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## From the Commander

Greetings Comrades,

May is upon us and the weather is finally changing so we can get outside to enjoy it.

Thanks to one and all who have been making sure our post area is kept up and looking good.

Kudos to the Honor Guard and Larry Ross for representing Post 7824 at the Mallard Landing Assisted Living Home. They replaced the flag pole lanyard and replaced the American Flag. Veterans and residents were grateful at having a new flag to show their patriotism. They also made several comments on how professional we looked and worked together to complete the task. The group honored a 99 year old WWII veteran and spoke with the oldest resident, 100, who was proud of the new flag because of her late husband's service. We were represented by six VFW members as well as one VFW Auxiliary member.

The new Post Officers for 2023-2024 are:

Post Commander: Bill Tatum

Senior Vice Commander: Larry Ross

Junior Vice Commander: Gregg Gilbertson

Quartermaster: Jim Vanderheiden

This month we will complete the process by selecting and electing VFW members for the House Committee.

The Post has again reached 100% membership for the year. Thank you to all members who paid their dues and recruited new members for the VFW.

Things appear to be flowing well around the post. I appreciate you all respecting the post rules and each other. Keep up the good work!

Bill T

Commander

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### **From the Canteen Manager**

Hello everyone!

I hope everybody had a great month in April and welcome to May, I sure hope we see more sunshine but at least we finish last month off with great weather.

I am so looking forward to being able to have outdoor seating and entertainment as the weather improves.

Speaking of seating outdoors, I need to readdress the pavilion usage. The post has recently added a microphone speaker to the pavilion as well as a camera.

We realize that everybody enjoys being outdoors in the Northwest because we get short changed when it comes to warm days.

Remember, we have to share this beautiful area that's been provided to us.

The smokers have been able to use the inside of the pavilion through our wet cooler months, but as our weather changes, we are going back to smoking in front of the building along the wall. When others are outside eating and conversing under the pavilion, please be respectful.

I've tried to explain it like this... when the sides are down on the pavilion it usually is because of cooler/wet weather and the smokers will be inside that area. When the sides are up, that's usually during warmer days and others will be out there wanting to enjoy themselves. This is when the smokers need to be considerate in giving them the space without having to worry about ashtrays

and smoke.

We have provided tables outside of the pavilion up front near the fencing and you are welcome to smoke there, unless you see that people are eating at those tables then please use the smoking area in front of the windows against a building. Thank you for working together on this!

Most of you know we are entering a new regime of officers for our Post in the coming months. Thank you to everyone that threw their name in the hat, wishing to become involved. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year.

I have spoken with the commander in regards to this next topic. "OUR CANTEEN EVENTS COMMITTEE"

I need six individuals that are willing to meet once or twice a month, to plan out six months in advance, our canteen functions, as well as branch birthday celebrations. This is something that I truly love to do!! I just don't have the time to give what it takes to plan the extra functions. If you yourself are interested, or if you know of somebody that loves to plan a party, please get them in touch with me. I will be involved with you in date selection and meal preparation. You do not have to be a member to join this committee!! You have to be able to commit to the planning of the function and you as a GROUP will run each function. Games, raffles, themes, decorations, and such. My phone number is 360-798-1150. Please text me and I hope to hear from you soon.

The only canteen update that I have is that Kristen gave Tuesday days a shot and just isn't able to go forward with the shift. I thank you for giving it a try. Susan (Suzy Q) has taken the shift. She is an amazing gal. She now works Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday days. I can't thank her enough for her willingness and enthusiasm to be here for our Veterans and their guests. This girl is going to do amazing!! You may even see her some evening

shifts. Please welcome her and show your appreciation too.

Don't forget we have live music the second Friday of every month by the Boneheads. Join us May 12th for some great music and lots of dancing!

Friday menu schedule for the month is as follows:

Friday, May 5 prime rib

Friday, May 12 baked chicken and rice with a salad

Friday, May 19 beef stroganoff and salad.

Friday, May 26 meatloaf and mashed potatoes.

Saturday, May 6 we will have a taco bar set up from 4 to 6 PM to celebrate a little Cinco de Mayo, that got bumped due to prime rib ;)

Sunday, May 28 we will be celebrating Memorial Day with a barbecue of hamburgers and hotdogs with baked beans and potato salad and chips. The plates will be available starting at 3 PM and we will grill until 5 PM. Praying the weather will allow us to be outside and play some games.

Thanks for taking the time to read all of this. I hope you all have a wonderful month. Do your best to stay healthy and well and May God bless us all.

Best wishes, Michelle Rex