



VFW Department of Wyoming News – September 2017

September Post Charter Anniversaries

Washakie Post 3093, Worland, 9/08/1934

Carl Kuemmerle Post 2516, Newcastle, 9/04/1932

Devils Tower Post 4311, Sundance, 9/15/1945

Laramie Peak Post 3558, Wheatland, 9/11/1936

Laramie Post 2221, Laramie, 9/17/1931

Important days in September

September 11 – Patriot Day

September 15 – POW/MIA Remembrance Day

September 18 – Air Force Birthday

September 24 – Gold Star Mothers Day

900 Club for 2016-17

September Club winners

1. \$500 - Ticket #64 – Don N. – Sold by 9439
2. \$300 – Ticket #291 – VFW 954 Auxiliary – Sold by 954
3. \$100 – Ticket #234 – Tom H. – Sold by 2321

900 Club for 2017-18

Fourteen tickets for next year's 900 Club have found their way to the Department. We need 108 by the end of October to hold the drawing. I have tickets if you need some to sell.

From the Eclipse to the Hurricane

Commander Willis and President Pam donated \$1,050 to the Department from the pancake breakfast they put on during the Great American Eclipse. \$500 of that is now headed to VFW Post 3904 in Rockport, Texas. The post building was heavily damaged by Hurricane Harvey. VFW.org has more ways to help the victims of the hurricane.

Walk Across Wyoming

Dr. Terresa Humphries-Wadsworth is walking across Wyoming to bring awareness to suicide, focusing on military and veterans. She leaves Memorial Park in Cody on September 1st. Many VFW Comrades and Auxiliary are supporting her throughout the walk. Follow her at [Facebook.com/walkacrosswy](https://www.facebook.com/walkacrosswy). There will be a ceremony at the Cheyenne VA at 3:00pm on September 15th to celebrate the end of the walk.

Department Website

We'd like to post previous award packages on the website to help all of us as we create new packages. We would sanitize them so no personal information would be posted. If you have been a program chairman, please send old packages for us to post. This would include Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Teacher, Scout, Law Enforcement, EMT, Firefighter, Post Community Service, etc. Send to qm@vfwwy.org.

Did you know?

Steve Kravitsky became the director of the Wyoming Veterans Commission on 1 August. He recently retired after serving more than 30 years in the Air Force, most recently as the commander of the 90th Missile Wing at FE Warren AFB.

Brutal Battles of Vietnam, the 50th Anniversary commemorative book, is now available at the VFW Store.

Calendar Items

August 25, 2017 – Bonds due to Department Quartermaster

There are 11 posts and 1 district that have not yet purchased their bonds.

September 1, 2017 – School of Instruction names due

We've received many names of those who plan to attend the School of Instruction. Thanks to everyone who has signed up. For those of you who plan to attend, get your names in!

From the VFW Auxiliary President: Jan Miller, our National Certified Recruiter Trainer, is holding a Membership Recruiter class the day of the School of Instruction at the Ramkota Hotel at approximately 3:30pm. The Comrades are invited to attend and should contact Jan if they plan on doing so. She needs a head count so she can have enough material on hand. Please pass the word and have anyone interested contact Jan at wmmiller44@gmail.com or they can call 307-680-4298.

September 1, 2017 – VFW Foundation Grants open

Go to vfw.org and look up the VFW Foundation Community Service Grants. You could receive \$1,000 for a project in your community. Contact the Department if you need help or would like to see an example of a successful grant from last year.

September 15, 2017 – POW/MIA Day – Send activities report to Citizenship Chairman

When you send in a report, remember that more information is better. The Chairman needs a date, an event, the number of members involved, the number of hours involved, any money expended and any travel that occurred.

September 16, 2017 - District 3 Fall Meeting – VFW Post 9439 – 9:00

Note that this meeting was originally after the School of Instruction. We moved it to accommodate the schedules of District 3 Comrades. See you bright and early on the 16th.

September 16, 2017 – School of Instruction at Post 9439 in Casper – 10:00

We're still working the agenda. If there is something you would like to see presented, it isn't too late. Call or email the Department by September 6th, and we'll try to get it included.

September 23, 2017 – District 2 Fall Meeting – Post 2469 in Buffalo – 10:00

September 30, 2017 – District 4 Fall Meeting – Post 2321 in Green River – 10:00

Senior Center in Green River

October 8, 2017 – District 1 Fall Meeting – Post 2281 in Thermopolis – 10:00

Note that this was rescheduled from September 17th.

October 14, 2017 – District 5 Fall Meeting – Post 2918 in Torrington – 10:00

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