POST SCRIPTS

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COMMANDER'S UPDATE

Dear Comrades, Sisters and Brothers,

We brought in the New Year and January flew by quickly. Our Seahawk viewing season ended sooner than we wanted, but there is always next season. Mid-Winter Conference this year was much easier to attend without all the snow we had to deal with last year. We were lucky enough to get two Karaoke nights in January, an auxiliary dinner, and topped it off with our Hero Holiday Fundraiser. Thank you, to those that brought baskets for the auction, the cooks, and volunteers that made the event successful. Shout out to "Steel" Battalion and 17th Fires Brigade for attending the event and "Shipkillers" for the Parents night out basket. We will be doing a second fundraiser for this program in the future so that we can ensure we have the funds needed for the upcoming adopted unit events for the year. Our Friday Night game night attendance has been down and some nights we have even had to cancel the game. We have changed a few of the games now, so check out the calendar for what we have Friday Nights and if there is something you would like to see on a Friday Night Game Night, let us know and we will put it on the calendar.

February snuck up on us quickly, with two dinners, Karaoke, Superbowl, Auxiliary breakfast and our 41st annual Champagne Breakfast. Thank you, all who set up — Bob and Debbie for running the Silent auction and purse wars, Cheryl and kitchen crew for the food, Brian and Harry for Champagne Duties, Pam and Connie for auction tracking and money collection, Trish for Bar duties keeping us hydrated. We had a smaller turn out this year, but thank you everyone for bringing items and bidding on items to make this event as successful as years passed! The funds raised were split 50/50 with Post and Auxiliary for program support.

We are not slowing down in March and April. We need your help in getting involved in the health of our Post Home. Without the members, families, friends, supporters and guests of the Post and Auxiliary, we will not be able to continue operating the way that we have been for over 75 years. We need you to help ensure that our Post Home remains for generations to come. You can help in many ways. 1: Volunteer to help with an event or program or create an event, program, or fundraiser. 2: attend program, event, fundraiser. 3: bring family, friends, and supporters to programs, events, fundraisers. 4: send a donation, mark the donation where you specifically would like the donation to go (if not specific, donations go into the general fund). So, you see, there are many ways each of you can help maintain our Post home is around for generations to come and I hope that you take a minute to think about why you are a member and what this Post has meant for you and after reflecting, act. We need each member and supporter to keep this going.

What was left out of our last newsletter is that the Post membership voted to allow VFW Riders Chapter 4 to Charter at Skyway VFW Post 9430. If you are or know a VFW or Auxiliary Member with a license and a motorcycle, have them contact me so we can get them added to the list for our Charter. We also can have VFW Rider Supporters, if you have a friend or family member that supports veterans and wants to be a part of the WA Chapter 4 VFW Riders we would love to have them too. We are accepting members to Charter until April 30, 2025. On May 1, 2025, the paperwork and names will be submitted to the Department of WA VFW Rider Chairman to process our Charter. There will be more information on this later in the Newsletter.

Skyway VFW Hosted a Department Suicide Awareness and Prevention Fair at our Post Home with Majorie Stetson, Department Auxiliary Veterans and Family Support Chairman and myself, Department Veterans and Family Support Chairman. We had 9 agencies set up with great information. It is disappointing more VFW and Auxiliaries in the state did not take advantage of this important event. We had directors of these agencies here to assist and inform about their programs It is not often you get a chance to speak and ask questions to these directors and assistant directors. The videos and presentations that each of these organizations put out were incredible, informative, and will directly work to decrease suicide in our veterans, our job is to link veterans up and inform them of these agencies out there and the programs they must fit the different needs. More information on this event later in the newsletter.

March we will be recognizing our Kosovo, GWOT, and Inherent Resolve Veterans and Vietnam Veterans Day and final 50th Anniversary Program and an Open house for KC Fire District 20 and Skyway VFW Post 9430 and Auxiliary Recruiting and Information. April we will recognize our Loyalty and Volunteer awardees, have our annual Kids Easter Party, and take 100 Soldiers to the Hero Holiday Tacoma Rainers Game.

National has a special pin for recruiting 1 member this year, so, as our Commander in Chief said, if each of us recruits just one new member, we will double our size and our voice in congress. Department also has a special pin for those who recruit 3 members and National gives pins at 5 member intervals. Again, please, take the time to reflect on why you are a member or supporter and make time to attend events and programs with your family and friends. As I said before, start coming to the Post to Celebrate life with family and friends and stop waiting for a Celebration of Life to get together! Make excuses to get together, avoid making excuses not to.

Yours in Comradeship, Chad Hassebroek, Post Commander

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sisters, Brothers and Comrades,

Happy late Winter and early Spring. Mother Nature did not disappoint us, and she sent us a round of snow which was just enough and now we can get ready for Spring. The Mid-Winter Conference in January came and went and I would encourage each of you to log on to MALTA and check out the current bulletins from the different program chairs. I am going to list off the programs just in case you may be unaware of how much we do for Veterans and military families. I am going to list them in alphabetical order, however, in my opinion, Veterans and Family Support should be first. They are: Americanism, Auxiliary Outreach, Buddy Poppy and VFW National Home, Extension and Revitalization, Historian and Media Relations, Hospital, Legislative, membership, Mentoring for Leadership, Scholarships, Veterans and Family Support, and Youth Activities. Since you are receiving this via e-mail and are already on the computer, I challenge you to log into Malta and read up about these programs. You might find one that really piques your interest and would like to know more and help by volunteering for them.

February was a very busy month, we had our usual breakfast, the Sweetheart Dinner and Dance, Superbowl Viewing, Champagne Breakfast, a Suicide Awareness Resource Fair, and a second dinner bar fundraiser with Lauren playing music. March of course brings all the usual, Karaoke, the breakfast and bake sale, Auxiliary dinner on the 2nd Saturday, but please note, Fire District 20 will be doing their famous lasagna dinner on the 15th and there will be an open house at 4 PM and a program for Kosovo, GWOT, and Inherent Resolve at 5:30 PM with dinner at 6 PM. March 17, is our Saint Patrick's Day Dinner with Irish Dancers before dinner and CC playing from 6 to 9 PM. Sunday March 23rd, we have a School Santa Fundraiser from 9 to 11:30 am to raise funds for School Christmas 2025. On Friday March 28th we will have our Vietnam Veteran's Day Program and Horse Races with Bake Potato. I do not want to fail to mention that we have \$7.00 burgers every Thursday Night and \$6.00 Light Dinner ever Friday Game Night. All this information is in the calendar at the very end of this newsletter, on our Facebook page, and on our VFW9430.ORG website.

About a year and a half ago, we did a survey and many of you replied that you were looking forward to game night and light dinners on Fridays, just a reminder, our usual games are Wii Bowling 1st Friday, Bunco 2nd Friday, dice game or Axe throwing 3rd Friday and Horse Races on the Last Friday. There is a calendar in the post foyer and Sheri Jo, the bar manager, also has things posted up by the bar. All the officers' numbers are listed at the end of this newsletter, please let us know if you have questions or suggestions about the events we are having at the post.

The weather is starting to warm, let us get ready to enjoy spring.

Loyally, Margie Lindberg, Post 9430 Auxiliary President

POST CHAPLAIN CORNER

_Comrades, Families, and Supporters of VFW Post 9430,

On behalf of the leadership at VFW Post 9430, it is with heavy heart that we inform you of the loss of two members of our family. On February 1, 2025, our brother-in-arms, Mr. Les Jacobs, entered God's Kingdom to continue his service in the presence of Our Lord. Les, a Veteran of World War II, had selflessly served Post 9430 for 65 consecutive years holding many officer positions such as Post commander and Post Chaplain, to name a few. Les will be remembered as our Comrade with a pure and righteous spirit that cared deeply for those around him. Memorial Services for Les will be held at Greenwood Memorial on Friday, March 14 and his Celebration of Life will follow approximately 3PM at the Post Home. For additional information on Mr. Les Jacobs' memorial service, please visit the Skyway VFW Post 9430 Facebook page.

On February 6, 2025, Mr. Ron Herring had passed away to reside with our Lord in Heaven. Ron served Post 9430 as one of our talented local musicians, flawlessly playing many of our favorite tunes and bringing joy to every occasion. Although Ron was not a member of our Post, he cared deeply about our mission and our cause to aid our service members, past and present.

May God protect and preserve these two outstanding men and may we always remember and cherish their selfless contributions to our Post, our community, and our world.

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted"

Matthew 5:3-4

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

AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

_Comrades, Families, and Supporters of VFW Post 9430,

With a heavy heart and bowed heads, we remember Doris Henry who passed and resides with our Lord in Heaven on December 13, 2024. The Auxiliary memorial ritual and Celebration of Life will be at the Post home on April 12th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

"So do not fear, for I am with your; do not be dismayed, for I am our God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand"

Isaiah 41:10

In Service, Chuck Grouws – Auxiliary 9430 Chaplain

QUARTERMASTER REPORT

VFW Post 9430 Members,

Greeting Comrades, since I missed the last Newsletter, I will start with a few comments concerning our finances related to all our efforts associated with the many Post Programs for the Holidays. Overall, we stayed within our budgets for the School Santa Parties and the Christmas events for our Adopted Units at Fort Lewis. We spent \$2,819 for the School Santa parties and \$3,878 for the events at Fort Lewis. Our Thanksgiving Basket efforts resulted in the Post spending \$1,088 which does not include the very generous donations of food placed in our donation boxes by Members and others. It also did not include the dollars spend by our Post and Auxiliary Members for many of the food and other items purchased the day of the Pickup. Grocery Outlet donated over \$350 for both the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. We estimated the value of the Thanksgiving Food baskets to be over \$325 of food, and other essentials. Christmas was similar but our number of families grew from 24 to 29 Families and included getting Post Volunteers to purchase approximately \$100 dollars of presents for each of the 60 Children of the Families selected for Christmas Baskets! We did spend more Post dollars for the Christmas Baskets and spent a little less than \$2,000.

Some of the utilities for the months of January and February have been high due to the cold weather. We spent over \$4,200 in January and \$3,200 in February for utilities. Our Electric, Natural Gas bills were much higher than normal, but should decrease as the weather improves. Our Water bill has also been high partially due to a leaky faucet in the Kitchen which was recently repaired by Steve Scheeler with assistance from Chuck Grouws! All our utilities increased in 2025 by 5 to 10 percent starting in December and January.

PLEASE continue to support our Post and bring your friends and families with you when you come to the Post! We can succeed with your donations and support!!

Thanks,
Randy Brickell Quartermaster Post 9430

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.

HOUSE & CLUB REPORT

Starting March 1 there will be a 3% processing fee added for card payment services at the canteen.

After our King County Health Department Inspection, we found that there are some new regulations that need to be implemented. We are on track to have them done in March. After a recent insurance inspection, we found that our kitchen fire suppression system needs to be upgraded to current standards. We also need to update our fire extinguishers. We are currently working on getting proposals.

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

The kitchen continues to be in use every Thursday for burgers and Fridays for dinner and game night. The second Saturday for dinner and dancing and First Sunday for Auxiliary breakfast and bake sale. March 8, 6pm will be Chicken Dinner.

Fire District 20 will be holding a Lasagna dinner following the Fire District 20 and Skyway VFW and Auxiliary Open House at 4 PM on March 15. Kosovo, Global War on Terror, and Inherent Resolve recognition program will be held at 5:30 PM and dinner served at 6PM. Veterans from these campaigns, being recognized, will receive a dinner ticket for lasagna dinner.

March 17 will be our annual St Patrick's Day Dinner. Please make your reservations early. There will be music after dinner. March 23 will be another \$6 School Santa Party Breakfast, pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs.

April 6 at 9 am will be the Auxiliary breakfast and bake sale, April 12 will be Post dinner at 6pm. April 13 will be the Loyalty Day Celebration and volunteer recognition featuring breakfast with cream chip beef and toast and other breakfast foods. April 19th will be the Kid's Easter Egg hunt and family party from 1 to 5 PM.

If you would like to help in the kitchen, please contact me. Cheryl Scheeler, 206-300-0533, Kitchen Coordinator

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AUXILIARY 9430 VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT CHAIRMAN REPORT

It was an honor to have our VFW Department of Washington Auxiliary Veterans and Family Support Chairman Marjorie Stetson and VFW Department of Washington Veterans and Military Support Chairman Chad Hassebroek choose Skyway to host a Suicide Awareness and Prevention fair at our Post home February 22, 2025 from 10 am to 4 pm.

I set up an awareness booth for the Auxiliary with goodie bags of snacks with a 988 business card and suicide awareness pin attached. I also gave out suicide awareness ribbons and different wrist bracelets promoting wellness and suicide prevention with HOPE, LOVE, change begins, AWARENESS, END VETERAN SUICIDE, and others and cookies to snack on.

There will be pictures from the event later in the newsletter. Thank you, David, Cathy, and Margie, for helping make the cards and attach the pins to them for the booth. It was a nice surprise to be visited by our VFW Department Commander Perry Taylor and his wife Elaine, and Department Auxiliary President Sue Gregg for this important suicide awareness and prevention event.

Marjorie and Chad worked hard on getting 9 organization representatives for various suicide prevention and awareness groups from across Washington State. These include: VFW Auxiliary 9430; Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs; National Guard Family Readiness Suicide Awareness and Support Team; Veterans Back 40 adventures; Guardian Ranch; Family Resource Home Care; The Steven A. Cohen Military Valley Clinic at Valley City (Lakewood); Outdoors For Our Heroes (OFOH); Humana. Each of these agencies gave a presentation of what resources they provide, slideshows, and videos. Some great inter agency networking happened at the event as well, so we can all work together in this important mission! Look these groups up on line and check them out, they offer so much.

Thank you, to all who came and shared their organization's resources and support networks to assist us in raising awareness, and working to prevent suicide, not just with our Veterans, but throughout our communities. I was truly amazed at the great people out there, all working for the same goal. It truly was an amazing event!

Emma Hassebroek – Auxiliary 9430 Veterans and Family Support Chairman

JR VICE - YOUTH ACTIVITY UPDATE

Do not forget, our 77th Annual Kids Easter Party is April 19 from 1 to 5 PM. There is a change jar at the post we use to put money in the Easter Eggs if you would like to donate your spare change. We also need mini candy that fits in an Easter Egg. If you want to assist with this event, contact your Jr Vices (Emma or Dionte). Many volunteer opportunities with this event.

CANTEEN CORNER SHERI JO TOPPING---CLUB MANAGER

Post Home Open Hours will be as follows:

Mondays Post Home Closed

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

(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 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM **(2-9 PM Starting March 21)**

Saturdays with no event 2-6 PM

(watch flyers and FB Posts for Special Events)

Sunday 1st 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)

Starting March 1, 2025 there will be a 3% processing fee added for card payment services at the canteen.

Beginning March 21, 2025, we are going to open the Post early on Friday's for "Social Hour" from 2pm to 5pm. Invite your friends. Let's get together and play different games, build puzzles, or just hang out. Pinochle, whist, cribbage, hand & foot, bridge, canasta, hearts, scrabble, rummicube, yahtzee or simply bring your favorite game to play. Please let me know if you have any ideas to help us improve the canteen and how to make this a great place to get tohether and socialize.

The Shake a day jar is over 300 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 5th 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 Axe Throwing

Last Friday is Horse Races
(If 5 Fridays, 4th Friday is Karaoke)

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

January 4 Karaoke Night



We had a great "Welcome 2025" Karaoke Night at the Post. Always ready for new singers, listeners, dancers, and great people looking to have a great time!

January 5 Auxiliary Breakfast and Bake Sale



Another delicious Auxiliary Breakfast served up on the 1st Sunday of the Month. There is no canteen and this breakfast is open to the public to join us for great food and socializing. It is a great opportunity to get together with family and friends and best of all, you do not need to cook!



As always, thank you, to the cooking crew and all those who bake good for the bake sale! So happy we can get together over a great meal!

January 5 Seahawk Viewing Party



Sadly, our Seahawk Season ended sooner than we wanted, but it was great getting together and watching this year. We are already at the NFL Draft season and soon we will be back at the Post Home for the next season! Thank you to all who came to the event and especially to those who brought food for the Pot Luck Dinners and Emma, Chad, Patty, Judy for event activities!

January 7 Scout Troop 419 Meeting

Each Scout Troop 419 meeting is started with Scouts Presenting the US Flag and Scout Troop Banner and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. So proud of our Scout Troop and their patriotism!



Scout Troop 419 finished up their Coin Collection Merit Badge work and as a group, wanted to create art paintings for the Hero Holiday Fundraising Auction. They worked very hard on these paintings. We have a very talented Scout Troop as you will see when the paintings are revealed later in this newsletter. Our Scout Troop had worked on their Art and Painting badges previously and were excited to do another painting to support our Active-Duty Military and Families.

January 8 Auxiliary 9430 Meeting



Skyway Auxiliary Post 9430 started their monthly meeting with the voting in and swearing in of two new members to Auxiliary 9430. Elaine Chan and Shirley Babula. Congratulations and welcome to our VFW/Auxiliary Family at Skyway Post 9430

January 8 Post 9430 Meeting



Skyway VFW initiated our newest member Rob Khmara into Post 9430 at our January meeting. Rob is a US Army GWOT Veteran and has been volunteering with his wife at our Post events prior to his becoming a member. Getting out in the community and bringing in volunteers lets people know not just who we are, but what we do. People want to be a part of action organizations! Welcome Rob, we look forward to having you a part of us. Rob will also be President of Chapter 4 VFW Riders at Skyway Post 9430.

January 11 Auxiliary Dinner Night



Auxiliary 9430 had their Saturday Night dinner and dance in January. As always, the food was amazing. We did not catch until looking at these pictures, but the "Kinney" group took advantage of the event to celebrate a birthday. We are always happy to have birthdays and other events celebrated at our Post Home! It was a fun night of dancing to the music of Lauren Petri.

January 11 Loyalty Day 2023-2024 Award



Post Commander Chad Hassebroek and Auxiliary President Margie Lindberg we able to present Harry Cadell with his Loyalty Day Award Medal in January. Congratulations Harry, and Thank You, for all you do for our Post and Auxiliary! Don't Forget that this Years Loyalty Day and Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast and Program will be on Sunday April 13, 2025 at 10:00 am. Mark your calendars and attend this event as we honor and thank our volunteers as well as present our Loyalty Day, First Responder, and other Post/Auxiliary Awards

January 11 Youth Essay and Teacher Awards



We held our Awards ceremony in January. Post Commander Chad Hassebroek, Auxiliary President Margie Lindberg, Junior Vice President Emma Hassebroek, and MC Cheryl Scheeler honored our Students and Teachers. Above is our 5th Grade, 1st Place Youth Essay winner, Roman Lee Han. His essay was "How Should Veterans Be Treated." Roman read his essay and we wish Roman the best of luck in his future essays as he progresses into Patriot Pen next year and Voice of Democracy soon.



Above is our 4th Grade 1st Place Youth Essay winner Amelia Too. Her Essay was "How Should Veterans Be Treated." Her Essay was read by Cheryl Scheeler. We are proud of all our elementary school students that participate in our Patriotic Essay Program from our local community!



Our Patriot Pen Essay 1st Place winner was Pheonix Davenport his essay, "Is America today our Forefathers' vision." Congratulations to all of our Essay Winners!



Without our Nation's Veterans, America would not be the great Nation it is today. Our youth deserve to learn about our rich history, traditions, and the role of our Veterans in creating and shaping America. Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States selects elementary, middle, and high school teachers to participate in the Mart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Program. We are proud to announce Katherine Byrne as our Skyway VFW Post 9430 Teacher of the Year 2024-25 year. Katie has been a special education teacher in the Edmonds School District for 10 years. She teaches at Beverly Elementary School in Lynnwood, Washington. She teaches first, second and third grade in a self-contained special education classroom. Congratulations Katie.







Happy Birthday Mana, thank you, for celebrating with us at Skyway VFW Post 9430. It was much fun watching you opening your presents and your fruit-topped cake was yummy!

I will take a moment here to remind everyone, use your Post home for birthdays, anniversaries, family re-unions, or just to gather with family or friends. The post home will only be here if people want to use it. As we know, Post home use and attendance is down, and we are working to bring it back up. This can only be done with assistance from you, each of you reading this newsletter. So, follow the calendar, come to events and programs, contact us to schedule your event or do it during a scheduled event. Use your Post Home!

January 13 Donation to Skyway Day Care



David and Cathy helped me take donations of play-dough and two small bikes to the Skyway Day Care Center across the street from our Post Home. They were grateful for the donation.

VFW Department Mid-Winter Conference January 18-19



Not near as much snow this year, so attendance was better. Chad, Emma, Margie, and Cheryl attended this year. The banquet food service was horrible, but the Youth Essays were amazing as always. Our Washington winner's essay can be heard on the VFW.Org website (The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)) and there is also a link for how to watch the parade of winners live. The VFW will host its Parade of Winners on March 3, 2025 at 6pm EST and stream the event Facebook and live directly on the page www.vfw.org/VFWDC2025 If you have time to watch this event, please do.

January 21 Scout Troop 419 Pizza Party and Court of Honor



Since we no longer have Shakey's Pizza to hold our Troop 419 Court of Honor, we are back to having it at our Post Home again. We started the event in normal fashion, with a Pizza Party and Social hour.



Before moving into the Court of Honor, our scouts removed all the tape from their art painting and revealed their master piece. Each Scout then signed their painting to make it official. This project is so amazing and as I said before, our Scouts are so creative and talented. It was so much fun working on the project with our Scouts. I want to again thank them for doing this paintings for the Hero Holiday Fundraising Auction!



Scout Troop 419 Court of Honor Opening Ceremony with the Scout Oath and Lighting of a candle for each. Each Scout comes up and places a candle after reciting their portion of the Scout Oath.



Scout Master Ted always has a special gift for each of the scouts, this year he got them each a T-shirt. His special gift for the VFW Charter Rep and Post Commander Chad was a toilet valve replacement kit. He said, just in case we need one.



Post Commander Chad always has a special gift for our Scouts as well. This time was a high-speed lighted magnifying glass. It works perfectly as we are starting stamp collecting and collections merit badge work in our next sessions.

IN MEMORY OF RON HERRING



New Year's Eve Celebration was Ron Herring's final show. He passed away days after that. He filled our Saturday nights with music, laughter, fun, dancing and great times. His voice and music will be missed. It is hard to comprehend that my final "Peso hat dance" was New Year's Eve. We remember, and thank you for all the memories.

January 25 Hero Holiday Fundraiser





As you can see, we had some pretty amazing auction items and baskets donated for this fundraiser. Autographed bottles, Scout Paintings, ballgame tickets, there was something for everyone. Starbucks donations made up baskets and lots of door prizes for those who attended. Two of our adopted units came to the event and another donated a basket. I want to thank HHB 1SG Family for helping with the auction, the spotters, kitchen crew, game, and raffle supervisors, and all who attended, donated to, and participated in this Hero Holiday Fundraiser. We raised \$3500 at the event along with a \$1000 individual donation. There will be another fundraiser later in the year as we are trying to do a few more events with our active military and their families. The first event is April 27 Rainier's Game 1:35PM first pitch. We are sponsoring 100 Active Military and their families to the all-including party deck. Ticket forms are posted on the information board and one at the end of this newsletter. Cost of ticket is \$37.50 each.

ADG MC State Meeting

We welcome ADG MC for their state meeting and appreciated them hanging out after business was completed.

February 2 Karaoke



What a fun night of silly songs, serious songs, and a variety of others.



Another fun Karaoke Night at the Post. We had some new singers and visitors to the event. We always appreciate new talent and all visitors. Reminder — We are a family friendly VFW Post. There are only 2 events that are 18 and up only and that is New Years Eve and Champagne Breakfast. All our other events are family-friendly; we keep upgrading our Kids area in the back corner of the room with new toys, games and other items. So, bring your family, bring your friends, bring your aspiring talent. Watch for Karaoke Night Flyers.

February 3 Tahoma Military Honors



It was a bit chilly out this day, frosty and snow, but the Honor Guard was there for 7 families performing Military Honors for 7 Veterans out at Tahoma.

Dear Lord, today we honor our Veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service; bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made. Amen

February 7 Change of Commander H Co 1-17 INF BN



Skyway VFW Member and Commander of Hammer Co, 1-17 FA BN, CPT Spada, held her Change of Command ceremony at JBLM on February 7th. Post Commander Chad Hassebroek Presented CPT Spada with an award for Hammer Company and for herself as well as presenting the VFW Welcome Home Coin. CPT Spada has ensured the partnership with our Adopted Unit program remained strong throughout the past few years of her command. She plans on staying involved with our VFW Post as a Post member. She is not leaving JBLM currently.



Cpt Spada received her awards and plaques from the unit prior to the Change of Command Ceremony with her Soldiers in formation watching her being honored.



During the Ceremony, the "passing of the guide on" signifying the relinquishing of command by CPT Spada and the charging of command to CPT Amdeuri, who passed the guide on back to the Company First Sergeant who is responsible for the care taking of the unit guide on.



After the ceremony CPT Spada said farewell to unit friends and comrades. Auxiliary 9430 Jr Vice President presented a token and thanked CPT Spada for her service in the military and with Post 9430. We spent some time talking to the Battalion Commander and met briefly with the new "Hammer" Commander CPT Amdeuri. We look forward to continuing the strong adopted unit partnership.

February 9 Blue Angel Sea Cadet Annual Inspection



Post Commander Chad Hassebroek and Auxiliary Jr Vice President Emma Hassebroek attended the annual inspection for the Blue Angel Sea Cadets. Auxiliary member and Commanding Officer of the Blue Angel Sea Cadet Squadron Senior Chief Kolar did an outstanding job not only with the days program, but with the recognition and awards the Cadets and Staff received during the inspection.



Post 9430 Commander Chad Hassebroek presented the VFW Sea Cadet Medal for outstanding leadership to the command for SA Nic Rivera. Nic is a senior and was visiting colleges.

February 9 Starbucks Recognition



Post Commander Chad Hassebroek presented Ashley Haws, Store Manager with 2024 Outstanding Business Supporter of the Year, for their support of Hero Holiday Fundraiser.

February 9 Superbowl Viewing Party





We had an amazing turn out for Superbowl viewing this year. Thank you all for coming up! Over 50 people were here for the event. Families came and we had 8 children hanging out in our kid's area. We had a Valentine vender with goodies to get everyone ready for Valentine's Day. We had some great quarterly prizes, a free \$25/quarter board and a seahawk basket door prize.

February 16 Champagne Breakfast



Our 41st Annual Champagne Breakfast was a success, thank you to all that came for breakfast and bought raffle tickets. Thank you to the breakfast crew for a great meal!



Thank you, Bob and Debbie, for setting up the silent auction, Chuck for doing the purse war bidding board, Betty for running our raffles and Pam, Connie, and Nancy Lee for keeping track of our auction items.

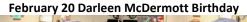


Thank you, Colin, for helping show off our auction items, Brian and Harry for keeping the champagne flowing, and thank you All for donating items and bidding at the auction. Shout out to the two people that bought the zip lock bag of air for \$10, just a reminder, you forgot them here. Thank you, George, for buying the 1 egg we had to auction for \$25! This was a very fun event! I really had fun auctioneering this event, as I always do.

February 18 Scout Troop 419 Meeting



Scout Troop 419 had it's planning meeting and will start working on their stamp collecting merit badge work next in March.





Happy Birthday Darleen! Thanks for celebrating with us!

February 22 Suicide Awareness and Prevention Fair





Skyway VFW Post 9430 Post Home hosted a Suicide Awareness and Prevention Fair on Saturday, February 22 from 10am to 4pm. Department of Washington VFW Auxiliary Veterans and Family Support Chairman Marjorie Stetson and Department of Washington VFW Veterans and Military Support Chairman Chad Hassebroek brought together 9 agencies to bring their organizations resources to one location and share what they have to offer in assisting in our efforts to end Veteran Suicide by bringing awareness, education, and programs to our Veterans, Families, and community. Thank you, VFW Auxiliary 9430; Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs; National Guard Family Readiness Suicide Awareness and Support Team; Veterans Back 40 adventures; Guardian Ranch; Family Resource Home Care; The Steven A. Cohen Military Valley Clinic at Valley City (Lakewood); Outdoors For Our Heroes (OFOH); Humana for being a part of this event!





We were happily surprised to have our VFW Department Commander Perry Taylor and his wife Elaine stop by with the VFW Department Auxiliary President. Thank you both for taking the time from your busy schedules to come by and support Veteran Suicide Awareness and Prevention! As you can see in the pictures, all the organizations at the event shared what they had to offer and answered questions throughout the days event. Commander Perry thanked all the individuals here representing their important organizations assisting with reducing and one day ending suicide. He gave out his coin to each of the agencies that were here.

The resources and information that was shared at this event, there are no words. I wish every VFW and Auxiliary member could have been here to see and learn what these organizations are doing to combat suicide. I hope this grows and becomes an annual event!



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 supporing 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.



SKYWAY VFW POST 9430 HERO HOLIDAY TACOMA RAINIER GAME APRIL 27, 2025 1ST PITCH 1:35 PM

Join us for an afternoon of fun with our adopted unit service members and their families as Post 9430 and Auxiliary hosts 100 Soldiers from our adopted units at JBLM to an all-inclusive afternoon at the Deck 4 Fire Pit. 90 minute all you can eat Hamburger/Hot Dog lunch – Beer/Wine until 7th inning – Soda/Water Entire Game included in ticket (receive bracelet by showing ticket)

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hours

Seattle WA 98178



SKYWAY VFW POST 9430 AUXILIARY BREAKFAST AND BAKE SALE \$10.00 SUNDAY---SUNDAY---SUNDAY

March 2, 2025 9 TO 11:30 AM

JOIN OUR AUXILIARY FOR A GREAT BREAKFAST AND A BAKE SALE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE AUXILIARY VETERANS PROGRAMS





Join Chef Chad as the traditional dinner carries on



\$15.00 Advance Ticket \$18.00 at the Door Corned Beef, Cabbage **Red Potatoes Candy Carrots** Dessert

ENDERDAINMENT bm GG GPM TO 9 PM

WEAR YOUR















THIS EVENT WITH A PROGRAM AT 5:30 PM (These GWOT Campaign Veterans will receive a free lasagna dinner along with their recognition certificates)

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We will be opening early and getting together every Friday from 2 pm to 5 pm

Come in and bring friends and card partners. We have a puzzle table and you are welcome to bring your favorite game. Join us, have fun, participate in activities, or just socialize!

Games we have on hand at the Post Home: Cribbage, Whist, Pinochle, Checkers, Tic Tac Toe, Canasta, Hand and Foot, Risk, Scrabble and Rummikub

Friday Night Light Dinner available for \$6.00 at 5 PM

Friday Night "Game Night" Begins at 5:30 PM





UPCOMING EVENTS

KARAOKE DANCING

KARAOKE HOSTED BY CHAD KARAOKE

DANCING FUN

FUN

FRIDAY APRIL 4TH

State Commander Special Project Fundraiser



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













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> April 6, 2025 9 TO 11:30 AM

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FOR A GREAT BREAKFAST AND A BAKE SALE
TO RAISE FUNDS
FOR THE AUXILIARY VETERANS PROGRAMS

FRIDAY NIGHT GAME NIGHT APRIL 2025 SCHEDULE



DOORS OPEN 2:00 PM



APR 4 NO WII
APR 11 BUNCO
APR 18 Axe Throwing
APR 25 Horse Races

Sign Up 5:00 PM Games begin 5:30 PM

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SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2025 POST DINNER

\$15 RESERVE DINNER TICKET \$18 DAY OF EVENT

SHOW YOUR FUN SIDE
WEAR A BIG HAT AND HAVE SOME FUN

ENTERTAINMENT

DANCE TO MUSIC LAUREN PETRI FROM 7 TO 9 PM

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LOYALTY DAY, ANNUAL AWARDS

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SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2025

BREAKFAST 10 AM AWARDS FOLLOWING

JOIN OUR POST AND AUXILIARY FOR A FREE BREAKFAST
WE WILL BE HONORING OUR LOYALTY DAY AWARD RECIPIENTS AND
RECOGNIZING THIS YEAR'S VOLUNTEERS

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UNITED TO COMBAT HUNGER HUMANA AND SKYWAY VFW

MARCH 29, 2025

FROM 2:00 TO 6:00 PM







Join us for as we collect food for the Lancer Brigade Food Pantry that covers two of our adopted units at JBLM

We will also have \$10 BBQ Beef Sandwich meal available to help raise funds. Our goal is 1500 pounds of food



We will be collecting Canned goods and other non-perishable items at the Post Home from March 1st to March 29th An updated "request" list from the Lancer Pantry will be added to the event on our Facebook page as well as posting on our information board at the Post

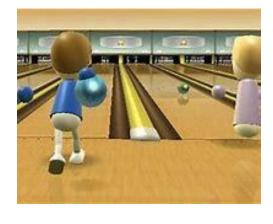


Don't Forget -

Thursday Night Burgers



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



Friday
Night Wii
Bowling
with
Marcia
March 7th

No Wii April 4th

March 2025

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

Thursday 4-8pm; Friday 4-9pm; Saturday 2-6pm no event; 1st Saturday 4-9pm (watch for flyers & FB posts for Special Events)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Luck o' Irish Karaoke And Potluck Dinner 4PM
Auxiliary Breakfast and Bake Sale \$10 9AM to 11:30 PM	3 Post Closed	Scout Troop 419 7:15 PM	5 Post/Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM	6 Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM	7 Wii Bowling Shirley Dinner \$6	8 Auxiliary Chicken Dinner \$15 6 PM Lauren Petri 6:30 – 8:30 PM
9 Post Closed	10 Post Closed	11	Post Closed	13 Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM	14 Les Jacobs Celebration of Life approx. 3PM NO GAME NIGHT NO FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	15 Open House with KCFD 20 4 PM GWOT, IR Recognition Program 5:30 \$15 Firefighter Lasagna Dinner 6 PM Randy Lynch 6:30 to 9:30
Post Closed	Jim Hafner Memorial St Patrick Day Dinner 5PM Irish Dancers 5:30-6:30 PM Dinner 6 – 9 PM Music by CC	18 Scout Troop 419 7:15 PM	19 Post Closed	20 Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM	21 Social Hours 2-5 Axe Throwing Cheryl Dinner \$6	VFW Ritual Initiation 12PM to 2 PM
\$6 Santa Fund Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser 9 – 11:30 am	Kosovo Campaign Started 1999	25	Post Closed	27 Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM	Vietnam Veteran Day Program and final 50 th Anniversary 5PM Bake Potato – Emma Horse Races	29 United to Fight Hunger with Humana Food Drive and \$10 BBQ Beef Sandwich meal Fundraiser 2-6 PM Vietnam Veteran Day
Post Closed	Post Closed					

April 2025

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

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		7:15 PM			Special Project	Oak Harbor
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		7:15 PM			Cheryl Dinner \$6	NO BAR
20 Happy Easter Post Closed	Post Closed	22	Post Closed	24 Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM	Social Hours 2-5 Horse Races and Bake Potato - Cheryl	26
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May 4 Auxiliary Breakfast Buffet and Bake Sale 9 – 11:30 AM	May 5 Post Closed	May 6 Scout Troop 419 7:15 PM	May7 Post and Auxiliary Installation and Potluck 7 PM	May 8 Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM	May 9 Bunco Margie Dinner \$6	May 10 Auxiliary Salmon Dinner 6 PM Lauren 6:30 to 8:30pm

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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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"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