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From The Commander

Gertrude "Uschi" Pecnik

The Elections are over and I would like to thank everyone who had enough confidence in me to select me again. There are many things that need to be done and we all need to come together as a team so we can get it done. My goals for this year are to be 100% by mid- winter convention, to do more community activities, and to help more veterans. I have found out personally that if you don't have the support from the VFW you don't have any support at all, that goes especially for our younger and newest veterans. We still need to work on the picture the public has when it comes to the VFW, we are not a bunch of drunks sitting around the bar and telling war stories. But unless we are proudly spread the word what the VFW is about we will never change the minds of the people around us. I also would like to congratulate all the new officers and let them know that I am looking forward of working with each one of you. I challenge every officer to help me to make this the best year this post ever had... Just to let everyone know I will do my best to get the camaraderie back between all entities like it used to be, but I need all the help I can get. I really would like to see more of the older members to come around and help me out with ideas and advice. If we don't get on the ball now we will scare the younger folks away and leave the VFW up for dying because of lack of members. I realize that you older veterans are tired but the young people need you to guide them and to keep the VFW as an organization alive We are in this organization for 4 things and I don't see why we cannot make them happen. 1. Legislative, 2. Community service, 3 Youth programs and last but not least Aid to Veterans. We need to keep in mind if we all pull together the work load for each individual will be very little, but we will accomplish a lot. Another thing we need to look at is the different entities in the post. We have a Ladies auxiliary, a Men's auxiliary and the Cooties as well as the MOCA. All of them need membership and support just like the post. We are right outside Fort Lewis we should have at least double the members that we have .But like I said before it takes all of u not just a handful people working their ass off. I would like to thank Bill for being my mentor the past year even though we are not always seeing eye to eye he still always has an answer for me or knows which direction to point me Another thank you goes to everyone that supports the Post on a regular basis. I would also like to welcome Larry Rodin to our post who just a few months ago transferred his membership from at large to our post. To all the new members I welcome you to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and look forward to get to know you better during my second year as Commander. Members, Comrades please come to meetings and to the post so we can get that puppy back on track. I am hoping and looking forward to meet more members this year and get lots of input and new ideas. Just a quick reminder the house committee meetings are now at 6 PM on the same day as the post meetings. Come and see me, My Senior vice Commander, Bill or any other officer if you have any ideas concerning the Patriots Parade we planning for 10 September. Our goal is to keep this parade going till the last soldier returns home from Iraq.

Any Post Member that needs to contact me can go on our website. www.vfw2329.org and send me an email or see the Club Manger for my phone number she knows to give it to any post member or if she don't know you she will contact me and I will return your phone call as soon as possible. I am looking forward serving all our veterans for another year and with your and gods help we will make it a special year.

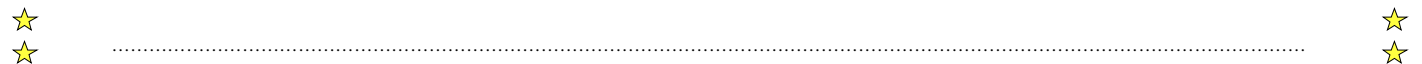
Starting at the next news letter all post officers will have a place to put their comments regarding to their responsibilities. As well as the Club board will have their corner where they can together with the club manager post what is going on in the club.

Uschi Pecnik
Post Commander

Ladies Auxiliary

Pat Thrall, President

A new year and a new President. Thank you. Now let's get out into the community and get new members and bring back the old members. Let's show this state that "little Tillicum still has the spunk that was there a short while ago. We need to work with the Post and get our functions going again. Feel free to contact me with any ideas that you may have. To those few new members that we have I invite you to our meetings on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 PM Let's go get 'em and support our troops and members in Iraq



NEWS FLASH

- ★ Many of you have not been in the post lately.
- ★ There has been a change made. We now have a card key system.
- ★ All members must show their membership card when entering the post. (Liquor Board Requirement)
- ★ In order for you not to have to show your card we will issue you a card key so that you do not have to be buzzed in. Life members will be issued a card key when they come in.
- ★ All annual members in good standing will have to purchase the card key for \$3.00. If you use the card to enter the post you will not be asked for your member card. (Except in January, Feb, and March. Annual memberships expire on Dec 31).
- ★ If you lose your card and need a new one it will cost \$5.00. This is for everyone. If you lose your card you will need to see the Quartermaster to get a new one.
- ★ A new year is starting in July and we are planning a better year than last, But we need everyone's help.
- ★ We need help now with planning the Patriot Day Parade in September. So jump in and get your feet wet.



Canteen

Dianne Arendell Manager

I would like to thank all of you who come in and support our canteen. Summer is here and the weather is great for all the wonderful barbeques that Jim has been doing. Thanks Jim for all the time that is put in to cook for everyone. Thanks to all that have donated meat for Jim to cook. We have had to start asking for donations of either meat or money to help cut expenses. While you are waiting for the food to be cooked there are horseshoe pits in the back This season we have three Dart teams and all three are doing great. Come out and watch and cheer them on. We hope to see all three teams go to state this season.

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From the Quartermaster

Comrades, we have a serious problem. Sales in the Canteen have dropped to less than \$200.00 per day. There is not enough money to pay expenses. In July alone we have quarterly payroll taxes to pay as well as L&I, Unemployment Insurance and B&O taxes. There is not enough money to pay these and buy stock and pay all the other expenses ie; Utilities. Our electric bill is getting higher each month since the remodel. The water in the little building had to be shut off because of a leak. I am asking for volunteers to help dig up the waterline to try to find the leak. ASAP.

If we don't start having better income in the canteen, we will have to consider closing it except weekends and meeting nights.

There is a reason that everyone quit coming to the post since the remodel. We are in jeopardy of having to turn in our charter and I do not believe you want that. The few that are helping cannot pay the bills.

SO I AM ASKING YOU TO COME TO A MEETING AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE IN THE POST AND WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE.

We have tried dinners, Everyone wants them for free or will not leave the bar to get their food.

Jim Arendell has given his time and money to Barbeque on weekends and no-one donates to help pay for the meat or will even bring something to add to the meal. Jim cannot afford to do this every week.

Let's start to pull together before we lose our post. After the great recruiting year we had this would be an unneeded waste. Let's make our new members feel welcome and want to come back.

OR DO YOU WANT THE POST TO CLOSE- I HAVE HEARD THAT DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING TO DO JUST THAT- AFTER LAST YEAR I ALMOST BELIEVE IT.

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING

William B Thrall

Quartermaster

CANTEEN

We have been having Tacos on Tuesday, But due to lack of participation and support we are going to have to discontinue it. If anyone has any suggestions of things they would like to see us do, let us know.

We are open to all suggestions

Also a reminder, we have food in the canteen for sale. We now have a Hot Dog Machine and a Pizza Machine. We were thinking of a Pizza Party so let us know what you think

Don't forget to Thank the Bartenders for doing a good job. Remember, they are volunteers.

See you in the club

Dianne

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SECRETARY/TREASURER

**POST MEETING- FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY AT 7:00 PM AUXIL-
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