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May 2026

Commander

Post 7824 Members, *(Veterans Helping Veterans)*

Hello Comrades and Members,

Welcome to May - an active and meaningful month for our Post. A heartfelt **Happy Mother's Day (May 10)** to all of our Post Moms. Thank you for everything you do.

Key Dates & Events

May 2 - Day of Service

- Post cleanup, banner installation, and new branch flags
- Memorial Plaza cleanup (supplies provided; bring gloves)
- **1800:** Bingo at Vancouver VA (Bldg. 1/CLC) - volunteers needed

May 7 - Monthly Meeting (1900)

- *Note:* Moved from May 14
- Recognition for Glenn's service

May 21 - Veteran Services & Flag Placement

- **1400-1530:** Presentation from Willamette National Cemetery
- **1600:** Flag placement at Vancouver Barracks Cemetery (with Scouts & Trail Life Youth)
- **May 26 (1600):** Flag pickup

May 22 - Poppy Distribution

- 1100-1400 at Vancouver Mall (lower level, Macy's entrance)
- Volunteers needed - contact Jan (503-490-1282)

Leadership Updates

New Officers (Effective July 1):

- Commander: Larry Ross
- Sr. Vice: Barry Hesketh
- Jr. Vice: Matt Wells
- Quartermaster: Brian Kirn
- Trustee (3-Year): Mike Teague
- Trustees Continuing: Travis Randall, Mike Johnson Jr.

I will serve as Post Adjutant (2026-2027), with Bruce Maas assisting.

House Committee (2026-2027):

- New Member: Benny Asanoma
- Continuing: Cynthia Ross, Hummer Jim, Keith Ulstead, Travis Hudson

Honor Guard Update

- Commander: Benny Asanoma
- Deputy: Mike Teague
- Active and growing, with recent honors and upcoming Memorial Day participation
- New members welcome; training provided

Membership Status

- Current: **98.62%**
- Goal: **100% +1 by June 30**
- Thanks to Travis Randall and Tonya Wark for outreach efforts

Upcoming Beyond May

- **June 5:** Honor Guard detail (Evergreen Cemetery)
- **June 18-21:** State Convention (Wenatchee, WA)
- **June 27, July 4, Sept 5:** Recruiting at Esther Short Park Farmers Market

Reminders

- Keep members facing health challenges in your thoughts
- Submit feedback via the Post website suggestion box
- Not receiving the *Scuttlebutt*? Contact: web@vfw7824.org
- Maintain a culture of respect for staff, members, and guests

Next Meeting

May 7, 2026 @ 1900

Thank you for your continued service and dedication to our Post and community.

Thank you respectfully in Comradeship,

Greg Gilbertson
Post 7824 Commander

Auxiliary President

Greetings to All,

May is a wonderful time in the Pacific Northwest, and our Auxiliary continues to stay active and engaged.

Election Results

At our April meeting, the following officers were elected:

- **President:** Martha Causey
- **Senior Vice:** Rebecca Pellechi
- **Junior Vice:** Cindy Tagliavia
- **Secretary:** Pam Copeland
- **Treasurer:** Rosemary Hegedus
- **Guard:** JL Thompson
- **Conductress:** Andrea Osborn
- **Trustees:** Pam Vanderheiden, Chelsea Tagliavia, Cindy Tagliavia

Installation Ceremony

Installation of officers will take place during our **May 28 meeting at 7:30 PM**, immediately following regular business.
This event is open to all—please join us in welcoming and celebrating our new leadership.

Message from the President

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as President for the past four years. I look forward to supporting the continued success of our Auxiliary in the future.

Next Meeting

May 28, 2026 @ 7:00 PM
At the Post

Thank you for your continued support and involvement.

Be Kind - Be Loyal

Marie McEnry
President, VFW Post 7824 Auxiliary

Canteen Manager

We're heading into May with a full calendar and plenty of reasons to stop by, connect, and enjoy great food, entertainment, and time with family and friends.

Events & Activities

May 2 - Cinco de Mayo Celebration

- Taco bar at **5:30 PM**
- Karaoke at **7:00 PM**
  Come ready to sing, laugh, and celebrate.

May 8 - Live Music

- The Boneheads at **7:00 PM**
  A great way to kick off Mother's Day weekend.

May 16 - Chili Cook-Off & May Queen

- CVMA Chili Cook-Off begins at **12:00 PM**
- Annual May Queen celebration at **5:00 PM**
  A full day of great food and fundraising fun.

May 22 - Family Bingo Night

- Begins in the evening (time posted at the Post)
  Children welcome with immediate family - bring everyone for a

fun night out.

May 24 - Memorial Day BBQ

- Starts at **3:00 PM**
  Join us as we gather, reflect, and honor the holiday.

May 29 - Auxiliary Blind Auction

- Starts at **7:00 PM**
  A lively and entertaining event to close out the month.

Friday Night Dinners (5:00 PM)

- **May 1:** Prime Rib with loaded mashed potatoes and vegetables
- **May 8:** Loco Moco (rice, hamburger patty, fried egg, gravy)
- **May 15:** Spaghetti with salad
- **May 22:** Chicken Cordon Bleu with rice and vegetables
- **May 29:** White bean stew with cornbread

Please sign up at the canteen or call by the Tuesday before reserve your dinner.

We look forward to seeing you this month - come hungry, bring a friend, and enjoy everything your Post has to offer!

Michelle Rex

VFW Post 7824 Canteen Manager

AMVETS Commander

Post 7824 AMVETS Members,

May is here, and it's time to start preparing for upcoming events and activities.

Next Meeting

Thursday, May 21 @ 1900
All members are encouraged to attend and stay engaged as we plan for the months ahead.

Honor Guard Recruitment

AMVETS members interested in joining the Honor Guard are encouraged to contact **Benny Asanoma** or **Mike Teague** for more information.

Your participation helps us continue to honor Veterans and support our community.

Upcoming Event

May 16 - Hazel Dell Parade
1000-1400 | Hazel Dell
We encourage strong member participation as we represent our organization with pride.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication.

Scott Wilson
AMVETS Commander WA 6

AMVETS Auxiliary President

Greetings to Our Members,

Spring is here - hope you're enjoying the season!

Next Meeting

Thursday, May 14
Please note the date change.

Blind Auction - May 29

Our annual Blind Auction is back for its 4th year!

- **Date:** Friday, May 29 (following the meat draw)
- **What to bring:** New, wrapped items (no indication of contents)
- **Include:** A starting bid on each item

Proceeds support **Veterans Relief** and food box programs. It's always a fun and rewarding event - be sure to mark your calendar!

That's all for now - thank you for your continued support.

Debra Patten
AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary President

Military Order of the Cooties

Listen up, Cooties!

Next Scratch

May 10 @ 1300

Dues Reminder

If you have not yet paid your annual dues, please contact the CCDB ASAP to get squared away.

Blood Donation

Someone out there needs you - please consider donating blood.

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

Norman Rasmussen
Seam Squirrel
Van-Orc PT #6

Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary

Greetings Cooties,

May brings a busy and meaningful month as we attend the Grand Convention in Bellingham and continue our activities at the Vancouver VA.

Upcoming Events

May 2 - VFW Bingo

- 6:00 PM
  We will once again assist with bingo at the VA.

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo Ice Cream Social

- CLC for Veterans
  A fun social event featuring banana splits, ice cream treats, and plenty of fellowship. We'll also be ringing our "The Works" bell.

May 9 - Monthly Meeting

- 11:00 AM
  Our newly elected officers will begin their new term.

Reminder: Annual dues of **$20** are now due. Let's work toward **100% membership renewal** as quickly as possible.

May 17 - Super Sunday Bingo
Patients always look forward to this event, especially the homemade

treats during break. With strong volunteer support, clear bingo instructions, and engaging callers, this remains a highlight for patients. The east-west game and friendly interaction make it a fun and meaningful experience for all.

Coffee Cart Program

Our coffee cart continues to be a great success, offering coffee, cocoa, mochas, and small treats. It provides a wonderful opportunity to connect with patients who truly appreciate the visits and conversation.

Closing

Sending healing prayers to those in need and wishing everyone sunny days ahead.

Bea Close

MOCA President

Upcoming Meeting

- **07 May 2026 - VFW**

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

  1900 - 2000 | VFW Post 7824
- **09 May 2026 - Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary**

  1100 - 1200 | VFW Post 7824
- **14 May 2026 - Amvets Ladies Auxiliary**

  1900 - 2000 | VFW Post 7824
- **21 May 2026 - Amvets**

  1900 - 2000 | VFW Post 7824
- **28 May 2026 - VFW Auxiliary**

  1900 - 2000 | VFW Post 7824

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