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**Next Post Meeting:
Wednesday, November 9th
7:00 p.m.
509-327-9847**

Editor Carol Buxton

VETERANS DAY

11-11-11



**POTLUCK AT POST 51
11 AM TILL 3PM**

**COME IN AND ENJOY A MEAL, GOOD
COMPANY, AND HAVE A GREAT TIME. IF
YOU WANT TO BRING A DISH TO SHARE
WITH ALL.**

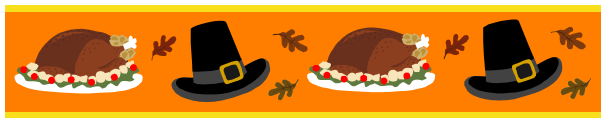


Thanksgiving Dinner at Post 51

Turkey with all the trimmings, this
dinner is free to our Veterans.



Check for the time at the Post





From the Commander

Comrades,

Wow it is almost November, where has the year gone. Hunting season has almost wrapped up for the year and again I did not get anything, except for some good memories and camaraderie with friends and family that I was camping and hunting with. I always have the next hunting season to fondly look forward too!

We have a couple of things to look forward to this upcoming month and hope that we can get the volunteers to fill the needs of these events. The first thing that we have coming up is Veterans Day on November 11th and in the couple of days prior to that day we have the schools in the area asking for Veterans to make an appearance so that they may honor them or even have them say a few words about their experience. The other is our Annual Thanks Giving Dinner for all Veterans and their Families. I know that we need volunteers for this years dinner also! If your available and have the time both of these operations can use a few minutes from you if you have them to spare! This reminds me, We have volunteers for various things that are going on all of the time around our post and it seems that we always forget to say something nice to these folks. Well I hope to correct a little bit of this right now. I would like to say Thank You to Tom and Daneille Millspaugh for stepping up and volunteering on numerous occasions such as the fair booth, post kitchen, and other things that have popped up and they have been there to help with. I would also like to say Thank You to Ed Thew for some of the general

maintenance around the post that he has taken on as these things have cropped up and for the help at the fair booth, parades and annual Veterans Tailgate at EWU. I know that there are a lot more people that should be mentioned here and thanked but we need to start somewhere and this is a start. Before I end these thank you's this time, let me make one more to a couple of ladies from the Auxiliary that have stepped up and are regularly Volunteering in the Post Kitchen (and other places) Thank You Carol Buxton and Paula Holmes.

Unfortunately when our membership had its last election there was a position that was volunteered for and then the person was voted in to the position. They have not been seen or heard from since. Some of our officers have even made attempts to contact this person on several occasions but have not been successful. We need to elect another person into this position. The position is Post Surgeon. I'm asking the membership for a couple of people that would volunteer for this position so that we can open it up for election during the next post membership business meeting. This is an important position that needs to be filled.

That brings me to an end for this month. We continue to strive for improvements to our post that make our membership feel safer and more secure so that they may relax, enjoy themselves and have fun in a friendly environment. With that in mind, we have several projects in the works through research aimed at improving the post to make it a more family and younger Veteran friendly without losing our great atmosphere. As always if you have any ideas or suggestions please jot them down and submit them. I look forward to seeing you around the post!

Maynard D. Hill
Commander
VFW Post #51



PRESIDENT'S PEN

Hello Ladies;

November 11, 2011. Veteran's Day is to honor every veteran who has fought for freedom. Our veterans have fought to keep our country and to keep us safe. Veteran's Day became a recognized day of remembrance in 1954.

Please remember and take a moment to honor our veterans. Our freedom came at a cost. Also remember the countless sacrifices that our veterans go through each day of their service to our country, so that we may live better lives and enjoy the freedoms we have. Remember the families of these veterans for they have made many sacrifices also. Let us remember and celebrate the men and women who bravely served and are serving. Show them your support and fly your flag proudly and THANK a veteran for all he has done and is doing.

God Bless our Veterans and THANK YOU!!!!

I want to wish you all a very Happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Dona Feuz Auxiliary President

Volunteers Needed

We are in desperate need of volunteers in the Kitchen. Servers, dishwashers, cooks. If you can give us a few hours of your time it would be greatly appreciated.

If we are to keep the Kitchen open then this must be a top priority on your volunteer list. Please contact Paula Holmes or Carol Buxton at the Post.

Blood Bank Account
INWBC 210 West Cataldo Ave
Spokane WA. 624-0151
 As of July 18th our balance is 38 units of blood. We have gained 1 pint since last month. The donators have done a fine job. You should be proud of yourselves. Post 51 certainly is. Keep up the good work.
BOB HYATT



Membership

Hello Ladies,

***In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled I,.....do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible according to our Bylaws.

I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag.

Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member, I do so promise.***

Ladies, this is the oath we take when we become members of this great organization. We have wonderful men and women fighting the enemy for us, so we do not have to have enemies in our own organization. I challenge you to not let your personal feelings affect the work we are to do in our auxiliary. We need new members and active members. It is our tone, actions and willingness to get along that brings in or detours members. I will take this challenge myself. God did not make us perfect, but with a heart willing to serve. This is why we belong to the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Let that beautiful heart shine through so our Veterans know we appreciate them.

We voted at our October meeting to have another drawing for 4 members to receive their 2013 dues free!!! All you have to do is have your 2012 dues paid by November 30, 2011 and you will be in the drawing. Pretty easy and fun!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and let's be thankful for living in our great United States of America and enjoying the freedoms that have been won for us.

Marge Wright
 Treasurer

To Our Members & Guests

I do hope everyone has had a great summer.

Information for all, If you do not see the bartender, please do not keep ringing the bell. Bartender will be back shortly.

We have Free Pool every Saturday & Sunday except when league or tournament is happening. There is also Happy Hour every Sunday until the music starts.

Please look for new activities happening this month, for example bunko & dart tournament. We need our membership and guests to participate in the club and make it even more fun that it already can be.

A reminder for smokers; if you are within 25 feet of the door you may receive a ticket from a health inspector. The Post is properly marked and will not receive a ticket; just the person smoking.

I always appreciate positive advice & constructive criticism in continuing to make this a fun place for everyone. If you see a problem & have a wonderful idea on how to fix it let me know.

Laurie Franzen Club Manager

For Your Information:

American legion Riders meeting moved back to 11am on the 3rd Sunday starting in October.

American Legion and Auxiliary meeting 4th Monday of the Month. Be sure to check the Hashmark Calendar.

Chaplain's Corner:
 Post Chaplain:
 Cody Hurst
 327-9847
 Auxiliary Chaplain
 Paula Holmes
 981-2905



Sympathy Cards sent to:
 Family of Ann Root. A correction to last month it should of read.
 Family of Bobby Warren.

Get well Cards sent to:
 Gary Buxton, Gene Boughten,
 Richard Hazelmeyer, June Obde

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

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



CLUB BOARD

Hello to all,

First I would like to thank all of you for electing the current Club Board. We have been working really hard to make some difficult business decisions. We have looked at all our financial obligations and our income. Unfortunately we are over extended in our obligations versus income. Some of the changes we are working on is to realign the price of our products. Next was to control the portions of the products being served. This has helped but we are far from being where we need to be. We are working on trying to set some type of volunteer program for the canteen. We know it probably can't be all volunteer but if we don't cut back on certain things, we won't be open. Now that sounds bad but it's the truth. Andy is forming a new membership team to help bring in more members. Please assist him if you can. Don't forget we have a suggestion box to place all your great ideas. If you don't want them placed there, then put them in an envelope and have my name on it and I will present it at our next meeting. Thank you for what you've done and what you do. Special thanks go out to Carol

Buxton, Paula Holmes, Linda McFarland, Ron Henry, Laurie and Dale Franzen and so many more for stepping up. We will make it. Together all will be done for our VETS!!

David Ware Club Board Chairman

Attention:

The AM/Vets will have a box at the Post for Coats for Kids. Please give generously. This is a great cause.

POW/MIA Memorial

On November 10th Spokane Community College is dedicating a POW/MIA Memorial. It is at bldg. 6 at 1:30. The event coordinator called Post 51 and invited everyone who would like to attend.

Andy Patrick

Thanksgiving

It's that time of year. We need donations again for our Vets. Turkeys, dressing, potatoes, veggies, etc. and pumpkin pies.

Thank You

It's a Boy!! It's a Girl!!

Please come and join the American Legion Auxiliary for a baby shower on the 13th of November at 1:00pm. Please bring a dish for a pot luck. Desert will be provided by the American Legion Auxiliary. Gifts do not need to be wrapped. Everything a first time mom will need is welcome. All proceeds go to Operation Stork at Fairchild AFB. For any questions call Ilona @ 251-8921.

COLA Announced: Federal Retirement Annuities Will Rise in 2012

Federal retirees will receive a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to their civil service annuities beginning in January 2012. Retirees in the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) will receive a 3.6 percent increase to

their annuities, while retirees in the Federal Employee Retirement System (FERS) will receive a 2.6 percent increase to their annuities. To trigger a COLA for 2012, the average CPI-W for the months of July, August, and September of 2011 needed to rise above the 2008 average for those same months, the last measurement to trigger a COLA (for 2009). It did, by 3.6 percent. While CSRS retirees receive the full amount of the CPI-W increase as a COLA, current law reduces the FERS COLA by 1 percentage point for increases above 3 percent.

Because the CPI-W showed declining prices from 2008 to 2009, and while it showed prices increasing between 2009 and 2010, it did not show prices increasing back to 2008 levels, there has not been a COLA for the last two years. But finally, we have some good news for 2012!

Under current law, COLAs for federal retirement annuities, as well as for military retiree annuities and Social Security payments, are determined in reference to the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), which is calculated by economists and statisticians with the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The CPI-W is the current index used for measuring increases in the prices of consumer goods throughout the economy. It includes prices on all consumer goods, including food and beverages, housing, clothing, transportation, medical care, recreation, education and communication, and more.

If there is a member in need of medical equipment (wheel chair, walker, etc.) please contact your Post Surgeon @ 327-9847

If you 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

November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>VFW POST 51 327-9847</p> <p>AMERICAN LEGION POST #9 326-4168</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Bar Bingo 6:00 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Meat Draw and Potluck 5-7 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Pool League 6pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>DAV Spaghetti Feed 5:30 – 7:00 Ship, Captain , Crew 6pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>VFW AUX Dist. Floor Team 12:00</p> <p>Steak n Bake \$8.00 5pm till 7:30</p> <p>Seabees 5:00 pm</p>
<p>6</p> <p>The Tommy Show 4-7 pm Potluck APA 5PM</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Monday Night card Players 6pm</p> <p>Club Board 6pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Bar Bingo 6:00 pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Meat Draw and Potluck 5-7 pm</p> <p>VFW Post and Aux Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Pool League 6pm Marine Corp League 6:30 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Veterans Day Potluck 11:00 – 3:00 Wheel Chair Mtg. 5:00 Ship, Captain , Crew 6pm</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>AL Baby Shower 1:00</p> <p>The Tommy Show 4-7 pm Potluck</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Blue Star Mothers 5:30</p> <p>Brd meeting 6pm</p> <p>AL Baseball 6:30 – 8:30</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Bingo 6:00 pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Meat Draw and Potluck 5-7 pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Pool League 6pm Marine Corp League and Aux 7pm</p> <p>INPW 7pm AmVets Aux 6:30</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Past Nat. Commander Visit 7:00</p> <p>District 9 Dinner 7:00 Ship, Captain , Crew 6pm</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Legion Riders 11am</p> <p>The Tommy Show 4-7pm Potluck</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Monday Night card Players 6pm Purple Heart Meeting 7 pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Planning meeting 3 pm</p> <p>Bar Bingo 6:00 pm</p> <p>Am Leg & AUX 6:00</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Hashmark Deadline</p> <p>Meat Draw and Potluck 5-7 pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Thanksgiving Dinner</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Horse races and BBQ 5:30 – 7:30 Ship, Captain , Crew 6pm or after the Races</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Craft Sale by AL Aux 11:00 – 5:00</p> <p>Pool Tournament 4:00 Reg. – 5:00 Play</p>
<p>27</p> <p>The Tommy Show 4-7pm Potluck</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Hashmark Fold 9:00 am</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Bar Bingo 6:00 pm</p> <p>AmVets 6:30 pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Meat Draw and Potluck 5-7pm</p> <p>Operation Re-Post 6:30pm</p>			

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AMERICAN STYLE LASAGNA</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHICKEN FRIED STEAK</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TRIO SALAD</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FISH & CHIPS</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COOK'S CHOICE</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHICKEN STRIPS W/ MASHED POTATOES GRAVY VEGETABLES</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LIVER & ONIONS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SHEPHARD'S PIE</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FISH & CHIPS</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COOK'S CHOICE</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HAM WITH POTATOES AU GRATEN</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TACO SALAD</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">STUFFED PEPPERS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FISH & CHIPS</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COOK'S CHOICE</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KRAB SALAD</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COOK'S CHOICE</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HAPPY THANKSGIVING DINNER WITH TRIMMINGS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FISH & CHIPS</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COOK'S CHOICE</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MEATLOAF</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GOULASH</p>		

