

POST *SCRIPTS*

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COMMANDER'S UPDATE

Dear Comrades, Sisters and Brothers,

March and April have quickly passed. I am grateful for the volunteers that helped with all the programs and events of the past two months. Seems like it is a standard phrase for me to say, but we did A LOT in March and April as you will see in the articles to follow. Our post has been making some changes to events and more are coming as we adapt to our membership's needs and interests.

We shared our memories and celebrated the lives of Chuck Uhl, Ron Herring, Les Jacobs, Doris Henry, Mako Poll, and Ranon Daubert. Always Remembered! We also lost Eddie Pierce and our Scout Master Ted Cadet (Celebrations of Life will be posted on the Chaplain board as dates are made by the families). Please keep their family and friends in your hearts and prayers

Quick recap of March events, we had Karaoke Night, Auxiliary Breakfast and Bake Sale, Wii Bowling, Boy Scouts, Post/Aux Meeting, 4 Burger Nights, Auxiliary Dinner with Lauren, 2 Celebrations of Life, Firefighter Lasagna Dinner with CC, GWOT, Inherent Resolve, and Kosovo Veteran recognition Night, St Patrick's Day, Axe Throwing, VFW Initiation Ritual Ceremony, School Santa pancake breakfast, Vietnam Veteran's Day and 50th Anniversary of the End of Vietnam War, Horse Races, and United to Combat Hunger Food drive with Humana for the Food Pantry at our Adopted Unit.

Without slowing down we jumped into April with Boy Scouts, Post/Auxiliary election of officers for 2025-26, April Fools Karaoke, State Commander homecoming, Auxiliary Breakfast and Bake Sale, Bunco Night, 2 Celebrations of Life, Post Dinner with Lauren Petri, Loyalty Day Breakfast and Awards with our Firefighter, EMT, 911 Operator Awards, Volunteer and Veteran of the Year, Field Artillery St Barbara Ball, Eggs stuffing and basket making for Easter, Kids Easter Party, Egg Hunt, Horse Races and Bunny Pictures, National President Visit, District Memorial Program, Hero Holiday Rainiers game.

So, as you can see, our Post and Auxiliary are very active and have many programs and events each month. We are looking for a few good men and women, who want to get actively involved in our programs and events. Please contact me if you are interested in everything from assisting in the kitchen, kid's programs, veteran support programs, community support programs, whatever your interest, we have a program that would love to have you on the team!

What is new? In May we are turning in our paperwork to Charter VFW Riders Chapter 4. You can still join us as a member or a supporter. We will be sending out more information on our meeting dates and upcoming rides and events once we get our charter and have our meeting. Rob, our Senior Vice will be the Chapter 4 president and can also be contacted for information. (See Flyer in newsletter)

What is new? The Canteen has started the Social Hours on Fridays from 2-4 PM with card and board games, also putting together puzzles. Come by early on Friday's and join the fun or just socialize. Do not forget to take your shot at the Shake a Day that still has not had a winner! Or get on the 2 Mariner tickets board.

What is new? The Canteen is starting a monthly Raffle Basket, you can purchase tickets throughout the month with the drawing held on the last Friday of the Month for the basket. If you would like to make a basket to donate for one of the monthly basket raffles, check in with the Canteen and choose your month. These raffles will help with our monthly operation costs which keep going up, especially with all of Washington's new taxes.

Check the flyers and Calendar for dates and times of upcoming events.

May Wii, District 11 Convention, Aux Breakfast and bake sale, Scouts, Installation of Officers, Bunco Night, Auxiliary Salmon Dinner, Post/Auxiliary and Supporter Scrapbook night (make a scrapbook page for yourself, your veteran, or a member who has passed), 2 celebrations of life, 5 burger nights, Friday Socials, Karaoke, Day of Service at Bonney Watson, Movie Night, Post/Auxiliary Memorial program, Scout Pancake Breakfast, Friday Country western night with Randy Litch, Department Heroes in the Ballpark Rainiers game.

June School Santa pancakes breakfast, Scouts, Post/Aux Meeting, 4 burger nights, Wii, Karaoke and Fight night, Bunco night, Post Dinner, Army 250th birthday, Movie Night, Firefighter breakfast, Department Convention.

I ask for your assistance in the last two months of this VFW year to help continue to achieve the program goals of our Department and National Commanders. Do not forget to turn in your community service hours during Post/Aux meetings so that they are accounted for as record to maintain our non-profit status.

Always look for new members for our Post and Auxiliary so we can continue to grow and take care of our past, current, and future veterans and their families. I am working with our Auxiliary president for the next year to better recognize and introduce our new members to welcome them into our VFW/Aux family.

Again, check the flyers and calendar for events and bring your family and friends with you. We are putting together some tournament events, so watch Facebook and our post home information board for those too.

We have been getting new donations to our display cases, so come check those out too. If you have items from the different War Eras you would like to donate or just put on display for a while, please bring them to me, I will make a label for you and get them in our display cases for that Era.

Yours in Comradeship,
Chad Hassebrook, Post Commander

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sisters, Brothers and Comrades,
Hello everyone, my newsletter today is short and sweet because I am late getting this to the Commander.

Thankfully he is so patient with me. We have a slate of the same officers for the upcoming year, the only change is Shirley Babula Falkenhagen will be our Conductor. Cheryl Scheeler and I were both able to meet the National President in Bellingham, check the website for pictures.

We had a busy spring here at the Post with lots of activities., breakfasts, dinners, a very nice Loyalty Day and a fun Easter Party, and a baseball game at Cheney Stadium

The summer schedule is always a little different, so please pay close attention to the calendar for summer changes and events. See you at the Post!!!

The weather is starting to warm, 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 members of our family: On March 9. 2025, our dear friend Jody Byrnes, unfortunately passed away. Always a supporter of our Post and an advocate for our cause to aid our Veterans, Jody will be dearly missed. We will be holding a Celebration of Life and Auxiliary Memorial Ritual at Post 9430 on May 15th at 4pm.

On March 20th. 2025, our dear friend and Scout Master for BSA Troop 419, Dr. Ted Kadet passed away. Ted played a paramount role in providing support for VFW Post 9430 and Auxiliary and as Scoutmaster for our Chartered Scout Troop. Condolences and correspondence can be mailed to Colin Sylvestri at 9916 Waters Ave. S. Seattle WA 98118. Please continue to watch the Chaplain board for updates on information pertaining to his celebration of Life.

Our dear friend Eddie Pierce also passed away. Keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers, the family will keep us informed as to when his celebration of life will be held. Again, monitor the Chaplain board for updates from the families.

May god protect these outstanding individuals and may we always remember and cherish their selfless contributions to our Post and Auxiliary, our community, and our world. It was truly a blessing to have known them and may we strive to emulate the character and selfless service they demonstrated.

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

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,

We held our Elections at our April 2nd meeting. Congratulations to all our 2025-2026 Post and Auxiliary Officers elected by the membership of Skyway VFW Post 9430!

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 May 7th at 7:30 PM with potluck to follow. Elections are over, so you all can come to meeting again lol. But seriously, we need more participation at our Post and Auxiliary meetings as we make decisions for our future.

In Comradeship,
Jesus Alvarez – Post Adjutant

HOUSE & CLUB REPORT

All the insurance inspection deficiencies have been corrected and are in the process of being reported to the insurance agent as complete:

Range hood fire suppression system upgraded to UL300 standards

Installed a K5 type chemical fire extinguisher in the kitchen by the range

All fire extinguishers are current, inspected, and tagged

Smoke/CO2 detectors installed according to manufacturer standard

Hood Cleaning scheduled for May

Leak in kitchen service sink has been repaired

Service for AC units is being scheduled

Annual Exterminator spraying completed

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

The Auxiliary is having their final breakfast and bake sale until September. The Proceeds will go towards the Auxiliary Relief Fund.

The Auxiliary Salmon Dinner is on May 10. Limited servings so get your reservations in soon.

The new King County Health Department requirements have been implemented. If you are volunteering in the kitchen, the requirements are on the clipboard by the microwave. Any questions., ask Cheryl.

The Canteen will still have hamburger meal for \$7 every Thursday and a \$6 meal every non event Friday Night. Check Calendar for Events and Programs. We have multiple dinners and special events throughout the summer months including Pancake Breakfast Fundraisers.

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

Our 77th Annual Kids Easter Party and Egg hunt was a huge success. Thank you, Cathy Deleon for your help making the 12 baskets for the horse race games and the 10 Easter baskets for the Raffle by age group. Shout out to all who helped stuff over \$450 in coins and lots of chocolates and candy in over 2400 eggs this year. We had between 80 and 90 Kids this year and Cheryl's kitchen crew served almost 144 hotdogs. The kids enjoyed Arts, Crafts and games at on station and Cookie decorating at another. We held horse races throughout the afternoon to keep the kids entertained while they waited for the Easter Bunny to arrive or the Easter Egg Hunt. Thankfully Chuck G was able to track down the Easter Bunny and the Bunny arrived on schedule and the kids did a bunny hop to form the line to see the Easter Bunny and Get Pictures taken at the Selfie Station. We even had on round of horse races for the Adults at the end of the event. The Egg hunt by age group was fun, unfortunately it was raining so we had to do indoors, but the kids still had fun attempting to collect as many eggs as they could. The largest age group this year was 3 -5 so that means we should have lots of fun for many years with the Easter Party.

The Youth Essay, Patriot Pen, and Voice of Democracy Themes for next year are already out. We will get them published on our Facebook page and Website and drop off to the schools before summer break so they have plenty of time to do their essay this year.

The next Post Kids and family event is our annual End of Summer Picnic at the Post. This year it will be August 30, so we will start collecting coins for that event. We need some arts and crafts, if you find some on sale and want to donate to our arts and crafts, we would greatly appreciate it. Any craft project works for our end of summer table. Just drop them by the post and label them Arts and Crafts for Emma and Rob.

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

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ADVERTISING RATES

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AUXILIARY 9430 VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT
CHAIRMAN REPORT

We had many events and programs the last two months.

We held VFW and Auxiliary honors for 4 memorial services in March and April.

We recognized Iraqi, Afghanistan, GWOT, Inherent Resolve and Kosovo Veterans with a program and dinner.

We held a Vietnam Veterans Day Program and 50th Anniversary of the End of Vietnam War for Vietnam Era Veterans.

We partnered with HUMANA and did a United to Combat Hunger Food drive for the Food Pantry at our Adopted Units where we collected over 1600 pounds of food.

I met with our Adopted Units at JBLM to see what assistance they need and how we can help them in the upcoming months and to get the schedule of deployment dates they will not be available to assist us.

We supported Soldiers from our adopted unit and I also attended the Military Order of Saint Barbara Ball with Chad. 17 FA BDE Commander, Col Knight, oversaw this year's ball. I am excited to let you all know he is transferring his membership to our Post on our next visit.

One of the Family Support Group functions was scheduled but got cancelled last minute and we are hoping to schedule something else with then in the future.

We took 100 Soldiers from our Adopted units through the Hero Holiday Program to the Tacoma Rainiers baseball game. The Soldiers and families had a lot of fun, as you can see on our Facebook page and later in the newsletter.

VFW Department of Washington is taking 300 military members and their families to the Rainiers game on May 31. Ticket forms are on the Department Website under Heroes in the Ballpark. Tickets are \$45 each and it is an all-inclusive 90-minute hamburger and hotdog meal with drinks. If you are interested and do not do websites, contact me and I will make sure you get a form for tickets to the game.

This has been a very busy year for Veteran and Family support, but that is what our Post and Auxiliary is here for!

Emma Hassebroek – Auxiliary 9430 Veterans and Family Support Chairman

VFW RIDERS CHAPTER 4 NEWS

Just a reminder that we are turning in all our Charter paperwork and member names the first week of May so that we can get our Chapter started. We are still, and always will be looking for new riders' members and supporters, so keep putting the word out to everyone you know that rides or wants to support riders for Veterans.

Once we get our Charter paperwork, we will be discussing our meeting dates and times and filling all our positions. So, our work on this is not done, and I look forward to putting together our first ride and our first missions.

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

(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 2-9 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 1st 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)

We are now going to open the Post early on Friday's for "Social Hours" from 2pm to 5pm unless there is a Special Event. 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 together and socialize.

The Shake a day jar is over 325 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. 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

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 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 start May 1. Drawing will be on the Last Friday of the Month at 6 PM.

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

March 1st Luck O' Irish Karaoke and Potluck



We had a great Luck O' Irish Karaoke Night at the Post. Always ready for new singers, listeners, dancers, and great people looking to have a great time! The spread for this night was AMAZING! Super Yummy!

March 1st Luck O' Irish Karaoke and Potluck



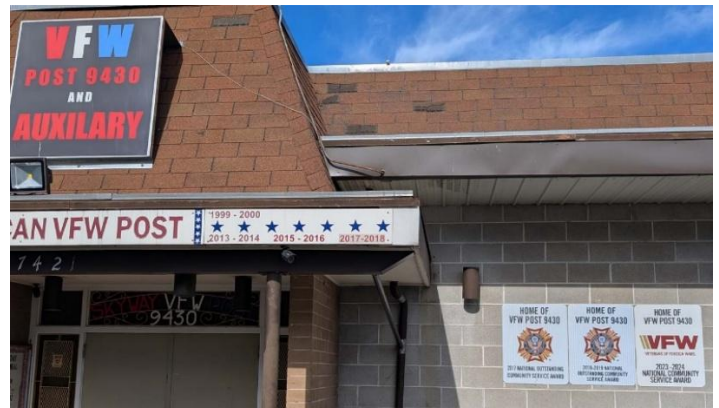
Tonight's guest DJ was Jimmy G. We were dancing the night away and playing a lot of air guitar! We had people getting their dance on too!

March 1st Luck O' Irish Karaoke and Potluck



For the Good Times! Everyone was feeling the music and we got a bunch of new singers and some first timers! Robert and Chad keep the rotation flowing, the body rocking, and the feet stomping.

National Outstanding Community Service Award Signs



Thank you, Chuck G, for a long overdue placement of our 3 National Outstanding Community Service Award Signs up. They look great, and you can see them as soon as you walk up to our Post Home. Our Post won these honors in 2017, 2018, and 2023 by completing the most community service hours, miles, and money to receive this National recognition. It is all the volunteer hours our members did that we received these awards. That is why it is important that you turn in all your volunteer hours, miles and money at each Post and Auxiliary meeting so that we can get it documented for our non-profit verification requirements as well.

Scout Troop 419 meeting March 4th



Scoutmaster Ted Cadet gave out two earned Merit badges to Jaydon and Joey who were not able to make the last court of honor. Each Scout meeting begins with the presentation of flags and the Pledge of Allegiance. We were also visited by our Scouting Division Representative for the annual Friends of Scouting Campaign.

Chuck Uhl Celebration of Life May 9th



We hosted a celebration of life for Chuck Uhl at our Post home, Chuck was a supporter of Veterans and he loved Karaoke and Dragons. We celebrated his life admiring his dragon collection, some of them are in our kids play area and telling stories and singing karaoke

March 14th Les Jacobs Memorial



Memorial service for our Past Commander and Chaplain Les Jacobs was held at Greenwood Memorial Cemetery. Post and Auxiliary Members joined with family and friends to say goodbye to a Comrade and Friend, brother to all. Les Jacobs held an office in Post 9430 for 65 consecutive years. Some of remember his post commander years, others, like me, joined the Post when he was Chaplain, and until a couple years ago, the only Post Chaplain I knew. His mentorship has touched many far and wide, Post and Auxiliary, as he was also a District 11 Commander and Cootie Sky Pilot. It was such an honor to have known Les and to be his friend. He told me a few years back that he wanted me to do his memorial as State Commander. I was dumbfounded at his request, so the following week I replied why not as National Commander. He quickly replied, "No one could live that long" and he laughed. Even putting these words here today, my eyes are filled with tear, from the love, honor, and respect I, we, all had for Les!

March 14th Les Jacobs Military Honors and Burial



I had the honors of performing Commander duties for Les Jacobs Military Honors. In honor of Les, I wore my State Commander Cap as requested. As Les was moved to the graveside honors, the bugler played the Air Force Song and the Army Song, as Les was a member of the Army Air Corps before changing to Air Force. It was also nice that the Army had 5 Soldiers present for his military honors.

March 14th Les Jacobs Military Honors and Burial



After the Playing of Taps, the members of the United States Army lifted the flag, folded the flag, and presented the Flag of the United States to his daughter, LeeAnn Rissler. Post 9430 Officer of the day presented LeeAnn with 3 shell casing, representing three rifle volleys. (We were not allowed to do the rifle volleys at this location, but symbolically presented the casings)



Post Chaplain Joseph Strong, our current Post 9430 Chaplain assisted with the duties for Military Honors. Fred (also on our Monday Tahoma Honor Guard) assisted with the bugle calls and the playing of Taps for the Military Honors for Les.



Family members and friends laid flowers as we all said our final goodbyes to this great man. He is now at peace, with his bride Billy Jean. The pallbearers left their gloves as their own token on the casket handles to honor Les.

March 14th Les Jacobs VFW Tribute



I continued my honored duties as Commander with Chaplain Joseph Strong and Officer of the Day Terry Miller. Terry lit the memorial candle and Joe opened in prayer after he asked Past Post Commander Lance McDermott had he a tribute from the Past Commanders and membership of Post 9430. He responded and laid tribute. Then asked past District 11 Commander Craig Dougherty, had he a tribute from the Past Commanders and Membership of District 11 he responded and laid tribute. Then asked Pup Tent 11 Seam squirrel Bob Berleen had he a tribute form the Cooties of Pup Tent 11 he responded and laid tribute.



The Chaplain asked madam Auxiliary President Margie Lindberg, had she a tribute from the Auxiliary she responded and laid tribute. Then asked the Commander had he a tribute, he responded and laid tribute. Taps played and a final salute was rendered for Leslie (Les) Jacobs.

March 14th Les Jacobs Celebration of Life



Family and Friends of Leslie (Les) Jacobs came together at Les Jacobs Post Home of Skyway VFW Post 9430 to remember and celebrate his life. There were video slide shows playing, giving small snapshots of bits and pieces of captured life events of Les. There were many tokens and belongings of Les on the table of Honor at the front of the room. From Boeing awards and belt buckles to VFW awards and caps, to cards, and a farmer's almanac. We shared stories and memories and some silent moments together when there were no words. Though we said our goodbyes to Les, we carry his torch forward in all we do, all our actions, our lives, and how we mentor and care for others day to day. Anyone that Les touched in their lives, will forever carry the torch that Les passed to them, to us, all.

March 15th Global War on Terrorism, Inherent Resolve, and Kosovo Veteran Recognition Program



Chaplain Joe Strong opened with prayer and David Deleon from Scout Troop 419 presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Post Commander Chad Hassebroek spoke at the program and the significant events from GWOT, Iraqi Freedom, Afghanistan, Inherent Resolve, and Kosovo that factored into choosing March as the recognition month for these Veterans.



The Auxiliary Veterans and Family Support Chairman, Emma Hassebroek assisted with the recognition award presentations during the event. Stuart Austin Iraqi Freedom Veteran, Kyle Becker Afghanistan Veteran, Daniel Scheeler Iraq and Afghanistan Veteran, Josep Strong Inherent Resolve Veteran, Chad Hassebroek Iraq and Kosovo Veteran, Diontae Mays Inherent Resolve Veteran. We hope as we continue and grow our Post programs, that more Veterans from these Wars come forward to be recognized for their service and sacrifice as well as their family members.

March 15th Firefighter Lasagna Dinner



Fun times and door prizes



Not only did we have the famous King County Fire District 20 Firefighter Lasagna Dinner and great music by Lauren Petri, but we had many visitors. We had active-duty Soldiers and family members Kyle and Diontae. We also had a very special guest, our Post 9430 accountant for many, many years, Cy Elliser. He is visiting his grandkids in Gig Harbor and his grandson drove him up for Lasagna Dinner and some time with us. We are so grateful for this. Cy is a WWII Veteran, the oldest Past Commander of Post 969 Tacoma, and true friend. He currently lives in Arizona, so he does not get here much. Thanks for coming to see us, Cy! Cannot say enough about how good the lasagna was. Tracy and your crew are masters!

March 17th Saint Patrick's Day Dinner



I want to thank Stuart for helping me put up the St Patrick's Decorations this year, I got a little behind on time and he showed up and we got it done in one afternoon.

I am happy to introduce this year's Jim Hafner Memorial St Patrick's Day crew: Chuck Grouws, Cheryl Scheeler, Emma Hassebroek, Stuart Austin, Carlos Gavino. We followed the instructions perfectly and had a little bit of Irish luck and the food was ready on time.



Selfie Station pictures and great appreciation for all who got into the Irish Sprit wearing their favorite Irish Clothes, Hats, and whatever else they had. Congratulations to our 1st Choice Raffle Winner Emma

March 17th Saint Patrick's Day Dinner



It was great having such a full house again for this event. There is still some open seating, so next year bring even more of your family and friends to this annual Irish shindig. We had many door prize winners at this event. We thank Starbuck's for their generous support of our fundraisers.



Winner, Winner, Chicken dinner we have more door prize winners. Even our cook Chuck won a door prize. You cannot win if you do not show. You just never know what events have door prizes and what great door prizes events have unless you show up. Oh, yes, more selfie station pictures from St Patty's Day 2025! Always fun photos!

March 17th Saint Patrick's Day Dinner



More fun at the Selfie Station
Happy Saint Patrick's Day

March 18th Scout Troop 419 Meeting



David and Edison did the color guard for tonight's Meeting with Danny calling the orders. What a fun night, we even played some bingo at tonight's meeting.

March 22nd VFW Initiation Ritual Ceremony



We had members from 4 different Posts participate in the year's initiation ritual ceremony. Our Guard, Harry, made sure no one unauthorized entered the gateway to the Post Home, Tom was our officer of the Day and we had 5 new recruits (or members who have never been fully initiated by ritual). The Officer of the day brings in the new recruits by way of the Senior Vice Stuart.



The new recruits receive instruction from the Sr Vice, and the Officer of the Day moves them along to the Chaplain, Joe, and on to the Jr Vice, Wayne, and back to the Sr Vice for further guidance.

March 22nd VFW Initiation Ritual Ceremony



After receiving their instruction, the recruits are ready to take their membership obligation. Chaplain gives a prayer and them members are taken on a journey to learn of the work of our order. They meet a spirit of a dead warrior who speaks to them.

After he speaks, the Jr Vice gives a reply.

March 22nd VFW Initiation Ritual Ceremony



After learning the work of the order, they have earned the Cross of Malta and after pinning on their newest military award, they are greeted by the membership and welcomed into the Post/Organization and afterwards we had some lunch and social time.

District 4 Memorial March 23rd



After Taps is played, the Officer of the day moves the new members to the Sr Vice where they meet a wounded Veteran in need an learn how to care for them



I was honored to attend the District 4 memorial service honoring those VFW and Auxiliary members who passed this last year from District 4. "Year by Year our ranks grow thinner" we honor those who have gone before us and renew our vow to carry the torch and continue where they left off.

March 27th Color Guard for event with WA Governor



March 27th Chamber of Commerce event with WA Governor



Emma was asked by Mr. and Mrs. Shamim Malik who were the event coordinators, if we could present the colors for a Seattle Chamber of Commers event where Governor Bob Ferguson was attending and speaking. My riffle team was Stuart Austin and Craig Cummins from Federal Way Post. 3 three-person team was perfect for this location and event. After rehearsal we met the Governor and after the Lion Dancers performed, we began with the presentation of colors for the singing of the National Anthem. After the event, a young girl saw me getting ready to roll the flag and she ran over to help me. She was so excited I let her help and you can truly see the joy of patriotism in her eyes that she was able to help me roll and case the Flag of the United States. That truly made my night!

March 28th Vietnam Veterans Day Program and 50th Anniversary of the End of Vietnam War



This is my 15th Annual Vietnam Veteran Program at Post 9430 and now there is an official Vietnam Veterans Day March 29th

March 28th Vietnam Veterans Day



We played the branch songs, and presented each branch flag. I read my speech, and our Auxiliary president came up and gave her remarks for the program. We also had a Vietnam Marine Veteran that spoke about one of his experiences in Vietnam. I presented Service Certificates and a special gift to each Vietnam Era Veteran that attended the program.

March 28th Vietnam Veterans Day



After our oldest Vietnam Veteran cut the cake, we had baked potato and some traditional horse race fun.

March 29th Farewell to Jr Vice Commander Diontae Mays



Seems like we just got Diontae broke in and he had to leave. Thank you for all you did for our Post while you were here, not just as Jr Vice, but for the program and event help as well. You will be missed. Best of luck at your new duty assignment. Hoping one day you get back to your Post Home! I know Emma enjoyed working in the kitchen with you and as her partner with the youth activities.

April 1st Scout Meeting



Scouts opening ceremonies at their April 1st Scout Meeting

April 2nd Auxiliary Meeting



Our ever busy Auxiliary making firecrackers before the Auxiliary meeting

April 4th Friday April Fools Karaoke



Another fun night of singing and dancing. See you at the next Karaoke event – May 23rd

State Commander Murder Mystery Homecoming



Who done it?

State Commander Murder Mystery Homecoming



After a night of murder mystery and finally finding out who done it. (It wasn't me) Margarie and I presented our homecoming gifts to the State Commander and our Post and Auxiliary donations to his special project Veterans and Military Support and Military Assistance Program. Emma had her tickets for the raffle baskets, but Skyway went home empty handed.

April 12th Doris Henry Auxiliary Memorial Ritual



Auxiliary 9430 memorial ritual, history in the Auxiliary, and officer tributes for Doris Henry

United to Combat Hunger Food Drive March 29th and Pick up on April 8th



Thank you, Scout Troop 419, Humana, and all the Post and Auxiliary members and supporters that donated to this Food drive for our Adopted Unit Food Pantry at JBLM. We collected over 1600 pounds of food. When they came and picked up the food, they were shocked at how much we collected and were grateful as we collected all items on their list and their shelves were very close to empty. This was a great joint project with Humana and having our Boy Scout Troop participate was also a great community effort!



Skyway VFW Auxiliary 9430 memorial ritual was held for Doris Henry. The Auxiliary Officers laid tributes honoring Doris and the Post Commander also laid a tribute on behalf of the Post membership for her service, sacrifice and commitment to Veterans and their families. After the Officer tributes, each Auxiliary member came forward and laid a white flower tribute to Doris on the Alter. We truly miss the energy and happiness Doris brought into our Post every time she walked through the door. Her strong hugs, and always happy smile was contagious to everyone around her.

Doris Henry Celebration of Life April 12th



Family and friends of Doris Henry gathered at Skyway VFW Post 9430 on April 12th to celebrate her life, share memories, and remember this remarkable and amazing woman.

Doris Henry Celebration of Life April 12th



We had to say goodbye to this Amazing woman, but we carry with us all that she has shown us, all that she has given us, the infectious smiles, the heartfelt hugs, the happiness of dressing up for the occasion, sometimes dressy, sometimes silly. It is now in our hands to share what she has given us. To let loose and have fun in life, to not always be so serious that you forget why you started doing what you do. Doris will be in our hearts and with us always.



It was an amazing turn out of family and friends to honor and remember Doris. Family and friends spoke, we watched picture slide shows, and talked with each other about how Doris touched each of our lives.

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.

Post Big Hat Dinner Night April 12th



Great food and a night of Dancing with Laren Petri at our Post Big Hat Dinner night

Post Big Hat Dinner Night April 12th



Food Fun Family and Friends – Every 2nd Saturday Night at Skyway VFW Post 9430. It just doesn't get any better than this! What a night!



We had six contestants this year for our Big hat night, I think some of us mixed up big hat night with crazy hat night, but all who wore their hats had fun. Congratulations to our Big Hat Cash prize winners! Events are so much more fun when we dress to the theme. The more the merrier!

The dance floor stayed full. From fast songs to slow songs to Waltzes, there was something for everyone. I even had dancers when Lauren had me sing a couple songs. I will say it again, It just doesn't get any better than this. Saturday Night at Skyway Post 9430! Dinner, Music, and Dancing!

April 13th Loyalty Day Breakfast and Awards



We started our Loyalty Day with a prayer and the Pledge to the Flag, and then a great breakfast.



We first presented some Outstanding Volunteer Awards so that they could be taken and given out at Church. Then we moved into our Outstanding Community Supporter Awards for King County Fire District 20, Volunteer Firefighter Association and Local 3740

April 13th Loyalty Day Breakfast and Awards



Congratulations to our EMT of the Year Rory Eaden, 911 Operator of the Year Julian Verela, Scout of the Year David Deleon, Loyalty Day Award Terry Miller, Loyalty Day Award Trisha Gray, Loyalty Day Award Colin Sylvestri.



Congratulations Loyalty Day Award Jessica Majoor, Loyalty Day Award George Ortiz, Troop 419 Award, Scout Volunteer awards for David Deleon, Cathy Deleon, Colin Sylvestri, Gay Sylvestri, Post 9430 and Auxiliary Volunteer of the Year Colin Sylvestri, Post 9430 and Auxiliary Volunteer of the Year Emma Hassebroek, Post 9430 Veteran of the Year Chad Hassebroek

April 13th Loyalty Day Breakfast and Awards



April 15th Scout Troop 419 Meeting



Scout troop 419 Collections badge work. I didn't get pictures of all of the collections that night, these are just a few of the Scouts with their collections.

April 17th Saint Barbara Ball



A collage of 15 photographs showing various participants in a costume contest. The costumes include a white dress, a blue dress, a plaid shirt and jeans, a yellow safety vest, a brown jacket, a green jumpsuit, a black jumpsuit, a grey suit, a brown jumpsuit, a green jumpsuit, a black jumpsuit, a grey suit, a brown jumpsuit, a green jumpsuit, a black jumpsuit, and a grey suit.

God Created Artillery King of Battle Skit and Making the Grog

April 17th Saint Barbara Ball



The Artillery Punch is complete and fit for consumption. We are now ready to initiate the newest members of the Military Order of Saint Barbara and Molly Pitcher Awardees.



New Saint Barbara and Molly Pitcher initiation and medal presentations

April 18th Basket Making and Egg Stuffing for Easter Party



Thank you, basket makers and Egg Stuffers (22 baskets) and over 2400 Eggs with over \$450 in coins and lots of candy too!

April 19th 77th Annual Kids Easter Party



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April 23rd VA Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon



Fun Times at the VA Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Thank you, Emma for taking all the pictures at the event

April 25th and 26th Auxiliary National President Visit to WA



Auxiliary President Margie Lindberg and Treasurer Cheryl Scheeler attended the National Auxiliary President Events in Bellingham

April 23rd VA Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon



April 26th District 11 Memorial



April 26th District 11 Memorial



Remembering and honoring those who passed this year at the District 11 memorial at Auburn VFW Post

April 27th Hero Holiday Rainiers Game



Skyway VFW Post 9430 and Auxiliary hosted 100 Soldiers and Family members at the Tacoma Rainiers baseball game at Cheney Stadium on Sunday April 27th. It was a little cool outside, but we had a fire pit to keep us warm.

April 27th Hero Holiday Rainiers Game



It was a great turn out with many family members coming to enjoy some family time away from JBLM.

April 27th Hero Holiday Rainiers Game



Thank you, to the VFW, Auxiliary, and Supporters that got tickets help host these Soldiers and Families from JBLM and our Adopted units

April 28th Ranon Daubert Celebration of Life



Skyway VFW Post 9430 and Auxiliary hosted a Celebration of life for Ranon Daubert at our Post home. Ranon was Beverly's brother.

Birthdays Celebrated at our Post Home



Happy Birthday Stuart Austin – Post Commander Federal Way VFW. Thank you for celebrating with us at Skyway.

Friday Afternoon “Social Hours” 2 pm to 5 pm

Starts March 21, 2025

Starts March 21, 2025

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

BEING HELD AT SKYWAY VFW POST 9430
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Check Calendar and Flyers for Special Events on Friday Nights

Thursday Night Burgers



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



Friday
Night Wii
Bowling
with
Marcia
May 2nd
June 6th

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

Rob @ 206-693-9872 or
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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SKYWAY VFW POST 9430 AUXILIARY FAREWELL FOR THE SUMMER BREAKFAST BUFFET AND BAKE SALE

\$10.00

SUNDAY---SUNDAY---SUNDAY

May 4, 2023
9 TO 11:30 AM

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

2ND FRIDAY MAY 9TH

BUNCO WITH GEORGE AND JESS

Sign up at 5:30 PM



BEING HELD AT SKYWAY VFW POST 9430
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VFW 9430 AUXILIARY ANNUAL SALMON DINNER FUNDRAISER

7421 S 126th St Seattle WA 98178

SATURDAY

MAY 10, 2025

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

\$15.00 Advance Reservation \$18.00 Day of Event

Limited Tickets - Buy Early to Ensure you get your dinner!

MUSIC BY LAUREN

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

RESERVE AT THE CANTEEN DURING OPEN HOURS OF THE POST HOME
CONTACT POST HOME (LEAVE MESSAGE) 206-772-9982
MESSAGE RESERVATION THROUGH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

HISTORICAL SCRAPBOOK NIGHT

MAY 13TH 6:00 PM



Join us Tuesday May 13th for our Historical Scrapbook Night
Make a scrapbook page for yourself as a VFW member,
Auxiliary Member, or Supporter, or for a past Post or Auxiliary
Member

Happening at Skyway VFW Post 9430
7421 South 126th Street Seattle WA 9878

3RD FRIDAY MAY 16TH AXE THROWING



BEING HELD AT SKYWAY VFW POST 9430
7421 S 126TH STREET SEATTLE WA 98178

SCOUT TROOP 419 PANCAKE BREAKFAST \$6.00

SUNDAY---SUNDAY---SUNDAY

**SUNDAY MAY 18TH
9 AM TO 11 AM**

FOR A GREAT BREAKFAST
TO RAISE FUNDS
FOR OUR CHARTERED BOY SCOUT TROOP 419

PANCAKE-EGGS-SAUSAGE

MONDAY NIGHT MOVIE

"TO DIE FOR"

Join us on Monday May 19th for a Movie Night

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

SKYWAY VFW POST 9430 AND AUXILIARY ANNUAL MEMORIAL PROGRAM

THURSDAY MAY 22, 2025
5:00 PM

**JOIN OUR POST AND AUXILIARY
AS WE HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US**

Skyway VFW Post 9430 7421 South 126th Street Seattle WA 98178

FRIDAY MAY 30TH

BBQ **POST 9430** BBQ
Chicken **COUNTRY WESTERN NIGHT** Ribs

\$15 Advance Reservations \$20 Day of Event

DINNER FROM 6 TO 7:30 PM
ENTERTAINMENT BY Randy Litch
6:30 TO 9:30 PM

WEAR YOUR WESTERN PARTY OUTFITS
PRIZES FOR BEST WESTERN ATTIRE



SKYWAY VFW POST 9430 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

\$6.00

JUNE 1ST
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

KARAOKE
DANCING
FUN

KARAOKE HOSTED BY CHAD

KARAOKE
DANCING
FUN

FRIDAY NIGHT MAY 23RD



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

**FAVORITE
JERSEY NIGHT**



BEING HELD AT SKYWAY VFW POST 9430
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KARAOKE
DANCING
FUN

KARAOKE HOSTED BY CHAD AND ROBERT

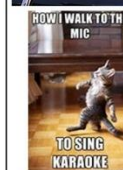
KARAOKE
DANCING
FUN

1ST SATURDAY NIGHT JUNE 7



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

**SUMMER
NIGHTS**



BEING HELD AT SKYWAY VFW POST 9430
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2ND FRIDAY JUNE 13TH

BUNCO WITH GEORGE AND JESS

Sign up at 5:30 PM



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**MONDAY NIGHT
MOVIE**

"HACHI"

A DOGS TALE

Join us on Monday June 16th for a Movie Night

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

PIRATE NIGHT PARTY

Wear your Pirate and Wench Costumes

SATURDAY NIGHT

\$15 Advance

JUNE 14, 2025

\$17 Day of

AT SKYWAY VFW POST 9430

BEEF BRISQUET AT 6 PM- 7:30 PM

MUSIC BY LAUREN 6:30 – 8:30 PM



**COMMUNITY
BREAKFAST**

June 22, 2025

9 AM-12 PM

7421 S 126th St, Seattle, WA 98178

Food provided by:
Skyway Firefighters IAFF Local
3740

Donations will be given to the
Skyway Veterans of Foreign War
Post 9730



Local - 3740

**JUNE 14TH 2025 AT
5:30 PM**



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

**VFW POST 9430
SUMMER FLEA MARKET**



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

**SATURDAY
JULY 19, 2025
10 AM TO 3 PM**



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

**FLEA
MARKET**

**SUNDAY
JULY 20, 2024
10 AM TO 3 PM**



7421 S 126th St
Seattle WA 98178



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON

SATURDAY, MAY 31ST

GATES OPEN 4:30PM | FIRST PITCH 6:05PM

Mark your calendars! Enjoy a night of fun and baseball with your VFW and Auxiliary Family, along with our Active-Duty Military Members and their families. \$5 of every ticket sold will go to National VMS MAP Program.

\$45 PER PERSON YOUR TICKET INCLUDES:

- **PRIVATE PARTY DECK**
- **ALL-INCLUSIVE BBQ BUFFET**
- **BEER, WINE, SODA, WATER**



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.



**TO PURCHASE TICKETS CONTACT DEPARTMENT
QM AT: QM@VFWWA.NET**

TICKET ORDER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please charge my:

☐ CASH

☐ MASTERCARD

☐ AMEX

☐ Or, enclosed is a check or money order

Acc. #: _____

Sec. Code: _____

Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

Total Number of tickets _____ X \$45 = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

**SEND FORM AND PAYMENT TO:
VFW DEPT OF WASHINGTON
5213 PACIFIC HIGHWAY EAST
FIFE, WA, 98424**



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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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**

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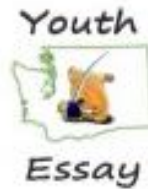


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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND ITS AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON



**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 31st**

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:

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**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 31st

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

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

May 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 Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM	2 Wii Bowling 5PM Tricia Lynn Dinner \$6 Social Hours 2-5 Cootie Convention sign in 4pm	3 District 11 VFW Convention Lake Washington 12 PM lunch 1 PM meeting Cootie Convention 8am
4 Auxiliary Breakfast and Bake Sale \$10 9 am to 11:30 am Aux Dist 11 Meeting 1 PM Skyway	5 Post Closed	6 Scout Troop 419 7:15 PM	7 Post/Auxiliary Installation 7 PM Potluck following	8 Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM	9 Bunco Night 5PM Margie Dinner \$6 Social Hours 2-5	10 Auxiliary Salmon Dinner \$15 6 PM Lauren Petri 6:30 – 8:30 PM
11 Post Closed Happy Mother's Day	12 Post Closed	13 Post/Auxiliary and Supporter Historical Scrapbook Night 6 PM	14 Post Closed	15 Jody Burns Celebration of Life 4 PM with Ritual Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM	16 Axe Throwing 5PM Cheryl Dinner \$6 Social Hours 2-5	17
18 \$6 Scout Troop 419 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser 9 am to 11:00 am	19 Movie Night 6 PM To Die For	20 Scout Troop 419 7:15 PM	21 Post Closed	22 Post/Auxiliary Memorial 5 PM Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM	23 Karaoke with Chad and Robert 4 PM Potluck	24 VFW Day of Service Flags at Bonny Watson 9 am
25 Post Closed	26 Memorial Day	27	28 Post Closed	29 Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM	30 Country Western Night Dinner 6 PM Randy Litch 6:30 to 9:30 PM	31 Department Heroes in the Ballpark Rainiers Game 4:30 pm

June 2025

Winter Hours: Sunday closed unless Special Event; Monday temporarily closed; Tuesday 7:00-10pm; Wednesday closed (1st Wed open 6-9pm); Thursday 4-8pm; Friday 2-9pm; 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 School Santa Pancake Breakfast \$6 9AM to 11:00 PM	2	3 Scout Troop 419 7:15 PM	4 Post/Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM	5 Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM	6 Social Hours 2-5 Wii Bowling 5PM Tricia Lynn Dinner \$6	7 Karaoke with Chad and Robert 4 PM Potluck Fight Night
8	9 Post Closed	10	11 Post Closed	12 Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM	13 Social Hours 2-5 Bunco Margie Dinner \$6	14 Army 250 th Birthday 5:30 PM Post Dinner Pirate Night Brisket 6 PM Lauri 6:30-8:30
15 Happy Father's Day	16 Movie Night 6 PM Hachi A Dogs Tale	17 Scout Troop 419 7:15 PM	18 Post Closed	19 Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM	20 Social Hours 2-5 Axe Throwing Cheryl Dinner \$6	21
22 FIREFIGHTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST 9AM TO NOON	23 Post Closed	24	25 Post Closed	26 Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM State Convention	27 Social Hours 2-5 Pick a Game Shirley Dinner \$6.00 State Convention	28 State Convention
29 Post Closed	30 Post Closed	July 1 Scout Troop 419 7:15 PM	July 2 Post/Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM	July 3 Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM	July 4 Happy 4 th of July Post Closed	July 5 Karaoke with Chad and Robert 4 PM Potluck
July 6 Pancake Breakfast Randy Food Baskets 9am to 11 am	July 7 Post Closed	July 8 Scout Troop 419 7:15 PM	July 9 Post Closed	July 10 Burger Meal \$7 5:30 to 6:30 PM	July 11 Bunco Margie Dinner \$6	July 12 Annual Luau Dinner 6 PM Lauren 6:30 to 8:30pm

SKYWAY VFW POST 9430

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SKYWAY VFW founded 15 June 1946

SKYWAY VFW chartered 6 May 1947

May/June 2025

Honor - Courage - Virtue

“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

2024 – 2025 POST & AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Post Home: 7421 South 126th Street, Skyway WA 98178
206-772-9982

Commander	Chad Hassebroek	580-704-7995		President	Margie Lindberg	206-669-2344
Senior Vice	Jesus Alvarez	573-353-6625		Senior Vice	Sheri Jo Topping	760-310-7605
Junior Vice	Dionte Mays	586-922-7568		Junior Vice	Emma Hassebroek	206-595-1025
Quartermaster	Randy Brickell	253-905-7301		Treasurer	Cheryl Scheeler	206-300-0533
Chaplain	Joe Strong	570-232-6012		Chaplain	Chuck Grouws	425-864-2847
Service Officer				Secretary	Pam Vitiritti	206-772-6609
Adjutant	Jesus Alvarez	559-633-0525		Conductor	Alan Amend	425-480-8634

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