

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Post 9785

Ladies and Men's Auxiliaries

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SERVICE OFFICER NEWS

- Cooties Seam Squirrel Ken Monti is getting around much better and is driving. Another card and flowers were delivered to his home. 9126868
- Lynn Mattison had knee surgery, is doing well and back at the Post.
- Former Post Life Member Gary Patterson passed away in September in Vietnam where he had made his home for several years. We have no details about a celebration of life, or any internment information.
- Member Bernie Skyler had a stroke in Williston, ND and was moved to the Billings, Montana Clinic for treatment. His left side paralysis is improving and his mind was not affected. I spoke with his wife Bin Skyler and her daughter. They were hoping to move Bernie to the VA Center in Seattle for rehabilitation last week. His son Brian Skyler lives here in Eagle River (907 830-5113) and I will get updates from him. The Post will send flowers and a card when he gets to Seattle.

Suellyn Wright Novak Post Service Officer

LADIES AUXILIARY

Sisters

Our Ladies Auxiliary Brats and Bingo on October 15th was a ton of fun. We are going to continue doing the Brats and Bingo once a month until after the first of the year. If your wonderful support continues with this event, we may increase it to twice a month starting in January. The exchange of prizes was so much fun, and everybody had a blast. I want to thank Sherry Crosby for coming up with this idea and with her recruiting her daughter to help with cleanup afterwards. 2000057036

I attended a brief two day class on Ladies Auxiliary Junior Vice-President's Training on October 17th and 18th in Kansas City, MO. I learned so much stuff in those two brief days that it was overwhelming. I want to thank our Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 9785 for being so supportive of me moving up the chairs on Department level. Thank you so much for your support! I will work hard for you as our Department President during the 2013/2014 year. Again, thank you for your support.

The Halloween Party on October 29th was a howling spooktacular success. Those of you who did dress up, your costumes were fabulous. There was some great food and games put together by Sherie Crosby and a few volunteers she rounded up to help her. Sherie, you rock! Thanks for all of your help.

Our Wine Tasting Event is being held on November 12th from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm downstairs. The tickets are now on sale for \$20

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each and there will be door prizes and a silent auction during the evening. I want to thank Crystal Adams for helping to line things up for this event. Crystal attends school, works, and helps our Ladies Auxiliary with various events (when time allows her to help). Thank you Crystal for all of your help and support! Crystal, you rock! Again, thank you.

We will be filling holiday food baskets on November 20th starting at 3:30 pm for needy families of deployed soldiers. This is a joint effort between our Post, Ladies Auxiliary and Men's Auxiliary. Please help us defray the cost of purchasing non-perishable food items for the food baskets by donating canned goods and/or other non-perishable food items.

Our Ladies Auxiliary will be starting to sell raffle tickets soon on a \$3500 Mid-Winter Escape Travel Package through U.S. Travel. Tickets will cost a small price of \$20 each, and only 304 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held on January 7th so purchase your tickets early. 5110

This month's meeting is on Tuesday, November 8th at 7:00 pm. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend. Our success and survival greatly depends on you, our volunteers.

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Tina Stoddard

President

MEN'S AUXILIARY

Hello everybody fall/winter is here.

We are helping out with Friday night steaks. We are going to start a Spaghetti night on the first Saturday of each month, the same night as Karaoke. If you would like to help cook steaks or help with the spaghetti night, let Mike Garganta or myself know. Everybody needs to get involved this, is your chance to help out. 559538

We do need more volunteers around the Post so help out your fellow Post and Auxiliary members. There is Friday Night Steaks, Sunday Breakfast and other special events. Also on the 3rd of March 2012 we will have another raffle going on. The tickets will go on sale in December.

This month's meeting will be on Sunday, November 20th at 11:00 am. Mark it on your calendar and make plans to attend.

Thanks to all the volunteers who help out around the Post.

Al Stoddard

President

WHERE POST 9785 STANDS

as of 20 October 2011

2010-2011 Membership – 1495 members

2011-12 Membership – 95.05%

Life Members	1374 (+15)
Continuous Members	22 (+2)
New Members	15 (+9)
Reinstated Members	10 (+3)
Unpaid Members	114 (-8)

Unpaid continuous member?

Consider upgrading to Life. It's easy.



HISTORY OF VETERANS DAY

This U.S. holiday stretches back to the end of World War I and commemorates the nation's thousands of combat veterans who fought in the service of their country. 2000089849

Formerly Armistice Day, Veterans Day is a holiday observed annually in the United States in honor of all those, living and dead, who served with the U.S. armed forces in wartime.

Some states observe the holiday on November 11 and others on the fourth Monday of October. Armistice Day, the forerunner of Veterans Day, was proclaimed in 1919 to commemorate the termination (at 11 am on Nov. 11, 1918) of World War I. On the first anniversary of the truce, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation eulogizing fallen Allied soldiers and referring to November 11 as Armistice Day. It became a holiday in the U.S., France, Great Britain and Canada.

The holiday acquired its present name and broadened significance in the U.S. in 1954. In Canada it is known as Remembrance Day, and in Great Britain, as Remembrance Sunday.

Veterans Day gives Americans the opportunity to celebrate the bravery and sacrifice of all U.S. veterans. However, most Americans confuse this holiday with Memorial Day, reports the Department of Veterans Affairs. What's more, some Americans don't know why we commemorate our Veterans on Nov.11. It's imperative that all Americans know the history of Veterans Day so that we can honor our former service members properly.

In 1954, after having been through both World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd U.S. Congress -- at the urging of the veterans service organizations -- amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

In 1968, the Uniforms Holiday Bill ensured three-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. Under this bill, Veterans

Day was moved to the last Monday of October. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holiday on its original date. The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on Oct. 25, 1971.

Finally on September 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of Nov. 11, beginning in 1978. Since then, the Veterans Day holiday has been observed on November 11th. 1333205

Two years later on Armistice Day, an unknown American World War I soldier was buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C., in the Tomb of the Unknowns. Thousands of people came to watch the elaborate ceremonies that took place. Similar ceremonies had taken place the previous year in England and France: an unknown English soldier was buried in Westminster Abbey in London, and an unknown French soldier was buried at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

In 1926, Congress passed a resolution calling for the observance of Armistice Day in schools, churches, and other suitable places. Twelve years later the day was designated as a national holiday. In 1939, a year after Armistice Day became a national holiday, World War II broke out in Europe. The start of this war ended the idealistic hopes that World War I was "the war to end all wars." Over four hundred thousand American troops died in World War II.

After the Korean War (1950–1953), during which over 36,000 Americans died, Congress considered making Armistice Day a day to commemorate veterans of all wars, not only those who served in World War I. In 1954, President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming the holiday a remembrance of all wars and changing its name to Veterans Day. 5063

A law passed in 1968 moved the Veterans Day celebration to the fourth Monday in October. However, the original date, November 11, was historically significant to many Americans, and ten years later the observation of Veterans Day returned to its original date.



THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

Volunteers needed to help fill
Thanksgiving Food Baskets.

DATE: Sunday, November 20th

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

PLACE: VFW Post 9785
Downstairs dining room.



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