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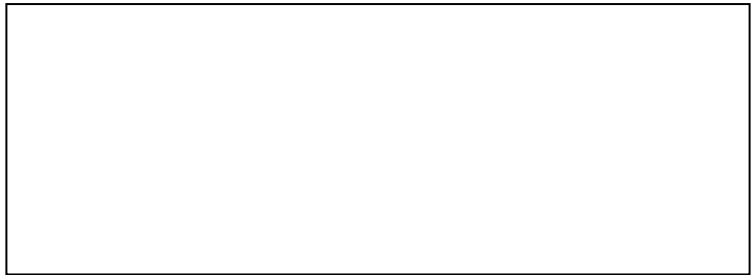
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Commander's Corner



Hello Comrades.



President's Pen



Hello to our Post Family.

Well, let's just say it's hard to write about a month when you haven't been there. I have spent much of July on a cruise from Los Angeles to Hawaii with my wife.

I have been informed the A/C is repaired and hope it is completed by the end of July.

Thank you for all your patience. I will be back in time to help close the fair booth after the busy July events and get ready for the September Fair. I want to thank all the volunteers who help make these events possible and a huge thank you to Don Jones for taking charge in my absence, He is a god send!

I hope everyone is enjoyed the summer and looking forward to more and exciting events in the months to come.

Best Wishes,
Daniel Leichthy

I hope all of you are surviving this heat. As most of you know, our air conditioner has been down at the Post and it's been hot. We now have the parts needed to repair it and get them installed. Due to the heat on the roof, our repair guy must come early in the morning and only couple of hours at a time. Hopefully, the job will be completed soon.

SOS...We need your help. Please, if anyone can offer one hour per week to help either by vacuuming or cleaning would be wonderful. We no longer have Patty or Tony cleaning. If you are willing to help, please call the Post and ask for me.

Since we had so much fun at our Sock Hop, we are going to try host more events with different themes. On August 18th, we plan a **Rock and Roll Night**. Dressing up for the theme makes it so much fun. Oh...by the way, it is also our Commander's birthday. There will be a baked potato bar with a lot of toppings. The cost will be ten dollars. In addition, we will have some games or trivia that night. Come down and check it out. Prizes will also be given. We hope to see you there. The more the merrier!

Laura Bondurant
VFW Auxiliary President

From our Chaplain

This past month Post 51 participated in the Memorial Service at the Washington State Veterans Home. I would like to thank the following members of Post 51 for assisting: CD Seegers, Noall Draney and Kayde, Jonathan Amamsharspert, and Ryan Beeman. Thank you, Comrades, for taking time out of your day to honor these Veterans that answered the final call.

As we come into August with all the hot weather that we have seen these last few days and more to come. We need to check on those Veterans who might be in need of assistance. Our elderly Veterans who are unable to get around. We need to ensure that they are taken care of.

One of the problems facing us these days is Veterans Suicide. We must be ever vigilant to the signs. Sometimes, a crisis may involve thoughts of suicide. Learn to recognize these warning signs: talking about wanting to die or to kill themselves; looking for a way to kill themselves; like searching online or buying a gun; talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live; talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain; talking about being a burden to others; increasing the use of alcohol or drugs; acting anxious or agitated; behaving recklessly; sleeping too little or too much; withdrawing or isolating themselves; showing rage or talking about seeking revenge; extreme mood swings.

We as an organization must always be on the lookout for these signs and be of whatever assistance we can.

Yours in Comradeship,
Wes Anderson
Post 51 Chaplain

HASHMARK DEADLINE:

August 16th by 6pm

HASHMARK FOLD:

August 21st at 10am

If you would PLEASE give us your e-mail address, we can send your Hashmark out and you will get it quicker.

Contact the Quartermaster

quartermaster@vfw51.org or the

Adjutant@vfw51.org

A word from our Canteen Manager

Hello everyone,
I hope your summer is going well. At the Post we have brought back a few events. First, the horse race is something we will be doing on Sundays from 1pm until the end of the ninth race. So come on down and join us. The more the merrier!

We would like to welcome 2 new bartenders; Ryan is a young Marine friendly and willing to help. I am appreciative of Ryan's contributions to the Post. Our other new bartender Laura will start the last week of July. Stop by to meet both of them. It really means a lot to show our volunteer bartenders that we appreciate them.

Unfortunately, due to costs we have changed prices on some of our drinks and food.

The Summer Raffle is now on sale for the handcrafted American Flag made and signed by a veteran. The bartenders will sell tickets for the cost of \$5 for one ticket and \$20 for five tickets. You don't have to be present to win. The drawing will be held at the October meeting.

Remember, this is our club, the VFW. We miss you all so come on down to let us know you are all OK.

Laura Bondurant
Canteen Manager

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ClubHours Sundays 12pm to 5pm Mondays 12pm to 8pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays Closed Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 12pm to 8pm.	VFW POST 51 (509) 327-9847 AMERICAN LEGION POST #9 (509) 326-4168	Closed 1	Closed 2	3 Open 12pm to 8pm 12pm Poker 12pm to 1pm Lunch 5pm Son of Norway Dinner 5pm Private Mtg.	4 Open 12pm to 8pm	5 Open 12pm to 8pm 1pm Bingo 5pm See Bees Mtg.
6 Open 12am to 5pm	7 Open 12pm to 8pm 4:30 Planning Mtg. 5:30 Board Mtg. 6:30 Boy Scouts	Closed 8	9 Open 3pm 6pm VFW/AUX Post Mtg.	10 Open 12pm to 8pm 12pm Poker 12pm to 1pm Lunch 5pm Private Mtg. 6pm KOC Mtg. 6pm SAL Mtg.	11 Open 12pm to 8pm	12 Open 12pm to 8pm 1pm Bingo
13 Open 12pm to 5pm	14 Open 12pm to 8pm 6:30pm Boy Scouts	Closed 15	16 Closed Hashmark Cut Off	17 Open 12pm to 8pm 10am to 2pm Lunch 1pm Poker 5pm Son of Norway Board Mtg. 5pm Private Mtg.	18 Open 12am to 8pm Theme Party - Rock & Roll Dinner, Bake Potato Bar \$10.00	19 Open 10am to 8pm 9am Dept. School of Instruction at Post 1435 10am AL Riders Mtg. 1pm Bingo
20 Open 12pm to 5pm	21 Open 12pm to 8pm 10 am Hashmark fold 6pm AM Vets. Mtg. 6:30pm Boy Scouts	Closed 22	Closed 23	24 Open 12pm to 8pm 12pm Poker 12pm to 1pm Lunch 5pm Private Mtg.	25 Open 12pm to 8pm 5 to 7 VFW AUX. Dinner Chicken Fried Steak \$15.00	26 Open 12pm to 8pm 11am Dist. Meeting and School of Instruction at Post 1435 1pm Bingo
27 Open 12pm to 5pm	28 Open 12 pm to 8pm 6pm AL/Aux Mtg. 6:30pm Boy Scouts	Closed 29	Closed 30	31 Open 12 pm to 8pm 12pm to 1pm Lunch 12pm Poker 5pm Private Mtg.		