



VFW Department of Wyoming News – November 2017

Mid-Winter is coming!

Mid-Winter is January 12th and 13th in Cody. The registration form, hotel information and ad requests are all on the Department Website at vfwwy.org. This conference will be busy! Roger Frye, the VFW Chief of Staff will attend, along with the VFW Director of Membership, Rick Butler. That's right, two National Representatives! Let's have record attendance, so we can ask questions and receive lots of wisdom from these two comrades.

November Post Charter Anniversaries

Big Horn Hot Springs Post 2281, 11/06/1931

Pilot Butte Post 2321, 11/24/1931

Paul A. Johnson Post 2918, 11/06/1933

Lake Guernsey Post 4471, 11/27/1945

Frontier Post 11453, 11/16/1992

Independence Rock Post 2311, 11/27/1931

North Platte Valley Post 6125, 11/26/1983

Important days in November – Military Family Month

November 5 – Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 10 – Marine Corps Birthday

November 11 – Veterans Day

November 15 – Form 990 due to IRS

November 23 - Thanksgiving

900 Club

November Club winners

1. \$500 – Ticket 347 - District 1 Auxiliary
2. \$300 – Ticket 362 – Carolyn H.
3. \$100 – Ticket 366 – Post 2673 Auxiliary

Congratulations to our winners. All three tickets were sold by Jim Pedersen. Great job! The Department has sold 118 tickets, which means we've made \$1,000 for Veterans' Aid. That is wonderful, and if you want to continue selling, please do so.

Did you know?

In observance of the centennial of World War I, a total of 100 matching grants of up to \$2,000 apiece are being awarded for the restoration, conservation or even creation of 100 World War I Memorials across the United States. The first 50 "WWI Centennial Memorials" were announced on Sept. 27, 2017 and grant applications for the second 50 awards are being taken now. Applications can be submitted until January 15, 2018. The program management expects to announce the second group of 50 awardees on April 6, 2018. To date, both American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts from around the country have participated, as well as many other veterans service organizations, community groups, city, state and municipal organizations, local historic preservations societies and even individuals. Interested parties should go to ww1cc.org/100memorials where they can learn about the details of the program, read or download the competition manual, submit a grant application and sign up for an informational blog about the program that will keep them updated over the coming months.

Questions can be addressed to the 100 Cities / 100 Memorials program managers:

For the US WW1 Centennial Commission:

Theo Mayer: theo.mayer@worldwar1centennial.org

For the Pritzker Military Museum and Library:

Susan Mennenga: smennenga@pritzkermilitary.org

Calendar Items

November 2-4, 2017 – VFW Western Conference – San Diego, California

At Casper College

Saturday, November 4 – Veterans Day Celebration featuring Daniel Rodriguez
1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m. at Durham Auditorium

Saturday, November 11 – Veterans Day Roll Call in front of the Union Building
"We will start in the morning and conclude when all names have been read"

At the University of Wyoming

Friday, November 10 - Each year since 2011 the National Roll Call event unites student veterans on college campuses across the country in recognizing and remembering the brave men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country. This year's National Roll Call will be held at the Simpson Plaza at the University of Wyoming, in Laramie, WY.

0802 - Presentation of the Colors (UW ROTC), opening remarks
0805 – 1155 - Reading of Names
1155 – Reading of Wyoming KIA during the War on Terror
1200 – Minute of Silence (Simultaneously observed across the country)
1201 – 1850 Reading of Names
1900 – Final remarks, playing of Taps, Retire the Colors (UW ROTC)

At Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne

November 17-22 & 24-26 – Remembering Our Fallen – Clay Pathfinder Building. This photographic war memorial honors more than 4,700 of our country's military fallen from The War on Terror since September 11, 2001. Open 0800-2000.

At VFW Post 9439 in Casper

November 18, 4:00-5:30 – Convention of States is Honoring Our Veterans
Keynote Speaker: Lt.Col. (Ret.) Gulf War Veteran & 911 Survivor Brian Birdwell
(Current Texas State Senator)

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