



VFW Department of Wyoming News – March 2017

March Post Charter Anniversaries

Roy Eaton Post 1560, Sheridan, 3/21/1928

Lucas-Saari-McAtee Post 6680, Hanna, 3/23/1946

Important days in March

March is the Month of the Military Caregiver

March 3, 2017 - Navy Reserve Birthday

March 5, 2017 - Seabee Birthday

March 12, 2017 - Daylight Saving Time begins

March 13, 2017 - K 9 Veterans Day

March 17, 2017 - St. Patrick's Day

March 29, 2017 - Vietnam Veterans Day

900 Club

March 900 Club winners

1. VFW Post 2673 Auxiliary – Sold by VFW Post 2673 - \$500
2. Charles & Judy C. – Sold by VFW Post 934 - \$300
3. VFW Post 2321 - \$100

Buddy Poppies

Memorial Day is quickly approaching. Do your posts have enough Buddy Poppies? Get your orders in early so National has enough time to process. The order form is on the Department Website at www.vfwwy.org under the Resources tab. If you are taking part in the Buddy Poppy Program, please remember to send your reports to Rod Birkle, at rodarlene2002@yahoo.com.

Department Convention

Also coming up quickly is the Department Annual Convention in Thermopolis, June 9-11. More information and the application can be found on the Department Website at www.vfwwy.org under the Resources tab. Let's have a HUGE showing!

Scholarship Application

May 3rd is the deadline for the Past State Commander/Past State President Scholarship applications. Hopefully, every post is out there looking for a deserving applicant. Guess where you can find the application and more information? Yup, the Department Website at www.vfwwy.org under the Resources tab.

Request

A Vietnam Vet from North Carolina collects license plate toppers. He's searching for ones with "VFW (your post number)". If you have anything like that, and are willing to part with it, let the Department know. The Vet would give your post a donation.

****VFW Programs****

As a reminder, our VFW Programs Chair is Jim Pedersen, wyonavy@bresnan.net.

2017-2018 Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Themes Announced

VOD: American History: Our Hope for the Future

PP: America's Gift to My Generation

The new student entry deadline will be October 31, 2017.

Membership

Our Membership Chair, Ray Cassell, wants you to know that the latest report from National states that Wyoming has 19 posts that need fewer than 10 members to reach 100%. Let's get there! For more information, contact Ray at raycassell@yahoo.com.

Voice of Democracy National News

Courtney Michael, a senior at Campbell County High School, has been named a winner in the 2017 National Voice of Democracy Program and recipient of the \$1,500 Department of New Mexico and Auxiliary Scholarship. Courtney plans a career in medicine and she was sponsored by VFW Post 7756 and Auxiliary in Gillette, Wyoming.

Patriot's Pen National News

Dalton Peterson, an eighth grade student at Encampment K-12 School, has been named a winner in the 2017 National Patriot's Pen Contest and recipient of the \$500 Deering Memorial Post 6859 Auxiliary Portland Maine National Patriot's Pen Award. He was sponsored by VFW Post 6125 in Encampment, Wyoming.

Teacher Award

March 15 marks the completion of District judging.

March 30 is the completion of Department judging.

Contact Don Mack if you have questions, dcmack22@yahoo.com.

Safety Awards Department Winners

VFW National Law Enforcement Award – Deputy Sheriff Robert “Charlie” Foutz
Sponsored by VFW Post 954, Lander

VFW National Firefighter Award – Volunteer Firefighter Troy Jones
Sponsored by VFW Post 2673, Cody

VFW National Emergency Medical Technician Award - Lieutenant Alyssa Thar
Sponsored by VFW Post 7756, Gillette

Welcome Home Celebrations

Governor Mead will be leading Welcome Home Celebrations on April 3, 2017. He'll visit Thermopolis, Douglas and Kemmerer. If you can, attend the celebrations and wear your VFW cap. More information can be found at the Wyoming Veterans Commission website. And, there is a link to that on the Department website, www.vfwwy.org, under the Resources tab.

Department Website

In addition to the Resources tab that I've mentioned several times, the new website has many other features. Please take some time to look over them as we are looking forward to using the website as the primary means of communication. The largest part of the website is open to the public which includes the following sections accessible from the top menu bar:

About us Auxiliary Resources Programs Directory News & Events Membership

FAQs Contact us

The bottom of the page also has a menu with some of the same links and additionally:

Members Only The Officers Gallery General Orders Veteran Discounts Reporting

Veteran's Benefits & Assistance

The Members Only section will contain rosters with phone numbers, email addresses and names. We don't want to leave all that information "in the open." It needs to be safeguarded. To access the Members Only section, you'll need your last name and your membership number. Give it a try!

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