

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON SATURDAY, MAY 31ST

GATES OPEN 4:30PM I FIRST PITCH 6:05PM

Mark your calendars! Enjoy a night of fun and baseball with your VFW and Auxiliary Family, along with our Active-Duty Military Members and their families. \$5 of every ticket sold will go to National VMS MAP Program.

\$45 PER PERSON YOUR TICKET INCLUDES:

- PRIVATE PARTY DECK
- ALL-INCLUSIVE BBQ BUFFET
- · BEER, WINE, SODA, WATER





TO PURCHASE TICKETS CONTACT DEPARTMENT

QM AT: QM@VFWWA.NET

TICKET ORDER INFORMATION

Total Number	X \$45	=	\$	
of tickets				

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$

SEND FORM AND PAYMENT TO: VFW DEPT OF WASHINGTON 5213 PACIFIC HIGHWAY EAST FIFE, WA, 98424 Comrades, Sisters, and Patriotic Supporters.

The VFW Department of Washington, Veterans & Military Support Team is pleased to announce the 15th Annual "Heroes in the Ballpark" Fundraising Campaign for 2024-25.

The goal of this campaign is to sponsor 300 military members, veterans and families from VFW Adopted Units and various Active-duty units at Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM) and Naval Base Kitsap areas to an evening of professional baseball with the Tacoma Rainiers at Cheney Stadium in Tacoma on May 31st.

Also, the 11th Annual "Heroes in the Ballpark" with the Spokane Indians Baseball Club will take place again this summer with a date to be announced in the future with the Spokane Indians at Avista Stadium. Our goal here is to sponsor 150-200 Heroes from Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center, Spokane Veteran's Home, and military members and their families from Fairchild AFB to an evening of baseball, date pending, with the Spokane Indians. A professional fireworks show will also be held after this game.

We invite you to partner with us to help sponsor these Heroes along with their families to attend these events held in their honor. A donation from your **Veterans Relief Fund** will sponsor Heroes for Tacoma or Heroes for Spokane to attend the games.

For those Posts and Auxiliaries around the state that are not near a military base or facility, this is an excellent opportunity for your veteran relief funds to go <u>directly</u> towards helping an active-duty troop or veteran right here in Washington and give you credit for Veteran and Military Support as well as donation.

We also hope you'll join us for these games! Special VFW tickets for both games are on sale See Flyers or contact us for pricing. Cost for Tacoma is \$45.00 per ticket. Spokane pricing will be available soon. \$5.00 for each ticket sold will be donated to National VMS Military Assistance Program (MAP).

For Further information please contact me at 580-705-7995 or vfwmember@yahoo.com

Thank you in advance for your support of this VFW Department of Washington Program.

Chad Hassebroek VFW Heroes in the Ball Park Chairman		Wes Anderson Heroes in the Ball Park Spokane
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YES! We will help support th following donation:	ne 2024-25 15 th Annual <i>VFW H</i>	leroes in the Ballpark Campaign with the
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□ (\$250)		
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Post or Auxiliary No	Check No	Amount Enclosed:
Address:	City:	Zip:

Please make your donation check out to VFW Heroes in the Ballpark and send to:

VFW Department of Washington
5213 Pacific Highway East, Fife, WA 98424.
FOR CARD DONATIONS PLEASE CONTACT DEPARTMENT QM

Fundraising Goal Deadline is May 31, 2025

VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

BULLETIN #4

We missed our Goal at Mid-Winter for OPERATION BOTTOM COVER, but we were oh so close. Over 2,800 diapers and 4,000 wipes were collected. It was a FANTASTIC showing for such an event. In VA Crisis Line cards and pamphlets total of funds raised to over \$2,000.00 so far this year.

Now let us look ahead to our final diaper drive at the National Presidents visit in April. Our goal is to go as high as the tallest mountain in Washington, thus reaching a goal of over 3,100 diapers. If you are not able to attend this event, consider donating by sending your donation with a close by auxiliary member, officer, or program chair. We want this year to finish in the clouds.

Should you as an individual, auxiliary or district wish to make a cash donation please do so at the National Presidents visit or ahead of time by mailing it to the State Secretary/Treasurer with a Check Summary sheet. IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE A CREDIT FOR IT ON THE STATE OF WASHINGTON CONSOLIDATED, IT MUST HAVE A CHECK SUMMARY SHEET AND GO TO Cindy Burkey (Sec. /Treasurer), DO NOT SEND IT TO NATIONAL OR THROUGH MALTA.

IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN



Heroes in the Ballpark

Please find the flyers attached to this bulletin providing you with the correct forms to buy tickets for yourself and family members, better yet the form to donate money to provide tickets for our active-duty members is also available. This is a state of Washington special project that is coordinated by our VFW Veterans & Military Support Team.

Look forward to seeing you there.

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Which Auxiliary will have the most outstanding activity and/or event to increase awareness of suicide and mental health for veterans, military, and their families in our State??

The winner will be forwarded to National.

All entries must be to the VFW Auxiliary
Veterans & Family Support Chairman by
March 31, 31, 2025 for judging.
Do not be late and miss your chance to be
the winner!



The Mid-Winter Conference was a busy two

days. Veterans and Military Support Chairman along with the Auxiliary Veterans & Family Support Chairman maned the raffle table which besides the items up for raffle had information available for those attending in the areas of: Washington DVA Suicide Prevention, Hero's in the Ball Park, the upcoming Veterans Fair at Skyway Post, VA Crisis Line cards/pamphlets and fact sheets, WDVA Fast Facts on Veterans Service Programs, Washington State's Definition of a Veteran, Make the Connection Info., VA Tobacco Cessation Resources, Brain Injury and Recovery Program and Info on State Veterans Homes to name just a few. EACH DISTRICT PRESIDENT RECEIVED A PACKET, CONTACT THEM FOR ANY OF THESE YOU MIGHT LIKE TO HAVE AND SHARE.



Our Raffle at Mid-Winter produced \$425.00 that is split between the VFW Veterans Support Programs and the Auxiliary Veterans and Family Support Programs. At the end of the year the Auxiliary will send its share to National.

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT!

YEAR END REPORTS

Year End Reports are DUE to the Veterans and Family Support Chairman by

APRIL 15, 2025

This is following the National Program

Award that is due by

March 31, 2025

The information that you provide on Year End Reports is used by myself for my report to the State President and to my National Ambassador.

Our Goal is 100% reported.



QUESTIONS

Let me know what I can do to help!!!!

Veterans & Family support Chairman

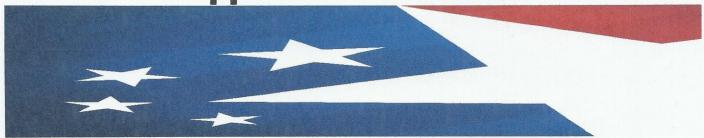
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Veterans Support Suicide Awareness Fair



FEBRUARY 22, 2025, AT VFW Post 9430 Skyway

Are you receiving benefits & support you deserve and are entitled to??

Is your family aware of the location of your service papers and your wishes when you are gone?

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary want to assist you in obtaining what you deserve and are entitled to.

Multiple agencies and non-profit groups will be in attendance to provide support and resources.

10 am to 4 pm

At 7421 S. 126th St Seattle, WA 98178

Questions Contact

VFW Veteran & Military Support Chairman
Chad Hassebroek at <u>vfwmember@yahoo.com</u> or 580-704-7995
OR

VFW Auxiliary Veterans & Family Support Chairman

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