



## **VFW Department of Wyoming News – January 2018**

### **Mid-Winter is upon us!**

Mid-Winter is January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> in Cody. At last count, 54 VFW members and 44 Auxiliary members have registered. That is an amazing number! Program Chairs – Please have your reports ready. Make a hard copy for the A/Q. See you there!

Friday, January 15

2:00 – 7:00 – Registration

3:00 – Audit Committee Meeting

5:00 – Veterans Service Committee Meeting

7:00 – Council of Administration Meeting

Saturday, January 13

8:00 – 9:00 – Registration

9:00 – 11:00 – Membership/Recruitment Training for everyone!

Rick Butler – VFW National Membership Director

11:00 – 12:00 – Bells of Balangiga Presentation – Dennis Wright

12:00 – 1:30 – Lunch

1:30 – 1:45 – Wyoming Veterans Commission

1:45 – 2:00 – Wyoming Protection and Advocacy – Mike Clark

2:00 – 5:00 – Business Meeting

Topics: PCI, Wyoming 2020, District Meetings, Reports, Post Incorporation, Polos

5:00 – WYO2020 Meeting

6:00 – No Host Cocktails

7:00 – Banquet – Roger Frye – VFW National Chief of Staff

## **January Post Charter Anniversaries**

James S. McDonald Post 5054, Powell, 1/22/1946

### **Important day in January**

January 15 – Martin Luther King Day

### **900 Club**

January Club winners

1. \$500 – Ticket 139 – VFW Post 2221 – Sold by Lee Killian
2. \$300 – Ticket 349 – Beckie D. – Sold by J. Dee Darnell
3. \$100 – Ticket 102 – Beckie D. – Sold by J. Dee Darnell

The Department has sold 126 tickets, which means we've made \$1,800 for Veterans' Aid!

### **Did you know?**

#### **About Wyoming Protection and Advocacy**

WPA provides advocacy services for all veterans to achieve fairness and justice in: Housing, Employment, Vocational Rehabilitation, Service Animals, and Transportation. WPA establishes, expands, protects and enforces civil rights of persons with disabilities through administrative, legal and other remedies. All inquiries are handled with respect, dignity and confidentiality. Mike Clark from WPA will be at Mid-Winter to answer your questions.

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#### **About Western Conference 2020**



We are hosting the Western Conference, November 5-8, 2020, in Cheyenne. The first official meeting of the WYO2020 team will be at Mid-Winter in Cody on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00.

## **About the WWI Traveling Exhibit**

World War I Centennial – The VFW Department of Wyoming is represented on the Governor's World War I Centennial Commission. The Commission's primary mission is to educate, commemorate, honor, participate and communicate Wyoming's participation in WWI. VFW Post 9439 in Casper has volunteered to provide transportation for the traveling exhibit. The schedule is below. Don't miss this, and many thanks to Post 9439!

Dec 4 – Jan 14, 2018 – Evanston – Unita County Museum

Jan 22 – March 4, 2018 – Afton – National Guard Readiness Center

Mar 12- April 22, 2018 – Dubois – The Dubois Museum

April 30 – June 10, 2018 – Powell – Homesteader Museum

June 18 – July 29, 2018 – Riverton – The Riverton Museum

Aug 6 – Sept 16, 2018 – Sheridan – Sheridan Fulmer Library

Sept 24 – Nov 4, 2018 – Gillette – Rockpile Museum

Nov 12 – Dec 31, 2018- Casper – Fort Caspar Museum

## **Calendar Items**

January 1<sup>st</sup> – Public Servant National Award (Law Enforcement, Firefighter, Emergency Services) due from Post to Department. **Please note that entries should be sent to the Department HQ.**

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

January 31<sup>st</sup> – December post audits due to Department

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**John Dee Darnell**

**July 11, 1950 – December 19, 2017**

**You are missed.**