

# The Hashmark

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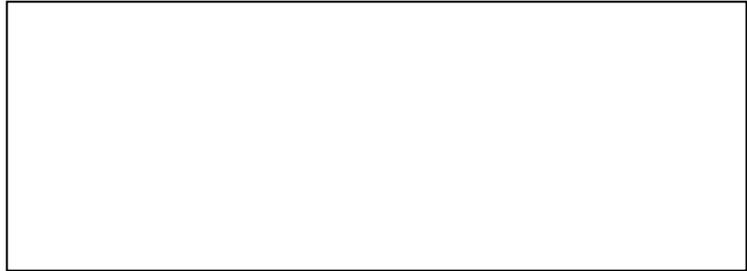


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Next Post/Aux  
Meeting

Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
at 6:00 p.m.  
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## PEARL HARBOR DAY



**Commander's Corner**



**Hello Comrades.**

November is over and December is upon us. We had a great number of events in November: the Marine Corps birthday, the Prime Rib Dinner, a visit from Elk Post #5924, the Post Poker Run, Bingo and Thanksgiving at the Post. I want to thank everyone for their hard work and to all of you for supporting your Post.

December is also a busy month. We have a lot of parties scheduled from Breakfast with Santa for the children, VFW Christmas Party, American Legion Christmas Party, the New Years Eve Party and much more.

So come in and have a cold or warm beverage and some food to keep your spirits high.

For the Membership:

\*Annual members who pay their dues **Before Christmas**, can pay \$30 instead of \$45 but the money must be sent to the Quartermaster **not National**. This will not change your anniversary date if paid early.

\*Membership for annual members who are 80 years old and over is paid by the Post per standing orders. Post members can mail dues again directly to the Post (\$45) or never pay dues again by paying for a life membership.

**VFW Life Membership: Thru age 30--\$425, 31-40--\$410, 41-50--\$375, 51-60--\$335, 61-70--\$290, 71-80--\$225, Over 80--\$170. A 12-month payment plan is available.**

Daniel Leichty  
Commander Post 51

**President's Pen**



**Hello Brothers and Sisters.**

Happy Holidays to All! This month is going to be busy. Our Auxiliary will be supporting 4 families this Christmas. If you have some free time and would like to help our chairman, give me a call at the Post and I will contact her.

Our meeting this month will be very brief, about ten minutes. If you have a report to share, this is a reminder to write it up and bring it to the meeting for filing. We will be bringing finger food to the meeting for our Auxiliary Party. We voted to do a ten-dollar gift exchange, so bring your gift. It will be done in a draw by number game.

On Veterans' Day, the Post did a special breakfast for our Gold Star families. During the breakfast, the Auxiliary did a special presentation with the Post's help. One of our members brought in a complete Gold Star uniform from many years ago. A long-time friend of hers found it in her mother's trunk. It was donated to us, and we wanted it to be taken care of with dignity. We had a shadow box just waiting for this uniform. Thank you, Commander Danny, for mounting it for us and for doing some homework to find her photo and the story of her son's passing. Woody, I also want to thank you for helping to organize the box and picking up the name plate for it. If you haven't been to the Post lately you need to come and see it, we are very proud of it. Once again. THANK YOU All.

Laura Bondurant  
VFW Auxiliary President

## From our Chaplain

We are coming up to the end of the year.

The holidays are here. This is a time when we must reach out to our elderly Veterans to ensure that they are doing well and if the Post can be of any help.

This past Veterans Day I had the honor speaking at St. Matthews School and Rogers High School at their Veterans Day Program. I would like to thank the Auxiliary for all their help with the Post Veteran's Day Program as well as the Gold Star breakfast where they unveiled the Gold Star Shadow Box.

December 7<sup>th</sup> is Pearl Harbor Day. As President Franklin said: "December 7, 1941, a date that will live infamy". There are only few alive that remember that day. We must never forget the sacrifices that were made that day.

Yours in Comradeship  
Wes Anderson  
Post 51 Chaplain

### **HASHMARK DEADLINE:**

**November 22<sup>rd</sup> by 6pm**

### **HASHMARK FOLD:**

**November 27<sup>th</sup> at 9am**

**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](mailto:quartermaster@vfw51.org) or the  
[Adjutant@vfw51.org](mailto:Adjutant@vfw51.org)**

## A word from our Canteen Manager

Hello Brother and Sisters.

We had a very busy November and December will be very busy as well. This is a time of year that we need each other more than ever. It's so nice when our members show up at the Post after being gone so long just to let us know that they are OK.

We have a new bartender named PJ, she great! I think she is a great fit for the Post. PJ is hard working and very attentive to customers. Come on down and say hi to her. I'm sure you'll agree.

We also have a new bartender, Jane, that will be working our meeting night. I think you'll find that she is also a good new fit.

In addition, we have a bartender, Terri, who has returned after many years of being gone. Teri will be working three of the four Saturdays each month.

Early December 16<sup>th</sup> we will be having our Breakfast with Santa for the big and little kids. The time will be posted in our Hashmark. Our Post Christmas Party will be December 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. It is going to be a potluck. I did put a sign-up sheet in the canteen to give us an idea of what everyone will be bringing, so we don't show up with a lot of the same dishes. We also, will be playing a Christmas Crime Murder Mystery as characters of Elves, Santa and many more. We are supplying elf ears and a description of each character's role. It should be a blast. Of course, there will be prizes at the end of the game. If you have a minute, come down to the Post and we will give you an invitation so you can read up on it and let us know which couple you would like to be. The positions are filling fast.

Laura Bondurant  
Canteen Manager

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Club Hours</b> Sundays 12pm to 5pm Mondays 12pm to 8pm Tuesdays, Wednesday Closed Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 12pm to 8pm.	VFW POST 51 (509) 327-9847  AMERICAN LEGION POST #9 (509) 326-4168				Open 12pm to 8pm <sup><u>1</u></sup>	Open 12pm to 8pm <sup><u>2</u></sup> 1pm Bingo 5pm APA Pool League 5:30pm Seabees Mtg.
Open 12am to 5pm <sup><u>3</u></sup> 1pm VFW Pool League	Open 12pm to 8pm <sup><u>4</u></sup> 6:30pm Boy Scouts	Closed <sup><u>5</u></sup>	Closed <sup><u>6</u></sup> Cut off for dinner reservations.	Open 12pm to 8pm <sup><u>7</u></sup> 12pm Poker 12pm to 1pm Lunch <b>PEARL HARBOR DAY                      CELEBRATION</b> 1pm Hawaiian Style Lunch Free for all Veteran's 5pm Sons of Norway Dinner	Open 12pm to 8pm <sup><u>8</u></sup> 5pm KOC <b>Italian Dinner</b> \$20.00	Open 12pm to 8pm <sup><u>9</u></sup> 1pm Bingo 5pm APA Pool League
Open 12am to 5pm <sup><u>10</u></sup> 1pm VFW Pool League	Open 12pm to 8pm <sup><u>11</u></sup> 4:30 Planning Mtg. 5:30 Board Mtg. 6:30pm Boy Scouts	Closed <sup><u>12</u></sup>	Open 3pm <sup><u>13</u></sup> 6pm VFW/Aux. Mtg.	Open 12pm to 8pm <sup><u>14</u></sup> 12pm Poker 12pm to 1pm Lunch 6pm KOC Mtg.	Open 12am to 8pm <sup><u>15</u></sup>	Open 6:30am <sup><u>16</u></sup> 10am Kids Christmas Breakfast with Santa 1pm Bingo 12-3 pm AL Christmas Party 5pm Post Christmas Party "Christmas Crime Scene" with a Pot Luck
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Open 12 <sup><u>31</u></sup> 5pm Potluck and New Year's Eve Champagne Toast						