



Commanders Corner

Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,

Our new "Military Order of the Cootie" was properly installed on Sunday, November 5th, and will be meeting on the 1st Monday of each month. If you see some strange gonings on in the area, think nothing of it. The Cooties do things a little differently, but are a very important part of our hospital visitation program within the VFW.

Voice of Democracy and Youth Essay entries are due by Oct. 31st. If you have a child, or know of a child, grandchild in 3rd grade through High School, they are eligible to participate, including home-school children but they need to get the entry in by Friday! If you are interested in helping to judge these essays, contact Paul Manly or Steve Corker.

Public Servant awards are also available. This applies to police, fire-fighters, EMTs, 9-1-1 operators, and explosive ordinance technicians. Call Paul if you have a candidate, or download the entry form from the Department website (www.vfwwa.org).

Our semi-annual poppy drive is next week. If you can help, please sign up at the post. A couple of hours can go a long way. If you can't help, you can send a donation directly to the Post - mark it for Relief Fund or Poppy Drive if you want it specifically for Veterans Relief. You can also send donations for the General Fund.

We need to replace the range in the kitchen. Donations are also being accepted specifically for that.

Rifle and gun safe raffle will be held later this month. Tickets are \$25 each - limit 100 tickets (much better odds than the State lottery). See the bartender.

Please support the Auxiliary functions - Sunday Breakfast - Christmas Bazaar, etc.

We're having a very busy fall,
Mike Fagan
Post Commander



From the Quartermaster

We need but 10 members to make 100% and 15 members for eligibility for All-American. Annual members: you can renew early. It will not change your expiration month, but renewing late will. OR you could become a life member and avoid the hassle of renewing each year. We are currently 2nd highest in the district at 95.28%.

I am now able to process the newsletter on our website to make it quicker and easier to access. The newsletter will be posted each month around the 1st or before.

Very Respectfully
Paul Manly
Adjutant/Quartermaster

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

President's Message

Auxiliary and Post Members,
We had a fantastic Halloween party this year! Our Youth Activities Chairman, Natasha Porter, did an amazing job

creating a fun-filled time for all the kids who attended. Thank you, Natasha, for your dedication and hard work in making this event such a success!

Poppy Drive is coming up on **November 7th and 8th**. If you'd like to volunteer at a store, please stop by the Post and sign up. We'll be at:

- ✓ Five Mile Rosauer's
- ✓ Safeway on Francis and Monroe
- ✓ Albertson's on Nevada
- ✓ Safeway in Hillyard

On **Veterans Day, November 11th, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.**, the Auxiliary will be serving a complimentary lunch of **homemade soup and sandwiches** for all veterans. For non-veterans, the cost will be **\$7.00**. We hope you'll join us in honoring our veterans with good food and fellowship.

Our **Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale** will be held on **November 22nd**. Donations of baked goods or handmade crafts are greatly appreciated, as proceeds will support families in need this holiday season. During this time of year, we also donate to the **VA Hospital** and the **Spokane Veterans Home** to help bring holiday cheer to our veterans. If you'd like to contribute, please send your donation to:

VFW Auxiliary #1474
2902 E. Diamond Ave.
Spokane, WA 99217

Currently, we still have **49 continuous members who have not paid their dues**. If possible, please consider paying before the end of the year. If finances are a concern, reach out to me—our Auxiliary may be able to assist. Annual dues are **\$30**, or you may opt for a **life membership** to avoid yearly payments (details in my membership article).

We'll also be serving **Thanksgiving dinner at the Post** this year! If you'd like to help by cooking a turkey or ham, preparing dressing, or contributing any other dish, please sign up at the Post or give us a call. And if you simply want to come and enjoy the meal with friends, we'd love to have you!

Our **next Auxiliary meeting** will be held on **November 8th at 10:30 a.m.** All members are warmly invited to attend.

Loyally,
Karen Flynn, 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:

Dean Kronberger (92) Joseph Turner (93)

80 and Over

John Cummings Gary Hone

Patsy Moon David Morton

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.



LEGISLATION:

Be sure to VOTE - Let your voice be heard. And if you don't vote, you do not have the right to complain about the results.

National Home / Buddy Poppies

VFW National Home:

If you're a military or veteran family facing housing challenges, the **VFW National Home** is here to provide the support and stability your family deserves. Start by filling out the eligibility form on their website to see if you qualify—this is the first step toward accessing a wide range of life-changing benefits.

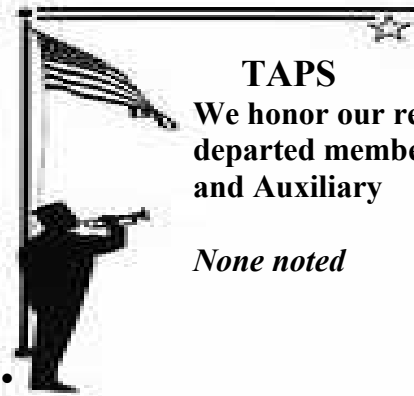
The VFW National Home offers more than just safe, stable housing. Families receive tailored resources including **education support, daycare, case management, veteran transition assistance, job training, and community-building activities**—all designed to help your family thrive and build a strong, self-sufficient future.

Buddy Poppies:

The Post and Auxiliary will be setting up Buddy Poppy tables at **four locations** and need your help! We have permission to distribute poppies at:

- ✓ Rosauer's – Five Mile
- ✓ Safeway – Francis & Monroe
- ✓ Safeway – Hillyard
- ✓ Safeway – Nevada

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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 many hours, including driving time

How many miles? Round trip miles

Number of Veterans helped (if any)

Community Service Report (since Jul 1)

606 hours, 3,396 miles, 84 member days, 82 Auxiliary days, 473 veterans helped, \$5,899 spent in the following categories:

Community Service :

Americanism, 4; Blood donations 4; Community Activities 1; Honor Guard 1 Memorial Service 5; Other 12

Veterans Assistance: Buddy Visits 1, Hospital 1; Information booth 4; StandDown 1, Unmet needs 3, Phone well check 1, Other 1

Youth Development: Essay combo 3, Other 1

Scouting: BSA 6, GSA 2

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.

Even a couple of hours of your time makes a big difference. Sign up at the Post or call **Paul Manly at (509) 979-1627** to choose the time you'd like to help out. Let's work together to honor our veterans and spread awareness!.



SUN Breakfast 9-11 Texas Hold-em 2:00	MON Bowling 12:00 BSA Troops 242 & 243 6:30	TUE Dice 3:00 Music with Bobby & Tommy 5-7	WED Bar Bingo 5:00 Band practice 6:30-9:00	THU Cribbage Darts	FRI Bar Bingo 5:00	SAT Dinner 5-7
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ABOVE: THESE EVENTS HAPPEN EVERY WEEK!

NOVEMBER 2025						1 Past District Cdrs/Pres Dinner 6:00 Reservations required!
2 Breakfast: Eggs, bacon, hashbrowns	3	4	5	6	7	8 Aux Mtg 1030 Dinner: Chicken Fried Steak \$12
Cootie s 1:30-3:00						
9 Breakfast: Breakfast burritos	10	11 Veterans Day - Free Soup & Sandwich for all Vets, \$7 for guests	12	13	14	15 FRA 10:00 Dinner: Cowboy Chili \$10 - Gun raffle drawing
15 Breakfast: French Toast, egg, sausage						
House 12:00 Post Mtg 1:00	17	18 Am Leg 6:00	18	20 BSA Order of the Arrow – 6:30	21	22 Christmas Bazaar Dinner: Spaghetti \$12
23 Breakfast: Biscuits & gravy, egg, sausage						
30 Breakfast: Chicken fried steak, eggs, toast	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Dinner - Pot Luck (Post will provide turkeys)	28	29 Dinner: Steak & Bake \$15

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**

Month specials:

*** Pumpkin white Russian \$6**

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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.



Free Soup & Sandwich for ALL Veterans. Guests \$7





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 scouts**
Girl Scout Troop 2242 Auxiliary sponsors 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. Thank you to the girls who participated in our POW-MIA ceremony. You did a great job.

Hillyard VFW Auxiliary 1474 Request for Christmas Basket for needy family

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (required) _____

Total members in family: _____ Adults, _____ Children

Ages of children: _____

VFW or Auxiliary member (yes/no)? _____

Veteran of family of Veteran (yes/no)? _____

Have you received basket(s) in the past? _____

If yes, when? _____

*Return to the Post no later than Friday December 17th.
Baskets will be available on Wednesday, December 22nd*

For Auxiliary use only:

Approved _____ Denied _____

Auxiliary Committee:

Notes:



American Legion Post 243

If you have dues unpaid for 2026, please send them in as soon as possible. Our meeting is the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Please join us!
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 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. New members are welcome!

EVENT CENTER:

Welcome to our new Hillyard VFW Event Center.

The center is a community-oriented space that can be rented for weddings, parties, and meetings. Operated by 2 auxiliary members of VFW Post 1474, with 25+ years of experience, the event center generates income that supports the VFW post's operations and programs for veterans.

The event center is located at 2826 E. Diamond Ave., Spokane, WA 99217, red building across from Post 1474. It is equipped with amenities such as a kitchen, seating, and a TV, and offers customization options for various events.

The center aims to be a financial asset for veterans by generating proceeds for the VFW Post 1474 Canteen, which helps with operational expenses, maintenance, and membership. Along with the Post and the Auxiliary the event centers focus is to help the future success of the Post Building and its members. Please contact Anne Carl and Crystal Ingram, event center coordinators, at

HillyardVFWEventCenter@outlook.com

with questions or to book your own event. Gladly always accepting volunteers, donations and referrals.



Children's Hallowe'en Party

AMERICANISM:

FLY YOUR FLAG

November Observances

November 4 – Election Day

November 11 – Veterans Day

Last month, our Auxiliary had the privilege of honoring our **Gold Star Mother** with a beautiful bouquet of flowers in recognition of her family's sacrifice and service.

The Meaning of the Stars for Gold Star Families:

- A. **Blue Star** – A family member is serving on active duty
- B. **Silver Star** – A family member was wounded or injured in a war zone
- C. **Gold Star** – A family member was killed in action while serving our country

The **Gold Star** represents the highest price of freedom — the life of a loved one. These families carry both profound grief and immense pride in their hero's service and sacrifice.

As President Barack Obama stated in his 2011 Proclamation: *"Gold Star mothers and families know the immeasurable cost of fighting for the ideals we believe in, and they know the pride that comes with exemplary service to America."* President Barack Obama, September 23, 2011

Let us remember and honor their sacrifice — not only in September, but every day.

GOD BLESS AMERICA Let us continue to **lead with purpose, educate with passion, and promote patriotism** throughout our communities. Together, we ensure that those who have served and sacrificed are **never forgotten**.

HOSPITAL:

The Auxiliary proudly presented **\$200** to the Spokane VA in support of **Suicide Awareness**, helping veterans who may be struggling and need support.

Both the **Spokane VA** and the **Spokane Veterans Home** are always in need of volunteers. There are many ways to contribute—whether by helping at events or simply offering a friendly greeting—because every day is **Veterans Day**.

Who can help: Auxiliary members, non-members, youth, and family members. A reminder: if youth participate, their efforts can be reported under **Youth Activities**. No matter who volunteers, always check with the facility for their specific volunteering policies. You can also contact your **VAVS representative** to find a list of current needs and see how your Auxiliary can help meet them. Our VAVA representative is Catherine Anderson, at bohica1421@gmail.com

Remember: Caring for our veterans is like the ocean caring for its waves. From **Sea to Shining Sea**, we honor the heroes who keep us free. (This is our National Presidents theme.)



SUICIDE AWARENESS:

Crisis Signs

These signs require immediate attention. If you are experiencing any of these and need medical attention, call 911 now. For immediate help in dealing with a suicidal crisis, contact the Veterans Crisis Line: [Dial 988 then Press 1](https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/).

- ✓ Thinking about hurting or killing yourself
- ✓ Looking for ways to kill yourself
- ✓ Talking about death, dying, or suicide
- ✓ Self-destructive behavior, such as drug abuse, risky use of weapons, etc

If you would like to sponsor a few members of the Auxiliary they will be walking 30 miles in the month of November for Suicide Awareness. Please send any donations to the Auxiliary at 2902 E. Diamond Ave., Spokane 99217 and earmark it for **Suicide Awareness**.

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP:

If you don't want to worry about paying your dues every year

You may want to pay for your life 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.

We only have 49 annual members that still need to pay their dues. Remember your dues help support Our Veterans and their families. Please send your dues of \$30.00 in or drop off at the Post. There is a \$50.00 drawing for all paid up members by October 31, 2025.

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

Please mail your dues to:

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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