



Post 379

COMMANDERS CORNER



Commander Tim

All,

This is my last commander's corner article, and I want to take this opportunity to be clear about things. First I am going to define some terms that sometimes get used interchangeably but mean different things. Second I am going to point out a problem. Third of all I am going to provide a simple solution to that problem.

First: Post = Members , over 650

Club = our bar/restaurant located at 118 south 5th Ave, Yakima.

The Club and Post are financially independent. Our post is not going anywhere, we're still one of the largest posts in the state. Which leads me to my next point.

Second: The problem:

Our CLUB IS STRUGGLING.

Third: The solution: 650 Members come to the Club once a month and spend \$50.

$$650 \times \$50 = \$32,500/\text{month}$$

I understand that some of our members have mobility issues and cannot make it to the club as frequently, and I know that some of the members on our roster have moved and no longer live in the local area. That being said, I'd be willing to bet that we have over 300 able bodied members who live in the local area that could make it to the club. Grants and donations from outside agencies are great, but the future of our Club is in our hands. If you have not spent \$50 at the club in the past month, the club is struggling because of you. Take some time and look in the mirror and answer the question, "do I want to have a VFW club in Yakima in the Future"?

In closing I would like to thank everyone who supported our Club and Post over the past two years that I have been commander.

Thank you for your time.

For the last time,

Tim Gatton

VFW 379 Commander

William Wharton

Post 379

Post Script

June 2025

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



President Susan

Hello Everybody,

When my husband, Dennis, and I moved to Yakima about 6 years ago, we stopped in at the Post #379, and found a new home and a new group of friends. Dennis is an Army combat Veteran of Vietnam and being with those who "understand" is important. All Veterans are important and needed to be respected.

I am honored and excited to be the new Auxiliary President. The dedicated Auxiliary members that I have worked with and come to know are stellar!! They are passionate about making the Post a place for our Veterans to find relaxation and companionship.

Working in partnership with Commander Wayne White, we will strive to reach out into the community and aid our Veterans in new ways. Everyone needs to think "outside the box" on how to connect with those Veterans that are lost and need a friend.

It's going to be a pleasure to work with so many dedicated staff members of the Post, those members of the Canteen who work so very hard, and my fellow Auxiliary members. Looking forward to great things happening at Post #379!

Susan Lippincott

CLUB MANAGER



Dawn

Hi members!

Another month gone, summer is here! This month we have the pool league coming in Thursday the 5th & 19th. A fathers day breakfast special, Eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, &

choice of hashbrowns or French toast, comes with a bloody Mary or well drink \$20. 25th through the 28th is State convention, Wednesday-Friday we are having lunch & dinner at the post. Lunch is Soup & sandwiches \$14.99, Wednesday dinner is hotdogs or hamburgers \$14.99, Thursday dinner is Steak night for \$21.95, and Friday dinner is full menu (\$24.95 prime rib, \$21.95 Steak, \$14.99 Burgers). I want to give a special thank you to Lorri Feist! She is our 1st ever Volunteer of the month! She is a hard worker, always willing to help, and has the best attitude! We are lucky to have her! Thank you Lorri for all you do for us!

Have a great June members & I hope to see you here this month.

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June

drink specials

Fireball shots

\$3.00

Bar tequila

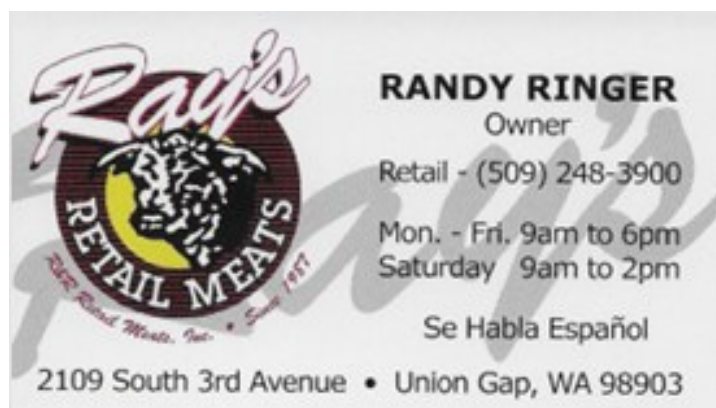
Thursday night dinner recap:

6/5 - Chicken Fried Steak \$15.95

6/12 - Meat Loaf \$15.95

6/19-Lasagna and fixins \$15.95

6/26 - Steak Night \$21.95



Happy Hour

2:00 to 5:00

and

All day on Wednesday

CLUB HOURS

Club hours are as follows:

Closed: Monday, Tuesday

2:00PM TO CLOSE on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays.

8:00am to 12:00pm on Sundays for breakfast

We will be open at other times for special events. Watch Facebook, the calendar, and the website.

Special Thank You

VFW Post 379 would like to give a huge Thank you to the **Combat Veterans United** president Michael “El Guapo” Brown for weed eating around our Building! Thank you very much!

VFW Post 379 Challenge Coins are available at the bar for \$20. Get yours while they last.

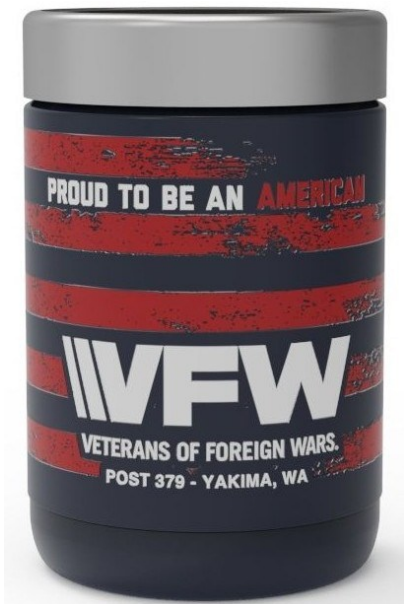


Honor Wall

The wall is growing and we would like to see it get bigger still. Put yourself or your loved one on the wall to be remembered forever in their place of Honor. Applications are available at the Post or can be emailed at your request. Cost is \$100 per plaque and the profit goes to support maintenance on the Post Home.

New Item at the Post

Great Father's Day gift!



Limited Edition can coolers! Perfect for 12 ounce cans or bottles.

“Charge” it up in the freezer and keep your beverage “ice cold”

These are available at the club for only

\$20.00 Cash Only Please.

Available at the Bar.

Dishwasher



Update!

The American Legion Funeral Team has donated \$1000 and Legends Casino has given us a grant worth \$5,000.00 to help with replacing our dishwasher! A very big thank you to The American Legion Funeral Team, Legends Casino, all of the great people who donated to the “jug” on the bar and our outgoing Quartermaster and current Trustee, Del Gilliland for submitting the request.



We have the Post Script in the E-mail form but will have copies at the Post Home. This will be in color and have more content. We can update the Post Calendar as often as is required to keep up with changing events. Sign up at the Post or send me your email address to vfw379@gmail.com. Like us on Facebook and check out the web page. vfwpost379.org. If you have something you would like in the newsletter send it to the Post.

Post 379 Foundation presents an \$500 award to BSA Troop 268.

At the Post Meeting on May 14th, the Foundation awarded Boy Scout Troop 268 \$500 to help out with their endeavors.



VFW Post 379 in conjunction with CVU has \$5.00 gift chips for sale to give out to friends, family, or other Veterans. These are good at the bar for a drink up to the value of the chip. These are available at the bar for purchase. This is a good way to bring in new potential members to our Post.

We have new Post 379 T-shirts in stock while they last. Get yours before they are gone. New VFW Post 379 ball caps also. Both are \$25.00 each.

In Memorial

This past month, we had the misfortune of losing 2 of our past commanders Rick Beck and Lonnie James. The members of VFW Post 379 will always remember all of the hard work as well as the blood sweat and tears that both of these Past Commanders contributed to this Post. Thank you.





Genevieve Plays at the VFW for the Spaghetti Feed

At our Spaghetti Feed on May 17th, the band Genevieve played for our enjoyment. They played a mix of Country Top 40, Classic Country and Classic Rock. It was nice to see and hear live music back at the post.

The Spaghetti Feed was a success raising money to help improve our Post.

A big shout out goes to our Chef Paul Soper who arrived early to make sure the meal was ready. Also, we would like to thank all of the volunteers who worked behind the scenes to help make it a success. As well as our Friends at SMG Media!

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OUR GREAT SPONSORS

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Brookside Funeral Home

Keith & Keith

DID YOU KNOW?

All sanctioned Veterans organization members or active military and their guests are welcome at Post 379. Just show your card and sign the guest book and enjoy our hospitality. Please let your friends know they are welcome.

Do you have a group that gets together to play games or cards? Think about meeting at the club in the afternoon or evening. Games are more fun with a couple of drinks, just saying !!!

Remember Post 379 has 2 pool tables and a shuffle board for your use and enjoyment. We also have a lending library of books for your use.

Veterans suicide is at an all time high. If you or someone you know is having problems and need to talk, help is available thru the VA or the Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 press 1.

New Officer's Installed

On May 30th, our new Post Officers were installed. Pictured below is Post Commander Wayne White and Auxiliary President Susan Lippencott taking their oath of office.



Quilts of Valor



Keith Zahler with his Quilt



Marvin Koop with his Quilt

On May 23rd, the Yakima Country Quilts of Valor Foundation Awarded 2 of our Members their quilts and Vietnam Service pins for their service. Congratulations Keith Zahler and Marvin