



Kudoes to the 8 Auxiliaries who donated to National Veterans Services and or Veterans Military Support either directly through the Department Auxiliary or by purchasing the Veterans Military Support pins or raffle tickets \$102/silent auction \$105 at Mid-Winter. Sadly, the Auxiliary lost "The Challenge" with the Post at \$745 to the Auxiliary at \$605 but the good news is, the VFW Post Department sold all the pins \$1,200 and the remaining \$150 monetary donation was given to the Auxiliary. Working together in one common goal does work. We look forward to Post 7392 Whitehead-Muzzall dressing up our President, Rose as a "Super Hero" at State Convention which will be a fun thing. Rose is difinitely "OUR HERO" for the Department Auxiliary.

The goal of surpassing the \$1,013 has NOT yet been met but I have hope this will prevail by State Convention. I tallied up the tickets and all the Auxiliaries who purchased a VMS pin will be placed in the drawing to win the \$50 VFW Store gift certificate at State Convention. Congratulations to Auxiliary 2289 Rainier who won the VFW Store \$50 gift certificate at Mid- Winter. Your donations will provide NVS - certified service officers nation wide and VMS - grants for events MAP Military Assistance Program tied to Adopt a Unit, veteran grants for emergency assistance called Unmet Needs, & Educational Assistance "Sports Clips" Help a Hero Scholarship. Details can be found at www.vfw.org Please consider having your auxiliary support these programs and let's reach our GOAL by making a donation to NVS & VMS earmarked on the Department Check Summary & mail to VFW Dept of WA attn: Cindy Burkey, Treas. Good luck with your Auxiliary winning the next \$50 VFW Store gift certificate drawing by donating today.

As Spring approaches, now is a good time to plan an activity or event preparing to fulfill the Veterans & Family Support National Awards report. The following is the criteria:

AWARD #1 – Most outstanding activity or event to increase awareness of military suicide and mental health.

AWARD #2 – Most outstanding activity or event to increase the support of Veterans, service members and their families.

The Two Award Forms are in this Bulletin

Both are Due to me by MARCH 31, 2024 either by mail or email

Heroes in the Ballpark



Founded in 1960, Tacoma Washington



Saturday

May 25th – Tickets \$30 ea – make a donation to sponsor a Active Duty Military Members & their Families so they can attend an evening of fun at no charge or come and enjoy the evening with your VFW & Auxiliary family. The Tacoma Rainiers will be playing the Las Vegas Avaitors, Gates open at 4:00 PM, First Pitch at 6:05 PM



Founded in 1898 Spokane Valley, Washington

Saturday

August 30th - Tickets \$20 ea - **make a donation to sponsor the 150 Airmen/Airwomen and their families so they can attend at no charge.** Mark your calendars! Join in on the fun with the VFW & Auxiliary family for a night of baseball and family fun at the ballpark. Spokane Indians VS the Tri City Dust Devils, Gates open at 5:30 pm, and the First Pitch is at 6:30pm.

The flyer's to order the tickets or make a donation is included in this Bulletin. Please support these two Department Veteran Events.



Please keep reporting all the wonderful things your auxiliary is doing for Veterans & their families. Try to have at least one event or participation in Community Outreach in addressing **Suicide Awareness & Mental Wellness** providing some of resources available listed on the Department Auxiliary website under Programs/Veterans & Family Support. I do read on the many Facebook pgs about events and happenings in your Post homes and I do see us **"Banding Together For Our Veterans"** and we can **"Do It For Those Who Can't."**

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