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## From the Commander

Comrades,

January has moved on by, I hope you all have had a Happy New Year.

Several post and auxiliary members attended the mid-winter conference at Yakima during January. We attended classes for updated training/reporting as well as attending an awards banquet for the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen winners.

Things at the VFW continue to move on. Our new security system has been installed. All it needs is a few tweaks and some personnel training to be at its best. It is more efficient. The pavilion heaters and lights are finished and operational. I have noticed quite a few individuals using it this past month. I hope more of you enjoy it as the weather gets better. Please be mindful to make sure the heaters are off when not in use. This is encouraged, so our electric bill does not skyrocket!

The other post projects are moving forward as bids/contracts/materials become available.

One item that needs some attention is the excess medical equipment around the inside and outside of the post. If you know someone who could use any of it, please take the item or items to them. Some of these items are new in boxes. Items not removed by the middle of February will be disposed of, an early start to spring cleaning.

February is shaping up with several activities already scheduled. You can sign up for Valentine's dinner and then be entertained with live music.

Join us for Super Bowl party on February 12. Bring your favorite dish to share.

Thank you all for supporting the VFW. You have made our post one of the best in the state. As I am attending meetings and conventions, I receive many positive comments from Comrades who have visited our post. Keep up the good work.

Continue respecting our post and the individuals running it.

On personal note – Thank You to everyone who attended the surprise birthday party for me, I am not sure how you all kept it quiet but congratulations for the surprise. I truly enjoyed myself!

Bill T

Commander

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### **From the Canteen Manager**

Hello everyone!

We made it through January, I don't know about most of you, but that's one of the worst months for me. And now it's a push for spring, yes, I know I'm a little early...

I don't have much as far as updates, but I do have one subject that I'd like to touch on. I'm sure everybody is familiar with the term "the bottom line" and with prices going up and the quantities going down. I would like to bring to everybody's attention that I am well aware of the overpouring happening and that is what affects our bottom line. I feel, and I've always felt, that we pour a good drink for a decent price. Our drinks are 2 ounces of liquor and if you are

getting more than that you will be charged for it! I have spoken with all bartenders in regards to this matter and I have also removed some glasses from behind the bar as well. If this problem doesn't get resolved, I will be forced to raise prices.

It really comes down to this, you all know what a shot looks like, with or without ice!! Please don't "expect" any more than what you're paying for.

And just for a reminder, the post is a nonprofit organization. The canteen on the other hand is for profit and that is where the post gets their funds from. I buy the same food and beverage products that all other restaurants do. Compare prices and I'm sure you will see ours are not higher than most others.

I have heard some members say we should work only on volunteerism. They say we have too many(3) paid employees. Payroll is one of our biggest expenses that is true. I don't believe that there is one of us that is over paid. Yes, we could go back to volunteer cooks. However, when you start doing that, you will lose consistency out of the kitchen, not to mention will we have a cook every day? I have always strived to be more than the canteen itself. I want to offer good food and drinks at a fair price, where veterans and their families can enjoy themselves and feel comfortable and safe.

OK moving on. Next Friday the 10th. We are having our steak and shrimp Valentine's dinner. That dinner will be reservation only at 7 PM. That evening we will have entertainment from the Boneheads. I'm looking forward to that evening. It should be a great time!

On Friday the 24th. We will welcome back Monty Eldon at 7 PM playing some country classics.

Looking forward on into March, we will not have karaoke Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>. We will have the Fiddle Sticks as our entertainment starting at 7 PM. Mark

your calendars you won't want to miss that one.

Below is our February Friday night dinner schedule

February 10- steak and shrimp

February 17- fried chicken

February 24- spaghetti

In closing, I'd like to wish everyone a great month. Do your best to stay healthy and well and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Best wishes, Michelle Rex