



September - October 2011

416 Burnett Avenue South  
Renton, WA 98057

## VFW members unite 'deep in the heart of Texas'

During production of this edition of the VFW Post 1263 newsletter, Commander John Sentino and other Post members were out of town at the VFW National Convention in San Antonio, Texas. So, I'll take this opportunity to let you know that from Aug. 26 to Sept. 1, 2011, San Antonio, the "Military City," hosted another successful convention for our national organization.

Guests included Gov. Rick Perry, San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas), Deputy Veterans Affairs Secretary Scott Gould and Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney.

Many of this year's convention activities were "webcast" live over the internet. If you'd like to get a taste of what those who attended experienced, you can view videos of

### Links to VFW National Convention Online Videos

Sunday - Memorial Service

Monday - Joint Opening Session

Tuesday - General Session

Tuesday - Patriotic Rally

Wednesday - General Session

Thursday - Installation of Officers

Online at: <http://vfw.org/News-and-Events/112th-VFW-National-Convention-Summary/>

events online at the web links in the box above. If you're reading this online, just click on the box to go to the web page.

In Service to our Veterans,  
Don Schmidt, Sr. Vice Commander

## Renton River Days!



## Ladies Aux needs toys, participation

I just want to say "thank you" to everyone who assisted with all the aspects of the Renton River Days Festival, Parade and Open House. It was a fun and profitable weekend!

We are going to be donating toys again this year to the children of wounded soldiers from Joint Base Lewis-McChord so you may want to start checking out toy sales to assist you in your donation dollars going farther. When we get a little closer to the holidays we will have a box in the canteen for your donations.

Thanks to all our active members for the work you do, the donations you bring in and the camaraderie. If you are a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, everyone has something to contribute, why not come on down to a meeting and let us know what you have to offer and what you might like to do to assist our Veterans! We meet the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

See you soon,  
Barbie Sentino, Ladies Auxiliary President

## 'Seattle Stand Down' to provide a hand up to Veterans in September

The "Seattle Stand Down," a Veteran led, community-driven event, provides a hand up to veterans in September.

It offers free services for veterans, including: legal, medical, housing, em-

ployment, financial, shower facilities (men and women), haircuts, clothing and food.

For more information, call Post Service Officer Doug Bourland at 253-852-8793 or visit [www.seattlestanddown.com](http://www.seattlestanddown.com).

- **WHERE:** Mitchell Activity Center on the Central Community College campus (1718 Broadway on Capitol Hill)
- **WHEN:** Sept. 17, 2011, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

# Canteen Corner

Your canteen has made a few changes lately, among them a new jukebox connected to the internet, a new gambling game, and the refurbishment of the pool table thanks to the many donations from the Renton Pool League and the VFW members. Special thanks to Richard Skalos and Larry Willis for their efforts!

We continue to have specials in the canteen during happy hours (11 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 4-6 p.m., Mon-Fri and all day Sun.)

In September, we will be taking names for the pool league that starts in October. Be sure to sign up so the team(s) captain(s) can contact you with additional information.

We have Texas Hold'em on Wednesday nights from 6-9 p.m.

in the canteen and Jam Session in the hall. Friday night is live music and dance night. Come and join us for a good time. You do not know how much fun you are missing when you are not here.

David Keever  
Club Manager

## MUSIC FOR SEPTEMBER

SEPT. 2---LAUREN PETRIE  
SEPT. 7---JAM SESSION  
SEPT. 9---LAUREN PETRIE  
SEPT. 14---JAM SESSION  
SEPT. 16---BEAT& FEET  
SEPT. 21---JAM SESSION  
SEPT. 23---MARK STERN  
SEPT. 28---JAM SESSION  
SEPT. 30---MARK STERN

## MUSIC FOR OCTOBER

OCT. 5---JAM SESSION  
OCT. 7---LAUREN PETRIE  
OCT. 9---KARAOKE---PATTY  
OCT. 12---JAM SESSION  
OCT. 14---LAUREN PETRIE  
OCT. 19---JAM SESSION  
OCT. 21---MARK STERN  
OCT. 26---JAM SESSION  
OCT. 28---BEAT&FEET

## Ladies Aux Chaplains Message

I must report that we have lost another sister. Carol Podratz passed away on July 10, 2011. We send our condolences to her family.

Another Sister, Florence Luton, is quite ill. We pray that she will soon be feeling much better.

If you know of a Sister who is ill please let me know.

If you are a Life Member, please send \$5.00 to cover your Auxiliary cancer insurance. Send to check to the Post home, Attn: Ladies Auxiliary. You must do this each year before January 1st. Continuous paying members do not need to send money in for the cancer insurance as this is included in your yearly dues.

Loyally,  
Twylla McAlpine, Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain

## National POW/MIA Recognition Day

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is held the third Friday in September. This year, it is observed Friday, Sept. 16, 2011. As of Aug. 23, 2011, those missing in action or held prisoner of war total nearly 84,000 servicemen and women from all wars. We have pledged to them over the years, "You will not be forgotten." Please join us at one or all of the POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies planned. State VFW POW/MIA Chairman (and Post Adjutant) Darrell Pilat will host these events:

- **Friday, September 16, 2011, 10:00 a.m.** - Washington State Capitol Campus, Olympia, WA adjacent to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. This program will include Olympia VFW Post 318 color guard and chaplain, a speaker, candle lighting, sabre ceremony and bagpiper courtesy of the Scottish American Veterans Society.
- **Friday, September 16, 2011, 3:00 p.m.** - Annual opening and deposit of POW/MIA bracelets at the POW/MIA Living Memorial and Bracelet Repository at Washington Memorial Park Cemetery, one block north of Seatac Airport. This is open to everyone who would like to remember those missing from all wars and deposit a bracelet in the vault.
- **Saturday, September 17, 2011** - Frank R. Vaise VFW Post 1263 will conduct its POW/MIA ceremony at the Post. Details of this event have not been finalized, so please check at the Post or call the Post at 425.255.9010 for more information as we get closer to that date.

## Join comrades and sisters in celebrating the new year

New Years Eve is not that far away and we are making plans to have the best party we have ever had to celebrate the new year. Tickets for VFW 1263 Post, and the Auxiliaries will go on sale Oct 1. Full details will be available at that time.

On Nov. 1, the tickets will be available to non-members while they last or until Dec. 1. After that date, the price will increase on any remaining tickets. Get your tickets and complete details from the canteen starting Oct. 1.

All party details have not been worked out yet, but the hotel is on board and they are giving us the same rates they did last year! The musician the night of the party has a large following and we want our VFW members to get first shot at these rooms. The sooner we book before the rooms are public knowledge, the better chance we have of getting in on this great deal! See details at right and we'll see you there!

### Hampton Inn

7200 South 156th Street  
Tukwila, WA. 98188  
(425) 228~5800

- \$69.00 for the night + tax
- Mention code VFW
- Choice of 2 Queen Beds or 1 King
- Hotel Special includes 1 night room, breakfast, a guaranteed ride to the Post New Years Eve Party and ride back to the hotel.
- Check in Dec. 31st, 2011/out Jan. 1st, 2012
- Please make your reservation by Dec. 17th.



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