

# POST *SCRIPTS*

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## COMMANDER'S UPDATE

Dear Comrades, Sisters and Brothers,

Another VFW Year has come to a close. As you could see from our Loyalty Day and Volunteer appreciation program this year, to say we accomplished a lot is a mass understatement. I am so proud of how our Post and Auxiliary work together to accomplish not just the mission of the VFW and It's programs, but also the Auxiliary missions and programs. Our membership numbers may not accurately reflect, but our Post and Auxiliary both have grown this past year. We have new members that have joined both organizations and have hit the ground running either by taking on Post/Auxiliary Positions, appointments, and chairmanships, but also by volunteering with our Post/Auxiliary programs and community activities. I do not want to miss anyone so I will give a blanket shout out to each one of you that stepped up and took on missions this VFW year, 1 mission 10 missions or 50 missions, I appreciate each of you for what you do to make a VFW Year successful at Skyway VFW Post 9430 and our Auxiliary President appreciates your support tremendously as well!

Exciting news, National approved our Skyway VFW Post 9430 Riders Chapter 4 and we officially instituted it at the June Department Riders meeting. There will be an official signing of the Charter on August 23 as well as our first ride and fundraiser. Come join us for this historic event. Thank you, Chapter 4 President, Rob Khamara for all your hard work getting our chapter 4 chartered!

As the Adjutant reported in our last newsletter, our Officers and Chairman were duly elected by the membership or appointed by the incoming Commander at the May Joint Installation of Officers. As of Saturday afternoon, June 28, the new officers of Post and Auxiliary 9430 took office upon the swearing in of Drew James, you 2025-2026 Department Commander. Our New Year officially begins 1 July, and I am honored that the membership has elected me to serve as your Post Commander for the 2025-2026 year. We have our school of instruction coming up after the Department Commander returns from the National Convention with the message and mission of our VFW National Commander.

Please continue to get the word out about the work of our Organization and bring in the eligible veterans and family members to our Skyway Post 9430 and Auxiliary Family. I challenge our Post and Auxiliary to not only increase our membership numbers this year, but also to increase the number of "active" membership in our Post and Auxiliary! I remember the words of our Past Department of Washington Commander John Bradburn, "T.E.A.M. Together Everyone Achieves More" So much truth to that statement, without it we achieve far less!

Again, I want to thank all of you who put so much effort into our Post, Auxiliary, and Community Programs this year and all you continue to do. I am grateful for your continued support of me, and our missions!

Yours in Comradeship,  
Chad Hassebroek, Post Commander

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sisters, Brothers and Comrades,

Summer is here and the sunshine feels great!! WOW what a year we had applause and cheers for all of us. This year at the Department Convention in Yakima, I had the honor of accepting the Lora waters Award as an Outstanding Auxiliary for Post 9430. This was only possible because so many of you pitched in and helped with the programs. I am so proud of us that we did this together as a team.

We took home more awards this year and I'm going to list them in no particular order:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Veterans and Family Support** – Emma Hassebroek

**1<sup>st</sup> Place, Americanism** – Cheryl Scheeler

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Legislative** – Margie Lindberg

**1<sup>st</sup> Place, Scholarship** – Cheryl Scheeler

**1<sup>st</sup> Place, Youth Activities** – Emma Hassebroek

**Laura Waters** – Skyway Auxiliary 9430 President Margie Lindberg

**Certificate of Recognition** – Heroes in the Ballpark Auxiliary 9430

**Patriotic Art 2-D** – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, art sent to National Convention

**Patriotic Art 3-D** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**Illustrating America 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

I also want to introduce you to our new line of department officers; President Robin Sterritt, Sr Vice Tracie Thomson, Jr Vice Adrienne Halverson, Chaplain Rebecca Pellechi, Conductress Emily Arnold, Guard Margie Lindberg, and Secretary/Treasurer Cindy Burkey.

Our mission and programs will continue. Remember we meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 PM. Please check the calendar at the end of the newsletter. We still have many fun events going on throughout the summer but will need more help as we ramp up for fall and winter. Please stop by and see all of the great things we do for our Veterans and Community.

Loyally,  
Margie Lindberg, Post 9430 Auxiliary President

## **POST CHAPLAIN CORNER**

\_Comrades, Families, and Supporters of VFW Post 9430,

“Lord, as sunlight breaks through the sky, let Your light break into my heart. Awaken my soul with purpose, stir my spirit with peace. Let my thoughts be wise, my words be gentle, and my actions reflect Your love.

Summertime is here for our wondrous Post and the State of Washington! I’ve chosen the above prayer to commemorate our Lord and the season of (nearly) perpetual sunlight here in the Pacific Northwest. As the Lord shines His light to awaken our soul, we too must shine that light into those around us through words and deeds.

As the Veterans of Foreign Wars, we must always remember our calling and purpose to support our Veterans and service members in need. We must have humility and empathy as we continue to answer our call to those in distress. So, get out and enjoy the sunshine as we all lend our aid to others!

Recently the Chaplain’s office assisted a Veteran in need with relocating into a new living arrangement. With the support from the Post Commander, our office was able to receive funds to support moving this Veteran and fulfilled our mission to serve those that have served us.

On behalf of the leadership at VFW Post 9430, it is with heavy heart that we inform you of the loss of our WWII Veteran and Life members of our family:

On June 15, 2025, Roger Baker passed. He would have celebrated his 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday this October. He was a long time, strong supporter, advocate, and active member in Post 9430. His service is at Tahoma on Monday July 7<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM followed by a VFW Tribute and celebration of Life at the Post home at 4:30 PM. It was truly a blessing to have known him and may we strive to emulate the character and selfless service Roger demonstrated. He served in WWII on the USS Laffey and there is a picture of his ship on the wall of our Post Home near the kid’s area.

***“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit”***  
**Psalm34:18, NIV**

Please continue to watch the Chaplain board for updates on information pertaining to Ted Kadet and Eddie Pierce celebration of Life dates.

Lastly, the Chaplain office created and donated a new Soldiers “battlefield cross” for Post 9430 prior to our Memorial Day ceremonies. This replica grave marker serves as a somber tribute to the ultimate sacrifice given by our service men and women.

## **PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS & FAMILIES**

Merciful Father, our hearts extend to the families of our veterans, whose unwavering support and sacrifices often go unseen. In the quiet moments of waiting and longing, be their source of strength. Bless them with comfort in times of separation, courage in times of uncertainty, and the knowledge that their sacrifices are valued and appreciated. May they find solace in the bonds of love that tie them to their veteran, and may their own sacrifices be recognized as an integral part of our nation’s tapestry. Surround them with Your grace, and let them feel the warmth of our gratitude. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the Post Chaplain for services or support as we all heal during this time of mourning.

In Comradeship,  
Joseph Strong – Post 9430 Chaplain

## **ADJUTANT REPORT**

Greetings Comrades, Brothers and Sisters,  
This is my final adjutant report, as the duties are being turned over to Rob Khmara  
Congratulations to our 2025-2026 Officers as your Department Commander has now been duly installed, the following Post 9430 Officers take their station.

Our Post Officers elected as follows-

Post Commander:	Chad Hassebroek
Post Senior Vice Commander:	Jesus Alvarez
Post Junior Vice Commander:	Rob Khmara
Post Quartermaster:	Randy Brickell
Post House and Club 3 Year:	Steve Scheeler
Post House and Club 3 Year:	Daniel Scheeler
Post Trustee 3 Year:	Terry Miller
Appointed Officers-	
Chaplain:	Joseph Strong
Adjutant:	Rob Khmara
Officer of the Day:	Terry Miller
Surgeon:	Leo Potts
Service Officer:	Rob Khmara
Other Officers-	
House and Club 2 Year:	Don Henry
Trustee 2 Year:	Harry Cadell
Trustee 1 Year	Lance McDermott

Reminder that we are doing a joint installation of officers on July 2<sup>nd</sup> is a joint meeting for awards with a potluck following.

As I will remain you Sr Vice Commander and membership Chair, I want to thank you all for the support and assistance you gave me while I was your Post Adjutant these past years.

In Comradeship,  
Jesus Alvarez – Post Adjutant

## **HOUSE & CLUB REPORT**

Air Conditioning units have been inspected and a few repairs are recommended. Repairs are scheduled in July.

If you have a need for a large space, or know of someone who does for an event, our lower level is available to rent. Check in with club manager, Sheri Jo for rental rates and scheduling.

The house and Club Committee meets monthly. If there are any concerns about the building, feel free to mention them to anyone on the committee. The Committee Consists of:

Chairman – Steve Scheeler

Member – Don Henry

Member – Daniel Scheeler

Member – Chuck Grouws

Sincerely,  
Steve Scheeler -- 206-963-3516, House & Club Chairman

## **KITCHEN REPORT**

It might be summer and the Auxiliary is taking the summer off, but the kitchen is still very busy. We have been adding some Sunday breakfasts, so watch your calendar. July 6 – Riders, July 20 – Food Basket, August 3, 10, and 17 as well.

Diners coming up are July 12 Luau and August 9 Meatloaf.

Every Thursday is \$7 Burger night, best deal in town.

Friday Night is a \$6 light dinner and game night.

The Auxiliary Breakfasts will resume September 7<sup>th</sup> and Auxiliary Dinners every other month starting 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in September.

If you would like to volunteer in the kitchen, contact me or any of the other kitchen cooks for opportunities.

Cheryl Scheeler-Kitchen Coordinator 206-300-0533

## **JR VICE – YOUTH ACTIVITY UPDATE**

We have our annual community safety fair with KCFD 20 coming up on August 16 from 10 am to 2 pm. If you are interested in the event, contact myself or Emma for more details about what we are doing for Child Safety at our booth this year and promoting education in patriotism at the same time.

Our next August event (Youth activity/Community) will be our Annual end of Summer Annual Picnic. This years event is open to the public as it always is and will also have community organizations with a booth and opportunity to let us know how they are as well as having an activity at their booth for the kids. So we are expanding some this year on the event by adding the community partners to grow the fun for the kids and families in our Community. Activity table, games, and cookie

decorating will still be happening as well! Again, if you would like to have a booth (VFW, AUX, Community Organization, Community Business) contact myself, Emma, Post Commander or Auxiliary President and we will get you a booth for that day. The food that day will be potluck, so bring your favorite dish! We are asking a \$10 donation for your booth to help with event expenses if you can support that.

Updates from the End of Year activity report and awards received will be given at the July joint Post/Auxiliary meeting.

Emma and I look forward to working with you all this 2025-2026 year in our Kids and Youth programs, activities, and events.

-Rob Khmara/Emma Hassebroek - Post /Auxiliary Jr Vice and Youth Activities Chairman

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### **POST SCRIPTS**

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Chad Hassebroek, VFW Post 9430, Editor  
**ADVERTISING RATES**

Standard Business Card \$50/year  
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## **AUXILIARY 9430 VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT CHAIRMAN REPORT**

The Commander and I attended the Change of Command for LTC Ward from 2-17 FA Battalion at JBLM and welcomed in the new Battalion Commander and look forward to continuing our partnership with that adopted unit. We also attended the Change of Command for Col Knight from 17 FA BDE and welcomed in the new Brigade Commander, who was the Battalion Commander of one of our other adopted unit 5-3 FA BN a few years ago. The Army has a way of bringing people we enjoy working with back to us from time to time. They have done a great job of handing off the "VFW Partnership" to the incoming both on the Officer and Enlisted leadership changes.

I attended the Department of Washington Heroes in the Ballpark event this year, assisted with the hosting and welcoming of Soldiers and Sailors from JBLM and Bangor. It was a fun event with these military members and their families. The event is like our Hero Holiday Program with the Tacoma Rainiers.

There will be more information about the end of year Veterans and Family Support report and awards at the Joint July meeting. It was a great year of Veterans and Family support and look forward to this year and all the upcoming events.

I want to thank everyone for their support of the many Veteran and Family Support events we did this year, from our adopted

unit events to the suicide awareness and prevention fair we hosted at our Post. I could not do this without the support of our members and supporters; your donations and your volunteer hours are what makes this program successful. Not just at our level, but it carries into the Department and national Veterans and Family Support programs as well!

Looking forward to the 2025-2026 program year!

Emma Hassebroek – Auxiliary 9430 Veterans and Family Support Chairman

### **VFW RIDERS CHAPTER 4 NEWS**

We officially Chartered in June at the Department Riders meeting. Our first fundraiser event is July 6, 9am to 11am with a \$10 omelet breakfast.

On August 23<sup>rd</sup> we will have our first ride and fundraiser as we officially sign our charter and have it presented at the event. Come join us as we have our Cash for Kids ride and Fundraiser event! Check flyers for details.

It isn't too late to join, all members, Post and Auxiliary welcome as well as supporters wanting to ride and have a good time supporting various programs of the VFW.

In Comradeship

Rob Khmara – WA VFW Riders Chapter 4 President

### **CANTEEN CORNER** **SHERI JO TOPPING---CLUB MANAGER**

*Post Home Open Hours will be as follows:*

**Mondays** Post Home Closed (Unless special event)

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

**Wednesdays** Closed

(1<sup>st</sup> 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 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM (unless special event)

**Saturdays** with no event 2-6 PM

(watch flyers and FB Posts for Special Events)

**Sunday** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in May is Auxiliary Breakfast and Bake Sale from 9-11:30 (June July August will be \$6 Pancake Breakfasts (no canteen service) other Sunday's closed (watch flyers and FB Posts for Special Events)

**THERE WILL NO LONGER BE SOCIAL HOUR FROM 2-4 PM ON FRIDAYS. DOORS WILL NOW OPEN AT 4 PM**

We still have our Shake a Day to split if a 5 of a kind is rolled. The split goes to the building fund and the roller. 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 are also doing our monthly raffles with the first winner in May being Lance McDermott for the Seahawk basket and the Patriotic Basket in June went to Trish. Our July Basket tickets are already on sale, don't miss out on this Mariner fan basket.

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.

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**

Thursday Night Best \$7.00 burgers in the State

Friday Night we have \$6.00 meal and game night

1<sup>st</sup> Friday is Wii bowling

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday is Bunco

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday is Axe Throwing

Last Friday is Horse Races

(If 5 Fridays, 4<sup>th</sup> Friday is Karaoke and Potluck no \$6 meal)

We have a monthly basket raffle, \$2 a ticket or 6 for \$10. Basket is already on display and ticket sales started. Drawing will be on the Last Thursday of the Month at 6 PM.

The bar is doing a pancake breakfast fundraiser for the bills on August 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 11am.

There is also a 2 Mariner Tickets Fundraiser board for the Post General Fund you can get on as well, so stop in and get yours. 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



### May 4, District 11 Auxiliary Installation



Our Post Home had the honor of hosting the District 11 Auxiliary Installation of Officers. Congratulations to all elected and appointed, we hope you have a productive and successful year supporting our Veterans, Families, and Community.

### May 4 Loyalty Day Volunteer Recognition Awards



Thank you, to one of our newest volunteers, Anna, she has been helping with behind the scenes event preparation and clean up as well as assisting our Post and Auxiliary Jr Vices with all of our Kids and Youth activity events and programs!

### May 4 Loyalty Day Volunteer Recognition Awards



Some of our Volunteers were not available for our Loyalty Day Program in April, but we caught them at another function and we were able to recognize them at the event for their hard work and dedication to our Post and Auxiliary events and programs! Without our volunteers, whether one day or 100 days, we would not be able to do the things we do at Skyway VFW Post 9430 and Auxiliary!

### Tahoma National Cemetery Honor Guard



The Joint Post Honor Guard Team has been busy each month on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at Tahoma National Cemetery. We give military honors to Veterans that go before us. We are looking for more members to assist with the Riffle Team and there are other teams as well that could use some volunteer help if the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday doesn't fit your schedule. Contact me (Chad Hassebroek) if you are interested in becoming an Honor Guard Member at Tahoma National Cemetery



## May 6 Scout Troop 419 Meeting and Badge work



Our Scout Troop worked on their collection badges in May. They all brought their personal collections to the meeting to share with the troop. From match box cars, toy horses, books, baseball cards, and others, we got to learn what each of our Scouts favorite things to collect are. Colin toured our Scout Troop upstairs and showed the Post Home "Collections" history from Post and Auxiliary, our Adopted Units and GWOT area to Desert Storm, Vietnam, WWII, and our VFW/AUX Wall of Honor. Also, at the meeting we were able to give our some of our Loyalty Day awards to our Scouts that were unable to attend the Loyalty Day program at the Post in April. We are proud of our Scout Troop and all their accomplishments and the community service they give to our Skyway VFW Post and Auxiliary.

## May 7 Post and Auxiliary Joint Installation and Potluck



Congratulations to our Installed Post and Auxiliary Officers. Thank you, Dept Surgeon (new Judge Advocate) Jason Paxton and Past President Rena Hardy who where our Installing officers for the event. We are all looking forward to another successful year at Skyway VFW Post 9430 and Auxiliary.



## May 9 Friday Night Game Night and Light Dinner



Just a friendly reminder of our Friday Night games (1<sup>st</sup> Friday Wii – 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Bunko – 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Crowd Choice – Last Friday Horse Races) and \$6 light dinner. So come ready for some food and a great time competing for cash or prizes. You never know who may be visiting our Post Home! Thanks for stopping by Dwayne!

## LTC Ward 2-17 FA BN Change of Command



It was great weather and LTC ward had many people from our Other adopted Units which is a reminder of his great character and leadership both in his unit and the surrounding units as well.



We have been lucky to have had LTC Ward as a partner in our unit since the beginning of our 2-17 adoption. He was a Battery Commander (CPT) at that time, then he left us and came back as the Battalion XO (MAJ), then PCS'd and came back to us as the Battalion Commander (LTC). So this really made our partnership with the 2-17 Field Artillery Battalion smooth with so much continuity. We welcome LTC Yang to our partnership!

## May 15 Thursday Night Burgers



Our Burger Crews would like to give you a friendly reminder that Every Thursday Night at the Post Home we have \$7 burger meal from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. You will not find a better price for this great meal with the choices of burger toppings, potato salad chips and a sweet treat! See you on Thursday Nights! the Army had 5 Soldiers present for his military honors.



### May 15 Jody Byrne's Celebration of Life



We celebrated the Life of Jody Byrne at our Post home and presented our final tributes at the start of the celebration of Life. Thursday was her favorite day of the week as that brought her Burger Night, she was always there and always brought or met family there to be with her VFW family! She will be missed by all of us and will always be remembered!

### May 17 ADC MC 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary



Skyway VFW Post 9430 has a 27 year plus, history with ADG MC from supporting Disabled Veterans to our Annual December Toys for Kids Drive. We are thankful for the partnership we built to make life better for our Veterans and assist in our community! Happy 33<sup>rd</sup>

### May 18 Grocery Outlet Award



We were able to present the Outstanding Community Support of VFW Certificate to Grocery Outlet (Skyway store) at our Scout Troop breakfast fundraiser! We are so grateful for all that our local Grocery Outlet does for us in promoting our events and programs, assistance with our Post food drives, and donations they have given us these past years! Our Skyway Store is involved with so much in our community, and we are grateful for the partnership we have build since the Open house that we had 12 VFW and Auxiliary members help with on day 1 from manning the popcorn booth to cooking the hotdogs to running the booths and giving out cool bobbleheads. We have been there from opening day and we look forward to our continued partnership with you!



## May 18 Scout Troop 419 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser



Thank you, to all who came out to support this historic event! Our Scouts and their families had so much fun putting this together. It was a great opportunity for our members and community to meet our Scouts and their families. Each of our Scouts were tasked with their own portion of the event. (as were some of the parents and leadership). We had a table setting crew, salt and pepper crew, egg cooker, pancake cooker, sausage cooker, dish washing crew, serving crew, and table clean up crew. It was so much fun and very successful that our Troop is working on planning another breakfast this fall. The funds raised went into their General Fund where it will be used to off-set the increased cost for camping and other Troop 419 expenses.

## May 18 Vernon Shue Celebration of Life



Our post home hosted a celebration of life for Vernon Shue, US Marine. The family thanks Skyway VFW Post 9430 for hosting this celebration of life.

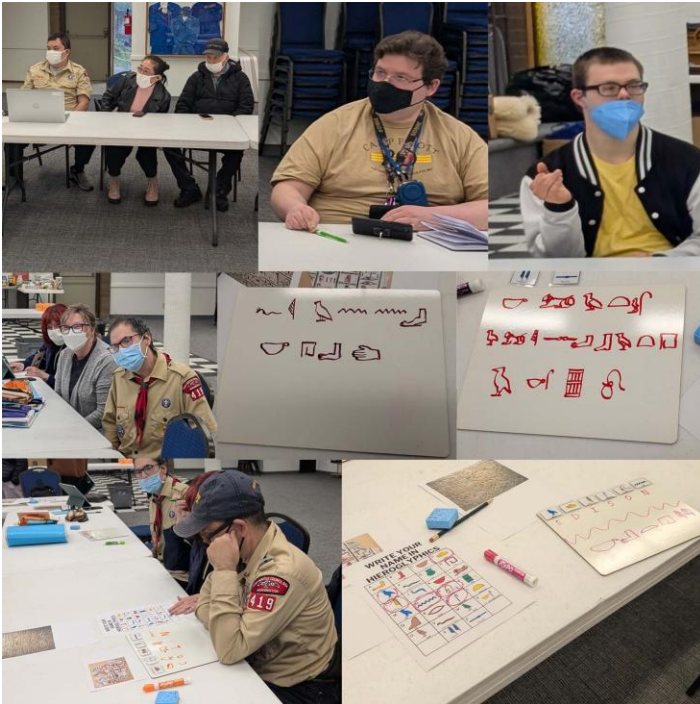
## May 20 Scout Troop 419 Meeting and Badge Work



After completing the badge work for Collections, our Scout Troop moved into working on their translator badge work. The first work was on hieroglyphic translation. Our scouts learned what symbol was used for a letter in our alphabet. At the end of the meeting each scout was able to draw the symbols that created their name. It was a very fun badge to work on. Part two of the badge is Chinese language. Our scouts really enjoyed drawing the symbols and comparing who had similar wild life symbols in their names, like snakes or birds.



### May 20 Scout Troop 419 Meeting and Badge Work



A few examples of some of the drawing our scouts did to write their names or other words.

### May 22 Post 9430 and Auxiliary Annual Memorial Program



Skyway VFW Post 9430 and Auxiliary paid tribute at our Annual memorial to those VFW and Auxiliary Members we lost this past year. Our Post and Auxiliary Officers, along with the Blue Angel Sea Cadet Color Guard and Boy Scouts from Troop 419 perform the ceremony.



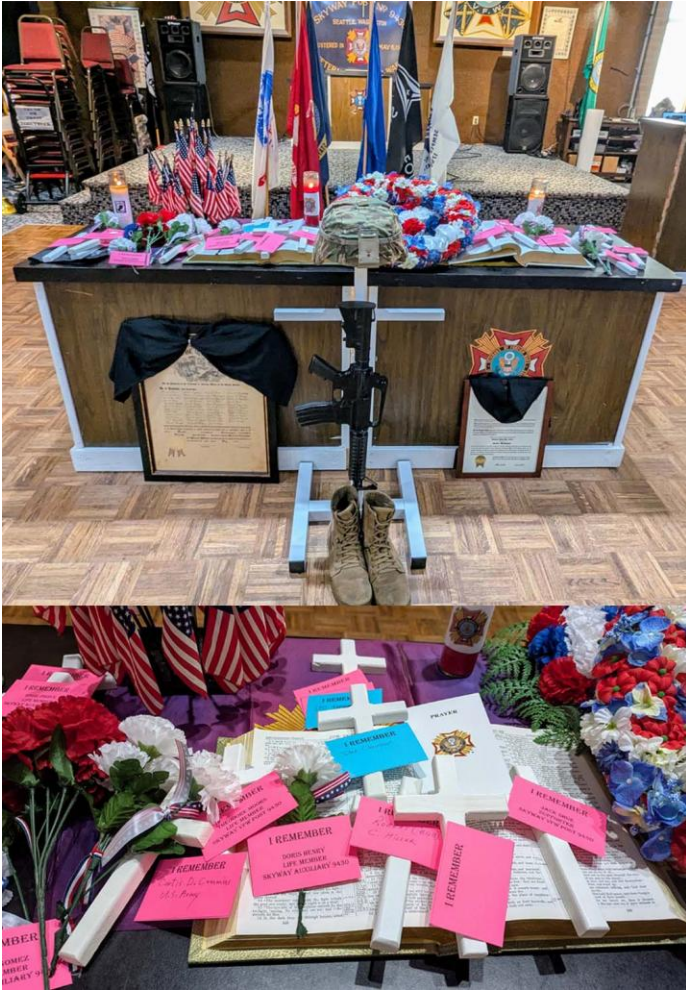
During the memorial we also have a Memorial Day speech and Reading of 3 memorial day poems "In Flanders Field", "We shall keep the faith", and "We remember them".



After the program recognizing our VFW and Auxiliary members, all are welcome to come forward, state "I remember" and the person's name they want to remember and lay a cross or flower for them at the memorial altar.



## May 22 Post 9430 and Auxiliary Annual Memorial Program



**Lest we Forget!**

## May 23 Friday Night Karaoke



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Jr Vice President Emma Hassebroek "fake 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party at Friday Night Karaoke

## May 24 VFW Post 9430 and Auxiliary VFW DAY OF SERVICE



Skyway VFW Post 9430 partnered with the Blue Angel Navy Sea Cadets, Scout Troop 419, CHG Building Systems, and other community organizations and businesses came together at Bonney Watson Memorial Cemetery for this years VFW Day of Service to put out flags for Veterans remembering them in honor of memorial day. We are grateful for so many coming out and supporting this event and honoring our Military members who have gone before us!



## May 24 VFW Post 9430 and Auxiliary VFW DAY OF SERVICE



After completing our duties ensure each veterans grave is marked with the Flag of our Great Republic, also go inside the mausoleum each year to make sure this Very Special Army Veteran, Victor, who gave so much to so many in supporting Veterans and Active duty Military and their families has a flag by his name and is remembered each Memorial Day.

## May 24 Surprise 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for our Auxiliary 9430 Past President and Current Jr Vice President



Thank you to everyone that worked so hard at putting this surprise event together. I still cannot believe that we all pulled this off without her having any idea this was happening. Even when we were downstairs getting "Scout Stuff for Cathy" she had no idea what was waiting upstairs.



Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Emma Hassebroek from all Your VFW, Auxiliary, and Supporter family



Please use all the events and fun family gatherings that continue to fill our newsletter as a reminder. Contact us so that you can schedule your birthday, anniversary, family reunion, or just a let's get together at the Post Home. I have said this for many years now. This is YOUR post home, schedule it and use it! It is impossible not to see the comradeship, fellowship, friendship, brotherhood, sisterhood, bonding, joy, love, and fun that these events create both with family and with extended VFW and supporter family. Your post home is a Kid Friendly and Family Oriented Environment!



### May 25 Post 9430 Chaplain College Graduation



Skyway VFW Post 9430 and Auxiliary wish to Congratulate our VFW Post 9430 Chaplain Joseph (Joe) Strong on his College Graduation completing is Masters Degree. We are all proud of this accomplishment as well as all you do as our VFW Post 9430 Chaplain for our Members and supporters!

### May 26 Memorial Day Program at the Tomb of the Unknown in Bremerton Washington



I had the honor again this year of being asked to lay the wreath for the Department of Washington VFW at the Memorial Day program at the tomb of the Unknown at Ivy Green Cemetery in Bremerton Washington along with a multitude of other Veteran and community organizations from the United States and Canada



The "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier" in Bremerton, Washington is one of the only dedicated Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers, outside of Arlington, Virginia. Ivy Green Cemetery has a large military section with all services represented. The Tomb of the Unknowns in Bremerton was placed in Ivy Green Cemetery in the 1960s. It is due to the many Unknowns that were buried in a mass grave off of the USS Saratoga. It was refurbished in 1992 and then modernized in 2012. Both of these renovations were done by volunteer groups at no cost to the city. Numerous ceremonies take place at the tomb including Memorial Day Remembrance in May and Wreaths Across America Ceremony in December. The USS Saratoga Memorial is beside it and now lists the 61 names of the Sailors of the USS Saratoga MIA/KIA and those buried in a mass grave at the cemetery.

### May 30 County Western Night



What a feast we had again at this years annual Country Western Night Dinner. If you haven't been coming to our themed dinners, you are missing out not just on the fun, but the cash or prizes for participating in the theme, the multitude of various door prizes, and just the fun of being around great people, family and friends to have a good time. Even \*Willie Nelson came for this one! Thank you BBQ Cooks and Kithcen!

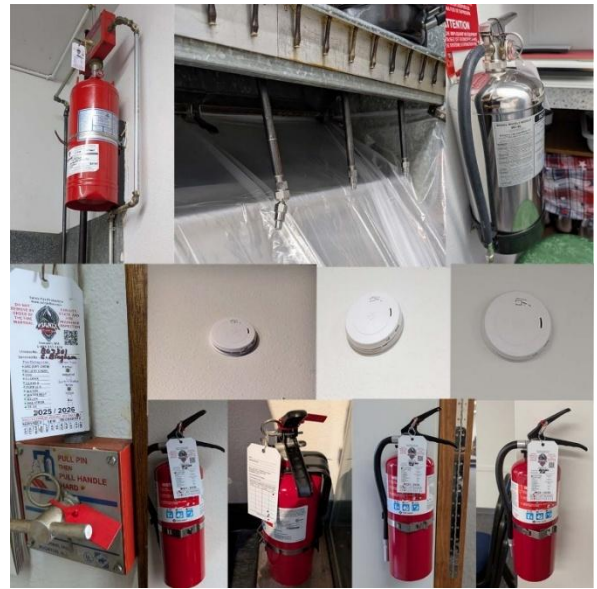


## May 31 Department VFW Heroes in the Ballpark



Another successful VFW Night in the Park, Heroes in the Ballpark Tacoma Rainiers event. The department sponsored 300 tickets for Active-duty military and families from Bangor and JBLM for the event. The VFW had multiple big screen recognitions and videos about the VFW during the game, 2 VFW Public Announcements, a VFW booth at the main gate, VFW Color Guard Flag Presentation, VFW singer for God Bless America in the 7<sup>th</sup> Inning, Veteran honor and Recognition on the field before the game, and our VFW Department of Washington State Commander threw out the First Pitch for the Game. This is a great program that lets tens of thousands of people see who and what the VFW and Auxiliary is. Many VFW and Auxiliary members and supporters purchase tickets to help "host" the military and families on our deck at the event.

## May House and Club Projects



Our insurance company sent out an inspector and found some safety deficiencies, upgrades, and recommendations in our Post home and our House and Club Chairman Steve Scheeler put in many hours along with H&C member Chuck G finding the new equipment, purchasing needed safety devices, installing or contracting work orders, fire inspections, hood cleaning, and all of the other fun details involved in upgrading our fire suppression systems to the new codes.

So we now have a new PCL 300 fire suppression tank for our kitchen with 3 newly installed hoses over our flat top and burners, a newly required WC-6L fire extinguisher for the kitchen, 3 new fire/CO2 detectors 2 upstairs and 1 downstairs, the stove hood has been cleaned and inspected and tagged, the fire suppression system has been inspected and tagged, all of our fire extinguisher upstairs and downstairs have been inspected and tagged, and the HVAC heating and cooling system have been Serviced and they are working on the repairs needed from that inspection to insure that the Post home has heat and air conditioning when we need it.

I want to thank Steve, Chuck G, and Daniel for helping get these tasks completed so quickly so we could get our insurance inspectors emails to stop.

We have a very active house and club chairman that puts many volunteer hours into repairs and building maintenance that not many people see and understand. Without Steve's hours of inspecting, investigating, preventive maintenance, and repairs, our building would have either fallen apart, burned down from electrical issues, or just been a run-down old building.





As you see Steve running around the post or sitting by the kitchen reading his book, shake his hand and tell him “Thank You!” for all you do to keep our building healthy.

#### June 3 Scout Troop 419 Meeting and badge work



One of the important parts of our Scout meeting is the Opening and Closing Ceremonies where our Scout Troop has a leader chooses to be head of the Color Guard who makes all of the calls for the Color Guard and two scouts volunteer to be the flag bearers and present and post the colors before the meeting, the Troop recites the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, then are dismissed and at the end of the meeting they also do a ceremony to retire the colors. Patriotism and Community are focused in our BSA Troop 419.

#### 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Post Banner



VFW Department Jr Vice (now Sr Vice) Frank Persa presents Post 9430 Jr Vice Rob Khmara with the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Post Banner from VFW National Commander

#### June 7 Sea Cadet Change of Command and joint Community Project with Scout Troop 419



Blue Angel Sea Cadet Commander Debora Kolar holds formation and comes out of Command of the unit before the Joint Project with Scout Troop 419 to repair our Post meeting station podiums.





They sanded 7 podiums, stained them, cut and attached new white trim and made them look like new. There are a few things to touch up on the podiums, so we look forward to showing them off in the next newsletter after purchase and attaching new cross of malta to each after National Convention. With the help of Daniel, Cathy, Gay, myself, Emma and so adult leaders from the Sea Cadets, we taught the Cadets and Scouts how to properly tape a project to protect what you don't want to get stain on, how to sand so that the staining process works best, how to stain wood, how to operate a chop saw, how to measure and mark wood to cut, how to use a drill and attach trim. It was a great event and we look forward to doing future joint projects between the two youth organizations.

## May 7 Starwars Karaoke and Birthday Celebrations



We had fun celebrating Roberts 55<sup>th</sup> birthday, Shelly's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Karen's 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Thank you to those who participated in Starwars Karaoke night.



We also had visitors, Department VFW Jr Vice (Sr Vice now) Frank Persa, Department VFW Riders Chairman Dean and Auxiliary President from 7392 Courtney. Was a wild and fun night at the Post!



### June 7 State VFW Riders Meeting



Skyway VFW Post 9430 hosted the State VFW Riders Group meeting at our Post home to discuss potential changes to the VFW Riders. It was great discussion and all 4 Chapters agree upon what our state wants and will present at National Convention. It was a great day for Skyway Post 9430, before the meeting started, the VFW WA State Riders Chairman Dean McKenney officially stood up Post 9430 VFW Riders Chapter 4. We will have an official signing of charter and presentation of Charter at our August 23 Skyway Post 9430 VFW Riders Chapter 4 event at the Post.

### June 10 Cleaning headstones at Bonney Watson Memorial Cemetery



Colin from Scout Troop 419 joined with Blue Angel Sea Cadets at Bonney Watson and cleaned headstones for a second joint community project. This is going to be a great partnership between our 3 organizations.

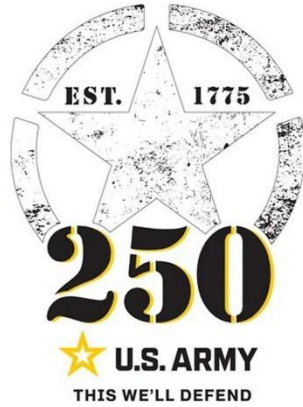
### June 12 COL Knight 17 FA BDE Change of Command



We say farewell to another great Commander from our adopted unit 17 FA BDE, Col Knight. He and his family are staying here. He will now have a position with I Corps along with LTC Ward former 2-17 FA Commander. We welcome COL Lynch and look forward to our continued partnership. Some of us remember COL Lynch when he was with our other adopted from 5-3 FA BN. It is nice that we keep getting leadership back that we have already partnered with in the past to help continue to grow what we do together for active duty, veterans, family and community.



## June 14 US Army Birthday Parade WA DC



Last years Post 9430 Jr Vice Commander, pictured above holding his unit colors from Fort Hood TX, had the honor of marching in the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the US Army Parade in Washington DC. We also had Soldiers from some of our adopted units belonging to the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division JBLM who also made the trip to Washington DC to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We got to enjoy the festivities and parade on the big screen at the Post home as we were cooking the food for our Post 9430 Army 250<sup>th</sup> birthday dinner. The Army knows how to celebrate 250 years. Navy and Marine celebrations coming in October and November!

We had a great program celebrating the Army Birthday at Skyway VFW Post 9430, there were some great videos about the history of the Army uniforms and Post Commander Chad Hassebroek present each Army Veteran that attended with a 250<sup>th</sup> Army Birthday Pin.

## June 14 United States Army Birthday Program



After the Army birthday program, we moved into our Pirate Night dinner and dance with music provided by Lauren Petri.

Happy 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday United States Army



## Post Home



Chuck G assisted me on a recon mission to see what was needed to replace a missing panel from our HVAC system, when he showed up, I was looking for the small ladder (which I never found) I ended up taking 2 other ladders up to be able to safely recon the HVAC. (And I do not want to hear any jokes about how many ladders does it takes the Post Commander to....). But we got it done and the replacement panel is being made so we can cover our unit again. Thanks, Chuck for your help again, with yet another fun post home project.

## June – HAPPY BIRTHDAY ADRIAN



Thanks for Celebrating with us at the VFW

## June 17 Scout Troop 419 Court of Honor



Jaden led our Color Guard Colin and Joey with the Start of Our Court of Honor this year after our pizza party prior to the meeting at Post 9430. Since losing Shakey's Pizza we have been here at our Post Home doing our Court of Honor program and pizza.



Cathy Deleon Was our Master of Ceremony for our Court of Honor this time and with the assistance of myself and Bradley, we started off the Program with the Scout Oath and the Scout Law as we lit and placed the candles for our opening. Cathy presented each Scout with the merit badges that they earned as well as a small gift to recognize them for their hard work.





The troop thanked and recognized Post Commander and Charter Representative Chad Hassebrook after the merit badges were presented.



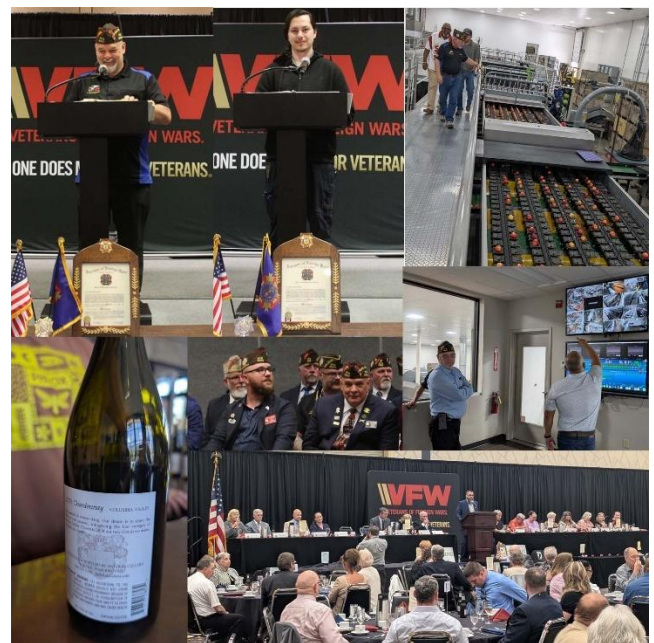
Jr Vice President Emma Hassebrook presented each scout with a Veteran bracelet with each branch of service represented as a thank you for each Scout and what they do for our Veterans and Families. After all the presentations we did our closing ceremonies, the Color Guard was dismissed and the meeting was closed until September after summer break. Unfortunately we had to cancel our Camping week at Camp Pigitt this year, but we are already working on plans that will make sure that we are able to support any and all of our scouts from the Troop that want to participate in the week of camp next year.

## June 22 King County Fire District 20 Community Breakfast



KCFD 20 put on a community breakfast buffet at our post home on June 22. There were pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, and hash browns. They had a great staff of cooking and serving crews, not going to put names I don't want to miss anyone. West Hill popped in for the breakfast and to do a live advertisement for the event. It was fun to watch Fire Chief Hicks on the Outdoor flat top making scrambled eggs. If you missed this one, don't miss out next time – he has a secret recipe for the eggs and they are very fluffy and yummy!

## June VFW/AUXILIARY State Convention



Gabe (Service Officer) and I (Veterans and Military Support and Heroes in the Ballpark Chairman) gave our end of year reports at State Convention. I also was the special aid-de-camp for our National Rep, National Jr Vice Commander Tim Peters so I got to take him on a tour of Yakima and wine tasting event.



## June VFW/AUXILIARY State Convention



I (Chad Hassebroek – Post 9430 Commander) was elected at this state VFW convention and sworn in at the joint installation as the VFW Department of Washington 2025-2026 Quartermaster. Margie Lindberg (Auxiliary 9430 President) was elected at this State Auxiliary convention and sworn in at the joint installation as VFW Auxiliary Department of Washington 2025-2026 Guard. Our Auxiliary 9430 President received the Lara Waters Outstanding Auxiliary Award (Auxiliary version of All-State Post). Our Past State Commander was auctioned to the VFW membership on the floor of the convention for over \$1300 to wear the above luau attire to the hospitality room immediately following the Awards Banquet. So we finished off the 2024-2025 year and started the 2025-2026 year all in the same afternoon.

### VFW Department of Washington Commander Drew James



Dear Comrades, Brothers, and Sisters,

I was sworn in as your State Commander, and I can't begin to express how grateful and proud I am to serve you. Every day, I'm inspired by the dedication and sacrifice of our Comrades across the Department of Washington. You are the heartbeat of this organization.

It's an incredible honor to lead the Department for the 2025-2026 year.

We've officially installed your new Department leadership team, and I want you to know that this team is strong, united, and ready to lead.

### 2025-2026 Department Officers:

- Drew James – State Commander
- Frank Persa – Sr. Vice Commander
- Holly Pierce – Jr. Vice Commander
- Jason Paxton – Judge Advocate
- Doug White – Surgeon
- Chad Hassebroek – Quartermaster
- Dale Iannello – Chaplain
- Joe Wright – Adjutant
- Joshua Schreck – Chief of Staff
- Dan Bujok – Inspector
- Perry Taylor – Jr. Past State Commander

### What You Can Expect This Year

This will not be a business-as-usual year. You will see change. You will feel energy. You will hear from your leadership.

We're committed to being present, being available, and being accountable to you, our members. And that starts with listening.

### Let's Move Forward—Together

I believe in this Department. I believe in our members. And I believe our best days are ahead.

Let's honor our mission, lift each other up, and lead the way—together.

Yours in Comradeship,

Drew James

State Commander

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Department of Washington

## Upcoming Events and Flyers

**KARAOKE**  
DANCING  
FUN

**KARAOKE**  
HOSTED BY CHAD AND ROBERT  
1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY JULY 5

POT LUCK 4:00 PM  
KARAOKE STARTS  
5:00 PM

**LUAU THEME**

**Pot Luck**

BEING HELD AT SKYWAY VFW POST 9430  
7421 S 126<sup>TH</sup> STREET SEATTLE WA 98178

## JOIN US JULY 12

### Special Event

## ANNUAL POST LUAU



Luau Dinner 6-7:00 PM  
Fun throughout the night  
Party Favors-Best Luau attire Music  
by LAUREN 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Pansit (Noodles)  
Chicken Adobo  
Rice  
Oriental Green Salad  
Roast Pork  
Watermelon



TICKETS  
\$15 RESERVED DINNER  
\$20 Day of event

Skyway VFW Post 9430  
7421 S 126<sup>TH</sup> Street  
Seattle WA 98178



**WA VFW Riders**  
Chapter 4

July 6th 9 AM

**CASH FOR KIDS**  
**\$10 OMELET BREAKFAST**

Join our Chapter 4 Riders  
Raising Cash for Kids  
In Support of  
the December Toy Drive

Event Location  
Skyway VFW Post 9430 7421 S 126<sup>TH</sup> Street Seattle WA 98178

Sell your  
Items/Crafts/Goods

## VFW POST 9430

### SUMMER FLEA MARKET

Find your  
Items/Crafts/Goods



Tables available  
\$20 for 1 day  
\$30 for 2 days  
Contact Chad  
206-595-1025

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**SATURDAY**  
**JULY 19, 2025**  
**10 AM TO 3 PM**  
**SUNDAY**  
**JULY 20, 2024**  
**10 AM TO 3 PM**

All Venders  
And  
Treasure Seekers  
Welcome



Send the following information to sign up to  
[vfwmember@yahoo.com](mailto:vfwmember@yahoo.com) or text/call 206-595-1025

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Sat \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 Sun \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 Both \_\_\_\_\_ \$30



7421 S 126<sup>TH</sup> St  
Seattle WA 98178

## Wii Bowling First Friday Each Month 5:30 PM



## 2<sup>ND</sup> FRIDAY JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>

### BUNCO WITH GEORGE AND JESS

Sign up at 5:30 PM



BEING HELD AT SKYWAY VFW POST 9430  
7421 S 126<sup>TH</sup> STREET SEATTLE WA 98178



## MONDAY NIGHT MOVIE

**"John Wick"**

Join us on Monday July 21<sup>st</sup> for a Movie Night

There will be Hotdogs, Pretzels, Popcorn and  
Bar Snacks Available

## EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT POST 9430 BURGER NIGHT

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

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



7421 S 126<sup>th</sup> St  
Seattle WA 98178



CASSEROLE BREAKFAST  
\$6.00

**SUNDAY JULY 20<sup>th</sup>  
9 AM TO 11 AM**

TO RAISE FUNDS  
FOR OUR POST 9430 HOLIDAY FOOD FUND

Skyway VFW Post 9430  
7421 S 126<sup>th</sup> St  
Seattle WA 98178

## 3<sup>RD</sup> FRIDAY JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>

### KANOGA

Sign up at 5:30 PM



BEING HELD AT SKYWAY VFW POST 9430  
7421 S 126<sup>TH</sup> STREET SEATTLE WA 98178



## Mexican Dinner

**\$15**



## SATURDAY, July 26, 2025

Mexican Dinner  
6:00 - 7:30 pm

Mike & Eilenes Classic Country Jukebox  
6:15-6:30 Easy Listening Music  
6:30 - 8:30 pm Dance Music

7421 S 126<sup>th</sup> St  
Seattle WA 98178

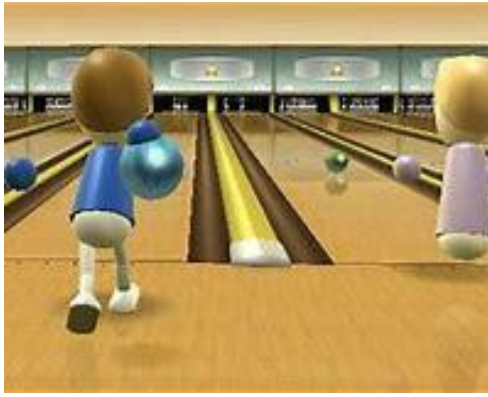
## LAST FRIDAY HORSE RACES JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>

Sign up at 5:30 PM



BEING HELD AT SKYWAY VFW POST 9430  
7421 S 126<sup>TH</sup> STREET SEATTLE WA 98178

Wii Bowling 1<sup>st</sup> Friday each Month



SKYWAY POST CANTEN  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
\$6.00  
SUNDAY--SUNDAY--SUNDAY

August 10, 2025  
9 TO 11:00 AM



JOIN our CLUB MANAGER  
FOR A GREAT BREAKFAST  
TO RAISE FUNDS  
FOR THE UTILITY BILLS



2<sup>ND</sup> FRIDAY AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>

**BUNCO** WITH GEORGE AND JESS

Sign up at 5:30 PM



BEING HELD AT SKYWAY VFW POST 9430  
7421 S 126<sup>TH</sup> STREET SEATTLE WA 98178

Monday Night Movie in August TBD on August 18<sup>th</sup>

**SATURDAY  
AUGUST 9**

**POST  
MEATLOAF  
DINNER  
BY  
CHUCK G AND CREW**

\$15.00 ADVANCE \$20 DAY OF  
DINNER SERVED FROM 6 TO 7:30 PM

**ENTERTAINMENT**

DANCE TO MUSIC LAUREN PETRI  
FROM 6:30 TO 8:30 PM

BEING HELD AT SKYWAY VFW POST 9430  
7421 SOUTH 126TH STREET SEATTLE WA 98178  
PHONE 206-772-9982

KARAOKE  
DANCING  
FUN

**KARAOKE  
HOSTED BY CHAD**

KARAOKE  
DANCING  
FUN

**SATURDAY NIGHT AUGUST 2**

POT LUCK 4:00 PM  
KARAOKE STARTS  
5:00 PM

BEACH PARTY

BEING HELD AT SKYWAY VFW POST 9430  
7421 S 126<sup>TH</sup> STREET SEATTLE WA 98178

SKYWAY VFW POST 9430  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
\$6.00

**AUGUST 3RD**  
9:00 AM-11:00 AM

JOIN US AS WE RAISE \$ FOR SCHOOL SANTA FUND FOR CAMPBELL  
HILL, LAKERIDGE, AND BRYN MAWR ELEMENTARY

PANCAKES – SAUSAGE – SCRAMBLED EGGS



## 3<sup>RD</sup> FRIDAY AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> KANOGA

Sign up at 5:30 PM



BEING HELD AT SKYWAY VFW POST 9430  
7421 S 126<sup>TH</sup> STREET SEATTLE WA 98178

KARAOKE

DANCING

FUN

**KARAOKE  
HOSTED BY  
CHAD AND ROBERT**

**4<sup>TH</sup> FRIDAY AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>**



POTLUCK AT 4 PM

KARAOKE STARTS  
5:00 PM



BEING HELD AT SKYWAY VFW POST 9430  
7421 S 126<sup>TH</sup> STREET SEATTLE WA 98178

End of Summer



AUGUST  
23<sup>RD</sup>  
9 AM

**WA VFW Riders**

AUGUST  
23<sup>RD</sup>  
9 AM

**Chapter 4**

## CHARTER CELEBRATION CASH FOR KIDS RIDE



EVENTS OF THE DAY



REGISTRATION

FUN RUN (RIDE)

CHARTER PRESENTATION

SPAGHETTI

KARAOKE



Event Location

Skyway VFW Post 9430 7421 S 126<sup>th</sup> Street Seattle WA 98178

## LAST FRIDAY HORSE RACES AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>

Sign up at 5:30 PM



BEING HELD AT SKYWAY VFW POST 9430  
7421 S 126<sup>TH</sup> STREET SEATTLE WA 98178

**CASSEROLE BREAKFAST  
\$6.00**

**SUNDAY AUGUST 17  
9 AM TO 11 AM**

TO RAISE FUNDS  
FOR OUR POST 9430 HOLIDAY FOOD FUND

Skyway VFW Post 9430  
7421 S 126<sup>th</sup> St  
Seattle WA 98178

**THURSDAY NIGHT BURGER FROM 5:30 TO 6:30 PM**



Join us every Thursday Night for burgers  
from 5:30 to 6:30pm, \$7



**SAT AUG 30, 2025**  
**1:00 TO 5:00 PM**  
**END OF SUMMER**  
**PARTY AT THE POST**



Skyway-Bryn Mawr-Renton  
Community



2-17 FA BN



17 FA BDE



5-3 FA BN



Hammer Company  
H Co 1-17 Inf

**MUSIC**

**POTLUCK FOOD**

**CORN HOLE**

**ARTS AND CRAFTS**

**GAMES AND PRIZES**

**COOKIE DECORATING**

**COMMUNITY BOOTHS**

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

BEING HELD AT SKYWAY VFW POST 9430  
7421 SOUTH 126TH STREET SEATTLE WA 98178  
PHONE 206-772-9982



# **SKYWAY VFW 9430**

## **OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION BOOTH**

### **AUGUST 30, 2025**

Join us on Saturday August 30, 2025 from 1 – 5 PM for our  
Skyway VFW Post 9430 Open House

Skyway Community Support Organizations are welcome to request a table for the event to put out information about your organization to the Skyway Community. This event is running along side our annual Family End of Summer BBQ with many kid's and family activities.

If you are interested in having a table, we will be happy to have you join us. The table will be in the parking lot in front of our building if the weather is good and downstairs if we have rain.

There is no cost for the table, but asking a \$10 donation if you are able to help offset the cost of the kid's event. We are wanting an event that brings the Community together, shows them what the Skyway Veterans of Foreign Wars does, and allows them to meet the other organizations in the Community that are here to help make the Skyway Community Great!

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NAME OF ORGANIZATION:

CONTACT PERSON:

PHONE NUMBER:

Please return this form to  
Skyway VFW Post 9430  
PO Box 78231  
Seattle Washington 98178

VFW RIDERS CHAPTER 4 WANTS YOU!

# SKYWAY VFW POST 9430

**CHAPTER 4  
RECRUITING DRIVE**

If interested please contact:

Chad @ 580-704-7995 or  
[vfwmember@yahoo.com](mailto:vfwmember@yahoo.com)

Rob @ 206-693-9872 or  
[robkhmara@gmail.com](mailto:robkhmara@gmail.com)

Dean @ 360-914-2618

## RIDERS WANTED

We are seeking VFW members, VFW Auxiliary members, combat veterans, veterans, active duty military personnel, family members, friends, first responders, and dedicated supporters who share a passion for riding, camaraderie, and making a difference. Join us in supporting our military, veterans, their families, and our community.

The VFW Riders Group is dedicated to supporting the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and its Auxiliary by enhancing public awareness of the VFW, its programs, and the National Home. Through community service, participation in veteran support events, and responsible motorcycling, we proudly represent the values and mission of the VFW.

Our group consists of VFW Post and Auxiliary members in good standing, as well as non-members who serve as support personnel. We are a family-oriented community of riders who share a passion for motorcycling and a deep commitment to serving our active military, veterans, and our community.





2025-2026 COMPETITION

# PATRIOT'S PEN AND VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

## Post 9430



**"VFW made it possible  
for me to go to college."**

- Rachel 2020 Prize Winner

### APPLICATION DEADLINE:

**OCTOBER 31, 2025**

### PATRIOT'S PEN

- Open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students enrolled by the Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 300 – 400-word essay
- This year's theme is, **"How are you showing patriotism and support for our country?"**
- National Prize is currently **\$5,000**

### ELIGIBILITY

Students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (for which the application has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity.



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[bit.ly/4f5UEOo](https://bit.ly/4f5UEOo)

### VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

- Open to students in grades 9-12 enrolled by Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 3–5-minute audio and written essay  
This year's theme is, **"How are you showing patriotism and support for our country?"**
- National Prize is currently **\$35,000**

<https://scholarsapp.com>

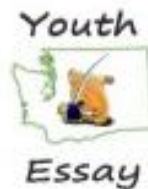


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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND ITS AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON



**Official Entry Form  
Youth Essay Program Grades 3-4-5  
2025 - 2026**

THEME: **"How I Respect the American Flag"**

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Word Count: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Due to Sponsoring Post/Auxiliary: **October 31<sup>st</sup>**

PLEASE NOTE: This entry form must be completely filled out and accompany the essay.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by a person instructing student

Instructor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ location \_\_\_\_\_

Address of School or Home \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by Post/Auxiliary

Name & Number of Sponsoring Post/ Auxiliary: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AT THE POST/AUXILIARY LEVEL**

Disclaimer Notice:

The district does not sponsor this event/activity/ offer and the district assumes no responsibility for it. In consideration for the privilege to distribute these materials, the \_\_\_\_\_ School District No. \_\_\_\_\_ shall be held harmless from any cause of action filed in any court or administrative tribunal arising out of the distribution of these materials, including all costs, attorney's fees and judgments or awards.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars and Its Auxiliary  
Department of Washington  
State Youth Essay Program Rules and Regulations  
Grades 3-4-5**

1. Participants must compose their own essay.
2. The essay must be clearly handwritten, typed or computer prepared.
3. Judging will be under the guidance set by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Judging will include 30 points for addressing the theme, 30 points for clarity of Ideas, 40 points for Theme Development.
4. Since this program is completely voluntary, a student does not have to go through his/her school to participate. Any student from any school in the State of Washington may enter the program by contacting a local Post or Auxiliary for rules and Official Entry form. Home Schooled students are also eligible.
5. A copy of the Official Entry form must accompany the essay. All sections of the official entry form **MUST** be completed at the Post/Auxiliary level. Entry forms **MUST** be signed by a parent.
6. All essays become the property of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Washington. If copies are desired, you must make your own. Chairman will not return essays.
7. Contest begins at the start of the school year.
8. Length: Not to exceed 250 words.
9. Student's Name, City, or School **MUST NOT** be on the essay, only on the entry form.
10. Essay must stay within the prescribed subject matter and there can be **NO** added color or artwork.
11. Essay written in poem form **will not be accepted.**
12. The Post or Auxiliary sponsoring the school **MUST** do the judging at the local level.

**Essays due to local Post/Auxiliary by: October 31<sup>st</sup>**

Any Essay not **received** by the deadline **will not** be accepted.

***Please submit 1 winner for every 15 entrees for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 1 winner for every 15 entrees for 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and 1 winner for every 15 entrees for 5<sup>th</sup> grade to your District for judging by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.***

## July 2025

**Fall Hours:** Sunday closed unless Special Event; Monday temporarily closed; Tuesday 7:00-10pm; Wednesday closed (1<sup>st</sup> Wed open 6-9pm); Thursday 4-8pm; Friday 4-9pm; Saturday 2-6pm no event; 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 4-9pm (watch for flyers & FB posts for Special Events)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Post/Auxiliary Installation 7 PM Potluck following	<b>3</b> Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM	<b>4</b> <b>HAPPY 4<sup>th</sup> of July Independence Day</b>  <b>Post Closed</b>	<b>5</b> Karaoke and Potluck 4 PM
<b>6</b> VFW Riders Chapter 4 Omelet breakfast Fundraiser \$10	<b>7</b> Roger Baker 3PM Tahoma Honors 4:30 PM Celebration of Life with VFW Ritual Tribute at Post Home	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>Post Closed</b>	<b>10</b> Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM	<b>11</b> Bunco Night 5PM Margie Dinner \$6	<b>12</b> Luau Dinner \$15 6 PM Lauren Petri 6:30 – 8:30 PM
<b>13</b>  <b>Post Closed</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>Post Closed</b>	<b>15</b> <b>West Hill Community Quarterly Meeting at Post 9430 7 PM</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>Post Closed</b> House and Club 6 PM Officers 7 PM	<b>17</b> Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM	<b>18</b> Kanoga 5:30 PM Cheryl Dinner \$6 Flea Market set up 4pm VFW Riders Chapter 4 Meeting 6 PM	<b>19</b> Flea Market 10am-3pm  Aux Lunch \$5
<b>20</b> Flea Market 10am-3pm Aux \$5 Lunch  Post Casserole Breakfast \$6 9am – 11 am	<b>21</b> Movie Night 6 PM John Wick	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  <b>Post Closed</b>	<b>24</b> Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM	<b>25</b> Horse Races Chad Dinner \$6	<b>26</b> Scout Troop 419 Renton Parade 8 AM Post Mexican Dinner 6pm music by Mike & Eilene's Classic County Jukebox 6:15—8:30pm
<b>27</b>  <b>Post Closed</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>Post Closed</b>	<b>31</b> Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM		

## August 2025

**Winter Hours:** Sunday closed unless Special Event; Monday temporarily closed; Tuesday 7:00-10pm; Wednesday closed (1<sup>st</sup> Wed open 6-9pm); Thursday 4-8pm; Friday 2-9pm; Saturday 2-6pm no event; 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 4-9pm (watch for flyers & FB posts for Special Events)

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					<b>1</b> Wii Bowling 5PM Tricia Lynn Dinner \$6	<b>2</b> Karaoke with Chad and Robert 4 PM Potluck
<b>3</b> School Santa Pancake Breakfast \$6 9 – 11 am	<b>4</b> <b>Post Closed</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Post and Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM	<b>7</b> Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM	<b>8</b> Bunco 5:30 PM Margie Dinner \$6	<b>9</b> Post Dinner Night 6 PM Lauri Petri 6:30-8:30
<b>10</b> Canteen Pancake Breakfast \$6 9 – 11 am	<b>11</b> <b>Post Closed</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Post Closed</b>	<b>14</b> Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM	<b>15</b> Kanoga 5:30 PM Cheryl Dinner \$6	<b>16</b> Safety Fair 10 am – 2 pm
<b>17</b> Post Casserole Breakfast \$6 9am – 11 am	<b>18</b> Movie Night 6 PM Movie TBD	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Post Closed</b> House and Club 6 PM Officers 7 PM	<b>21</b> Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM	<b>22</b> Karaoke with Chad and Robert 4 PM Potluck	<b>23</b> VFW Riders Chapter 4 Cash for Kids Ride and Charter Presentation 9 AM - ???
<b>24</b> <b>Post Closed</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Post Closed</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM	<b>29</b> Horse Races Shirley Dinner \$6	<b>30</b> End of Summer Community Party 1-5 PM
<b>31</b> VFW Riders Chapter 4 Omelet breakfast Fundraiser \$10	<b>Sep 1</b> <b>Post Closed</b>	<b>Sep 2</b>	<b>Sep 3</b> Post and Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM	<b>Sep 4</b> Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM	<b>Sep 5</b> Wii Tricia Lynn Dinner \$6	<b>Sep 6</b> <b>NO KARAOKE</b> STATE SOI IN YAKIMA



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“Never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never – in nothing, great or small, large or petty –  
never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense.” – Winston Churchill

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***ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O LORD AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.***

“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**