COMMANDER’S CORNER

January started kind of quiet. We went to a ceremony at Ft. Lewis (yes I know it’s now called JBLM, but for us that have been stationed there, it’s still Ft. Lewis.) called the Chipyong-ni Ceremony. Celebrating the battle that was fought from 13-15 February 1951. The 23rd Infantry Regiment consisted of three battalions of infantry; the French Infantry Battalion and First Ranger Company, both attached to the regiment; the 37th Field Artillery Battalion; Battery B, 82nd Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion; Battery B, 503rd Field Artillery Battalion; Company B, 2nd Engineer Battalion (Combat); and a platoon from the 2nd Medical Battalion. This is under the command of Col Paul L. Freeman Jr. A total of 4500 men vs 25,000 of the PVA the Chinese People’s Volunteer Army. That consisted of the 39th Army and 40/42nd Armies. Of the 4500 men of which 2000 were grunts. The 4500 routed the 25,000. The end result being, Chinese had 1000 KIA, 2000 WIA, 79 POWs. The 23rd had 51 KIA, 250 WIA, and 42 MIA. This started turning the Korean War into a stalemate. It was quite a ceremony and wet.

On 16 February I went back to Ft. Lewis for an NCO Induction Ceremony at the Main Post Chapel. This for newly promoted Sgt, E5s. It was quite an affair. It started with being sworn in, then passing underneath an arch of sabers to get their certifications and then ending with The NCO Creed and singing of the 7th Infantry Division and The Army Songs.

I would like to offer our condolences to Tom Knudsen and his family for the loss of their daughter in law and the injuries to their granddaughter that happened in Spokane The end of March. Tom, the post is behind you, let us know if we can be of assistance to you and yours.

Chuck Murrell
Post Commander

We need to get our dues in ASAP so we can get our membership up, if you have a friend that is a Veteran encourage them to attend our meetings and join our post. We need all the help we can get.

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From the Editor’s Desk

Military Update: After two years of study and debate, the Department of Defense has made a policy change, effective next November, to allow 16 million honorably discharged veterans to shop online for discounted military exchange products.

Peter K. Levine, acting undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, signed a memorandum Wednesday announcing the benefit expansion, effective Veterans’ Day Nov. 11, and giving Congress the required 30 days’ notice before actions begin to implement the plan.

Months of preparation are needed to make e-shopping portals more robust and to allow the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) time to create software for verifying veterans’ status using Department of Veterans Affairs records.

Several million vets already are eligible to shop in exchanges — on base or online — because they are active or reserve component retirees, or 100-percent disabled from service-connected injuries or ailments, or Medal of Honor recipients.

Thomas C. Shull, chief executive officer of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, led a three-year quest to expand online exchange shopping to all honorably discharged veterans with access to computers. It cited two reasons.

One was to reward their service with exchange product savings that, on average, will be near to 20 percent versus commercial department store prices when military exemption from state and local sales tax are considered too.

Shull’s other purpose was to increase exchange revenues to help offset troubling declines due to the drawdown of active duty forces, base closures and the end of military tobacco discounts for the higher priority of healthier populations.

The Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard exchange services joined Shull and AAFES in pushing for the shopping benefit expansion. They worked with Levine’s office and with resale board executives in refining the proposal.

The online benefit does not extend to veterans’ dependents, although spouses and family members theoretically could use the authorized customer’s log-in credentials, given the nature of an online shopping benefit.

Taken in part from an article POSTED BY: TOM PHILPOTT on JANUARY 12, 2017, in THE MILITARY ADVANTAGE BLOG, Military.com

The American Legion CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION is approaching fast (July 2019).

The Post’s Centennial Committee is being formed. Do you want to be a part of it? Contact Tom Knudsen or Jim Landerdahl, Historian.

Calling all veteran drum and bugle players interested in playing during centennial celebrations contact Clark Silliman, Judge Advocate.

Have any Post, District, Department Legion items, articles, memorabilia or the such at your home or in a storage locker that you would like to possibly be displayed or used for the centennial celebration, let Jim Landerdahl, Post Historian know.

PLEASE RECYCLE THIS NEWSLETTER AFTER READING, PASS IT ON.
ADJUTANT'S REPORT
by Don Mills

POST EVERLASTING

Charles Hansing, Fred Williams, and Benjamin F. Brown Sr.
We appreciate their years of service to our country and to Post 1.

When you move or are planning to move, even if it is a temporary move, contact the Post Adjutant to make the change. We need current addresses for Membership, National, Newsletters, and any other Post Correspondence, etc.

The First District Roundtable Meeting is normally held the 2nd Saturday of the month, at 10:00AM come join us at various locations. The May meeting will be held at Post 160.

Let the Post know if you are a former or current member of Law Enforcement, Fire Fighter or an EMT locally in the state.

No Post meetings in July and August, see you in September, 2017.

Charles Murrell, Commander, and Donald Mills, Adjutant, Seattle Post 1 receiving award certificates from Dept. Commander Wayne Elston at the Spring Conference on 4-7-17. Photos by Doreen Mills.

Congratulations to the 2018 First District Officers voted in at the Spring Conference.
COMMANDER: Kyle Geraghty and VICE-COMMANDER: Jordan Houghton.

Do you have a photo of yourself and/or buddies during your younger days in uniform? I would like to publish it in the newsletter and also on the Post's website. Send a copy of your photo in an email to either the webmaster or newsletter editor.

POST 1 OFFICER NOMINATIONS IN MAY AND VOTING IN JUNE.
Submit nominations to Tom Knudsen or Sr. Vice-Commander, Debra Wood.


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AUXILIARY UNIT I

by Carolyn Wiley-Frasier

May 20, Saturday

Elections of Officers for 2017-2018 for the Unit and also the elections of Delegates and Alternates for Department Convention. Have a Memorial Service for the one we lost the past year. See if all Chairman have reports in to Department.

June 20, Tuesday

The Auxiliary will do lunch for the Post at 11:00am.

July 19-- 23

Convention

August

Budget for new year, 2017-2018

I hope this will help you all and you can mark your calendar for up and coming things at this time. I do not know the time of Spring or Fall Conference. Remember we are here to help all out, we are one family.

Let's take a look at the coming year of 2017-2018 for the best Auxiliary and Post in the District and Department.

Congratulations to the members of the Unit One with the changes of a new year, we will be the best. There is a whole lot of information that is coming out. I hope this will help you somewhat. I am sure if we all work together we can do it. I would like to Thank you for all that you have done and for having the confidence in me.

Have you ever stopped and looked at the emblem of The American Legion Auxiliary. It is your badge of distinction and honor. It stands for God and Country and the highest right of mankind. It consists of several parts and each part has a meaning (see diagram in newsletter).

Auxiliary Mission Statement

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security. Continued next page.

President: Carolyn Wiley Frasier  206 937-1197  Treasurer: Marian Thompson  206 743-8277
Vice-President: Gerry Egner  206 365-8196  Chaplain: Glenis Perebbom  206 542-5704
Secretary: Dianne M. Salmonsen  206 368-9098  Sergeant-at-Arms: Lucy Mack  206 860-3135
Historian: Jeanette Murrell  253 929-6293
Greetings all!

Our new meeting dates for 2017 will be the third Saturday of each month at 0900. We will meet again at Lil Jon's restaurant in Bellevue for the time being. This meeting will be a planning meeting and discuss missions and dates that we would like to accomplish for the year 2017. I plan to reach out to the Post 79 riders to see if they might be interested in riding with us or even joining us.

I am planning on attending the next Board meeting to get up to speed on directions and activities that we may take advantage of for 2017. I will brief everyone at the meeting with what I find out.

I look forward to meeting with you all again. Ride Safe!

Director: Rod Baker RB32@comcast.net
Road Captain: Doug Maines Sgt. Of Arms: Doug Maines
We are currently looking to recruit more members.

Auxiliary Vision Statement
The vision of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion while becoming the premier service organization and foundation of every community providing support for our veterans, our military, and their families by shaping a positive future in an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, peace and security.

Auxiliary members receiving 50+ continuous year pins.
Grace Fortier 70 years
Carolyn Wiley-Frasier 65 years
Opal Johnson 60 years
Susan Wagner 60 years
Gerry Egner 60 years
Venita Holthaus 55 years
Lee Nester 55 years
Sharon Wiley 50 years
Anne Lawler 50 years
Serve with SCA's Veterans Fire Corps (VFC) and obtain the skills and certifications you need to become competitive in a wildland fire and/or forestry career. Members gain experience in disciplines like: wildlife ecology; botany; trail work; ecological restoration and resource management.

**Participate in projects like:**
- Fuels Reduction
- Fire effects monitoring
- Educational outreach
- Pre-fire preparation of burn units
- Prescribed burns

**Internship Details:**
- This team will consist of five members with one SCA project leader
- Schedule is typically four consecutive 10-hour days (where camping is required) and three days off
- 40-hour/week commitment; members must stay for duration of program

**Training and Certifications**
- Two weeks of field based training
- Wildland Fire Chainsaw Certification
- Basic Wildlife Firefighter and Red Card Certification
- Wilderness First Aid, CPR

**Program Dates:**
- May 15 to August 21, 2017
- Bighorn National Forest, The Black Hills of SD, & Nebraska Grasslands

**Benefits**
- Living allowance of $280 per week
- Round trip travel allowance of $650
- Eligible for AmeriCorps Education award of $1515
- Worker's compensation
- Over $1200 worth of certifications received

**Requirements**
- Post 911 US Military Veteran
- DD 214 with Honorable Discharge (General Discharge under Honorable positions considered)
- Pass Work Capacity (Pack) Test at the "arduous" level: 3 miles hike with 45-pound pack in 45 minutes
- Valid driver's license
- Pass a criminal background, FBI Fingerprinting, and motor vehicle check
- Ability to hike long distances while carrying a heavy pack and remain composed under pressure while serving in rugged terrain
- Comfort and ability to use a chainsaw and other hand tools
- Comfortable living and serving with veterans from all service branches

Questions or to apply, contact VFC Coordinators:
Cynthia Bevacqua: cbevacqua@thesca.org, 603-543-1700 x 1499

Read the Veteran's Fire Corps blog at thesca.org/VFC
FIND THE FOLLOWING HIDDEN WORDS, FORWARD OR BACKWARD NOT DIAGONAL.

Air Force
Army
Auxiliary
Boy Scouts
Boys State
Coast Guard
Colors
Conference
Convention
Father's Day

Finance Officer
Hockey
Jr. Shooting
Marines
Mother's Day
Navy
Oratorical
Spanish
Veteran's Day

Any Korean War era, served with or knew a Loren Neal? Originally from Kansas, born 1926, served in the US Army 1950-52, served in Germany, passed away 1995 in Thurston County, WA. Relative trying to find info, please contact me, newsletter editor, thank you.

FLAG DISPOSAL
Bring your unserviceable flag to our general membership meeting, we will see that it is properly retired.

When our flag has been torn, tattered, irreparably soiled, faded, or otherwise unserviceable, it is to be properly retired.

"The Ceremony for Disposal of Unserviceable Flags is outlined in Resolution No. 440, passed by the 19th National Convention of The American Legion in New York, Sept. 20-23, 1937. The ceremony has been an integral part of American Legion ritual since that date.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May
9  TUES. 11:30AM  EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, BURIEN, WA.
13  SAT.  10:00 AM  DISTRICT 1 ROUNDTABLE MEETING, LOCATION TBD
20  SAT.  11:00AM  GENERAL POST MEETING, BALLARD VFW HALL
                      POST OFFICER NOMINATIONS

June
10  SAT.  10:00 AM  DISTRICT 1 ROUNDTABLE MEETING, LOCATION TBD
13  TUES. 11:30AM  EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, BURIEN, WA.
20  TUES. 11:00AM  GENERAL POST MEETING, BALLARD VFW HALL
                      VOTING FOR POST OFFICERS

July
19-23  WED.-SUN.  DEPARTMENT CONVENTION, KENNEWICK, WA.
                   NO GENERAL POST MEETING

Aug.
  4-6  FRI.-SUN.  DEPARTMENT LEGION COLLEGE, POST 8, ELLensburg, WA
 18-24  FRI.-THUR.  NATIONAL CONVENTION, RENO-SpARKS, NV
                   NO GENERAL POST MEETING

BALLARD VFW HALL location: 2812 NW Market Street, Ballard, Seattle, WA.