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It is with sadness that I am passing along.
Lifetime VFW member Deane Bray has passed away earlier this evening.
We salute him and send our condolences to his family. RIP Deane. You will be missed!
There are no details about any memorial arrangements yet.

Commander

Hello Post 7824 Comrades and All organizations at the Post,

New Motto for VFW Post 7824: "Veterans helping Veterans"

February was a busy month. Thank you to those that participated in Community Service events at the VA and other parts of our community and the events at the Post in February. Although it was a shorter month, we did have lots of activities. As we look to the Spring Months now don't forget we will Spring ahead our clocks one hour on Sunday Morning March 8th.

March also brings the first round of nominations for key Officer Positions at our VFW: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, and Trustee number 3.

If you are interested in any of these positions do not let this opportunity pass. We need people to step up and take on these key roles with sustained leadership and fresh ideas going into the future. Do not hesitate to inquire about any of them and their duties. Please don't come to the March meeting saying I don't know what the duties entail when there has been plenty of time to ask and still have another week before our March 12th membership meeting. April will be the second round of nominations followed by the voting at the April membership meeting, these are one year commitments July 1, 2026- June 30, 2027, except for the Trustee number 3 is three years. We have a requirement per the National Bylaws to have a finalized vote by the end of April of these positions. Elected and eventually appointed positions in the OMS system by the end of May is also a national requirement.

Glenn Fischer has decided to step away from his duties as the Honor Guard Commander, and we will be looking for a new Commander and hopefully identify a Deputy Commander to assist in those Honor Guard Detail duties. We have an initial meeting set up for Saturday morning March 14th. at 1000 at the Post. I have sent invites out to current Honor Guard members to discuss all that. If anyone is interested in being on the Honor Guard this is an open opportunity and I can send you the invite if

interested in helping shape the way ahead. Glenn has also stepped down from serving on the House Committee. He had a little over one year left on the House Committee. We will open nominations in April for his House Committee Position just like the one to replace Cynthia. To keep the rotations on a two-year commitment basis in place Glenn's replacement will be one year July 2026-June 2027 and as discussed for a few months now Cynthia's replacement will be for two years July 2026- June 2028. We do thank Glenn for his commitment in these positions and will recognize him for his eight years as the Postss Honor Guard Commander in an upcoming membership meeting.

Looking ahead beyond the nominations and elections. Save the date- Saturday morning May 2nd will be our National VFW Day of Service. Like last year we will do some outside cleanup around our Post and out on Andresen Road. Many hands make for short work. See our Senior Vice Commander Barry Hesketh for any further details on this event.

Matt Wells is working on getting us a recruiting booth once per month this summer at the downtown Vancouver Farmers Market. More details to come on this. Membership/recruiting numbers currently sit at 95.7%. We are steadily getting closer to our goal of 100% plus 1 member by June 30th. We need 39 members to reach that goal either Annual member renewing membership, new Members signing up (New or Lifetime), and transferring in members.

We will be having our third all Post Town Hall on Sunday March 29th at 1600 (4 PM). The focus of this Town Hall will be the Post business hours of operation, the Current Food/Drink Menu and what ideas or new things people have. Please come up with ideas and potential solutions. It's not just a gripe session. We need ideas that could possibly be implemented and then a process going forward to implement. Once the Townhall is completed we will be conducting our normal Queen of Hearts ticket and drawing process. The bar will be closed during this Town Hall except for water, soda, coffee, tea.

Thanks again for your service and remember we are Veterans helping Veterans.

See you on March 12th. VFW Membership meeting at 1900. Show up if you want to have input in the future of Post 7824.

New rule going forward alcoholic drinks will stop being served starting at 1845 until after the meeting is concluded.

No more getting your drinks at the last minute before the meeting starts.

Don't forget VFW Sponsored Bingo at the Vancouver VA CLC on Saturday March 7th, 1800 (6PM).

Finally, I am looking for someone to head up a Long-Range planning Committee concerning our current Post location and possible other locations in the area for future potential and someone to lead an emblematic Committee, looking at the current layout of our Post and updating some of the wall decor and pictures etc.

Let me know if you are interested in either.

Thank you for your service and continued support of VFW Post 7824 and Washington District 6.

Please keep all members experiencing serious or declining health conditions in your thoughts and prayers.

Please utilize the Suggestion Box on our Post website here. Also, visit our website for updates and communications.

Update your email address-and encourage others to do the same-if you are not receiving the Scuttlebutt. Email Matt Wells at web@vfw7824.org.

Let's remember to support and respect our Kitchen/Canteen staff, veteran members, and guests.

The next meeting is 12 March 2026 @ 1900

Thank you respectfully in Comradeship,

Greg Gilbertson
Post 7824 Commander

Auxiliary President

Dear members,

-- No update provided --

Marie is on vacation

The next Auxiliary meeting is 26 March 2026 @ 7 PM at the Post.

Be Kind - Be Loyal

Marie McEnry
President, VFW Post 7824 Auxiliary

Canteen Manager

Hello everyone,

I hope you stayed well and enjoyed your month of February. March is looking to be a busy fun month at the Post.

First, I would like to thank our Events Committee. You've done a fantastic job promoting and organizing our events. You are making these fun for everyone! We appreciate the time and effort you put in -- it shows!

Here's what's coming up:

Friday March 13th at 7pm BINGO, bring some friends and try your luck!

Sat. March 14th St. Patrick's Party/Dinner Corned beef and cabbage will be served at 5pm.

Karaoke and games start at 7pm... Come ready to celebrate.

Fri. March 20th Live music at 7 pm James Solberg will be playing. It's always a great time when we have live music, so don't miss it!

Sat March 28th Vietnam Veterans Luncheon at noon our VFW Auxiliary will be serving and thanking them for their service

Sat. March 28th Western Night Party and Karaoke The fun will begin at 7pm; dust off your boots and come join the FUN!!

Friday Dinner Menus (starting at 5:00 PM)

- 03/06 - Prime Rib, Loaded mashed potato and Vegetable
- 03/13 - Spaghetti, Salad and bread
- 03/20 - Beef Stroganoff, Salad and Vegetable
- 03/28 - Orange Chicken with Rice and a Vegetable

Please sign up if you are interested and we will hold that dinner until 6:15.
After that your dinner will be released.

Thank you to those that continue to support our Friday meals
I think that will wrap it up for us this month.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Saturday April 4th, we will be having our Easter festivities. Including our adult Easter egg hunt. Watch for more details.

I appreciate all our volunteers, members and guests who make the Canteen what it is! I Hope to see you here at the Post soon!

Michelle Rex
VFW Post 7824 Canteen Manager

AMVETS Commander

Dear members,

-- No update provided --

Scott Wilson
AMVETS Commander WA 6

AMVETS Auxiliary President

Dear members,

Happy March everyone. Time sure flies fast! The Amvet Ladies Auxiliary will meet this week on Thursday March 5 at 7:00pm. It has been a few months for us not meeting due to holidays and other circumstances. Please plan on joining us this week. It will be good to get together as a group. See you soon!

Debra Patten
AMVETS Ladies Auxillary President

Military Order of the Cooties

Listen Cooties!,

Just a quick note with a detail or 2 for you to disregard. The next scratch will be on Sunday, March 8, 2026, at 1pm. On Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 9:30am, we will be hosting a "Coffee Cart" at the CLC on the Vancouver VAMC. We will be wandering around the place offering coffee and comradeship to the residents. As always, come on down to the post on Friday night and support the meat raffle and the kitchen.

Yours in L.O.T.C.S.

Norman Rasmussen
Seam Squirrel
Van-Orc PT #6

Military Order of the Cooties Auxillary

Dear members,

February was a busy month honoring our Veterans at the Vancouver VA Medical Center.
Cooties helped with the monthly VFW Bingo on the first Saturday in February.
That was followed by Salute to Hospitalized Veterans week, when the MOCA served the Tres leches cake provided by the Pup Tent to visitors to the Medical Center.
Valentine's Day found the MOCA going room to room, passing out Valentine's and Valentine cookies to the residents. There was a jellyfish helping, which gave the patients a chuckle.
As always, the Mardi Gras ice cream social was a huge success, with everyone's favorite banana splits and all receiving Mardi Gras beads.
Cootie Bingo is always well attended, and patients like our East-West game for added Cootie fun. I think Veterans and volunteers appreciate the time together.
Our monthly Cootie Bingo is popular, and Veterans always love the break when we serve homemade snacks and coffee.
We will be trying something new in March with a cart going room to room with coffee, cocoa, and snacks on board. For a start, we will do it one Wednesday a month.

Yours in L.O.T C.S.

Bea Close
MOCA President

Upcoming Meeting

- **12 March 2026 - VFW Monthly Meeting**

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

  7:00 PM - 8:00 PM | VFW Post 7824

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