

Lake Washington Veteran

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All American VFW Post #2995

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April 2010

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH



"Adult Easter Egg Hunt" at 1pm

Monday, April 5th at 6:30

1st Nominations of Officers to be held for Post members
Election of Officers to be held for the Ladies Auxiliary

Tuesday, April 20th at 6:30pm

Election of Officers to be held for the Men's Auxiliary

Monday, April 19th at 6:30pm

2nd Nominations and Election of Officers to be held for Post members
These are very important meetings. Mark you calendar now and make your VOTE count.

Wednesday, April 21st

Men's Auxiliary prepares their Prime Rib Dinner

\$12.00



It's Trivia – Name That Tune – Sports Blitz – 50/50 Jackpot!

Win cash and dinner certificates!

Gee Jay Entertainment is back providing the brain teasers and fun beginning at 6:00pm.

No charge to play and the questions cover all categories with Name That Tune and Trivia testing your music knowledge from all eras. Show your "jock" knowledge with Sports Blitz and win CASH

Welcome New Members to Post #2995

Walter Boyles
Richard Snavely
Stephen McMullen
Neal Schwartz
David Karle

Gale Ensign
Joseph Doyle
Robert Baker
Robert Maynard
William Smiley, Jr
Melvin Fry III

Jared Illum
Albert McRae
Robert Robey
Jeff Gibson
Chris Jaklitsch

From the Commander, Dave Ritch



April is here, and income taxes are due. Got yours all figured out and done? With a new U.S. President, a lot of people tell me they don't truly know if they are going to give more or get some back. How's for you?

Anyway, spring is here and the weather should break in our favor so that we can get some yard work done. We can use your helping hands, so don't be afraid to step up and spend some time helping out around your Post.

The membership chase is still looking for a few new members. As I am writing this, we have **986** members. To reach our goal, we need **1,026** members. With your help, I think we can make that number, plus one! That is only **40** and you have two months to do it. Those that sign up **3** new members will receive an award from National and I might just buy a drink for the recruiter that does the job! The Commander's DARE is still on! Remember, YOU and the RECRUIT must BOTH attend the Initiation ceremony to swill the FREE drink.

If you haven't met the new Canteen Manager, stop by, and tell him what you think!

WANTED....NEW OFFICERS!

You can be one if you try! Several chairs are coming 'open' and need a member to sit in them. It doesn't really take much of your effort to be an officer for YOUR Post. Be a LEADER - not a 'grumper'! Remember....it is....YOUR Post!

From the Ladies Auxiliary President, Diane Glenn



The Ladies Auxiliary (thanks Phyllis) put together another great raffle basket that was given away at the St. Patrick's Day dinner. The next basket will be for Easter.

The St. Patrick's Day dinner was a huge success! About 130 dinners were sold and with several of the ladies from the auxiliary, we managed to serve everyone in the place while the wonderful music played. The traditional corned beef and cabbage was superbly cooked by Mary Farrow with assistance from Pam Grigsby of the American Legion Ladies' Auxiliary. Thanks Jim for the great soda bread. Belle Williams lead the charge for the

event and ably lead all of us to success. A special thanks to Belle and everyone that helped set up, serve, and clean up. Thanks Cherie, Barbara, Mary, Phyllis, Joyce, Diana, and Marlys. I know my feet were tired after the evening was over. The Ladies Auxiliary is so lucky to have such dedicated ladies always stepping up to help at every event. We also had support for the Men's Auxiliary, Honor Guard and of course the post. A special thanks to Jason our new canteen manager.

Elections of officers will be held on April 5th followed by the installation on the 14th of May which will be held jointly with the Post and Men's Auxiliary.

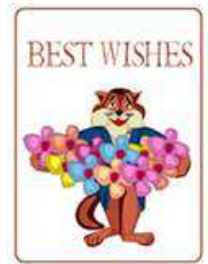
Hope to see you at our next meeting!

From the Chaplain, Robbie Robertson

Jim Weaver, Past Honor Guard Commander, underwent open heart surgery on March 23 and with a group of fine surgeons, his family at his side and all of the prayers from his friends, he is now recuperating.

Spring can bring flowers, rain, sunshine as well as the flu and colds. I hope you're feeling well and enjoying the rare treat of sunshine. If you are aware of any VFW members who are ill, please notify me with a name and address and I will send them a card. Also, please advise if you know of a death.

Robbie Robertson, 206 525-1553



From the Troop Support Group Leader John Kenny

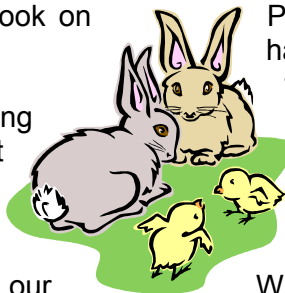
WOW!!,

March 11th was a red letter day for our program. We sent off 100 boxes to Eric Ward's old unit in his name. Eric is the young Marine from our area who was recently killed in Afghanistan. This unit suffered seven others killed in action. They also suffered many more casualties as they took on enemy strongholds in Afghanistan.

Our troop support teams have been going all out trying to maintain our commitment of 200 boxes a month to our troops. To do this we must prevail on our team to go all out producing hours of collecting, sorting and packing. Since most of our volunteers are students and adults with full-time jobs this is no easy task on their part.

One of the toughest jobs we have is sorting out all the items for packing. It is very time consuming, however, just like one of those old cowboy movies when the wagon train was in trouble the good guys arrived and bailed them out. In this case the good guys coming to the rescue were mostly ladies from the Seattle Singles. For the past few months they have become some of our most active members. Prior to their arrival, Lael, Larry and their small group of volunteers were getting overwhelmed by

the amount of sorting required. The singles came as a group. They brought with them enthusiasm, dedication and good humor. Our team and our troops are most grateful to them.



Packing that Thursday night was a breeze. We had 38 of the finest people on the eastside taking care of this. They are all experts at packing. From the time we started to the finish line all 100 boxes were packed, stamped and ready for the postman to pick up it took a total of 35 minutes.

We want to thank Frank Pearce, Kristen Moore and Anthony Martucci. They brought in over 200 boxes of Girl Scout cookies for the troops.

Please consider what sacrifices our troops are making. Just a few hours a month will, at the very least, let 200 of them know their fellow citizens support them. We meet every Thursday, at the Post, at 7:00pm. If you need more information, please call the Post at 425 883-2995 and leave a message with your name and phone number and I will call you back.

Thank you,
John Kenny

VFW Service Officer, Sherrie Bell



VA Service Officer, Sherrie Bell, is available to assist all veterans with VA Claims on Mondays (holidays excluded) at Post #2995 from 11am until 2pm. Veterans are served in order of appearance at no charge. Please call 206 412-1280 if you need assistance.

From the Honor Guard Commander Paul Magat



We had a successful VFW Post Open House on March 6th and came up with a few recruits. We welcome our new Honor Guard members: Brent Wilde, Edward LaBouy and Steve McMullen.

Thanks to all the Honor Guard members that supported this event.

On Wednesday, March 10, we were at Tahoma National Cemetery – *Serving Those Who Served Us*.

Our upcoming events in April include flag presentations for Arbor Day at Lewis Creek Park on April 17th and the Washington Women's Club convention at the Coastal Hotel in Bellevue.

If you know someone who might be interested in joining the Honor Guard, please contact Paul Magat (425) 503-5616 or Karin Ridge (425) 417-6116 for more information. You can also leave a message at the post and we will call you back. 425 883-2995.

From Post Home Board Chairman, Bob Michalak



I attended two meetings with Pete Smith one of our VFW Board members who is a student at Bellevue Community College. Pete is the President of the Veterans

Club at the college. It was a very successful meeting with four faculty members attending and about 12 students. A request was made to the faculty to have a room reserved for the veterans club where they can gather for their meetings, social events and study. The college has over 300 veterans on campus. Their plan is to have an information packet available for all new veterans and a mentor assigned to them for any assistance they might need. They also discussed helping the VFW in the Poppy Drive, Support the Troops Program and the Honor Guard. Six VFW applications were passed out and two of the veterans renewed their membership. Since the future of our Post depends on new members and primarily younger members, we plan to be working with them in the future.

The St. Patrick's Day dinner was a great success. Over 200 members and friends enjoyed a delicious dinner. Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for another fine event.

Our Open House on March 6th was lightly attended by the general public however every organization from the Post that was represented did sign up a few new members.

It has been brought to the Post Home Board's attention that there are a few members who have some concerns regarding the operation of the Post. Please present these in writing and present them to the Co-Chairman Don Mancini and the Board will address them. Do not present them to the Canteen Manager. Please follow the Rules of Conduct posted in the lobby.

If your group is planning an event this year please contact Don Mancini to reserve the Hall and the Canteen Manager Jason Grubb to cover all the details such as time, date, food etc.

Upcoming Events

May 1	District Loyalty Day
May 5	Cinco de Mayo
May 9	Mother's Day
May 14	VFW Installation of Officers
May 15	Armed Forces Day
	VFW District Convention?
May 31	Memorial Day at Sunset Hills Memorial Park

Canteen Hours

Monday – Thursday	11am-10pm
Friday & Saturday	11am-12pm
Sunday	9am-5pm

From the Canteen Manager, Jason Grubb,

To all the groups and organizations,

I would like to herby officially invite all the leaders of each organization and groups to meet with me in person every month so we can discuss your needs, events, and how I can best serve you. Looking forward to improving the VFW Post #2995, we, together as a team, can make a difference in our community. I strongly believe communication is a key to success. Please call me at the Post (425 882-2995) so we can schedule a convenient time in which we can meet. I'm truly eager in meeting with our leaders here at the post and looking forward to the upcoming events and interactions with our members and guests. Email address: solrydr@me.com



Something New!

Did you know the Canteen has had the same menu for over 4 years? We would like to invite you to our official new **MENU TASTING on April 9th!** Our kitchen has refined our menu and added excellent new recipes. We have kept the favorites and added healthier choices as well as new inventions.

Tickets are only \$8. Each ticket includes 1 non-alcoholic beverage, a raffle ticket, and your choice of entrée. Food shall be served at the table with live music.

The raffle winner gets a \$25.00 gift certificate to use in the canteen and a very special gift. So please come in and get a sneak peak of the new menu before it goes live on Monday April 12th.

April Dinners

\$10 all month unless noted
All entrees include salad, bread and desert.

Wednesdays

April 7th- Pot roast w/ Potatoes and Carrots
April 14th- Country Fried Chicken w/Potatoes, Corn
April 21st- Prime Rib, Men's Auxiliary \$12
April 28th- Chicken or Steak Fajitas

Fridays

April 2nd- Spaghetti and Meatballs \$9
April 16th- Chicken Parmesan, Angel hair pasta

Saturdays

April 10th- Meatloaf with scallop potatoes
April 24th- Pork Roast with baked potatoes

Sundays

Breakfast 9:30-12:30 from menu

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ELECTIONS....Post elections are to be completed during the month of April.

- ☆ First meeting of the month, Round One-Nominations.
- ☆ Second meeting, Nominations and Election of Officers for 2010-2011.
- ☆ New officers take their appropriate Chair at the FIRST Meeting in July 2010 (follows installation of Department Commander)

LADIES....You have certain other details to be tended to. Consult with Madam President and/or Marie Asaif for details.

MAY 14, 2010 @ 6:30 PM, Installation of New Officers

INSTALLATIONS

- Post....ALL officers regardless of their length of term of office to be present.
 - Ladies.. Consult with Madam President for details
 - Mens Auxiliary.. Consult with President for details.

Dress Code - POST, Blue Blazer, white shirt, gray pants, black shoes, Patriotic tie.

David Ritch
Commander

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;">Be a Cootie Today!</p>				1	2 AA @ 4:30pm Dinner 6-7:30pm ♪Lee Howard 6:30-10:30pm	3 AA @ 8:30am
4 EASTER Breakfast 9:30-12:30pm Easter Egg Hunt for Adults 1pm AA @ 8:30am	5 VFW Service Officer 11-2pm Post and Auxiliary mtgs @ 6:30pm	6 Civil Air Patrol @ 7:00pm	7 American Legion #99 @ 1:00pm AA @ 4:30pm Honor Guard 6pm Dinner 6-7:30pm ♪Soft Touch entertains 6-9pm	8 Troop Support Group meets at 7pm	9 AA @ 4:30pm Menu Tasting tonight \$8.00 See page 5 for more details	10 AA @ 8:30am Dinner tonight ♪Mockingbirds from 7-11pm
11 Breakfast 9:30-12:30pm AA @ 8:30am Honor Guard @ 10am 82nd Airborne @ 1pm MMC @ 2:30pm	12 VFW Service Officer 11-2pm Post Home Board @ 6:30pm	13 American Legion #239 @ 7pm Civil Air Patrol @ 7:00pm	14 Tahoma Duty AA @ 4:30pm Dinner 6-7:30pm ♪Tom Smith 6-9pm Marine Corps Lge @ 7pm	15 Troop Support Group meets at 7	16 AA @ 4:30pm Dinner 6-7:30pm ♪Dreamchasers 6:30-10:30pm	17 AA @ 8:30am
18 Breakfast 9:30-12:30pm AA @ 8:30am Honor Guard @ 10am	19 VFW Service Officer 11-2pm Post meeting @ 6:30pm Newsletter items due tonight	20 Men's Auxiliary @ 6:30pm Civil Air Patrol @ 7:00pm	21 AA @ 4:30pm Honor Guard 6pm Men's Auxiliary Prime Rib Dinner 6-7:30pm ♪GeeJay Entertainment w/Trivia 6-9pm Submariners @ 7pm	22 Troop Support Group meets at 7 American Legion #161 & Auxiliary @ 6:30pm	23 AA @ 4:30pm	24 AA @ 8:30am Dinner Tonight ♪Gee Jay Entertainment 7-11pm
25 Breakfast 9:30-12:30pm AA @ 8:30am Honor Guard @ 10am	26 VFW Service Officer 11-2pm	27 Civil Air Patrol @ 7:00pm	28 AA @ 4:30pm Honor Guard 6pm Dinner 6-7:30pm ♪Tom Lash 6-9pm	29 Troop Support Group meets at 7	30 AA @ 4:30pm Dinner 6-7:30pm ♪Fever 6:30-10:30pm	31 AA @ 8:30am