## POST SCRIPTS

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### **COMMANDER'S CONNER**

Dear Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,

These past two months have gone by so fast, seems we had something going on every day in November and December. By the number of events in this newsletter that would be an understatement.

As we focus on our "New Year" please make a renewed effort of commitment to Our Post and the mission of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America. There are eligible veterans and family members out there, in our area, that are waiting for someone to invite them in to our organization and become a part of what we do for our Veterans, Families, and Community. I know this because most of the Program support our Post had these past two months was from outside groups, businesses, community members, and other Veteran supporters. Without those non-member supporters, we would not have been successful in our programs this year. So, I am grateful for our new found community support! We must make a solid effort, each member, to bring in new VFW and Auxiliary members to our Post.

We have almost 500 members in our Post and Auxiliary, but our numbers keep falling each year because our members pass on, but we do not carry the torch for them and fight to bring in new members to keep our VFW and Auxiliary going strong.

We will be making changes this year, as we always must to keep progressing forward with our organization. We will keep the membership informed with our newsletter, flyers at the Post Home, and on our Web page as they occur.

We cannot sustain our Post and Auxiliary programs or our building without the Post and Auxiliary Membership support and getting actively involved in making and keeping our Post Home and Programs Operational.

We say this every newsletter, but we are looking for a few good men (and women) to step up and join our volunteer teams and bring in new program and event ideas to our Post and Auxiliary that our members want to be a part of and fun ways to raise the needed funds for our operational expenses as well as our programs.

Some programs are going away this year, some are being replaced with new programs and some are just ending. Sometimes you must do some trimming to grow.

I am looking forward to this new year and I am grateful for the supporters that show up day in and day out (most from other posts or community supporters) without them we would fail. Thank you! Thank You! Thank You! You know who you are and if you attend our events, you know who THEY are!

So let us stay focused on our Mission, taking care of Veterans, Military, families, and our community! Try to come back to

events and programs at the Post Home and bring you families and friends back in and start celebrating life.

Do not wait for a celebration of Life to come together, everyone will enjoy it much more celebrating life together. Bring your family and friends for birthdays, anniversaries, family reunions, or just get together for a burger night, dinner night, or one of our Friday game nights. If there is a game you would like to see on Friday night that we are not doing and you want to have, let us know. Friday Night Game night is for everyone!

Skyway VFW Post 9430 is a Family Friendly Post, we have a huge kid's area with many toys and activities and there are only two events at our Post Home that are Adult Only – Champagne Breakfast and New Years Eve. Every other event is a kid friendly environment for everyone to attend and enjoy! I look forward to seeing you all with your family, friends and guests at the Post Home Events and Programs. Good times, Good Health, and Happy New Year to each of you!

In Comradeship Chad Hassebroek – Post Commander

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sisters, Brothers and Comrades,

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!

(Sing to Gloria Gaynor's Stayin' Alive)

It took all the strength we had not to fall apart,

Just trying hard to keep the Christmas spirit in our tired
hearts,

And we spent oh so many days focusing on the mission at hand,

We may have sighed, but we all held our heads up high

And so, see you we did come through,
For soldiers, students, and families to keep their hopes anew,
We have all this love to give and will continue to survive,
For our mission to our Veterans is what keeps us alive.

We had a tremendously busy Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday. Thank you, does not seem sufficient for the gratefulness that I have in my heart to many volunteers who helped. We were able to make Thanksgiving food baskets, Christmas food baskets, and Christmas presents for hundreds of children in our community and at JBLM. Please check out the pictures of the many endeavors. I do not want to forget someone, so I will say thank you, Post members, Auxiliary members, JBLM Soldiers, Bryn Mawr Methodist Church, and community volunteers that pitched in to make Thanksgiving and Christmas special for many families.

The ADG MC came through as they have for many years. It is always a fun party when they drop off the toys they collected. I also want to mention how tremendously grateful I am for everyone who donated money. We know not everyone has the time or energy to help physically. Many members and guests out the envelopes we had on the tables and donated cash or checks. These donations went directly to either food or toys, whichever they had designated. So again, with sincere heart, thank you all.

I am grateful and honored to work with so many inspirational and dedicated members who believe in our mission in supporting our Veterans and our community. I give thanks in my prayers to the people who come as guests that also support our efforts.

Finally, we are always looking for new volunteers to step up and give our core group some help. All the events you will find listed at the end of the newsletter and in our monthly calendars.

Respectfully and humbly, Margie Lindberg Auxiliary 9430 President

### CHAPLAIN

Almighty God, we ask for Your blessing with indebted hearts that You continue to protect our servicemen and women serving our country near and far. We ask that You grant them strength and courage in their righteous service in defense of our Nation. We pray that You keep their families in Your heart and grant them peace and love as they too bear the heavy burden of sacrifice for our country.

Heavenly Father, we ask that You extend Your unending love, protection, and comfort to our Veterans and their families, especially those in need and suffering. Lastly Father, we ask that you guide us in our endeavors at VFW Post 9430 as we continue to selflessly support or Veterans and our community. We pray all of these blessings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Comrades, Families, and Supporters of VFW Post 9430, On behalf of the leadership at VFW Post 9430, we hope that you and your loved ones had a blessed holiday season and a delightful New Year's celebration. I implore you all to identify your "New Year's Resolution" and set an attainable goal for yourself in 2025. Your goal can be as simple as reading several books to keep your brain sharp, getting more active with daily walks to ensure a long and healthy life, or even volunteering time at our wonderful VFW Post each month! Having an established goal gives you something to work towards every day and can be extremely rewarding when you achieve it by the end of the year.

As they say, "God helps those who help themselves" and by taking care of yourself, you are better equipped to help lift those around you!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the Post Chaplain for services or support.

In Comradeship Joseph Strong – Post Chaplain

### **HOUSE AND CLUB**

The Post home is in pretty good shape. We have some grant funds for two projects, the grilling deck is first project and the front entrance is the second project.

The downstairs back door lighting project is complete and it is much brighter and safer now.

Do not forget, if you are planning any receptions or parties, the downstairs hall is available for rental too.

If you notice any problems with the building, please let us know. Any concerns, please contact me at 206-963-3516.

Steve Scheeler House & Club Chairman

### **KITCHEN REPORT**

Happy New Year!

The kitchen has been bustling this holiday season. Between the Auxiliary breakfasts and the second Saturday dinners, hamburger nights, Friday game nights, 3 school parties and the family Christmas party, we have been busy.

We served 280 corndogs, 300+ bags of chips and gallons of fruit punch and Tang to 300 kids and families for our school parties. Thank you, for all your support to help these families have a holiday with joy.

Do not forget the price of our hamburger meal is now \$7.00. It still includes a 1/3-pound beef burger, choice of cheese, grilled onions, bacon and all the fixings, homemade potato salad, cookies, and chips. The best deal in town!

The Auxiliary breakfast and bake sale will be held as usual the first Sunday of the month on January 5 and February 2.

The Auxiliary dinner on January 11 will feature ham and scalloped potatoes, salad, vegetables, and dessert. We will be presenting our youth essay winners and our Teacher of the Year awards at 5:30 pm before we serve dinner. I hope you can make it. Reservations and early tickets at the bar. The Post dinner will be February 8. Dinner price for both is \$15 presale and \$17 at the door.

Our 41<sup>st</sup> annual Champagne Breakfast and Auction will be held on February 16. We will begin taking donations of Auction Items on February 1. Please buy your tickets at the bar. It is the Post and Auxiliary major fundraiser to help their general fund

As usual we are looking for kitchen volunteers. Please contact me if you have interest in doing so

Cheryl Scheeler Kitchen Manager

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### <u>CANTEEN CORNER</u> <u>SHERI JO TOPPING---CLUB MANAGER</u>

Post Home Open Hours will be as follows:

Mondays Post Home Closed

Tuesdays 7:00-10:00 PM Canteen Service Available

Wednesdays Closed

from 5:30 to 6:30 PM

(1st Wed of Month Open from 6-9 PM with limited Canteen services before and after meeting)

**Thursdays** 4-8 PM Canteen Service Available with Burgers

from 5:30 to 6:30 PM **Fridays** 4-9 PM Canteen Service Available with \$6.00 Dinner

Saturdays with no event 2-6 PM

(watch flyers and FB Posts for Special Events)

**Sunday** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday is Auxiliary Breakfast and Bake Sale from 9-11:30 (no canteen service) other Sunday's closed (watch flyers and FB Posts for Special Events)

### **Important Canteen Information**

Old drink tickets are no longer valid, we are only accepting the new drink tickets. Thank You

The Shake a day jar is over \$200 to split if a 5 of a kind is rolled. The split goes to the building fund. The dice have been on fire lately and given away several prizes for the 4 of a kind. It is only a matter of time before that 5<sup>th</sup> one decides to fall into place. Who will be the winner???

We have added a small snack menu to the bar. We would like to see if anyone has any suggestions as to what other items we should add. You can let Trish, Dwayne, or I know while you are visiting or just give me a call.

 Pizza \$2.50
 Edamame \$2.00

 Pork Rinds \$2.00
 Red Vines \$2.00

 Peanuts \$1.00
 Popcorn \$1.00

If you have a party planned and need a space, you can use our space. Members have the option of using our Post Home upstairs, as well as renting the hall downstairs. Call me for more details.

### Reminder for you

\_Thusday Night Best \$7.00 burgers in Friday Night we have \$6.00 meal and game night 1st Friday is Wii bowling 2nd Friday is Bunco 3rd Friday is Corn Hole Last Friday is Horse Races (If 5 Fridays, like November, 4th Friday is Karaoke)

# DON'T FORGET IF YOU HAVE A BIRTHDAY IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY TO COME THE LAST FRIDAY OF YOUR BIRTHDAY MONTH FOR MONTHLY BIRTHDAY CAKE

### **SEAHAWK GAME SCHEDULE**

January 5 VS Rams Open 1:00 PM Kick Off 1:25 PM Pot Luck 1:0 PM (Sunday)

#### **SUPERBOWL WATCH PARTY**

### FEB 9 Doors Open 3 PM with 3:30 PM Kick Off Casarole cook off 3:00 PM

I am looking to start some Saturday afternoon Tournaments, Like Cribbage, Corn Hole or if you have one you would like see, let me know. We want to bring family and friends together doing things they enjoy!

Sheri Jo – Canteen Manager 760-310-7605

### **BIRTHDAYS AT THE POST HOME**



Happy Birthday Colin, Mz Pat, Vi, Clayton, Kelly, Pam, and David! Thank You! For Celebrating at the Post Home with your Family and Friends. We all enjoy it when our members and supporters use our Post home for Special Event Celebrations and gatherings!

### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY NIGHT**



### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAY NIGHT**



### **Happy Birthday Clayton**



Happy Birthday Mz Pat 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Party at the Post







It would not be a Mz Pat Party without a nice poem about Skyway VFW. Thank you, for coming to your Post Home and Celebrating your 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday with your VFW Family and Friends as well.





### **NOVEMBER EVENTS AND PROGRAMS**

### **SEAHAWK GAME DAY VIEWING PARTY**

### HILLBILLY KAROAKE NIGHT





As football season is winding down, I want to thank everyone who came, cooked food, and participated in the Seahawk viewing parties this year! Superbowl Viewing is coming up Soon!

### **BRYN MAWR VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY**



Do not forget the First Saturday each month is Karaoke Night. We are always ready for some new singers, new dancers, new air guitarists, and more friendly faces ready to a fun night.



Chad, Randy, Richard from Post 9430, Stuart from Federal Way, and Emma from Auxiliary 9430 attending this years Veterans Day Assembly at Bryn Mawr. I had the honor of being guest speaker for the event.



It is always a great program put on at Bryn Mawr to remind the students about Veterans Day and what it means to be a Veteran. It was nice having the Navy Band come play too.

### **27 FLAG PRESENTATION AT RENTON SENIOR CENTER**







With the help of Scouts from our BSA Troop 419, Skyway VFW Post 9430 and Auxiliary presented the 27 Flags at a program for the Renton Senior Center. It was nice to have the Renton Reporter there to put an Article in the Renton Reporter about the 27 Flag Presentation as we continue to teach Patriotism in our Local Community.

### POST 9430 AND AUXILIARY VETERANS DAY PROGRAM



It was my honor to be the MC at this year's Veteran's Day Program. We began by Honoring the Flag of our Country and then we proceeded to honor our Veterans from all branches and all generations of Conflict at our Post 9430 and Auxiliary Veteran's Day Program.

Auxiliary Chaplain Chuck Grouws did our Chaplain duties for the Program and thank you Dick L and Margie for assisting with the Branch Flag Presentation for the Program. I appreciated the assistance as our Scouts were unable to attend this year.

### **VETERANS DAY QUILT OF VALOR PRESENTATION**



Congratulation Harry Cadell on receiving you Quilt of Valor.

Thank you, Cheryl Scheeler for making this and presenting it on Veterans Day to this Hero and Patriot

### LAKERIDGE ELEMENTARY VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY



Chad and Richard attended representing Post 9430 and Emma represented Auxiliary 9430 at this years Event. Chad was the guest speaker for the Assembly



Remembering my first years in VFW Post 9430 and attending these Veteran's Day assemblies with 8 to 10 Post and Auxiliary Members at multiple schools. One of the greatest parts of the assembly is greeting the kids and getting handshakes and high fives in the hallway on the way out

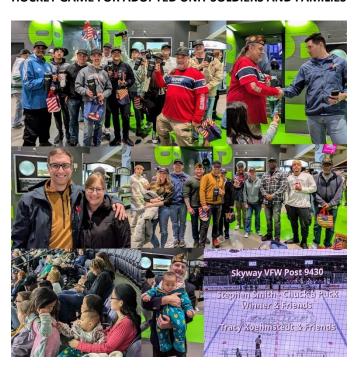
#### SEATTLE THUNDERBIRD HOCKEY GAME POPPY DRIVE

I wish to thank VFW members from Federal Way Post, Mercer Island Post, and Gig Harbor Post and their families for assisting me, Emma, and Chaplain Joe with this year's Veterans Day Seattle Thunderbird Poppy Drive Fundraiser for Veteran Relief Funds.



Emma manned the information booth and of course
Cool Bird stopped by our booth before making his way
to his duties in the arena

### HERO HOLIDAY AND NIAGARA BOTTLING SPONSORED HOCKEY GAME FOR ADOPTED UNIT SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES



Skyway VFW Post 9430 Hero Holiday Program with the partnership of Niagara Bottling sponsored 44 Soldiers and Family Members to the Veteran's Day T Bird Hockey game this year. We also had members from our Post and 4 other VFW Posts assist with hosting the Active-Duty Soldiers and Family members from JBLM



After the game, is the annual Ladies Turkey Shoot. We had a couple Soldiers and Spouses try their luck, but this year we had no winners hitting the goal from our group. Maybe next year we will have better luck!

### VFW POST 9430 AND GOLD MOUNTAIN ANNUAL RED WHITE AND BLUE GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER





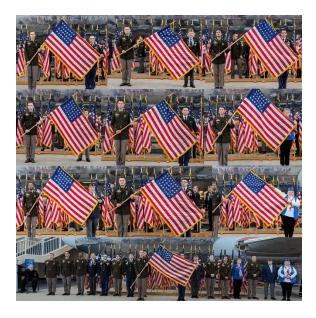




Skyway VFW Post 9430 Sponsored the Putting Contest again this year for the event. Shout out to Chris, for maxing out +4 golfers for this year's event and looking forward to using both courses for next year's event. That was the goal when we started and to see Chris and the team get there has been amazing to watch and be a part of. Next goal is to max out both courses! There we some amazing raffle items this year and the awards banquet following was very well too. Thank you, Gold Mountain for your continued support and Hospitality for this annual event!

### 27 FLAG PRESENTATION AT THE MUSEUM OF FLIGHT ON VETERAN'S DAY





Skyway VFW Post 9430 and Auxiliary with the help from Active- Duty Soldiers from HHB, 2-17 FA Battalion "Steel" presented the 27 Flags of the United States of America during two programs at the Museum of Flight in Seattle on Veteran's Day this year. Judy Lue was the program MC.







Thank you, LTC Ward for bringing yourself and the Soldiers from the Unit to make this presentation to continue promoting patriotism and honor for the Flag of our Country. Thank you Post 9430 and Auxiliary members, Federal Way Post Commander Stuart Austin, Custer Auxiliary Judy Lue for assisting with this presentation. Thank you, Emma for taking the pictures of the two presentations.

### SEATTLE VA HOSPITAL MEMORIAL SERVICE



After a couple years, the Seattle VA Hospital was finally allowed to hold its Memorial Service for Veterans that have passed. We remembered 144 Veterans at the memorial service this year.





We Remember!

### **ANNUAL POST 9430 CHILI COOK OFF**



Congratulations to the newest winner of our annual Chili Cook Off, Mr. Harry Cadell. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winner was Sheri Jo.

### **BURGER NIGHT**



If you have not been coming to burgers for a while, you are truly missing out on not only a great burger meal deal, but also the great times and good friends that are here waiting for you. Just a friendly reminder that burger meal is now \$7.00. It is still the best deal in the neighborhood!



Let us get back to filling up the seats of our Post home with family and friends every Thursday Night for Burgers!

### **CHRISTMAS KARAOKE IN NOVEMBER**



It was a fun night, but bitter sweet as we had to say goodbye to some great friends and a family that has been volunteering and assisting with dinners and programs for many years.

Lance Woods is now Drill Sergeant Woods and with that, he had to move him and his family to his next duty station. We will all miss him and his family and the volunteer hours him and his wife gave to our VFW Post.



We held our annual Ugly Sweater Contest and gave out two Seahawk prizes to the winner that were present. The Best ugly sweater of the night was Terry Miller, but he had to leave before judging. Heads up for next year. The two categories will be best home-made ugly sweater and best manufactured ugly sweater.

### **THANKSGIVING BASKETS 2024**



Thank you to those that donated, those that shopped, those that sorted and those that delivered the Thanksgiving baskets! Many happy families!



Congratulation, to Randy Brickell on his appointment to the Post 9430 Food Basket Program Chairman this year. Thank you, for taking on the Post Food Basket Chairmanship and making sure program was a success and the families needing assistance were taken care of for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

### **HHB 2-17 FA BN THANKSGIVING LUNCH POTLUCK**



During our rounds visiting our adopted units in preparation for Christmas Parties and Toy deliveries, Emma and I stumbled into the Headquarters Thanksgiving Potluck lunch. It was fun hanging out with the Soldiers and I got to find out about the "new" Field Artillery and they were very interested in my "ancient" operating procedures of Field Artillery Cannons no longer in use. At least a Red Leg is still a Red Leg!



Seeing this many Soldiers and Family members come together for something and not for a mandatory formation shows you that this unit has high morale and they also care about each other! Work Hard, Play Hard!

### 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL POST 9430 AND AUXILIARY THANKSGIVING FRIENDSGIVING POTLUCK



Thank you to everyone that cooked and brought food for this. We had 4 Soldiers from our Adopted JBLM unit also come for Thanksgiving Friendsgiving at VFW Post 9430.

Skyway VFW Post 9430 and Auxiliary know how to do it up for Friendsgiving Dinner





So much food, what a meal!



Great food, Great friends, and VFW Family is all what you need to make Thanksgiving and Friendsgiving Dinner!

### **NOVEMBER HORSE RACES AND BAKE POTATO**



If you have been missing out on Horse races and bake potato night, you need to mark your calendars and do not miss the future races! Join us the last Friday each month for Horse Races and Bake Potato night at Skyway VFW Post 9430!

#### **DECEMBER EVENTS AND PROGRAMS**

### SCOUT TROOP 419 MEETING AND TOY DRIVE SUPPORT



Our Scout Troop has been busy working on their painting that they are donating to our Heroes Holiday Auction at the End of January. Looking Good Troop 419!



Thank you, Troop 419 for your Toys for Kids Support! Each year you bring toys to your December Scout Troop meeting to help us with our toy collection for local and military kids to get presents.

### **AUXILIARY 9430 CHRISTMAS PARTY AND MEETING**



Auxiliary 9430 meeting and white elephant bingo with potluck

### HAMMER PHYSICAL FITNESS CHALLENGE



Emma and I got up at O'dark-thirty to attend the H Company 1-17 Infantry "Hammer" Challenge. We were invited for breakfast. It was coffee, some fruit that I helped the Soldiers cut up and make "fruit cups" but it was cold so it was more like a frozen fruit cup by the time the Soldiers finished their events. We did not see everything, but there was a ruck march, a Vehicle push, a memory challenge, and other physical fitness challenges. The Commander gave out some H Company Hammers to the challenge winners





The Battalion Commander also came out to the event and gave a highly motivational speech that reminded me that this unit is definitely an Infantry Unit. Emma and I each received a Hammer and the Commander CPT Spada also presented one to the Post that is in our display case.

### TRIBE OF JUDAH MC TOYS FOR KIDS DROP



Thank you, Tribe of Judah MC for your continued support of our 26<sup>th</sup> annual Toys for Kids Drive! You always come through each year!

### ADG MC SUNNYDALE TAVERN TOY DROP





Thank you ADG MC and prospects for coming on Friday Night to assist with the drop of toys from Sunnydale Tavern in preparation for the Saturday Toys for Kids Drive

### COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER DECORATING AND SANTA TREAT BAG MAKING



Thank you, Kai Gavino for decorating the Post 9430 tree, setting up the sorting and wrapping station for Saturday's annual toy drive, and putting together bags for Santa to give out. Kai volunteered with the VFW when he was going to Kennedy HS along with some of his classmates. He needed some volunteer time for his college course and asked if he could get it with us. Of course, we said come on over!

### 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ADG MC AND VFW POST 9430 TOYS FOR KIDS DRIVE



Our annual Toy drive photo with our Hobby Shop neighbor, Visitors from Oak Harbor VFW and Auxiliary with the VFW Riders Chapter 1, and some early bird ADG MC assisting with toy downloading from Scooter Towing and other trailers. Emma and Sheri Jo starting up the canteen a little early.



Unloading and hanging out with some great people. Butch, the founding father of the 26-year partnership



Greatly appreciate the support of all the other MCs that show up for this event with ADG MC and VFW Post 9430. Thank you, SFC Kelsey Rutchasky and life member of VFW Post 9430 for making it to another Toy Drive. You are one of the last Soldiers that were there at the ADG MC Club house back when. So much history with this toy drive and the great people that are and were a part of making it happen!



It is all fun and games until the power goes out. Our toy drive ended sooner than we wanted, but we still had a great time and we want to thank everyone who came and supported this year's event as well as those who stuck it out in the dark to help move the toys downstairs to sort and wrap

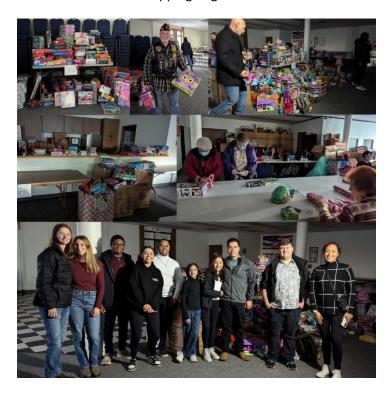
### **SORTING AND WRAPPING PARTY**



It was a little challenging moving all the toys downstairs and sorting them with the power out, but we did not let that stop us. Thank you to all who stuck it out and helped move and sort the toys for the wrappers to get started



Now we have a battery-operated shop light so let the wrapping begin!



Thank you to all our wrappers from JBLM, VFW, AUX, and Bryn Mawr Methodist Church. I know it was not easy with no power, but nothing was going to stop these presents from being wrapped for the kids!

### **CPT SPADA HAMMER CO POST 9430 PRESENTATION**



Thank you, Cpt Spada for presenting me with a "Hammer" from H Co 1-17 Inf to put in our display case representing our adopted unit partnership. We are always grateful for partnership recognitions we can display for members to see.

### **WRAPPING PARTY II**



Great unit support turn out to help with wrapping party II.

Soldiers and family members from two units



Thank you for making this a family event, we appreciate everyone who volunteers with us to make our programs successful!



Mission accomplished for wrapping party II. Less than 3 hours, so grateful for the support this year from our JBLM units, VFW, AUX

### LOADING TOYS AND SANTA BAGS FOR JBLM CHRISTMAS PARTIES



Thank you, Stuart, and Emma for getting up at o'dark-thirty to get the U-Haul and meet up to load the toys for our JBLM unit family Christmas parties

### TOY DROP OFF FOR 2-17 FA BATTALION "STEEL"



First stop, we dropped of toys for 5 Batteries in 2-17 FA Battalion.

### **HHB 17 FA BDE "THUNDERBOLT"**



We hit this unit at the right time, a few soldiers were doing some weight training when we pulled up. Unloading made easy with these Solders there to help

### C 5-3 FA "SHIPKILLER"



Drop off point 3 was to Shipkiller, did not take long to unload here with 3 Soldiers assisting with the download.

### 1-94 FA BN



Assisting 1-94 FA BN (Jr Vice Mays unit) with toys for their Christmas party for each child in the unit.

### **HAMMER CHRISTMAS PARTY**

### H Co 1-17 Infantry "Hammer"



Drop the Hammer, these guys were fast, great support from "Hammer" for the offload in preparation of their Christmas party the next day!

### **RESERVE UNIT**



Final Drop was made at the Army Reserve Center for CPT Ingersoll's Soldiers. This year worked out great because they were all at the unit for training







Arts and Crafts, Chocolate fountain and Sock Decorating









Sock decorating contest, hungry hippo marshmallow game, tick tack toe game, hot potato and then food and Santa.

What a fun event for kids and adults.

### **GIFT WRAPPING PARTY III**



Wrapping party III was a great success, finished all the remaining gifts for each school in under 3 hours. Thank you, CPT Ingersoll, for sending a couple soldiers and Nunez for bringing your family, George and Jess, Emma, and Chad. Wrapping went so smooth this year! Never a wrapping day over 3 hours!

### **SANTA STOCKING STUFFING**



Thank you, Julie, and Bryn Mahr Methodist Church for your assistance today, Stuart Emma and Chad. We finished all 3 school stockings in no time at all!

### C 5-3 FA BN SHIPKILLER CHRISTMAS PARTY



It has been a long time since we got to do a Christmas Party in the little white house. I remember Rena Hardy being there when we did it. Emma and Stuart had some work at this one as some of the food was not prepared, but as always, they made it happen and there was plenty of hot food when it came time for eating! I came up with some games for the kids to pass the time until the food was ready.



No grinch was going to get the roast beast!



Santa came and all was well with Shipkiller. So much festivities that some elves started singing You Tube Karaoke Christmas Songs

### ALL AMERICAN POST PRESENTATION BY JR PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER CRAIG DOUGHERTY

Congratulations to Skyway VFW Post 9430 on being an All-American Post 2023-2024 under VFW National Commander in Chief Duane Sarmiento and achieving the status of top 25 Posts in the Division World Wide!



Thank you PDC Craig for coming to the Post to present the Post All American Post Proclamation and All-American Streamer. Post members present accepted the award and Brain did color guard duties for the placing of the streamer on the Post Colors.

### KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 20 ANNUAL

### **MEATLOAF DINNER**





Thank you, KCFD 20 for mixing and bringing the meatloaf for the annual event. Was a great evening filled with fun, Santa Pictures, and dancing to the music of Lauren Petri.

#### **SCHOOL SANTA PARTIES**

Special Thank You, to Girmay Zahilay, Councilmenber King County District 2 for the grant. As you can see from the pictures below, this is an important Community Program that we do at Skyway VFW for our 3 local Elementary Schools and we could not have fully funded these 3 events without your continued support!

### **CAMPBELL HILL SCHOOL SANTA PARTY**









Skyway VFW Post 9430 and Auxiliary hosted Campbell Hill Elementary for a Santa Party. There was cookie decorating, corn dogs-chips-punch, arts and crafts, letters to Santa, and a store for each student to get hats, gloves, body wash, and other items with their coupon book they received at check in. The parents went downstairs and picked up two gifts for each child with one being as close as possible to what they requested on their forms. There are no pictures, but Steve and Daniel handled the downstairs gifts and bicycle airing station to ensure anyone getting a bike had proper tire pressure before they left with their kid's new bike. Hopefully there are pictures of the helpers at their stations.

### **CAMPBELL HILL SCHOOL SANTA PARTY**



Special Shout out goes to Robert Martinez and Humana for sponsoring the Bags for the kids shopping at the Santa Parties! The bags worked great!



School two was Bryn Mawr, and it was the second night of hosting over 100 kids and their parents/guardians. The cookie decorating and arts and crafts table stayed full all night. Santa was a trooper and with his elf and reindeer help, we got through all the kids by 7 PM. The kids like the Shopping center and using their coupon books to get things. We are hoping to add a sock station to the store next year.

### **BSA TROOP 419 CHRISTMAS PARTY**





We had our BSA Troop 419 Christmas Party upstairs this year after the Bryn Mawr School Santa Party. There was a white elephant gift exchange, Christmas songs, and pictures by the tree. All done after we completed the merit badge work putting coins in a sleeve and then into a book.

### LAKERIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SANTA PARTY



Lakeridge Elementary students enjoyed a fun night of corn dogs, chips, and punch. Cookie decorating station, arts and crafts, letters to Santa, Coupon Store Shopping, Santa visit, and other fun activities! Each child got a present from Santa, Santa Goodie bag, and two presents to take home with them. Thank you to all the helpers that made this event and the 2 other School Santa parties a huge success this year!





Santa and Elf were very busy making sure the kids were taken care of during the Santa Visit













Another successful Christmas party at my old unit. It was great that COL Knight and others re-deployed back home in time for the Christmas holidays. The kids really enjoyed the Visit from Santa. Thank you, Kyle Becker for making sure Santa made it to the 17 FA BDE HQ building. Thank you, Emma, and Stuart, for jumping through hoops to find ways to boil water and make mashed potatoes, gravy, and stuffing! You two both made these events go smooth like ducks on a pond. We all know what you were doing under water to make the surface look calm! Congratulations Emma on getting a certificate from the Brigade Commander! "Thunderbolt"

### 2-17 FA BN "STEEL" CHRISTMAS PARTY



After Battalion formation, all 5 Batteries in the Battalion came through for Seahawk Santa visit and Spaghetti Lunch. There was also a chili cook off at some of the battery headquarters buildings. The event was moved a couple times as well as the start time for the event. Unfortunately, it was bumped so far ahead that the kids were still in school for the Christmas Party Santa Visit.





Thank you, Seahawk Santa for making the trip to JBLM to visit with the Soldiers and Kids of 2-17 FA BN. Kyle and Joe for coming to help. Stuart and Emma for assisting with the event as well, cooking and serving food and assisting with Elf duties!

### ANNUAL SKYWAY VFW POST 9430 AND COMMUNITY FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY







Our annual Family Christmas Party was fun, we had spaghetti and garlic bread, cookie decorating, arts and crafts, letters to Santa, visit from Santa (Thank you Bob Berleen for making sure Santa found his way to Skyway VFW Post 9430 without snow). We played musical chairs and the kids all got a gift and goodie bags from Santa. The kids unfortunately rotated through as their parents came to pick up their food baskets and a lot of them missed Santa, but we still had plenty for them to do with the games, crafts, and cookie decorating.

### **CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS**



Thank you, VFW Post 9430 Food Basket Chairman Randy Brickell for making sure VFW Post 9430 adopted family program did not fail and every family got adopted. Thank you, also, for ensuring the food baskets were full of food and supplies for each of the families this year! Shout out and Thank you, to everyone that donated, shopped, sorted, packed, and assisted with this year's program. Special Recognition to Judy Lue for donating a car full of items that the Soldiers from JBLM could take if there was something they could use (mostly kitchen items) and by the end of basket pick up, most of the items had been claimed and each that took said they did not have one of those or they really needed one. So, thank you Judy Lue!

### **SEAHAWK GAME VIEWING PARTY**



Special Christmas gift for Stuart from Steve



Last of the food basket pick up today, a few more items from Judy Lue table picked up too. Fun prizes during the Seahawk vs Bears game too!

### **GRINCH ANNUAL HOSPITAL ER VISIT WITH PRESENTS**



The grinch made his annual rounds to hospitals on Christmas eve again this year with the help of Stuart and Emma, we gave out about 63 presents and we also visited Auxiliary member Carlos Gavino who was in a car accident during our visit to Valley General Emergency Room.

### SANTA HOSPITAL AND LETTER RESPONSES CHRISTMAS DAY



Santa made his rounds to hospitals on Christmas again this year with the help of Stuart and Emma, we gave out about 130 presents. Santa also responded to some of the letters that were left for him at the Post home in the Santa Mail box. The ones that had addresses on them, Santa made a visit to drop off the requests from the letters the best he could.

### ANNUAL GAVINO CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE POST



Kids played their white elephant gift games



Adults played their white elephant gift games



Santa made a trip to the Gavino party in Red White and Blue as it was being held at the VFW





Hoping everyone had a Very Merry Christmas this Year!

### **ANNUAL GAVINO CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE POST**



Thank You! Kitchen Crew, Trish, Ronnie and those who helped with cake and champagne



New York Steaks on the Grill, Bake Potato, Corn, dinner roll, salad, and dessert. New Years Eve Menu cannot get any better than that my friend!



Social Hour, meet and greet, great snacks, great friends, great conversations, and someone even let John St in the building!



Music and Dancing with Ronnie, his health isn't as good as it once was and this may have been his final show (we are hoping not) but I did my peso dance as I always do with Ron but tonight I brought up with me my Jr Vice Commander and Chaplain and we donated the Peso Dance money to Ron, who has never raised his prices on us, not even for his New Years Eve Show he has been doing the past 5 years. He is a great person, and a great musician. We wish him all the best and health and happiness!



Awesome New Year's Eve Cake and so much fun with the Selfie Station again this Year!



Living, Laughing, Loving! Selfie stations are the greatest!



From the Officers of VFW Post 9430 and Auxiliary, Happy New Year! My God bless our Troops and may God continue to bless the United States of America!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT POST 9430**



Join us for Karaoke Night on January 24, 2024



Auxiliary Breakfast and Bake Sale is on January 5th



Here is the updated list of Game Nights for January. Lots of fund games for everyone to enjoy while hanging out together with family and friends



Auxiliary is making Scallop Potatoes and Ham for the January Dinner. Join them and Lauren Petri for an evening of good food and fund listening and dancing to the music of Lauren



We are not letting the pedal down on this program, as we had an increase in participation from all of the 3 schools this year. We are also looking to add socks to the list of items in their coupon shopping the get to do during the event.



Dress up in your favorite patriotic attire and Join us for a fun evening of Potluck dinner and Karaoke signing and dancing



So far we are locked into a Rainiers game in April and a Thunderbird game in November. Please join us for this fundraiser for the Hero Holiday Program. I am donating some autographed items and booze bottles (Leanard Skinner) and some Superbowl Seahawk players. We need more auction items and baskets so bring them up so that we have a great fundraiser for this years military and family support program.







Join us for Sweetheart Karaoke, sing your favorite ballads





Game Night List for February, Let's Get It On!



We will keep you posted as soon as we get the menu from Lee



Sadly it isn't the Seahawks, but we will still have a great time at the game viewing Party at Post 9430 with lots of prizes

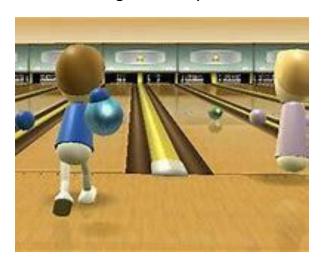


Donations can start being brought to the post for the auctions and raffles on February 1st



Pork Loin Fundraiser for our General Fund will be on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, come join us for some great food and entertainment!

Join us at Skyway VFW Post 9430 the **first**Friday Night of the month at 6 PM for Wii
Bowling hosted by Marcia



# Friday Night Bunco Night with George and Jess

Join us at Skyway VFW Post 9430 the **Second** Friday Night of the month at 5:30 PM for Bunko hosted by George and Jess





Join us at Skyway VFW Post 9430 the **third F**riday Night of the month at 5:30 PM for Corn Hole

### **Friday Night Axe Throwing**



The challenger has been made, lets get it on!

### Friday Night Horse Races with Chad



Join us at Skyway VFW Post 9430 the **last** Friday Night of the month at 5:30 PM for Horse Races hosted by Chad



Skyway VFW Post 9430 Website

Vfw9430.org

# EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT POST 9430

\$7.00 Burger your way, cheese choices, bacon, salad, bag of chips, dessert

### **SERVED FROM 5:30 TO 6:30 PM**





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Join us every Thursday Night for burgers from 5:30 to 6:30pm, \$7 New price, but same great meal deal!

Friday Night \$6.00 Bar Dinner 5 PM - 6 PM

### SKYWAY VFW POST 9430 FRIDAY NIGHT

\$6.00 DINNER
MEALS LISTED BY THE BAR

JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>
JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>
JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>
JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> POT LUCK
JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>
FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>
FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>
FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>
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Please join us raising funds for our Skyway VFW Post 9430 Hero Holiday Program						
	RETURN THIS FORM TO KYWAY VFW POST 9430 FO BOX 78231 SEATTLEWA 98178					
Complete the information below:  Name:  Company:  Email:	YES, I am committed to helping support the SkywayVFW Post 9430 Hero Holiday Fund Drive. I am not able to attent but would like to support this program for Veterans, Military, and their Familles.  I have included a check in the amount of s					

### SKYWAY VFW POST 9430 HERO HOLIDAY PROGRAM FUNDRAISER JANUARY 25, 2025

DONATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR BASKETS AND OTHER RAFFLE AND AUCTION ITEMS FOR THIS YEARS HERO HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER ON JANUARY 25

Please the Skyway VFW Post 9430 Hero Holiday Program and drop off your items at the Post Home during open hours or when you come by for burgers or other Post / Auxiliary Events

SKYWAY VFW POST 9430 7421 s 126<sup>th</sup> street SEATTLE WA 98178

We are able to take multiple digital and card payments with our fundraisers as well now, just contact the post for paypal and zelle options as well as square

### **JANUARY 2025**

Winter Hours: Sunday closed unless Special Event; Monday closed; Tuesday 7:00-10pm; Wednesday closed (1st Wed open 6-9pm)

Thursday 4-8pm; Friday 4-9pm; Saturday 2-6pm when no event; Sunday Closed (watch for flyers & FB posts for Special Events)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Post Closed	2 Burger, potato salad, chips & a sweet treat \$7 5:30-6:30pm	<b>3</b> Friday Night Snack, \$6 Wii 6pm	4 Karaoke and Potluck 4 PM
<b>5</b> Aux Breakfast Bake Sale 9am to 11:30am \$10 Seahawk vs RAMS 1:25 PM Kick Off Pot Luck	6 Post Closed	7 Canteen Service Available Scouts 7:15 PM	8 Post/Auxiliary meeting 7:00pm	<b>9</b> Burger, potato salad, chips & a sweet treat \$7 5:30-6:30pm	10 Friday Night Snack, \$6 Friday Night Game Night Bunko 5:30 pm	11 Auxiliary Dinner Reserve Tickets \$15 Dinner 6pm Music by Lauren 6:30-8:30 PM Youth Awards 5:30 PM
Post Closed	Post Closed	Canteen Service Available	Post Closed	16 Burger, potato salad, chips & a sweet treat \$7 5:30-6:30pm	17 Friday Night Snack, \$6 Friday Night Game Shut the Box 5:30 pm	18 Mid-Winter Convention
School Santa Fund Pancake Breakfast Sale 9am to 11:30 PM \$6.00	Post Closed	21 House & Club 2pm Officer Calendar 3pm Canteen Service Available Scouts 6:30 PM	Post Closed	Burger, potato salad, chips & a sweet treat \$7 5:30-6:30pm	24 Karaoke and Potluck 4 PM	25 Hero Holiday Fundraiser \$15 4PM German Dinner 5 PM Auction 5:30 PM Music by Ron 6:30 PM
Post Closed	Post Closed	28 Canteen Service Available	29 Post Closed	30 Burger, potato salad, chips & a sweet treat \$7 5:30-6:30pm	<b>31</b> Friday Night Snack, \$6 Friday Night Game Horse Races 5:30 pm January Birthdays Cake	

### **FEBRUARY 2025**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Karaoke and Potluck 4 PM
<b>2</b> Aux Breakfast Bake Sale 9am to Noon \$10	3 Post Closed	4 Canteen Service Available Scouts 7:15 PM	5 Post/Auxiliary meeting <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>6</b> Burger, potato salad, chips & a sweet treat \$7 5:30-6:30pm	<b>7</b> Friday Night Snack, \$6 Wii 6pm	8 Post Dinner by Lee Hardy- Reserve Tickets \$15 Dinner 6pm Music by Lauren 6:30-8:30 PM
9 SUPERBOWL PARTY Casserole cook-off 3 PM Open 3:30 PM Kick Off	Post Closed	Canteen Service Available	12 Post Closed Navaho Code Talker Day Japan Surrenders 1945	Burger, potato salad, chips & a sweet treat \$7 5:30-6:30pm	14 Friday Night Snack, \$6 Friday Night Game Night Bunko 5:30 pm	15 Champagne Breakfast Set Up 10am
16 41st Annual Champagne Breakfast 10 AM Sale 9am to Noon \$10	Post Closed	18 House & Club 2pm Officer Calendar 3pm Canteen Service Available Scouts 7:15 PM	Post Closed	Burger, potato salad, chips & a sweet treat \$7 5:30-6:30pm Seahawks VS Bears 5 PM Kick Off	<b>21</b> Friday Night Snack, \$6 Friday Night Axe Throwing :30 pm	Pork Loin Dinner Reserve Tickets \$15 Dinner 6pm Music by Ron 6:30- 9:30 PM
Post Closed	Post Closed	25 Canteen Service Available	Post Closed	Burger, potato salad, chips & a sweet treat \$7 5:30-6:30pm	28 Friday Night Snack, \$6 Friday Night Game Horse Races 5:30 pm February Birthdays Cake	MAR 1 Party Pot Luck 4 PM Karaoke 5 Pm
MAR 2 Aux Breakfast Bake Sale 9am to Noon \$10	MAR 3 Post Closed	MAR 4 Canteen Service Available	MAR 5 Post/Auxiliary meeting 7:00pm	MAR 6 Burger, potato salad, chips & a sweet treat \$7 5:30-6:30pm	MAR 7 Friday Night Snack, \$6 Wii 6pm	MAR 8 Auxiliary Dinner 6 PM Lauren Petri 6:30 PM

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never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense." – Winston Churchill

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"On the battlefield, the military pledges to leave no soldier behind. As a nation, let it be our pledge that when they return home, we leave no veteran behind." – **Dan Lipinski** 

### God bless our troops and keep them safe!

WE NEED TO REMEMBER OUR FALLEN HEROES