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THE
HASHMARK ^{VFW} _{POST} 51

Address Service Requested

Your presence is requested!

**Next Post Meeting:
Wednesday, April 13th
7:00 p.m.
509-327-9847**

Editor Carol Buxton



Easter Brunch

11am till 3pm

Ham, Bacon, Sausage

Hash browns, Eggs, Fruit and Sweets

Come gone us for a good time



**Sock Hop
April 9th**

50's Dinner 5:30-7:30pm

**Dancing
6pm-10pm**

**Get out your penny loafers and
poodle skirts**



For the Good of the Order.

Spring is on the cusp in Spokane and we're ready! We are working with the Navy to schedule some events for "Salute to the Military" week which coincides with many Lilac Festival events. We plan to have a ranking Naval officer as a guest speaker at the Post on May 21. Also on that date, we will be hosting a breakfast for military personnel and their families along with anyone from the VFW that would like to attend. That same evening we march in the torchlight parade so come on down, learn something and show our colors.

Nominations for Post officers are in progress. Elections will be held at the next Post meeting in April. If you want your voice heard, attend the meeting, express your opinion and vote. Better yet, attend the meeting and nominate yourself for one of the many Post vacancies we have. Everyone can make a difference.

Volunteers are always in order for our VA Popcorn Program. Every Tuesday we man the cash register at the Spokane VA Medical Center from 0900 'til 1500(That's 3 PM for those USAF folks). The proceeds go right back into supporting events for veterans at the VAMC. If you can help, even a little for a few hours, contact Cheryl Veal at 499-9073.

Our Cell Phones for Soldiers collection box has already shipped over a dozen cell phones to be melted down to recover the precious metals inside. We have received cards worth 100 phone minutes to distribute to soldiers and their families as they deploy. Please keep this effort in mind when it comes disposing of old cell phones as the troops and their families really appreciate it.

Bill Veal
Commander



Chaplain's Corner:
Post Chaplain:
Dick Hazelmyer
483-4480
Auxiliary Chaplain
Paula Holmes
327-9847

Condolences to the Families of:

Mick Nash, James Jones, and Elizabeth Gaffney

Blood Bank Account
INWBC 210 West Cataldo Ave
Spokane WA. 624-0151
As of November 23rd our balance remains at 46 pints.
Our thanks to each and everyone that will and have contributed a pint of blood.

BOB HYATT



PRESIDENT'S PEN

Hello Ladies,

Happy Spring Time!

I hope the sun is shining and the temperatures are warmer. However, I am glad that the daylight is longer.

I also want to wish you all a very Happy Easter.

April is the month of our Auxiliary elections. Please come to the meeting an April 13th and nominate and vote for the ladies who you want to be your new Auxiliary officers for the new year. Remember this is your Auxiliary, so please come

God Bless
Dona Feuz
Auxiliary President



MEMBERSHIP

Hello Sisters,

Another great month. Our membership is over 102%!!! You have done an excellent job this year. However, we do have some auxiliaries that are struggling. They are so close to 100% and have worked so hard. If you know of anyone eligible in the Valley, Deer Park, Airway Heights or Hillyard, you can sign them up for that Auxiliary and get credit for our Auxiliary and yourself. We are all here to serve our Veterans and help each other.

We are at war and we have so many service men and women coming home. I really do not understand why we are not overflowing and everyone at 200%. We are such a great organization and we need to get the word out about what fantastic things we do for our Veterans, their families, our Gold Star Parents and now our soon to be organized Blue Star Parents. This is what we do! We joined because we care.

Our membership also counts on legislative issues. Numbers do speak! We need to be on top of these issues, (just read where they want to cut our homeless veterans budget). As Department Hospital Chairman, I have seen firsthand what we are doing for our Homeless Veterans. Our membership does make a difference.

Keep up the good work. You are all so wonderful. I love my job!!

God Bless all of you and our Service men and women and our Veterans. Yes, God Bless America!

Marge Wright,
Membership chairman

**If you would PLEASE
send us your e-mail
Addresses.
We can send your
Hashmark out and you
will get it quicker.**

**Send to
Tom Millspaugh at:**

millspaughinc@aol.com

There is a collection box in the Post entryway labeled 'Cellphones for Soldiers'. Please donate used cellphones here. The phones are not used themselves, they are melted down to recover the valuable materials inside the phone. The recovery company then sends us phone cards which we distribute to soldiers and their families. These cards have been a big hit with our area supported units and VA medical center residents. Please help us support this program.

HASHMARK folders needed on the last Monday of each month 9am – “Many hands make for light work.”

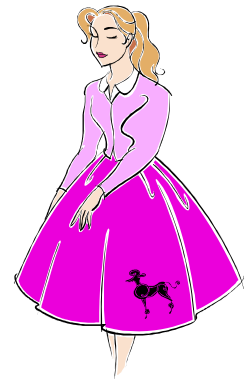
Attention DAV #6

Election of Officers will be held at 1435 on April 9th @ 11 am.

Be sure to show up so you can vote.



**OK Girls & Boys
It's time for another
Sock Hop
Watch for the date in the
March Hashmark
*Get your poodle skirt ready and
your jeans rolled up!***



It's Breakfast Time:

**Marine Corps
League Breakfast
Saturday, April 16th
9:00 to 11:00
\$6.00 per person
MENU:
**USMC SOS or
Pancakes,
Scrambled eggs,
Bacon or Sausage,
Hash browns, Coffee,
Milk & OJ
Open to the Public****



POW RECOGNITION:

The POW Recognition Program will be held on Friday, April 8th, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Living Center Dining Room at the VAMC. George Vasil, Ex-POW, will be the keynote speaker. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

IDEAS, IDEAS, IDEAS

Are you ready to have some fun? Do you have a great idea for having fun in the post? Come join us April 27th, at 6:30, for the first Joint Task Force meeting. The purpose of the JTF is to increase the fun, esprit de corps, and positive atmosphere in our post. We are going to use fun and camaraderie to increase the participation of our current members and attract new members. So if you're ready for some fun, bring your ideas, bring a friend, bring your party pants, and we'll see you there!

Andy Patrick

Hello, Auxiliary sisters!

Don't forget our District 9 convention and election of officers will be on Saturday, April 9th at Post 3386 in Airway Heights.

Lunch is at noon, followed by the meeting and election. Installation will follow at around 4 or 4:30, with a short reception after that. For the reception, I am asking our Auxiliaries to bring salads. If you can't come, but would like to provide a salad, please let either myself or Marge Wright know.

I hope to see many of you there.

Jean Rosado, District 9 Sr. Vice President
487-4129 or jros52@aol.com

Warning from Spokane's gang taskforce

I receive CPR certification through 1st Line 1st Aid every two years. While at class yesterday, the instructor stated he had been asked by Spokane's gang taskforce to include the following information in his lesson plan.

Apparently, our dear local gang members have an initiation that is hard for most of us to resist. We were warned that if you see what appears to be an injured child, especially in an area with hiding spots nearby (bushes, rocks, etc) you are not to approach that child to offer assistance. The trick is to get you close enough to grab, at which point you are

severely beaten and/or raped by the awaiting gang members. Of course, you are not human if you are able to walk away from an injured child without trying to help. The recommendation is to immediately call 911 and shout to the child that you have done so and that police are on the way. If the child is uninjured, he/she will flee before the police arrive. If not, you have still done the most appropriate thing and help will be en route. They are currently targeting the Dishman/Mica area, but have been seen in other parts of town, including Riverfront Park.

Be safe!!

Rachel Sauer
Operations Center
BSA Team
509-353-4220

If there is any member in need of medical equipment (wheel chair, walker, canes, etc.) please contact your Post Surgeon.

Andy Patrick @ 327-9847

If any members have equipment that you have borrowed from the Post and no longer are in need of it, please return it to the Post Home.

Post Surgeon

The Hashmark

April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>VFW POST 51 327-9847</p> <p>AMERICAN LEGION POST #9 326-4168</p>					<p>AmVet Auxiliary Mexican Fiesta Dinner 5-7pm</p>	<p>Jerry Herker Homecoming Airway Heights 3386 Dinner at 5pm RSVP</p> <p>Steak & Bake \$8.00 5pm till 7:30pm</p>
<p>Ben & Sherry 4-7 pm Potluck</p>	<p>SAL meeting 6pm</p> <p>Monday Night card Players 6pm</p>	<p>Bar Bingo 6 pm Texas Hold em 4 pm</p>	<p>Meat Draw and Potluck 5-7 pm</p>			<p>District Meeting and Elections 12pm Airway Heights 3386</p> <p>Sock Hop Dinner and Dance Dinner 5:30-7:30 Dancing 6-10pm</p>
<p>Ben & Sherry 4-7 pm Potluck</p>	<p>Board Meeting 6pm</p>	<p>Bar Bingo 6 pm Am Legion Baseball 6:30 Honor Guard Bird Dogs 7 pm 40-8</p>	<p>Meat Draw Potluck 5-7 pm</p> <p>Post and Auxiliary meetings and Elections 7:00pm</p>	<p>Marine Corps League 7:00pm</p>	<p>Horse races 5 to 7 pm</p> <p>BBQ Burgers 5 to 7 pm</p>	<p>Marine Corps Breakfast 9-11am</p>
<p>ALR 9am</p> <p>Ben & Sherry 4-7pm Potluck</p>	<p>Tax Return due today</p> <p>Purple Heart Meeting 7 pm Monday Night card Players 6pm</p>	<p>Navy Lunch Planning meeting 2:30 Bar Bingo 6 pm</p> <p>Texas Holdem 5 pm</p>	<p>Hashmark Deadline</p> <p>Meat Draw Potluck 5-7 pm</p>			
<p>EASTER BRUNCH 11am-3pm</p> <p>Ben & Sherry 4-7 pm Potluck</p>	<p>American Legion and Auxiliary meeting 6pm</p> <p>Hashmark Fold 9:00 am</p>	<p>AmVets 6:30 pm</p> <p>Bar Bingo 6 pm</p>	<p>Meat Draw and Potluck 5-7 pm</p> <p>Joint Task Force 6:30pm</p>	<p>AmVet Aux 6:30pm</p>		<p>Broom Stick Pool Tournament 12pm sign up</p> <p>Auxiliary Dinner 5-7pm</p>

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

<p>Lunches are subject to change without notice</p>		<p>Lunch Hours 10:00 am To 2:00 pm</p>		<p>1 Fish & Chips Clam Chowder</p>
<p>4 Chef's Choice</p>	<p>5 Meatloaf</p>	<p>6 Chicken ala King</p>	<p>7 Crab Salad</p>	<p>8 Fish & Chips Clam Chowder</p>
<p>11 Chef's Choice</p>	<p>12 Salisbury Steak</p>	<p>13 Liver & Onions</p>	<p>14 Hot Pork Sandwich</p>	<p>15 Fish & Chips Clam Chowder</p>
<p>18 Chef's Choice</p>	<p>19 Pork Loin</p>	<p>20 Chicken Fried Steak</p>	<p>21 Reuben</p>	<p>22 Fish & Chips Clam Chowder</p>
<p>25 Chef's Choice</p>	<p>26 Fish Tacos</p>	<p>27 Spaghetti</p>	<p>28 Meatloaf Sandwich</p>	<p>29 Fish & Chips Clam Chowder</p>

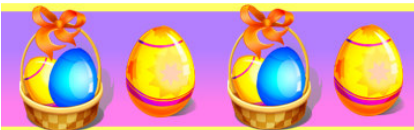


EASTER BRUNCH

April 24th 11 am till 3pm
\$8.00

HAM, BACON,
SAUSAGE, HASH
BROWNS,
SCRAMBLED EGGS,
SWEETS, ROLLS,
FRUIT. OMLETS TO
ORDER, CHOICE OF
HAM & CHEESE, OR
VEGGIE AND CHEESE.

COOKS FOR THE DAY
CAROL AND PAULA



PAWS WITH A CAUSE

Dinner : April 1st
5pm till 7pm
Cost: \$7.00
Menu: Mexican Fiesta

“Paws With a Cause” is an organization that trains Assistance Dogs nationally for people with disabilities and provides lifetime team support which encourages independence. Paws promotes awareness through education.

Man’s best friend is trained to be man’s “life link.”

Sponsored by the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Post 92.

RSVP to VFW Post Canteen @ 327-9847

VFW WASHINGTON WEEKLY MARCH 25TH

From Derith Kelley

Retroactive Stop-Loss Payments Extended Again:

The deadline to apply for retroactive Stop-Loss payments has been extended again, this time to April 8. Everyone on active duty between 9-11 and Sept. 30, 2009, is eligible for \$500 for every month they were involuntarily extended beyond their normal date of separation. Payouts have been averaging almost \$4,000 per person, but you must apply to get paid. The VFW asks that you forward this information to everyone you know. To apply, go to http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2010/0710_stoploss/.

Update on Physical Disability Board Review: Mike

LoGrande, President of the DOD Disability Board of Review offered a startling overview of the Physical Disability Board of Review (PDBR) findings. He revealed that 56 percent of the cases reviewed under the congressionally mandated program were recommended for an upgrade to disability retirement. Further, 85 percent of those cases involving medically separated veterans with a history of combat were upgraded. There was some evidence that Physical Evaluation Boards (PEB), charged with assigning

disability evaluations to service members awaiting medical separation, were using a modified set of rules and not the VA rating schedule, to suppress evaluations. Veterans who were medically discharged from September 11, 2001 through December 31, 2009, should consider applying for a review of their evaluation. Under PDRB rules, evaluations are either confirmed or increased, never reduced, so veterans have nothing to lose by seeking a review. More information can be found at: http://www.health.mil/About_MHS/Organizations/MHS_Offices_and_Programs/pdbr.aspx

TO ALL VALUED MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

Once again our integrity as bartenders is being questioned. Yes the bartender is in charge.

When we are carding people it is not your place to question us. We have the right to card everyone, every day.

You must have your official VFW or Auxiliary card on you and EVERYONE must have a current and unexpired ID. This is the law.

Thank you
Club Manager

And on another topic. Please no personal grooming at the bar. Such as hair combing, nail trimming etc. use the restroom please

Thank You
Carol Buxton
Editor

**HOMECOMING
DIANE SMALL, PRESIDENT
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON
APRIL 30, 2011**

**VFW Post & Auxiliary 7392
3037 North Goldie Road
Oak Harbor, WA 98277**

**Social Hour 6:00 PM
Dinner 7:00 PM**

Dinner Menu

Prime Rib with Stuffed Shrimp
Baked Potato
Season Vegetables
Garden Salad
Roll
Dessert

Cost \$17.50

Dinner Reservations by April 20, 2011

Mail to VFW Ladies Auxiliary 7392

3037 North Goldie Road

Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

