



Commanders Message

The Holiday Season is now upon us so please have a safe and enjoyable time with your friends and families. Please try to stay healthy and get your flu shots!

The upcoming New Years Eve Party is only for those over age 21. A "Pot Luck" dinner that evening starts at 6 p.m. and the cost is \$5.00 per person. Please come one, come all and let's celebrate ringing in 2011 together while enjoying the music of Beat & Feet and fellowship with each other!

To best enjoy a safe New Years Eve at the Post, please consider staying at the Hampton Inn so you can enjoy all the beverages of your choice knowing that you have a designated driver back to the hotel. (See details in this newsletter.)

Check your calendar for upcoming events such as the Tom and Jerry Party Dec. 17 (also a Pot Luck) 6 to 8 p.m. For children ages 10 and younger, the Children's Christmas Party is Dec. 19 at 1 p.m. and caroling at the VA Hospital is at 4 p.m. that day. Please also check the big calendar in the Post foyer for any events that may be added at a later time.

I'm pleased to announce that our Post as a whole is heading in the right direction. I commend both Auxiliaries and the Canteen for their continued contributions in assisting us and this great organization to help us achieve our goals. I also want to thank the members of the Post that have stepped up to the plate and helped as I had previously requested. **THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR EFFORTS AND HARD WORK!**

The Canteen is certainly showing improvements in all respects. They have organized a pool team and joined a local league that I believe is a definite plus. I watched them play the other evening and thought, what a great way that was to start getting the new, younger adults into our canteen and to our Post. This is an endeavor that should eventually bring young veterans in to get involved in our activities. Thank you Canteen Manager David Kever and your crew!

David and I have also discussed having Bingo nights starting in the near future. This sounds like another great idea and Saturday night is being considered for this. Taco Tuesdays are going very

well and the food is delicious! Thanks to all the cooks and Soledad Brown for the genuine soft tortillas you make for this every week!

Karaoke with Patty Eixenberger was a blow out! Everyone was so elated to see Patty back doing Karaoke. We had old timers and many newcomers and everyone had a wonderful time singing and socializing. Thank you Patty, Ed and your daughters for bringing this back to our Post (2nd Sunday of the month, 6:30 till???)

Breakfast at the Post, (the 1st Sunday of the month, from 9 to 11:30 a.m.) hasn't been going so well. The volunteers that make this function happen spend a lot of time shopping, prepping, cooking, serving and cleaning up. They are doing this for all of us, so please attend. It's a good chance to bring your entire family and all your loved ones in for a delicious meal at a reasonable price. This function is open to the public, so invite your friends and neighbors as well!

Thank you to Sr. Vice Commander Don Schmidt for his expertise in doing the newsletter & getting our web page updated and running again.

In closing, a final and brief "food for thought" about working together and why we have all chosen to be a part of this great organization.

During the last few months, we have gone through some difficult and challenging times. Our former Post commander, senior vice commander, quartermaster, service officer and Ladies Auxiliary president all resigned their positions. Many of us who have stepped in to fill those positions are new at this and are striving very hard to achieve our goals. As commander and your leader, I am pleased to see progress and improvement in our efforts to move forward.

One of my primary goals as commander is to keep our comradeship and membership strong and healthy so that we may continue our efforts to support our veterans. In challenging times such as these, I ask that we continue to stay focused on our primary purpose and the reason we choose to be a part of this great organization.

While we appreciate every member's contributions, members who are dissatisfied with the direction they see us moving in may want to consider other options that the VFW offers.



**Frank R. Vaise Post 1263
Renton, Washington**

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I leave you with a final thought. Our Congressional charter charges us with pursuing fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational goals, and our first of our purposes is to “preserve and strengthen comradeship among [our] members.”

I wish you and your loved ones all the warmth and peace this holiday season has to offer and a happy and joyous New Year. May you all have a safe and festive holiday season.

In Comradeship,
John Sentino, Commander

Sr. Vice Commander Message

As I embark upon my new role as senior vice commander, I ask for your patience and support as I get “up to speed” and call upon your expertise and good will to help us meet our commitments to our veterans. Nominations to fill my former position of junior vice commander will be accepted at our next meeting Nov. 18.

I also wish to express my gratitude to former Sr. Vice Wendell Pang for the work he’s done in supporting the post in that challenging position.

In addition to regular responsibilities assigned to the senior vice commander position, I will be assisting Post Quartermaster Daniel Hansen with membership and dues responsibilities. I encourage those who have not yet renewed their membership to do so the earliest opportunity. The post sent out reminder letters Oct. 18, 2010, reminding members of the opportunity to do so.

There are many opportunities in the near future to show our patriotism and support our post at recognition events associated with Veteran’s Day. Besides the upcoming Auburn Veteran’s Day Parade on Saturday, Nov. 6 (announced in last month’s newsletter), here are some local school events honoring veterans that you may wish to attend. All veterans and their families are invited. If you plan on attending, please let me know via my email address below (or telephone) so that I can let the schools know:

- Kentridge High School, located on SE 208 and 124 SE, Kent – Tuesday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m.

- Sunrise Elem School, located on 22300 132nd St. SE, Kent, Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1:30 p.m.
- Northwood Middle School, located on 17007 SE 184th St and Petrovitsky Road, Renton, Fri, Nov. 12, 8:30 a.m.

I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season over the next few months. I look forward to serving the post and our veterans in my new position.

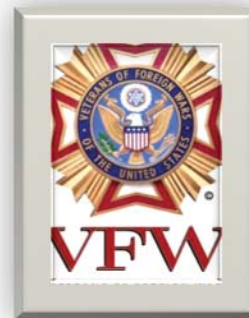
Don Schmidt, Senior Vice Commander
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Quartermaster Message

Since recently being elected as your quartermaster, I have been reviewing the Post records from the beginning of 2010. In October, I finished the review and made necessary adjustments to reflect 2010 transactions. At the time of this writing, I was preparing for the third-quarter audit. I have also started my review of the Canteen books and expect it will take several weeks to make the necessary adjustments for the year. Even though I have been an accountant for more than 30 years, I am finding this to be a challenging task.

I appreciate your patience as I learn my duties and responsibilities and hope I can live up to your expectations.

Daniel Hansen
Quartermaster





HONOR GUARD

We are always looking for volunteers to support our commitments at Tahoma National Cemetery, the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. We also support requests from the many cemeteries in the area.

To participate, members must be in good standing in Post 1263; must be committed to dedicate your Honor Guard services as required; must present a neat and clean appearance and dress appropriately per Honor Guard standards.

Tahoma National Cemetery opened in October, 1997. Since then, there have been more than 29,500 laid to rest. There are some 16 Honor Guard teams supporting the Cemetery. This past year has recorded over 5000 hrs. of volunteer efforts, which is the best in the nation per Jim Trimble, Cemetery director.

Tom Moberg
Honor Guard Captain

From the Club Corner

Taco Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. is still going over big. You get 2 supreme tacos with hard or homemade soft shells, and homemade rice and beans for only \$5. Tacos alone are just \$1.25 ea.

On Monday nights our pool players are part of the Renton Pool League. On home games we all have a lot of fun watching them.

Wednesday night's Jam Sessions are held in the main hall and we usually have around 70 to 90 people attending. The live music is great and many people enjoy dancing to the familiar tunes.

Friday nights we have live music and dancing in the hall or up in the club.

The second Sunday of the month we have Patty back doing Karaoke from 6:30 until ??? This month the club was jamming with singers.

More activities are planned for after the first of the year. Watch for their announcements.

Have a great holiday season, and don't forget we have many seasonal parties planned in the club and hall.

David Keever
Club and House Manager

Ladies Auxiliary Sr. Vice Message

As usual, November and December are busy months for most of us. Some important dates to remember are:

- Nov. 6** - Auburn Veterans Day Parade
- Nov. 11** - Veterans Day pot luck at the club. Ladies and Mens Auxiliaries will be providing the food
- Nov. 13** - District meeting at Skyway Post, 1 p.m.
- Nov. 25** - FREE Thanksgiving Dinner. Dinner served at 3.00 p.m. Diners do not need to be members so bring your neighbor, relative or a stranger off the street. All are welcome.
- Nov 26** - There will be no food or meat raffle.
- Dec. 3** - No food or meat raffle.
- Dec. 5** - Post breakfast. 9-11.30 a.m.
- Dec. 10** - No food or meat raffle
- Nov. 17** - Tom & Jerry/Potluck party. 6-8 p.m. Meat raffle 5:30-9 p.m.
- Dec. 25** - MERRY CHRISTMAS. Club will be closed.
- Dec. 31** - New Year Eve Party and pot luck, 6 p.m., \$5.00 cover charge

Don't forget to get your Community Service hours to me by the first of each month. I am sure with the holidays coming up a lot of you will be donating food and toys, helping others by taking them shopping etc. So please be sure to report. I need dollar amounts of all donations, mileage both ways etc. All reports can be dropped off at the club, mailed to the club, phoned to me at 425-255-0748 or e-mailed to cassiepaul@q.com, so please report.

Loyally,
Cassie Babcock
Ladies Auxiliary Sr. Vice

End-of-Year Music Line-up!

I would like to thank everybody that came to karaoke on Oct. 10. I bought some new equipment, so it should go a lot better in the future. Hope to see you there on Nov.14 and Dec.12 at 6:30 p.m. Other music events are on the next page! Thank you for all of your support.

Patty Eixenberger
Ladies Auxiliary



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MUSIC FOR NOVEMBER

- NOV. 3---JAM SESSION
- NOV. 5---LAUREN PETRIE
- NOV. 10---JAM SESSION
- NOV. 12---LAUREN PETRIE
- NOV. 14---KARAOKE---PATTY
- NOV. 17---JAM SESSION
- NOV. 19---BEAT & FEET
- NOV. 24---JAM SESSION
- NOV. 26---MARK STERN

MUSIC FOR DECEMBER

- DEC. 1---JAM SESSION
- DEC. 3--- LAUREN PETRIE
- DEC. 8---JAM SESSION
- DEC. 10---LAUREN PETRIE
- DEC. 12---KARAOKE---PATTY
- DEC. 15---JAM SESSION
- DEC. 17---BEAT & FEET
- DEC. 22---JAM SESSION
- DEC. 24--- NO MUSIC ---
- DEC. 29---JAM SESSION
- DEC. 31---BEAT & FEET

Ladies Auxiliary ~ Americanism

We have **Patriotic Citizen Awards**. If you fly our American Flag every day, or know of a neighbor or business that does, please fill out the paperwork to have an award issued that you can then deliver back to the recipient. This is an on-going program. Applications are available in the Canteen and can be left there to my attention to be processed.

Big Blue Patriotic Basket Raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and are available from the bar staff. Name and phone number are needed on the back of the ticket and you need not be present to win. Drawing will be held just after the Dec. 17 Tom and Jerry Party at the Post home. Proceeds from the basket will go to the **Fallen Soldiers Banner Project** and to the **Michael Reagan Fallen Hero's Portrait Project**. We had

the honor of displaying 4 of the **Fallen Soldier Banners** in our Post for more than a week in October. In case you missed them, we will be displaying 4 more banners Dec. 15-20 as well. Please take the opportunity to stop by the Post home and see them. Part of the proceeds from the raffle basket will go to purchase more banners for Washington based Fallen Soldiers. These banners are \$100.00 each.

The Ladies Auxiliary has a **US Flag drawing** with entries on-going. Ladies Auxiliary members of Post 1263 in good standing that attend any regularly scheduled meetings qualify for an entry. One flag will be given. The actual drawing will be held at the June 2011 meeting.

United By Love for Our Veterans and Country,
Barbie Sentino
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BSentino@Yahoo.com
(425) 793-3611

New Years Eve Rooms, Transportation

We have a **SMOKIN HOT DEAL** for rooms and transportation to and from the **Post New Years Eve Party** as well as Breakfast at the hotel the next morning. Yes, your commander and his wife will be staying there. Rooms will be available at:

The Hampton Inn
7200 South 156th Street
Tukwila, WA. 98188

Hampton Inn has rooms set aside for us for New Years Eve (check in Dec. 31, check out Jan. 1) that include breakfast, a guaranteed ride to the Post New Years Eve Party and transportation after the Party back to the hotel for the rock bottom price of **\$69.00 plus tax**. Please call (425) 228-5800 by Dec. 17 to book your room and mention code "**VFW**" when calling to get this rate. Rooms are either 2 Queen Beds or 1 King.

Special thank you to Ladies Auxiliary member Karen Beach for facilitating this offer for us!





Calendar of Events - Details

Nov. 6, 2010: Veterans Parade in Auburn. Meet for the parade at 10 a.m. at East Main St. and "F" St. in Auburn. The parade is at 11 a.m. This is the largest Veterans parade west of the Mississippi, and that is fact.

Nov. 7, 2010: Breakfast at the post. From 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., we'll have a great menu with lots of choices and good cooks to prepare the food. Come and join us. \$5.00 per person.

Nov. 11, 2010: Veterans Day. The Ladies Auxiliary and the Men's Auxiliary will provide pot luck food from noon until whenever, all day. All veterans come and enjoy the food and the socializing. Everyone else, come when you can and bring your favorite dish to share.

Nov. 14, 2010: Karaoke with Patti at 6:30 p.m. until ???

Nov. 16, 2010: Our calendar planning meeting is at 6 p.m. Anyone can come and help plan the calendar for the next 6 months, January through June 2011.

Nov. 25, 2010: Thanksgiving. We will provide dinner, free of charge, to anyone who wants Thanksgiving dinner. It is always very good. So plan to come. We start serving at 3 p.m.

Dec. 5, 2010: Breakfast at the post from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We have a great menu with lots of choices and good cooks to prepare the food. Come and join us. \$5.00 per person.

Dec. 12, 2010: Karaoke with Patti at 6:30 p.m. until ???

Dec. 17, 2010: Our famous Tom and Jerry night. Tom and Jerry drink or hot buttered rums are free from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. It is pot luck, so remember to bring your favorite dish to share. We also have live music that evening. So come and join the fun.

Dec. 19, 2010: Children's Christmas party at 1 p.m. We will have cookies, juice, story time and a visit from Santa.

Dec. 31, 2010: New Years Eve party at the post. It will be \$5.00 per person, pot luck, live music, party favors, and champagne at midnight. Come and join the fun. We always have a good time. The music will be "BEAT N FEET". They are really good and fun. They are at the post the third Friday each month.

November 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Taco Tuesday 4-7p	3 Men's Aux Dinner – 530p Jam Session	4 Ladies Aux – 7p	5 National Home for Children Spaghetti Dinner 5-7p Meat Raffle – 530-9p Music - Lauren Petrie	6 Auburn Veteran Day Parade – 9a
7 Post Breakfast 9 – 11:30a MOC/MOCA- 1p	8	9 Taco Tuesday 4-7p	10 Men's Aux Dinner – 530p USMC B-Day Jam Session	11 Veterans Day – Ladies cooking 3p Men's Aux – 7p	12 Food 530-7p Meat Raffle – 530-9p Music - Lauren Petrie	13 Dakota Club 7-11p
14 Karaoke with Patti 6:30 p.m. to ???	15	16 Calendar Planning Jan-June 6p Taco Tuesday 4-7p	17 Ladies Aux Dinner – 530p Jam Session	18 Club Committee – 630p Post Meeting – 730p	19 Food 530-7p Meat Raffle – 530-9p Music - Beat & Feet	20
21	22	23 Taco Tuesday 4-7p	24 Ladies Aux Dinner – 530p Jam Session	25 Thanksgiving Day Dinner 3p	26 No Food, No Meat Raffle, No Music Music - Mark Stern	27
28	29	30 Taco Tuesday 4-7p				

December 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Men's Aux Dinner – 530p Jam Session tonight	2 Ladies Aux – 7p	3 No Food Meat Raffle – 530-9p Music - Lauren Petrie	4
5 Post Breakfast 9 – 11:30a MOC/MOCA- 1p Ice Cream Social for VOD, PP, YE – 3:30p	6	7 Commemorative Tribute 7p Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8 Men's Aux Dinner – 530p Jam Session tonight	9 Club Committee – 630p Men's Aux – 7p Post Meeting – 730p	10 No Food Meat Raffle – 530-9p Music - Lauren Petrie	11 Dakota Club 7-11p
12 Karaoke with Patti 6:30 p.m. to ???	13	14 Taco Tuesday 4-7p	15 Ladies Aux Dinner – 530p Jam Session tonight	16	17 Tom & Jerry/Potluck 5-8p Meat Raffle – 530-9p Music - Beat & Feet	18
19 Kids Christmas Party 1p Caroling at VA Hospital 4p	20	21 Taco Tuesday 4-7p	22 Ladies Aux t Dinner – 530p Jam Session tonight	23	24 No Food Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
26	27	28 Taco Tuesday 4-7	29 MOCA Dinner – 530p Jam Session tonight	30	31 New Years Eve Party/Potluck 6p -\$5.00pp Music - Beat & Feet	

Post Officers
Commander: John Sentino
Sr. Vice CDR: Don Schmidt
Jr. Vice CDR: (Vacant)
Chaplain: Gerald P. Darst
Quartermaster: Daniel Hansen
Service Officer: Vacant

Men's Auxiliary Officers
President: Ed Eixenberger
Sr. Vice Pres: Jerry Larson
Jr. Vice Pres: Tom White
Chaplain: Jack Grisvold
Treasurer: Jim Fisher

CANTEEN HOURS
SUN: 11am – 8pm
MON-THURS: 11am – 9pm
FRI: 11am – 1am
SAT: 11am – 9pm

David Keever
Club Manager

Ladies Auxiliary Officers
President: Vacant
Sr. Vice Pres: Cassie Babcock
Jr. Vice Pres: Vicky Bourland
Chaplain: Vacant
Treasurer: Carol Whipple

MOC Officers
Seam Squirrel: Rick Wilson
Blanket Bum: Ed Rasmussen
Hide Gimlet: Chuck Vitiriti
CCDB: Vacant
Sky Pilot: Les Jacobs

MOCA Officers
President: Marilyn Willaford
Sr. Vice Pres: Maggie Wilson
Jr. Vice Pres: Cassie Babcock
Treasurer: Pat Rasmussen
Chaplain: Twylla McAlpine