



VFW & Ladies Auxiliary
District I
Department of Washington
October 2012



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS

Upcoming Events Calendar

October 20th	Department of Washington Service Officer Training-Post 91-Tacoma, WA 10AM to 3PM.
November 1st	Deadline for Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy, Student Essay, and Teacher of the Year to be submitted to Posts
November 17th	District 1 Meeting —Alderwood Boys and Girls Club—Lunch 12 PM Meeting 1 PM.
	Post Student Essay Winners (VOD, PP, & Student Essay) & Teacher of the Year deadline for submission to District
January 1st, 2013	Deadline for Public Servants Award
January 5th	District 1 Award Presentation Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Teachers of the Year — Alderwood Boys and Girls Club—Lunch 12 PM Presentation 1 PM
January 18th – 20th	Mid-Winter Convention—Yakima
February 1st	Deadline for Newsletter of the Year competition
March 1st	Deadline for Scout of the Year
March 30th	District 1 Meeting —Alderwood Boys and Girls Club—Lunch 12 PM Meeting 1 PM
May 18th	District 1 Convention — Alderwood Boys and Girls Club—Lunch 12 PM Meeting 1 PM
June 5th-8th	Department Convention—Yakima
July 20-25th	National Convention—Louisville, KY

Buddy Poppies

Time is running out if you haven't ordered Buddy Poppies so I thought I would give you Commanders and Presidents one last pitch before it's too late. Handing out Buddy Poppies is perhaps the best way for a Post to make itself known to the community. Buddy Poppies is a way to educate, not only on the meaning of the poppy, but what VFW does, who's eligible, and raise some serious money for your Relief Fund. Arlington Post 1561 has made a great bi-fold brochure about what it does, the programs it supports, and who is eligible. I suspect if you gave Post Commander Willy Hughes a call or sent him an email, he would be happy to share it with you. I know that Everett Post 2100 has plagiarized it, which is a compliment to 1561. As far as how much you can receive as contributions, Edmonds Post 8870 raises in the neighborhood of \$20,000 annually (total for both Veterans Day and Memorial Day) for its Relief Fund. So if your Post makes only a token effort at Buddy Poppies, you may wish to reconsider your program. If you don't have the population, just let District know and we can arrange to have your Post distribute in another Post's area with their permission. Remember, we are all in this together and there are plenty of places to distribute poppies without infringing on another Post's efforts.

National Award to School

Teacher of the Year Debra Howell's school (Monte Christo Elementary in Granite Falls) will receive a plaque and a check for \$1,000. Fred Apgar, District chairman for Teacher of the Year will make the presentation on Oct 15th at 9:00AM. As an aside, the September/October issue of Checkpoint has a nice article on Debra together with a picture of her receiving her National award from former C inC Richard De Noyer at the National Convention in Reno.

For more information, visit www.vfwwadistrict1.org

Around the District

Post 2554 in Sultan has changed their meeting time from 7:30PM to 7:00PM.

Arlington Post 1561 will meet at 4700 188th St. NE, Arlington, WA 98233 at 7:00PM. Basically, this is the NW corner of Arlington Airport.

A member of Edmonds Post 8870 will conduct a Driver Safety Course that is free for veterans, their spouses, and children at the Frances Anderson Center in Edmonds. Dates are Nov 5/6, Nov 14/15, and Nov 27/28 from 9AM to 1PM. To register contact Edmonds Parks & Rec at 425-771-0230. The benefit is a reduced insurance rate. Check with your company as to the amount of the benefit.

Post 1040 presented the VFW National Outstanding Community Service award sign that Post 1040 received for 2012 to the City of Lynnwood to be placed at the corner of 164th street SW & 44 Ave. West in Lynnwood.

Cancer Seminar Sponsored by VFW Aux. #2100 And VFW District One

Speaker:

Denis Ross

Katrina Bassett

October 13, 2012

1-3 PM

Snacks at 2:30 PM

Post #2100 Home

2711 Oakes Ave.

Everett, WA. 98201

RSVP by Sept. 28 2012

Barbara Miller

425-314-8078/425-252-1906

or

Ruth Herren 425-337-1559

The President's Corner—Jan Beam

Greetings from your District President Jan. We are just returning from a great National President's Homecoming in Cedar Rapids Iowa. After a brief mix up in District Auxiliary meeting arrangements we will be meeting at the Alderwood Youth Club as the District roster shows for all District one meetings. Please be prepared for the upcoming October Auxiliary inspections as scheduled. If there are any questions on them please call me to make sure we have everything set. Looking forward to a great District One year.

Loyally, Jan

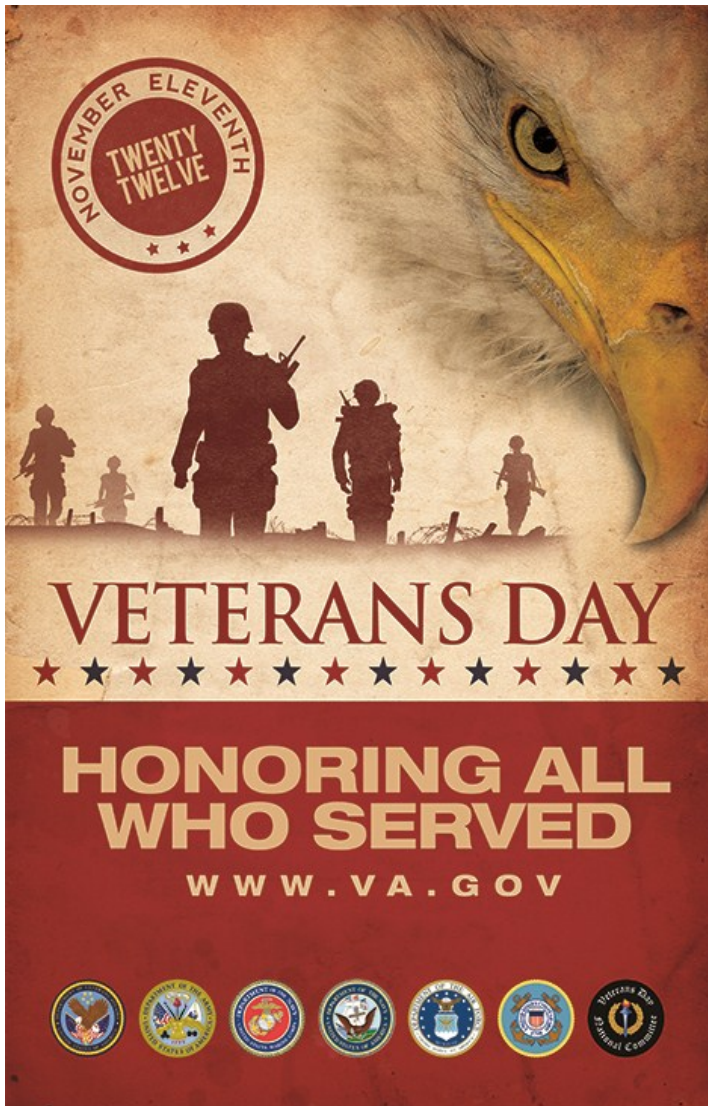
Post & Auxiliary Inspection Schedule

10/2/12	Tuesday	1561 Arlington	6:00PM
10/3/12	Wed.	9417 Gold Bar Aux.	3:00PM
10/4/12	Thursday	9417 Gold Bar	5:00PM
10/8/12	Monday	2100 Everett Aux.	5:30PM
10/11/12	Thursday	7511 Monroe Aux.	1:00PM
10/11/12	Thursday	2554 Sultan Aux.	6:30PM
10/12/12	Friday	8870 Edmonds	11:30AM
10/20/12	Saturday	921 Snohomish	12:00PM
10/25/12	Thursday	2100 Everett Post	5:30PM
11/1/12	Thursday	1040 Lynnwood	6:00PM
11/8/12	Thursday	2554 Sultan	6:00PM
11/8/12	Thursday	7511 Monroe	11:00AM

Post Service Officer Training

Department has announced a Service Office Training class for October 20, 2012 at Post 91 in Tacoma. The address is 2000 S. Union, Tacoma WA. The class will be from 10AM to 3PM. If your Service Officer is planning on attending, please contact Ross Walker at 253-778-9732. Just as an aside, If you believe you will have a change in Service Officers in the next year, consider having someone get into the loop now. You'll be ahead of the game next year.

Veterans Day Poster –2012



I just received 25 of these posters from the VA (heck—the national office of the VFW only got 100 to pass down the line) so I will get them out to your individual Posts as soon possible. I think if you put them on poster board they would be great for Buddy Poppy display or they can be sent or hand delivered to your local schools for their Veterans Day assemblies.

VOD, PP, and Youth Essays

Although it's on the calendar, I wanted to remind everyone that the deadline for submission of these items is quickly approaching. You have 30 days left to receive essays from the students (Midnight, Nov. 1), and 17 days to grade them and forward Post winners to District (November 17th) who will then forward the District winners to Department by December 6th. Remember to submit your summary report ASAP to appropriate District chair following the competition. All the appropriate forms are in the packets of information you received at the School of Instruction as well as the information distributed by Carol Williams and Jim Raymond. However, if you any questions regarding the competition, let me know or contact Don and Carol Williams or Jim and Marcella Raymond directly for clarification.

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Keith Reyes of Post 1561 asked that I let all of you know that Chapter 12 of the MOPH meets in Lynnwood at the Elks Lodge on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7PM. Chapter 12 covers the area from North King County to Skagit and Island Counties. If you would like additional information or have a Post member that is interested in joining, contact Keith at 360-631-4467 or email him at reyeskes@msn.com

National Home for the Children

Barbara Miller, Chairman

Please save Campbell Soup labels to help get the seventh van for the home. (We need 200,000 more to get the seventh van).

Order Life Memberships for \$35.00.

Order Bricks (more on this at a later date).

Send .25 per member (to National not Department) for Health and Happiness Christmas Cheer now so that they will have the money for Christmas.

Cancer Program

Ruth Herren, Chairman

Start your program this year by paying your \$2.00 donations for Cancer from your Auxiliary. This is based on your June 30, 2012 membership total.

Don't forget to order Cancer pins for \$2.50 each by sending your money to Department.

Plan to attend the Cancer Seminar October 13, 2012 at Everett Post Home in the basement. You can bring your members, friends, family and community. Just let Barbara Miller know how many are coming. See the information in this news letter.

The Commander's Corner

A White Hat is a Post reward although the Commander gets to wear it. There is really no reason that every Post in District 1 should not qualify for the award. To be in the running you must achieve 100% membership by April 15th, participate in the Teacher of the Year, Patriots Pen, and Voice of Democracy programs, turn in 2 Community Service reports by 12/31/12 and 2 more by 4/30/13, purchase a minimum of 5 Buddy Poppies per member, attend a minimum of 2 District meetings and the District School of Instruction. In addition, the Posts must have all 4 quarterly audits completed, be bonded, incorporated, file their Form 990, and pay both their per-capital fees to District and Department for the current year. These are hardly huge hurdles and every Post should be in running simply because these are items which we should be doing regardless of the White Hat award. If District can help any Post out in achieving these goals, just let me know and I'll see what we can do.

Membership Statistics 9/28/2012

Post		Life	New	Rein-state-	Cont.	Total	Prior Year
921	Snohomish	55			1	56	66
1040	Lynnwood	197	6	5	20	228	310
1561	Arlington	97	3	1	14	115	144
2100	Everett	726	2	1	23	752	848
2554	Sultan	28			1	29	35
7511	Monroe	30		1	2	33	35
8870	Edmonds	141	6	2	21	170	214
9417	Gold Bar	51			2	53	65
Totals		1325	17	10	82	1436	1717

Housekeeping Stuff

Remember that your Post's by-laws must be reviewed every five years and the Post must submit a written report to Department (copy District) of the completion of the review even if no changes were made to the by-laws. Of course, revised by-laws must be submitted to Dep't for approval. Review the Tally Sheet from Department. Most of our Posts are providing the necessary reports. If you have a blank for something you submitted, let Ron Haley know and we will re-submit the information or run it down for you.

Post Tally as Provided by Department—9/28/2012

Post	Audit Reports		C.S.R.					Hospital Report					Chaplain's Report					Bonds	Poppies
	June	Sept.	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	May	June	July	Aug	Sep		
921			6/8	8/9	8/9	9/10		X			X			X	X	X		90K	
1040	7/9		6/8	7/6	8/3	9/7		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		60K/3K	
1561	7/30		6/11	7/11	8/13	9/11			X	X	X							90K	
2100	9/20		8/20	7/17	8/8	9/7		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		50K/3K/3K	
2554	7/30		9/18	9/18	9/18	9/18		X	X	X	X			X				30K/30K	
7511	9/21																	15K/3K	500
8870	9/5		5/22	6/15	7/26	8/15	9/27	X	X	X	X	x	X	X	X	X		35K/35K	10,000
9417	7/11			8/13	8/13													10K/8K	

Post & Auxiliary Meetings (same time and place unless otherwise indicated)

If you change the date or time of your meeting, please let both District and Department know of the change 30 days prior to revised meeting date or time.

Gay Jones Post #921

Meeting Place: Snohomish Boys and Girls Club
402-2nd Street
Snohomish, WA 98290-3097

Meeting Date: 3rd Saturday - 1:00 P.M.

Walter A. Deebach Post #1040

Meeting Place: Alderwood Boys & Girls Club
19719—24th Ave. W.
Lynnwood, WA 98036

Meeting Date: 1st Thursday - 7:00 PM

Boyer Daniel Post #1561

Meeting Place: 4700 188th St. NE
Arlington, WA 98233

Meeting Date: 1st Tuesday—7:00 PM—Auxiliary 1st Tuesday—6:30PM

Old Guard Post #2100

Meeting Place: Everett Post Home
2711 Oakes Ave.
Everett, WA 98201
425-252-2100

Meeting Date: Last Thursday of month 6:30 PM—Auxiliary 2nd Monday—6:30PM

Stoehr Glidden Post #2554

Meeting Place: United Methodist Church
211 Birch Ave.
Sultan, WA 98294

Meeting Date: 2nd Thursday 7:00 PM (Changed from 7:30)

Monroe Auxiliary #7511

Meeting Place: I.O.O.F. Hall
610 So. Lewis St.
Monroe, WA 98272

Meeting Date: 2nd Thursday - 12:00 P.M.-Auxiliary 2nd Thursday—1:00PM

Edmonds Post #8870

Meeting Place: Edmonds Senior Center
220 Railroad Ave.
Edmonds, WA. 98020

Meeting Date: 2nd Friday-12:30 PM

Martin-Osterholtz Post #9417

Meeting Place: Gold Bar Post Home
301-3rd St. P.O. Box 663
Gold Bar, WA. 98251

Meeting Date: 1st Thursday - 6:00 PM-Auxiliary 1st Wednesday—4:00PM