



AMERICAN LEGION
GRANT HODGE POST #17
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Outpost

AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS

Commander	Bob Clark
1st Vice Commander	Clint Larson
2nd Vice Commander	Jim Baker
Adjutant	Ron Keller
Finance Officer	Robyn Olson
Chaplain	Vacant
Sergeant at Arms	Roy Corson
Historian	Vacant
Judge Advocate	Wade Samuelson

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Director	Dennis Geiger
Asst Director	Greg Bower
Secretary	Paul Stray
Treasurer	Toni Stray
Road Captain	Geoff Moore
Safety Officer	Dave Shook
Chaplain	Alan Shafer
Sergeant at Arms	David Belles

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Commander	James Boggs
1st Vice Commander	Jim Martin
Adjutant	Isaac Morris
Finance Officer	Isaac Morris
Sargent of Arms	Kiason Mendez-Martinez
Squadron Advisors	Bob Terrell
	Bob Clark
	TJ Mendez

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

President	Chris Anderson
Vice President	Kim Ronnell
Secretary	Nancy Rodriguez
Treasurer	Judy Carter
Chaplain	Dorothy "Cookie" Music
Sergeant at Arms	Mary Justice
Membership	Kim Ronnell

CLUB HOURS

MONDAY - SATURDAY
3 pm - 9 pm

Sunday: 12 to 7

LOUNGE BOARD

Vacant	1 Year
James Boggs	2 Years
Will Knox	3 Years
Vacant	4 Years
Kim Ronnell	5 Years

**Please show your card. It's
mandatory!**
All times are subject to early closing

EXECUTIVE BOARD

TJ Mendez • Mike Williamson
Roger Tower

FROM THE COMMANDER

Please be advised that we are currently implementing several facility updates. By the time this correspondence reaches you, new exterior building signage should be installed. Additionally, the Centralia Fire Department will conduct a CPR and first-aid certification course at the post on October 24th; please visit the bar to register on the sign-up sheet.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our volunteers who facilitate our bingo events; I truly appreciate your ongoing commitment to these efforts. Furthermore, I would like to specifically commend Jimmy for his continued management of the kitchen, and Kim for her diligent work in preparing our monthly newsletter and ensuring its timely delivery for printing. We are fortunate to have many volunteers, and I intend to acknowledge several of them each month.

For God and Country,

“BE THE ONE”

Respectfully,

Robert “Bob” Clark
Commander, Grant Hodge Post 17

Halloween Shenanigans:

Come celebrate Halloween with us at the Post!

We have a lot of fun things happening, starting with our candy corn guessing game. The jar is filled to the rim, and for just 25¢ you can guess how many pieces are in the jar. The winner gets a FREE steak or salmon dinner, so start guessing! We’ll be handing out candy downstairs to all the trick-or-treaters from 3:30 to 5:00, and from 4:00 to 6:00 we’ll be serving hamburger and hot dog baskets. We’ll also have a spooky drink special for those brave enough to give it a try. And of course, costumes are welcome, so come dressed up in your spookiest, funniest, or most ridiculous outfit. Come hang out, grab some food, have a drink, and enjoy Halloween fun.

We hope to see you there!



FROM THE AUXILIARY

I would like to apologize for not being able to attend our first meeting of the year due to a prior obligation. I heard the ladies did a wonderful job in my absence, thank you all for stepping up and helping make it a success! Last month, the Auxiliary put together a small fundraiser for one of our members, Michelle. We were able to raise some money to help support her during this difficult time. There is also a donation bucket at the bar for anyone who would like to continue helping with her expenses. Every little bit helps, so if you are able to donate, please consider doing so.

We will be holding another raffle for Michelle on October 11th. That day, we will also be having a Seahawks lunch from 12:30–2:30 PM. Lunch will be \$10.00 and will include sloppy joes and a side salad.

If you are available to come in and help with cooking, serving, or cleanup, please let me know. We would greatly appreciate the extra hands!

The kitchen is in need of washrags and towels. If you can donate any, we would appreciate it..

Thank you all for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Chris Anderson, President

1-Silly String 2 -1919 3 -Ozzy Osbourne

Trivia Answers:

UPDATES:

Need Candy Donations 10/1

Seahawks Lunch 10/11

Steak/Salmon Dinner 10/17

CPR Class 10/24

Halloween 10/31

Mr. Crunch

Mr. Crunch is on the loose.....

He’s been missing for a few months now, and we have to wonder... Is he waiting to make his grand appearance for Halloween? Or maybe he’s perfectly happy hiding out in his new secret spot and has no plans of being found anytime soon. Either way, THE HUNT MUST ON! Keep your eyes open. Check those corners. Question everything. You never know where he might be lurking... if YOU are the lucky one to find him, tell the bartender immediately and claim your FREE DRINK.

FROM THE S.A.L.

Hello Post #17 Legion Family,

As we move into fall there are many events coming up and we are looking forward to moving into the Holiday season. Be sure to come up to the post and see the amazing job Kim Ronnell and Shelley Young did decorating our post for Halloween and give them a big thank you. There will be a Halloween party at the post this year on October 31st, the post is looking for donated bags of candy to give out to the children that visit all the downtown businesses for Trick or Treating.

Remember the post is open on Sundays, come watch the Seahawk games.

Our State Detachment Commander of the SAL Chris Thomas shared that the National Convention for the American Legion went well, there were many new things shared with the members who attended. He will give us more details at the next SAL meeting. Our own Sergeant of Arms Kiason Mendez and Eric Wood, two of our youngest members for Squadron #17, had a photo opportunity with Outgoing National Detachment Commander William Clacey III.

The squadron has some new and exciting ideas for upcoming raffles to support youth in our community; donation are always welcome.

Let's keep moving forward!

James A. Boggs Squadron #17 Commander

THE ADJUTANT CORNER

Hello all you fine members!

We are in a new year, and we would like you to pay your dues as we are only at 15% paid, so please pay as soon as you can thank you!! We tried to get a bowling tourney last year, but it fell through the cracks, but we have the Lewis County Association behind us. So, when we can reserve the bowling alley, we will have the tourney. So, get your ball and dust it off and let us bowl. Get out there, all you veterans and maybe we can sign some more. We are getting a lot of stuff cleaned up at the post, come and have your favorite beverage with us. Hope to see you soon!!!

Love and Peace Ron

Trivia Questions:

1. What item is banned in Hollywood California on Halloween?
2. When was the American Legion founded?
3. Who is the Prince of Darkness?

GREETINGS FROM VFW POST 2200

As we settle into the fall season, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you. Watch out for the little ones as they venture out to collect the Halloween offerings.

The continued success of the CWO Robert M. Dowling VFW Post 2200 relies entirely on the dedication of our members and looking at what we have accomplished together recently. Last month we welcomed Levi Horner. If you see him in the lounge, take time to welcome him. More recently some of our members stood up and took on important leadership roles and I wish to thank David Conner as our new Senior Vice Commander, Phillip Workman as our Junior Vice Commander and Matthew Conner as our Surgeon. Will Knox will continue doing a great job as our Chaplain. Thank you for your service and your continued dedication to VFW Post 2200. As a reminder, our regular meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM. I hope to see a strong turnout at our next gathering.

In comradeship,

Regards, Doug Sayler Commander
VFW Post 2200

CPR and First Aid Class

The Post will be hosting a CPR class on 10/24

At 1:00 PM.

Spots are limited, so if you are interested, please sign up at the bar as soon as possible!



**“SOMETIMES WE SAY THINGS WE DON’T MEAN
AND SPEND FOREVER WISHING WE HADN’T!”**



October 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Auxiliary & SAL's Meeting 6 pm Membership Meeting 7 pm	Game Night 5 pm National Name Your Car Day	Burger Night & Meat Draw \$15.00 6-7 National Boyfirend Day
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Seahawks 1:25 Open 12-7 National Vodka Day	BINGO 5 pm Kitchen Open 4:45-6:00 National Do Something Nice Day	National Noodle Day	Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm Queen Of Hearts National Coffee With A Cop Day	Joint Planning Meeting 6 pm Legion Riders 6 pm National Hero Day	Game Night 5 pm	Burger/side \$12.00 National Handbag Day
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Auxiliary Seahawks Lunch 12:30-2:30 Sloppy Joes & Salad's \$10.00 Open 12-7	BINGO 5 pm Kitchen Open 4:45-6:00 National Free Thought Day	Sharon Care 10:30 am VFW Meeting (In Meeting room) 7 pm National No Bra Day Navy Birthday	Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm Queen Of Hearts Honor Guard Meeting 6:15 pm	Seahawks 6:15 National Grouch Day	Game Night 5 pm National Liqueur Day	Steak & Salmon Night \$20-steak \$18-salmon National Sloth Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Army vs Navy Football Game 10 am Open 12-7 National No Beard Day	BINGO 5 pm Kitchen Open 4:45-6:00	National Overload Day	Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm Queen Of Hearts National Check Your Med's Day	National Nut Day	Game Night 5 pm National Champagne Day	CPR & 1st Aid 1pm Burger/side \$12.00 National Make A Differnce Day
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Pitch Tournament 12:30 Seahawks 5:20	BINGO 5 pm Kitchen Open 4:45-6:00 National Day Of Deployed Full Moon	Executive Board Meeting 7 pm Navy Day	Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm Queen Of Hearts	National Cat Day	Game Night 5 pm National Candy Corn Day	Burger & Hotdog Baskets Halloween 