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THE
HASHMARK ^{VFW} **51**



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**Next Post Meeting:
Wed. June 9th at 6:00 pm
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**STATE
CONVENTION JUNE
22ND THRU JUNE
26TH**

**DINNER
WEDNESDAY JUNE
23RD IS CHICKEN
FRIED STEAK 5PM
TILL 7:30 PM**

MUSIC AT 6PM

**DINNER FRIDAY
JUNE 25TH IS
SALSBURY STEAK
5PM TILL 7:30PM**

MUSIC AT 6PM

**SATURDAY THE 26TH
IS BREAKFAST 7AM
TILL 10AM
ALL ARE WELCOME**

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COMMANDER'S CORNER



COMRADES.

First off, A big thank you to all of our volunteer's. Without us all working together we would not be able to continue to help veterans and their families.

The month of May was really busy with the VSO's getting back to their meetings.

Memorial Day we had a great turn out. We had a service, raising the flag, and a free BBQ.

Thanks to all who have paid their membership. Looks like we are on track to make 100%. Those who have not paid please consider renewing as soon as possible.

June will be terribly busy. Fridays in June will be our last dinners until September. **JUNE 19TH AT 0900 IS YARD CLEAN UP MORNING.** Mowing, weed whacking, general cleaning to get ready for convention. Now this is all the good news.

Starting in July we may not be open all the time. We are down to one (1) bartender so we may only be open periodically. We

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really are in need of volunteers. If you could work, one day a week or whatever you can it would be appreciated. We offer a friendly environment, clean working conditions, and you will be helping our veteran families.

We are getting ready to open our fair booth. July 9th thru July 11th is the Ford Show If you can help, please call Carol Buxton at 509-279-4341.

Yours in comradeship.

David L Ware CMDR Post 51

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HASHMARK DEADLINE JUNE 16TH BY 6PM

HASHMARK FOLD: JUNE
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 Quarter Master



PRESIDENT'S PEN



SISTERS AND BROTHERS

I hope this finds everyone doing well. We are definitely moving in the right direction from the pandemic.

I want to thank everyone for your dedication this past year. The Post is a float and doing well. We need to keep up the good work and continue to work together. Remember not one person can do it all. It takes everyone.

Remember State Convention is June 23rd thru June 26th. If you can please plan to attend, especially since it is in Spokane.

I want to wish all the new Officers a wonderful next year.

Thank you again.

Paula Holmes

Auxiliary President



FROM THE CANTEEN

Hope the welcoming of spring is finding everyone well and happy.

We are open and enjoying many activities and veteran functions.

After prayerful consideration I will be leaving the position of canteen mgr. at the end of June. Family health issues have made being gone difficult at best. All the volunteers who work so hard and give so much time and energy have brought back the Post we all so love and need. My wish is that this hard work continues and we as members continue to visit our wonderful Post and keep it alive and active.

Please check the June calendar, there are many activities and events to participate in. It has been an honor to help get the Post back on its feet!! Please come in and visit!!

Warmest regards

Lynne Larson

Canteen Mgr.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Would like to thank David Ware, Danny Leichty, Cody Hurst, Bob Watkins for their

participation in presenting the Memorial Service at the Post. Also, to the Legion Riders Post 9 for assisting, and to Kitrina Johnson-Jones for singing the National Anthem. Thank you to all the Post members who attended.

As part of my duties is assisting the Families of Deceased Veterans. A week or so ago I set with a family of a Veteran who had passed. I assisted with the paperwork needed to get the benefits the family was to receive. What made this so difficult was that the Veteran succumbed due to suicide. He was a young IOOF Veteran. Some 20 Veterans commit suicide each day. What can we do about it? We can reach out to the Veterans and ensure the safety and the safety of their Families.

The most recent data showcases that while veterans are 2.1 times more likely to die by suicide than non-veterans, that rate is highest for post-9/11 veterans ages 18-24. Yet, veterans over age 55 and those who served during peacetime experience the overall highest numbers of suicide.

Veteran suicide is an issue that plagues the veteran community. There is no

justifiable reason for suicide to be in the top 10 reasons Americans die, let for veterans to be overrepresented in this daunting statistic — in 2015, veterans made up less than 10 percent of the American population, yet 16.5 percent of all American suicides. Without changing, an average of 20 veterans will continue to die by suicide every day.

In order to address veteran suicide, Congress, and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) must invest in more research, increase mental health providers employed at VA, and conduct better outreach to pre-9/11 veterans, women, and LGBT veterans. There is also more work that can be done to improve the Veteran Crisis Line (VCL). The Suicide hotline number is 1-800-273-8255. Keep this number within reach. If you know or hear of a Veteran Contemplate Suicide, give them the number or you can call yourself.

Yours in Comradeship

Wes Anderson

Post and Department
Chaplain

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
VFW POST 51 327-9847 AMERICAN LEGION POST #9 326-4168		1	2	3 POKER 12 PM SONS OF NORWAY 5PM SPOKANE VETS FORUM 1730-1900	4 BEEF STROGANOFF DINNER \$10.00 4PM-7PM	5 Bingo 1PM SEA BEES 5 PM
6 OPEN 12PM OPEN POOL	7 OPEN 3PM PLANNING MEETING 4:30 CLUB BOARD 5:30PM BOY SCOUTS 6:30 PM	8 HONOR GUARD 6:30 PM	9 Post and Aux Meeting 6PM	10 POKER 12 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 6-9 PM	11 BACON CHEDDAR BURGERS \$10.00 4PM-7PM	12 Bingo 1PM
13 OPEN 12PM OPEN POOL	14 OPEN 3PM BOY SCOUTS 6:30PM FLAG DAY	15	16 Hashmark Due 6PM	17 POKER 12 PM SONS OF NORWAY BOARD MEETING 6PM	18 PORK LOIN DINNER \$10.00 4-7	19 JUNETEENTH ALR MEETING 10AM Bingo 1PM
20 FATHERS DAY OPEN 12PM OPEN POOL	21 OPEN 3PM HASHMARK FOLD 10AM PURPLE HEART 5:00PM BOY SCOUTS 6:30M	22 STATE CONVENTION STARTS	23 STATE CONVENTION CHICKEN FRIED STEAK DINNER 5PM-7:30 MUSIC AT 6PM	24 STATE CONVENTION POKER 12PM	25 STATE CONVENTION SALSBURY STEAK DINNER 5PM- 7:30PM MUSIC 6PM	26 STATE CONVENTION BREAKFAST 7AM-10AM Bingo 1PM
27 OPEN 12PM OPEN POOL	28 OPEN 3PM BOY SCOUTS 6:30PM Am Legion Meeting 6:00	29	30			