



VFW Post 2329 Veterans News



Volume 08, Issue 1

November/December 2007

From The Commander

As you all know we have a letter posted at our post home stating, that if the participation in meetings and VFW related events Does not increase, we will close our doors to the canteen on 31 December 2007. The Quartermaster, the other Post Officer's and myself we are getting really tired of what is going on in our Post. The only time comrades want to show up to meetings is when they want to overturn a post vote because they don't like it. I have addressed that issue with our District Commander and he agrees with me, he also thinks that we should turn in our charter and close the post for good. All posts are looking at hard times right now, but in other posts it seems that the older members are stepping up to the plate, while in ours it is always the same handful of people. We can't expect the younger members to participate with so much H&D going on in this post. **We need to pull together and get more of the members involved in the post and it's functions.** **At this time I want to thank all our volunteers past and present, especially Jim who has stepped up many times.**

It was also brought to my attention that people are complaining that Jim is still allowed in our Post. Let's not forget that Jim and Dianne are still legally married and therefore he has every right to be in the post. While we want to throw rocks at other people let's take care that we do what a Comrade is suppose to do. I really didn't want to be so negative but I really cannot see much positive coming from our membership except from the members that are always there.

We still need people to go out to visit a senior home on Veterans Day as well as we need people for the

Buddy Poppy Drive on 10 and 11 November, at the Fort Lewis PX. So come in and sign up at the post. Nobody is asking you to be there all day, a couple of hours both days Robert Sullivan or at least one would be ok.

Our Post meetings Robert Sullivan have now officially changed to the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 730 PM in the little house.

DON'T BE A PART OF THE PROBLEM BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION.

Gertrude "Uschi" Pecnik

Membership

The current Membership year is coming to a close soon and all Annual members are reminded that dues for 2008 must be paid before December 31st 2007.

ATTENTION LADIES: Your 2008 Membership Cards are available for purchase. Please mail or call and they will be picked up. Your dues helps us fund the projects we support. It also keeps your Cancer Insurance current.

**Contact:
Rosemary Kaiser**

P O Box 61

Spanaway, WA. 98387

(253) 548-8350

General Information

During the past year there have been many different things happening in the Post Home and Canteen.

There are several areas that need attention and physical help from the membership is requested. If you feel that you care enough to lend a hand to your fellow comrades Tim Busch leave word at the canteen or contact Lamar and he will let you know where you can help and when you will be needed to help.

There are some raffles going on in the canteen at this time. these raffles are conducted by the Post, Ladies Auxiliary or the Cooties. The raffles are to raise funds for the **required** programs that each entity must do to maintain our "Not for Profit" status. So, if you cannot or will not help with the required programs then please help by trying to win whatever is being raffled.

The Cooties conduct a meat raffle on the first and third Friday of each month. Lately it has not been conducted because the cost has outweighed the income-In plain words we lost money. Tickets are available at the bar all the time at 4 for \$1.00. You do not need to be present to win but you will get what the bartender picks for you and it must be picked up by Sunday at 6 PM

For those that chose not to partake in the member appreciation dinner, you missed a great steak. Jim did a bang up job as usual with the cooking. Of course I believe he had some helpers by the name of Don and Lamar. THANK YOU . And for those that were in attendance and those that helped THANK YOU.

Hospital visits and visitation

If you visit anyone in the hospital or in a nursing home be sure to report it to the Hospital/Community Activity chairman Bill Thrall so that it is reported to Department and National. There are slips for that purpose in the canteen by the member applications.

Any thing that you do for a veteran or a veterans family is reportable as well as miles, time spent or items donated. All Post and Auxiliary members should Mary Lou Hunt be giving these reports to the Community Activity/Hospital Chairman.

How many members remember that we have a program called "Adopt-A- Street? It was originally headed by a member that went out each week with a crew to police the assigned streets in our community. I noticed strangers doing our area last week. That means that we (The Post) is not keeping up with our Community Obligation. Is there a person that will Volunteer to head that project? If so contact the Quartermaster for information.

Starting with this issue you will see full names of members inserted where they do not belong. This is for a reason. If you see your name inserted in this way in the newsletter and your dues are paid up, bring the newsletter to the Canteen within 30 days and show the bartender and you will receive one complimentary drink.

Idea for the Christmas Season or for a Project for the Post.

Every member add the following to their Christmas Card list

**Recovering American soldier
c/o Madigan Army Medical Center
Fitzsimmons Drive, Bldg 9040
Tacoma, WA 98431-1100**

**You can Substitute your Local Military
Medical facility for Madigan**

**Another Possibility is to send cards to
those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan**

From the President

Our Auxiliary has always done wonderful things together. But right now we do not have enough members being active at the meetings to even put on our annual holiday dinners. PLEASE make an effort to start attending the meetings so that we can be like we were- a force to be reconed with. May your holidays be filled with Love, and Happiness and may all your dreams be fulfilled.

Pat Thrall

Ladies Auxiliary President

From The Cooties

The Military Order of the Cootie is still alive and looking for more members since some of our old members have decided that being involved is not cool so they would rather drink their time away in stead of trying to make a difference.

The cooties are the Honor group of the VFW and concentrate on hospital work and support of the National Home For Children in Eaton Rapids, MI.

While doing all this hospital work the Cooties are determined to have fun and try to cause others around them to have fun also. For the next two (2) months we will accept applications from all members that apply as long as current VFW Dues are paid up to date (2008) or a Life Member in the VFW . You can get na application from the Post Quartermaster or the Seam Squirrel Tommy Darnell.

To keep the fun and festivities going for those that are sick we hold meat raffles on Fridays or other special occassions. We also have other raffles.

we hope to see you at our functions and need to see the annual dues paid for 2008 by all annual members

QUARTEMASTER/ADJUTANT REQUEST

It is requested that all members that have an email address to sent an email to admin@vfw2329.org so that the adjutant can get you on the email list since it is cheaper to send these newsletters electronically. Your address will noit be disclosed to anyone without your permission

Also please ensure that the adjutant has your correct mailing address on file along with a copy of your DD214 or other proof of eligibility.

Sorry this is a National requirement- There are some members that have already accomplished this and do not need to do it again

Send documents to

Post Adjutant

VFW Post 2329

14809 Woodlawn St SW

Lakewood, WA 98498-2538



VFW Post 2329
 14809 Woodlawn St SW
 Lakewood (Tillicum) WA 98498
 253-581-4699
 Web <http://www.vfw2329.org>

NON PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 880
TACOMA, WA

Cootie RAFFLE



Seahawks Football
Raffle tickets \$1.00 Each
Drawing January 1, 2008
Tree

AUXILIARY RAFFLE



Ornaments
Raffle
Tickets For



set of 4

\$2.00 Each

3 For \$5.00

Drawing DEC 21, 2007

