Well here we go again into a new year for Post 1 and the Legion family. I hope that the summer has been both good to you and for you. Ours has been busy, We did the mid-summer Convention in Kennewick, I never realized how large Kennewick is, nothing really exciting happened.

This year the main focus will be on membership, we really need to work on this. Last year we fell way short of our goal. We need to come up with ideas to reach the younger Veterans.

We will still do Quarterly Saturday meetings. First one will be 21 Oct at 1100 hrs.

On 8 Aug. I will be flying out to a hot balmy New Orleans as a delegate from Vietnam Veterans of America Seattle Chapter 102 for the VVA National Convention. Fun and whatever. Conventions are BORING, reunions are FUN.

Then at the end of Aug. Jeanette and I will spend a couple of days with friends from the Wolfhounds (27th Infantry Regiment) in SeaTac for their annual reunion.

Lets Go To Work.

Chuck
From the Editor’s Desk

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 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.

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

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT: Alice Richard and VICE-PRESIDENT: Jeannette Murrell

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

TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE 2018 YEAR. Check your membership card, does it indicate 2018, if not it is time to renew, $45.00. Get your renewal dues in early. Thank you

Have you checked out the post’s website lately? Lot of changes and additions have been made. It is constantly being updated. There is even a page for District news. Give many thanks to Bob Edwards.

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.
POST EVERLASTING

Benjamin Brown, John Wilcox, and Jess Stewart

We appreciate their years of service to our country and to Post 1.

At the 98th Washington State Department Convention in Kennewick, Washington, Post 1 delegates and guests had the honor of attending the “Spirit of Service Award” Banquet. This event is a Service to America Salute to Armed Forces and Law & Order.

Michael L. Grygiel, Post 1 member, was our guest along with his wife, Kathy, and received a framed 50-year Certificate of Continuous Membership in the American Legion. Following is an interesting tid bit about how Colonel Grygiel got started in the American Legion.

Upon graduation ceremonies at West Point with a Bachelor’s Degree in Engineering, Colonel Grygiel was looking forward to a congratulatory kiss from his wife, but instead was greeted by his grandfather, Jacob Lawrence who also was a member of Post 1. Grandpa Lawrence held an application in his hand for young Grygiel to join the American Legion. You see, at one time around 1940 Mr. Lawrence lived on Queen Anne Hill in Seattle.

Now you see how special it was to present Michael Grygiel with his 50-year award, thanks to Grandpa Lawrence. To this day both Grandpa Lawrence and Michael Grygiel proudly fly the United States flag daily.

A few more notes about Colonel Grygiel, U.S. Army Retired: Michael is a native of the Northwest, born at Fort Lewis and resides in Richland, WA. He also graduated with a Master’s of Science Degree in Nuclear Engineering from MIT and served 23 years in U.S. Army Corps of Engineering.

Congratulations again Colonel Grygiel. We were so pleased and proud to meet you in person.
AUXILIARY UNIT 1
by Alice Richard

Hard to believe we are beginning a new year in which we can support our Veterans. The Auxiliary will be looking at these next few months with the Fall conference, workshop learning, Veterans Day, gift shops, Thanksgiving and Santa’s Castle. We will have many opportunities to continue the projects we have always done and continue to learn about new ideas or projects in support of our Veterans and their families.

Our new slate of Department officers will be sharing their focus for the year which will be shared in the Evergreen News and our monthly packets. President Janet Sperry is focused on an updated and working website for everyone to use. This includes more of the activities that will be going on throughout the state so we all have access to information. National has online learning available to every Auxiliary member to take at their own pace, so much more to come. These classes are available now on National’s website to learn more about each program.

I look forward to the year with renewed energy to give a helping hand to those who served and continue to serve.

Alice Richard, Auxiliary President

91st Annual Memorial Day Celebration -

The Veterans’ Memorial at Washelli Cemetery was held May 29, 2017. Those participating began lining up for the Parade at 1:30 pm. The Seattle Pacific University Wind Ensemble and Drum Corps provided a concert before the Service of Remembrance at 2:00 pm with the Parade of Colors. Maria Kesovija sang the National Anthem. The Memorial Day Address was given this year by Washington State House of Representative Brad Klippert. With more than 28 years of military service, Colonel Klippert has served as a helicopter pilot and currently serves as the Commander of the Washington State Guard, residing in Kennewick, Washington. During the Wreath Placement portion of the ceremony, Alice Richard represented Post 1 Auxiliary.

John Breen carried the US Flag and Jim Landerdahl is on the right caring the Post flag in this photo. Of all the patriotic symbols Americans hold dear, there are none that express the American spirit quite like the Liberty Bell. Evergreen-Washelli’s replica of the Liberty Bell, one of just three replicas cast in the same pit as the original, was used as part of a 30-city tour around the United States to celebrate our Bi-centennial. Like the original Liberty Bell, it stands to remind us of our country’s many freedoms.

See more photos on the next page of wreaths and the Liberty Bell.

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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 2018.

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.

Frank Albin, Post 1 Service Officer, presenting a framed certificate, $100 check and ROTC medals in June to Dawnnie Fuentes for Military Excellence and to Grace Wall for Scholastic Excellence. These awards are presented annually to Seattle University ROTC cadets.

Speaking of Frank Albin, he recently fell and is in rehab. Send him your well wishes and positive thoughts and vibes for a speedy recover.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept.  9  SAT.  10:00 AM  DISTRICT 1 ROUNDTABLE MEETING, POST 160, WEST SEATTLE
     12  TUE.  11:00 AM  EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, BURIEN
     19  TUE.  11:00 AM  GENERAL POST MEETING, BALLARD VFW HALL
     19  TUE.  11:00 AM  INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, JAKE CABAUG PRESIDING
     29  FRI.  TBD PM  FALL CONFERENCE, POST 160, WEST SEATTLE

Oct.  14  SAT.  10:00 AM  DISTRICT 1 ROUNDTABLE MEETING, LOCATION TBD
     10  TUES.  11:00 AM  EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, BURIEN
     21  SAT.  11:00 AM  GENERAL POST MEETING, BALLARD VFW HALL

Nov.  11  SAT.  11:00 AM  VETERANS DAY CEREMONY, WASHELLI
     11  SAT.  11:00 AM  AUBURN VETERANS DAY PARADE, AUBURN
     14  TUES.  11:00 AM  EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, BURIEN
     21  TUE.  11:00 AM  GENERAL POST MEETING, BALLARD VFW HALL

Dec.  10  SUN.  NOON  POST CHRISTMAS PARTY, NILE TIMPLE, SHORELINE

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