help it would be appreciated.

### AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP:

The Auxiliary provides members an opportunity to honor and give back to all who have served, and who are serving, this great nation. It's our chance to say 'thank you' to them for their sacrifice.

If you know of someone that is eligible to join our Auxiliary there are membership applications in the Post or you can give us a call and we will get one to you.

If you would like to become a life member and not worry about paying your annual dues every year, please check out the amount you may pay below

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!**



Children's Easter party.





## AMERICANISM:

**May 1<sup>st</sup>** is Loyalty Day: Loyalty Day is a day set aside for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States and for recognizing the heritage of American freedom. Loyalty Day originally began as “Americanization Day” in 1921 as a counter to the Communists’ May 1 celebration of the Russian Revolution. On May 1, 1930, 10,000 VFW members staged a rally at New York’s Union Square to promote patriotism. Through a resolution adopted in 1949, May 1 evolved into Loyalty Day. Observances began on April 28, 1950, and culminated May 1, when more than five million people across the nation held rallies. In New York City, more than 100,000 people rallied for America. In 1958, Congress enacted Public Law 529 proclaiming Loyalty Day a permanent fixture on the nation’s calendar.

**May 8<sup>th</sup>:** Victory in Europe Day (commonly known as V-E Day

**May 17<sup>th</sup>:** Armed Forces Day

**May 26<sup>th</sup>:** Memorial Day is a day to honor the men and women who died while serving in America’s Armed Forces.

Memorial Day is a day to honor the men and women who died while serving in America’s Armed Forces. Originally called “Decoration Day,” it originated after the Civil War to commemorate those who died in the war by decorating their graves. It was declared “Memorial Day” by federal law in 1967, by which time the remembrance had been extended to honor all Americans who died while serving in America’s armed forces. Many people celebrate Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials; volunteers place American flags on every grave in national cemeteries. Memorial Day, May 30 (traditional), is a day sacred to all war veterans. America’s collective consciousness demands that all citizens be reminded of the deaths of their fellow countrymen. By honoring the nation’s war dead, we preserve their memory, and thus their service and sacrifice. All U.S. flags should be displayed at half-staff during the morning hours. At noon, they should be raised back to full-staff.

## SUICIDE AWARENESS:

[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.



The Easter Egg hunt. And where would we be without a visit from the Easter Bunny?

We thank Jessie Anderson and Mike Fortney at Legends Photography for their support and assistance.

