



AMERICAN LEGION
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Outpost

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Commander	Bob Clark
1st Vice Commander	Clint Larson
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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: Starting 9/13-12 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

I trust that everyone experienced a productive summer. Please take advantage of the favorable weather conditions while they persist, as we anticipate a change in the Pacific Northwest. We expect our new sign to be installed within the next 60 days. As indicated by the calendar, we are transitioning back to a seven-day operational schedule.

I extend my sincere gratitude to all volunteers and patrons for their continued support of the post.

I am working to initiate a weekly highlight feature for a distinguished volunteer or patron. I apologize for my absence at the post picnic; I was attending a funeral service at Post 7 in Bellingham for a long-standing legionnaire, Sons of the American Legion member, and personal friend.

As you are aware, one of the most profound tributes we can offer a veteran is to honor their service and contributions upon their passing, acknowledging their significant impact on the community, the Legion, and their family.

For God and Country,

“BE THE ONE”

Respectfully,

Robert “Bob” Clark

Commander, Grant Hodge Post 17



UPDATES:

Starting Sunday September 13th
the Post will be open from 12 to 7

FROM THE AUXILIARY

I am excited to be back for another year with the Auxiliary! I have several new ideas for how we can become more involved, not only in supporting our Veterans, but also in giving back to our community.

All of our officers met last month to coordinate our schedules, and we are planning to host more Seahawk Sunday breakfasts, along with a few afternoon and evening meals on game days. Our first Seahawk game is September 27th, and we will be hosting a breakfast that morning. We will need volunteers to help make the breakfast a success, so if you are available and would like to lend a hand, please let us know! Whether you can help with cooking, serving, setup, cleanup, every bit of help is appreciated.

We are looking forward to making these events fun opportunities for everyone to come together, enjoy some good food, support the post, and cheer on the Seahawks. As a reminder, all new Auxiliary members who sign up this month will only pay \$40 for the year, that's a \$10 savings! So please spread the word and encourage your friends and family to join. We would love to welcome some new members and continue growing our Auxiliary.

I also want to encourage all of our current members to come to our monthly meetings.

In case you have forgotten, our meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 PM. We have a great year ahead, with lots of fun and exciting things planned, and I hope you'll be part of it.

Sincerely,

Chris Anderson, President

Trivia Answers:
1-Oregon (1887) 2-19 hijackers
3 -Steve Largent

The Anniversary Of 911

September 11th, marks the 25th anniversary of when all Americans stood united by this tragic day in American history. We remember the sacrifices of U.S. citizens and service members on this day that is forever burned into our hearts and minds. As the towers fell, the pentagon burned and the ground smoldered in the rural Pennsylvania field, our nation rallied to stand arm-in arm! Each year on 9/11, officially designated Patriot Day,

WE STAND TOGETHER AGAIN AND PROCLAIM...
“NEVER FORGET!!”

FROM THE S.A.L.

Hello Post #17 Legion Family,

I hope you are all having a wonderful summer. It is hard to believe we are already heading into fall.

The American Legion-sponsored baseball game with the Rainiers was a great success, and everyone who attended had a wonderful time. Our Gold Star families deeply appreciated the opportunity to use the suite we sponsored. Additionally, Post #17 hosted two booths to promote the Legion Family, and our Honor Guard presented the colors. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to make this event a success. I also wanted to share some updates. At the Sons of the American Legion state conference in June, I had the honor of being elected State Chaplain for the Washington State Detachment. Over the last few months, I have attended state Legion events, learned about updates at other posts, and met many great members of our Washington Legion Family. Furthermore, at our Legion state convention, our own TJ Mendez was appointed to the position of Washington State Honor Guard.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication.
Let's keep moving forward!

James A. Boggs Squadron #17 Commander

THE ADJUTANT CORNER

Howdy, I hope you all had a great off summer as I had! We have a lot of new things coming this year. For the first one, when you bring a new signee to the post on hamburger night you both get a free hamburger meal. They have to sign up that night, and the application and dues have to be handed over to the bartender. There will be other specials coming all year long. This is the time of the year that renewing your membership I hope we all renew soon. I hope you enjoyed the Baseball Game and the annual picnic. I'm sorry I couldn't make either one because of family obligations. I hope to see you at the post soon.

Love and Peace Ron

**"YOUR CHARACTER IS WHO YOU ARE, AND
YOUR REPUTATION IS WHAT PEOPLE THINK
OF YOU!"**

GREETINGS FROM VFW POST 2200

The Fourth of July parade brought us many compliments. It was nice seeing more people standing up for the colors. We have the honor of presenting final military honors to veterans and to their families. The Color Guard is involved with many local events, parades, ball games as well as memorial services for veterans. We are always looking for new participants. Honor Guard does require standing for short periods, but little walking. Color Guard must be able to walk 3/4 to 1 1/2 miles. We have some uniforms available. If you can no longer be active, please return your uniform. For more info. contact Roy Corson at rdcorson@yahoo.com

Regards, Doug Sayler Commander
VFW Post 2200

Mr. Crunch

Mr. Crunch Is Back!

He has taken a nice relaxing break over the last month, but don't think for a second that he wasn't keeping an eye on things. He has seen everything, and he knows all your secrets. Starting September 1st he will be making his comeback and will once again be hiding somewhere around the bar. Keep your eyes peeled! If you're the lucky one who finds him, let the bartender know and you'll get a free drink!

GOOD Luck,
And remember Mr. Crunch is watching!

Trivia Questions:

1. Which state was the first to legalize Labor Day?
 2. How many hijackers participated in the 9/11 attacks?
 3. Who holds the career record for most receiving yards in Seahawks history?
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Steak Night Reminder:

Everyone planning to attend Steak Night must sign up and make a reservation. If your name is not on the sign-up sheet, you are **NOT** guaranteed a dinner.

Please make sure you're signed up ahead of time so we can plan accordingly!



September 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Executive Board Meeting 7 pm National Forgiveness Day	Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm Queen Of Hearts	Auxiliary & SAL's Meeting 6 pm Membership Meeting 7 pm Burger/side \$12.00	Game Night 5 pm National Lazy Mom Day	Burger Night & Meat Draw \$15.00 6-7 National Be Late For Something Day
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
National Read a book Day	Labor Day BINGO 5 pm Kitchen Open 4:45-6:00 Beer lovers day		Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm Queen Of Hearts Honor Guard Meeting 6:15 pm	Joint Planning Meeting 6 pm Legion Riders 6 pm Burger/side \$12.00 World Suicide Prevention Day	Game Night 5 pm Remembrance Day	Burger/side \$12.00 National Encouragement Day
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Open 12-7 Grandparents Day	BINGO 5 pm Kitchen Open 4:45-6:00 National Sober Day	Sharon Care 10:30 am VFW Meeting (In Meeting room) 7 pm National Double Cheeseburger Day	Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm Queen Of Hearts American Legion Day		Game Night 5 pm Air Force Birthday POW/MIA Recognition Day	Steak & Salmon Night \$22-steak \$18-salmon Wife Appreciation Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Open 12-7 National Pepperoni Pizza Day	BINGO 5 pm Kitchen Open 4:45-6:00	Autumnal Equinox	Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm Queen Of Hearts	National Punctuation Day	Game Night 5 pm National Daughter's Day	Burger/side \$12.00 National Singles Day Full Moon
27	28	29	30			
Seahawks Breakfast 9:30-12:30 Pitch Tournament 12:30	BINGO 5 pm Kitchen Open 4:45-6:00 National Drink Beer Day	Executive Board Meeting 7 pm National VFW Day	Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm Queen Of Hearts			