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VFW Post Commander

Post 7824 Members, *(Veterans Helping Veterans)*

VFW Auxiliary President

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Commander's Corner: Looking Back and Moving Forward ☀️

Hello VFW Post 7824 Family and Auxiliary Organizations,

Welcome to June and the official beginning of summer!

The month of May was incredibly busy both at the Post and out in our local community. May (for Memorial Day) and November (for Veterans Day) are always our two highest-tempo months of the year, and the support we received this past month was absolutely outstanding.

Thank you so much to everyone who stepped up and participated in our May community activities:

- **Fisher House** 10-year anniversary celebration.
- **Buddy Poppy Drive** at the Vancouver Mall.
- **Honor Guard Details**, including a pristine performance at the Fort Vancouver Memorial Day Ceremony.
- Placing and retrieving American Flags at the **Vancouver Barracks Cemetery**.

Happy June, everyone!! ☀️

Summer is officially here, which means it's time to start clearing out the clutter for our favorite summer event. The **Auxiliary Annual Yard Sale** is locked in for **Friday, July 24th and Saturday, July 25th!**

As you tackle your summer cleaning, please set aside those gently used items you no longer need so they can become a great find for someone else.

🚫 Important Donation Guidelines

To ensure a smooth and successful sale, please keep the following rules in mind when sorting your items:

- **No Electronics or Large Furniture:** We simply do not have the capacity for these.
- **Small Appliances Only:** Must be clean and in working order.
- **Clothing & Linens:** Must be in good condition with **no stains or tears.**

⚠️ CRITICAL NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF ITEMS PRIOR TO WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24th!

We have absolutely **zero storage space**

- Handing out flags at local **ACE Hardware** stores prior to Memorial Day.
- Attending the important **Willamette National Cemetery** briefing at the Post.

I am sure I missed an item or two, but please know that your time, effort, and dedication did not go unnoticed. We showed Vancouver what VFW Post 7824 is all about!

🗳️ Post Leadership & Transition Updates

Installation of New Officers
During our next meeting on **Thursday, June 11th**, we will officially install our new Commander, **Larry Ross**, along with the other elected officers and appointees who are present. If you are an incoming officer and cannot make the June meeting, we will complete your installation in July.

> *Note: New officers do not officially take office until the beginning of the new VFW year on July 1st, following the Department Convention.*

> at the Post to hold items before prep week begins. Thank you for understanding and helping us keep the Post organized!

🤝 Volunteers Needed!

Putting this massive sale together takes a village. We will be putting out tables and clothing racks on **Wednesday afternoon (July 22nd)** and will finish setting up on **Thursday evening (July 23rd)** right after our meeting.

- **How to help:** A volunteer sign-up sheet to pitch in for a few hours will be available at our next meeting on **June 25th**. Please consider lending a hand!

Your continued support of Post 7824, our various organizational officers, and our Canteen is what keeps us going strong. We appreciate every single one of you!

See you at the Post!

Be Kind - Be Loyal

Marie McEnry
President, VFW Post 7824 Auxiliary

Department Convention The Department Convention will take place from **June 18–20 in Wenatchee, WA**. I believe I have heard from everyone planning to attend. Please remember that all sign-ups and registrations have moved entirely electronic this year.

The Push for 100% Membership As of this morning, our Post membership sits at an impressive **99.44%**. We have exactly one month left to hit **100% + 1**, which is required to achieve All-State and All-American Post status. The final day of the VFW year is **June 30th**—let's make that final push!

🗓️ Upcoming June Events & Key Dates

- **June 6 (6:00 PM) — VFW Bingo at the Vancouver VA CLC: Come help us bring some fun to the veterans at the VA Community Living Center starting at 1800!**
- **June 13 (11:00 AM) — Final Honors for Deanne Bray:** Our Post Honor Guard Detail will perform final honors at Evergreen Memorial, followed by a Celebration of Life

gathering at the 40 et 8 Boxcar.

- **June 13 (Evening) — Army Birthday Celebration:** Join us at the Post to celebrate the U.S. Army's birthday! Michelle has more delicious details on the menu in her *Scuttlebutt* section.
- **June 14 — Flag Day:** Be sure to proudly fly Old Glory! 🇺🇸
- **June 27 (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM) — Recruiting & Information Booth:** We will be out at the **Esther Short / Vancouver Farmers Market**. We currently have 4 volunteers signed up, but **we need more boots on the ground—especially for the 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM shift.** Please let us know if you can help out for a couple of hours!
- **June 28 (4:00 PM) — Final Town Hall:** I will be hosting my final Town Hall as your Post Commander on Sunday at 1600, just prior to the Sunday Queen of Hearts drawing.

📋 Looking Ahead: A Personal Note & SOP Updates

While I am stepping down as Commander, I aren't going anywhere. I will be transitioning into the role of **Post Adjutant** to help Larry and our incoming leadership team with administrative functions and Department coordination. **Bruce Maas** will also be stepping up to assist me as the Post Assistant Adjutant.

Additionally, as I was nominated and installed as the **District Senior Vice Commander** back in April, I will begin that new role officially on July 1st. Balancing these roles will be a fresh challenge, but neither will be quite as time demanding as the Commander position has been. I am incredibly proud of the immense progress we have made together over this past year.

Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Update One major project we are looking to wrap up this month is the **Canteen portion of our SOPs**, which the committee has been hard at work on since March.

- **The Plan:** We will email the draft to the general membership at least 14 days prior to the July meeting for your review

and comments, followed by a formal vote.
- **Next Steps:** Once approved, the team will begin drafting the **VFW Post portion** of the SOP. This section will be much shorter, as we have robust Department and National guidelines to build on.
- **Why this matters:** Having written SOPs ensures that our rules and processes are clearly understood, consistent, and sustainable for future leadership—rather than relying on verbal traditions that change depending on who you ask. These will be living documents reviewed and updated regularly.

🍳 Kitchen Staff Transitions: Hail and Farewell

Finally, a massive thank you to **Brice** for his incredible service in our kitchen over the past six months. Brice is graduating from the Clark College Culinary Arts program this June and will be relocating to Colorado in early July. Thank you for your hard work and fantastic meals, Brice!

Taking his place is **Jenner**, who is also graduating from the Clark College Culinary program.

Jenner plans to stay local to the Vancouver area, and we look forward to getting him fully onboarded throughout the month of June.

Please take a moment to thank Brice for his service and give Jenner a warm VFW 7824 welcome when you see them in the kitchen!

Thank you all for an incredible year. May God bless you, and may God bless our veterans.

Yours in Comradeship,

Greg Gilbertson
Post 7824 Commander

Canteen Manager

Summer is Here at the Post! ☀️

As we welcome the beginning of the summer months, we look forward to a season filled with great food, wonderful entertainment, and quality time spent with friends and fellow veterans. We hope everyone is ready for another fun-filled month!

Here is what's cooking, playing, and happening at the Post this June:

📅 Special Events & Celebrations

The United States Army Birthday

- **When:** Saturday, June 13

- **Details:** Come out to help us honor and celebrate the U.S. Army! The wonderful Travis Wilhite will be serving as our MC for the evening.
- **Dinner Menu:** Grilled bone-in chicken thighs, baked potatoes, vegetable, roll, and our salad bar.

🎵 June Live Music Lineup

Get ready to hit the dance floor! We have some incredible live acts lined up for you this month:

- **Friday, June 12** — The Slim Jims
- **Saturday, June 20** — Bad Motor Scooter
- **Friday, June 26** — Pacific Rhythm Band

> **A Note on Saturday Karaoke:** Beginning June 20th, Benny will be taking a medical leave. We wish him a speedy recovery! During his absence, we will do our best to fill a few Saturdays with live music and make great use of our outdoor patio area during the beautiful summer weather.

🍽️ Friday Night Dinners

Dinners include a great main course and delicious sides.

Date	Menu
June 5	Prime Rib with loaded mashed potatoes, vegetable, and salad bar
June 12	Crusted Pork Loin with mashed potatoes and vegetable
June 19	Spaghetti with salad and bread
June 26	Chicken Enchiladas with rice and beans

🗓️ Weekly Events Calendar

Don't forget to join us for our regular weekly gatherings:

- **Mondays (6:00 PM)** — Pool Tournament 🎱
- **Tuesdays (6:00 PM)** — Bingo 🎟️
- **Wednesdays (5:30 PM)** — Taco Night & Queen of Hearts Drawing 🌮🃏

We wish everyone a very safe, healthy, and enjoyable month ahead. Thank you all for your continued support, active participation, and the incredible volunteer spirit that helps make our Post such a special place.

May God bless us all.

Michelle Rex

VFW Post 7824 Canteen Manager

AMVETS Commander

Post 7824 AMVETS Members,

No input received

Scott Wilson
AMVETS Commander WA 6

AMVETS Auxiliary President

🔨 AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary: Blind Auction Success!

The AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary held our **4th Annual Blind Auction** on Friday, May 29th, and it was an incredible success! We had a fantastic turnout, and we want to extend a massive thank you to everyone who came out to support the cause.

A special shout-out goes to **Scott Wilson**, who kept the energy high as our auctioneer, and **Cynthia Koehler**, who did a wonderful job as our lovely "Vanna White." They made the evening incredibly fun for everyone in the room!

💰 An Overwhelming Generosity

Thanks to your competitive bidding, we raised **$2,855** during the event. To make things even more exciting, we received a deeply generous matching donation from the **Kirchner Foundation**, which doubled our

impact and brought our grand total to **$5,710!**

> **Where the Funds Go:** It is truly overwhelming and exciting to have done so well. Our sincere thanks to you all for your support. Every dollar raised is dedicated directly to **Veterans Relief** and providing **food boxes** for local veterans in need.

📅 Upcoming Meeting Schedule Changes

Please take note of our upcoming summer schedule, as we will be taking a brief hiatus:

- **June:** No meeting this week.
- **July:** No meeting the week of July 4th.
- **Next Meeting:** We will gather again on **Thursday, August 6th**.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe summer—and a very **Happy 250th Birthday to the USA!** 🇺🇸

See you at the Post!

Debra Patten
AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary
President

Military Order of the Cooties

Be sure to be around some lousy business will be covered with dirt.

Ron Causey
Seam Squirrel
Van-Orc PT #6

Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary

🦟 MOC Pup Tent Updates: Cooties in Action!

The Cooties had another busy and fun-filled month serving our veterans at the Vancouver VA! Our Cinco de Mayo ice cream social was a massive hit, and as always, those famous banana splits were the most requested treat of the day.

Here is a look at what we've been up to and what's coming up next:

Honoring Our Veterans

The joint Cootie effort to assist with the **Liberty Belles quilt delivery** in May was deeply appreciated. It is always a distinct privilege for us to help get these beautiful, handmade comfort items directly into the hands of our veterans.

🤡 Send in the Clowns!

We are excited to see more of our members stepping up to volunteer at the VA, with several

new faces beginning to "clown around" for a good cause! **VanOrc** brought home the honor of having the most clown hours in the Grand last year, and looking at our current momentum, we are on track to outdo ourselves in the coming year.

📅 Schedule Adjustments & Upcoming Events

Please note the one-time schedule change for our next gathering so we can properly honor a member of our community:

- **June Meeting Date Change:** Our next meeting has been moved to **Saturday, June 6th, at 11:00 AM**. This change ensures our members are able to attend Deanne Bray's memorial service.
- **Super Sunday Bingo:** Don't forget our regular monthly game! We gather every **third Sunday at 1:00 PM**.

Come out, join the fun, and help us keep up the good work for our veterans. See you there!

Bea Close

MOCA President

Upcoming Meetings

- **11 Jun 2026 - VFW**

  Join us for our monthly post meeting to discuss upcoming events and initiatives.

  1900 - 2000 | VFW Post 7824
- **06 Jun 2026 - Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary**

  1100 - 1200 | VFW Post 7824
- **No Meeting Scheduled - Amvets Ladies Auxiliary**

  1900 - 2000 | VFW Post 7824
- **14 Jun 2026 - Cooties**

  1300 - 1400 | VFW Post 7824
- **18 Jun 2026 - Amvets**

  1900 - 2000 | VFW Post 7824
- **25 Jun 2026 - VFW Auxiliary**

  1900 - 2000 | VFW Post 7824

If you know of any businesses that offer a Veteran's discount, please feel free to send an email to web@vfw7824.org

📋 Help Us Stay Connected: Update Your Information!

In an effort to improve communication across **all** of our Post organizations, we need your help! We want to ensure that

every member receives important updates, event schedules, and newsletters without anything slipping through the cracks.

Please take a brief moment to complete our quick member survey so we can validate and update our records.

Thank you for helping us keep our Post connected, informed, and strong!

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