



## **VFW Department of Wyoming News – December 2017**

### **Mid-Winter is coming!**

Mid-Winter is January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> in Cody. The registration form, hotel information and ad requests are on the Department Website at [vfwwy.org](http://vfwwy.org). Rick Butler, VFW National Director of Membership, will teach a class on Recruiting, Membership and OMS. Roger Frye, VFW Chief of Staff will also attend. We'll discuss Western Conference 2020, PCI, and the Bells of Balangiga, in addition to all of our regularly scheduled business.

### **December Post Charter Anniversaries**

Star Valley Post 4797, Afton, 12/16/1945

Fremont Peak Post, 4801, Pinedale, 12/08/1945

### **Important days in December**

December 7 - Pearl Harbor Day

December 13 - National Guard Birthday

December 16 - National Wreaths Across America Day

### **900 Club**

December Club winners

1. \$500 – Ticket 144 – Albert K. – Sold by Lee Killian
2. \$300 – Ticket 235 – Rose T. – Sold by Ron Steffensmeier
3. \$100 – Ticket 143 – Killian Florist – Sold by Lee Killian

The Department has sold 121 tickets, which means we've made \$1,300 for Veterans' Aid!

### **Did you know?**

#### **About PCI**

The Council of Administration has voted to approve the "Then and Now" Publication for Wyoming. It's a wonderful opportunity to tell your story and make some money for the

Department, all while NOT having your information sold to a third party. Our request has been approved by VFW National and the process will start immediately following Mid-Winter. Start letting your people know now so they aren't surprised when someone contacts them, wanting to know their story.

### **About Western Conference 2020**

Your state leadership attended the November Western Conference Meeting in San Diego. While there, Wyoming's bid to host the 2020 Western Conference was accepted! That means that Wyoming will host VFW and Auxiliary members from Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Pacific Areas, Utah and Washington for the Western Conference meeting the first weekend in November 2020. All activities will be at the Little America Hotel in Cheyenne. However, we'll need help from members from all four corners of Wyoming. If you want to be on the WYO2020 committee, let me know. Our first "official" meeting will be at Mid-Winter.

In preparation for WYO2020, we're throwing out some challenges. The first one is to reach and maintain 5,000 members through 2020. We ended last year with 4,773, so we have some work to do. The second is maintaining strong leadership in the Department of Wyoming. Do you think it's your time to step up? Come to Mid-Winter and let your voice be heard!

### **Calendar Items**

#### **December 15<sup>th</sup> – Post Ads due to Jim Pedersen for Mid-Winter**

December 15<sup>th</sup> – Completion of District Judging for Voice of Democracy, Patriots' Pen, and the Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award

January 1<sup>st</sup> – Public Servant National Award (Law Enforcement, Firefighter, Emergency Services) due from Post to Department

January 15<sup>th</sup> – Voice of Democracy, Patriots' Pen and Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award due to National

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