



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

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Membership:

Congratulations to the following posts for already achieving 100 %
Membership:

Post 3409 Winlock
Post 9417 Gold Bar
Post 10711 Wellpinit
Department is currently at 84.04%

Now is the time to get out and recruit prior to severe weather settling in. Let's not forget the numerous Community Activities, Fairs, local Farmers Markets and Parades. It is important for our communities to see an active VFW supporting their events and there are eligible veterans attending these events.

I encourage everyone to promote the use of credit cards for annual dues, Life Installment plans and Life Member total. Please remember to encourage a Life Installment – the payment over a year can save years of annual payments and the member will be paid up forever and not have to worry about renewing.

This time of year, is a great time to contact the senior and unpaid members on your Post Roster to ensure that they are prepared for the upcoming winter months and that their health is not becoming an issue. Offer them a ride to meetings if needed, if they are financially embarrassed offer them the help of the Post Relief fund. It is to the Post, District and Departments benefit to aid and assist our veterans who need it.

Website:

The Department website is now operational and being updated daily. Please keep in mind that even though it is operational, it is still early and not complete. We expect the membership to utilize the website however, do not offer comments on various ways to fix or make changes until the installation is complete. To access the website use:

www.vfwwa.org

National news:

The VFW National Headquarters is currently promoting “A Day to Change Direction”. The program is designed to bring awareness, educate, aid and assist both members and the community in the promotion of Mental Health and the Five Signs of Emotional Suffering. The scheduled date of this National event is October 28, 2017. All posts are encouraged to participate and support a community event.

Veterans Day:

Veterans Day is rapidly approaching. I encourage Posts and members to active in their community – conduct Buddy Poppy Drives, contact the local schools and promote the “Veterans in the Classroom”. Your support for the local community will result in VFW awareness and your support will be awarded twofold.

Local events:

There are two major Department events coming up in November:

Auburn Veterans Day Parade November 11, 2017

UNMET Needs Golf Tournament at Gold Mountain Golf Course in Bremerton. This event will donate \$20 per tournament player to the Washington UNMET Needs program. Your support in this event will demonstrate the VFW is there to support our veterans.

Youth Programs:

All Posts and Districts are reminded that the cutoff date for submission of the Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Youth Essay programs is October 31, 2017. We need to be in the schools and ensuring support for these worthwhile programs.

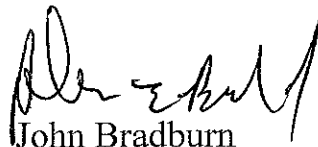
The IRS any recipient receiving awards exceeding \$599 are required to receive an IRS Form 1099. When judging at the District level, please inform winners moving on that their Social Security number will be needed when advancing to the Department level.

The Department is trying to promote more communication between the posts, districts, program chairman and department staff. I encourage the membership to contact the commanders, chairman and staff if assistance is needed. With the weather changing and getting colder, members should be careful and safe in any home projects or other event you may participate in.



Fred Green

Department Adjutant



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Department Commander