
NCW Vets Gazette

Issue 2 – Apr/May 2019

A Newsletter for the Veterans in Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan Counties

Welcome Spring!

The snow is melting, the sun is out longer, and the birds are chirping... We're cleaning out our homes and getting ready to spend more time outdoors. It must be Spring! And with the growing grass, the new buds on the trees, and the baby animals comes another form of growth – this newsletter! We're even bigger this time around, with lots more information from our area resources and organizations. From a Job Fair to a Dance Party to Armed Forces Day, and then out to the Cemeteries for a somber Memorial Day, there's lots going on in April and May in North Central Washington.

As a reminder, all of these organizations are always looking for volunteers and/or new members. If they are doing something that you want to help with, or if you think they could help you finish a project – reach out! Find out what it takes to get involved, or how they can help you. Who knows – you might just find that friend you've been needing or a new purpose to get you through your day.



Operation Creation Launch Event



Operation Creation's mission is to provide free or extremely low-cost experiences and events at local farms and art studios, intended to teach art and agriculture skills, and to connect veterans with each other and the communities they call home.

Operation Creation's official launch will be on **April 27 at Quincy's WWII Themed Community Dance** (at the Quincy Community Center, 6pm). This event will include dinner, dancing, and entertainment by the Pin-Ups on Tour, as well as a Best Dressed contest, so break out your best 1940's attire.

All money raised from this event will go to support Operation Creation as it moves forward with its mission.

Tickets: \$15 (Veterans), \$25 (non-Veteran), \$10 (Child <14)
<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4104213>

Be sure to bring some spare cash, as there will be adult beverages for sale and a variety of patriotic items up for raffle.

Info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/314432579213360/>



County Advisory Boards

In accordance with WA RCW 73.08.035, each county in Washington state must establish a veterans' advisory board, which shall advise the county legislative authority on the needs of local veterans, and the resources and programs available to benefit local veterans, and their families, in need. These advisory board meetings are open to the public.

Okanogan County VAB meets on the **first Tuesday of every 3rd month at 1pm** at the US Armed Forces Legacy Building (Tonasket). Next meeting is June 4.

Grant County VAB meets on the **second Wednesday of every 3rd month at 4pm** in the Commissioners Hearing Room of the Grant County courthouse (35 C St NW, Ephrata). Next meeting is April 17 (off regular schedule due to conflicts).

Chelan County VAB meets on the **fourth Thursday of every other month at 1:30pm** at the Chelan County Commissioners Building (400 Douglas St, Wenatchee). Next meeting is a special event, taking place on April 18 at Alatheia Riding Center.

Douglas County VAB meets **monthly on the First Friday at 10:30am** at VFW Post 3617. Next meeting is April 5.

*** Be sure to check www.ncwveterans.info/events for updates/changes to VAB meetings.

American Red Cross



Joint Task Force meeting

1st Thursday of the month @ 1pm

Red Cross Office

12 Orondo Ave, Wenatchee

Upcoming Meetings:

April 4, May 2

Each month, representatives from various veterans organizations and service providers come together to share information and ask for help. This is a great way to get to know what resources are available, what projects or events are happening, and how we can work together to continue helping our area veterans.

For more information about these meetings, or to be added to the mailing list for reminders and info sharing, please contact the Red Cross Service to Armed Forces rep, Holly Shelton, via email at hollyannshelton@yahoo.com



11th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Anyone who has served with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment is invited to join the Blackhorse Association for camaraderie and renewed friendships.

For more information about the local group, please contact Ed Reinfeld, (509) 663-4657

<https://www.blackhorse.org/>

Memorial Day

One of 2 major military and veteran holidays of the year, Memorial Day honors those who have served and are no longer with us. Typical Memorial Day ceremonies involve placing flags on the graves of veterans and laying of wreaths, one for each branch of the military. Below are some of the events happening around the region in honor of Memorial Day 2019.

Unless noted, events are scheduled for Monday, May 27.



Wenatchee Valley

9am: Evergreen Memorial Cemetery (East Wenatchee) [*Patriotic Council*]

10am: Memorial Park (Wenatchee) [*WVC Veteran Knights*]; Columbia River Pedestrian Bridge [*Patriotic Council*]

11am: Wenatchee City Cemetery [*Patriotic Council*]

Noon: Flag raising at Pybus Market [*Patriotic Council*]; Lunch at American Legion Post 10

Cashmere/Peshastin

No planned event at time of printing.

Grant County

9:30am: Valley View Memorial (Soap Lake) [*VFW Post 24 & AL Post 28*]

11am: St Rose of Lima Cemetery (Ephrata) [*AL Post 28 & VFW Post 24*]

12:30pm: Qunicy Valley Cemetery [*AL Post 183, AL Post 28 & VFW Post 24*]

Electric City

5/25 7-11am: Pancake Breakfast (Vet Center, 31 W Coulee Blvd) [*AL Post 157*]

1pm: Cemetery flag laying

5/27 9am: Spring Canyon Cemetery ceremony, Quilts of Honor presentation and flag pick-up (Grand Coulee) [*AL Post 157*]

Brewster/Pateros

9am: Pateros Cemetery [*AL Post 97*]

~9:30am: Brewster Bridge [*AL Post 97*]

~10am: Packwood Memorial [*AL Post 97*]

~10:45am: Monse Cemetery [*AL Post 97*]

~11:30am: Brewster Cemetery [*AL Post 97*]

Noon: Service at American Legion Post 97

Chelan/Manson

Check with VFW Post 6853 and/or AL Post 108 for more information.

Tonasket

10am: 3 ceremonies back to back: 4th Street Bridge, Tonasket Cemetery, US Armed Forces Legacy [*AL Post 82*]

11am: American Legion Post 82 Open House – burgers (\$7) & hot dogs (\$5) for lunch.

Okanogan

8:15am: Malott Cemetery [*AL Post 56*]

~8:45am: Spring Coulee Family Cemetery (Dry Coulee Rd) [*AL Post 56*]

~9:10am: Okanogan Cemetery [*AL Post 56*]

~9:40am: Okanogan Valley Memorial Cemetery (Conconully Rd) [*AL Post 56*]

~10:05am: Omak Cemetery [*AL Post 56*]

~10:30am: Riverside Cemetery [*AL Post 56*]

~ signifies approx times

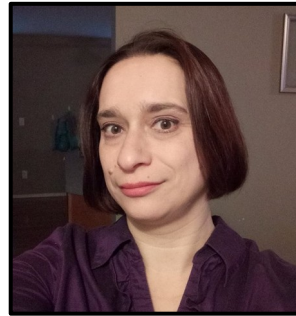
From Your Veteran Service Officers



Tony Sandoval
Chelan County VSO
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Wenatchee
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co.chelan.wa.us

As a reminder, I like to take my show on the road. On the 1st Friday of each month, I'm at Kristall's Restaraunt in Leavenworth from 10am – 1pm. And on the 2nd Thursday, I'm at the Apple Cup Cafe in Chelan from 9a – noon. I also attend a lot of meetings, so if you can't seem to catch me, be sure to call the office and make an appointment through Mark and I'll make sure you get the help you need.

Keep your ears peeled, as there will be an Open House event coming soon, to welcome you to our new office space.



Sarah Simonson
Douglas County VSO
211 11th St NE (VFW Post
3617, East Wenatchee)
9am – 3pm Tues – Friday
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vso@co.douglas.wa.us

In my first couple of months, I've already helped 25 veterans with VA paperwork and processed 2 claims for County Relief Funds.

The first outreach event was so successful that I'll be doing it regularly. My "satellite office" at the Waterville Town Hall will be open on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 10am – 2pm, with my next one being April 9. I'm also looking at doing outreach in Mansfield in the very near future.

Watch Facebook, too, as there will be a new page for the Douglas Co VSO on there soon.



Eric Fritts
Okanogan County VSO
1 Tonasket Shop Rd
8am – 4:30pm Mon-Thu
(509) 486-2121
vso@co.okanogan.wa.us

Not much from me right now – staying busy helping vets in Okanogan county getting the benefits they've earned.

As a reminder, there is a Job & Resource Fair coming up on April 10 at the Lucy Covington Gov't center in Nespelem, from 10am – 1pm. Not only will there be employers looking to hire, there will also be a variety of community resources available and ready to help, myself included. Be sure to stop in.



Jerry Gingrich
Grant County VSO
(509) 237-2162

More info coming soon.

WorkSource

The YesVets Campaign acknowledges employers who hire veterans. Created by HB 2040 during the 2015 Legislative Session, YesVets is a partnership between WDVA, ESD, Dept of Commerce, the Military Transition Council, and the Chambers of Commerce.

Registered employers will receive a YesVets window decal to proudly show their community that they hire veterans. Each year that they continue to employ or hire more veterans, the business will receive a new year decal to add to the collection.

For more information, to sign up, or to help promote the YesVets program, please visit <https://esd.wa.gov/yesvets>



Upcoming Job Fairs

Nespelem Job & Resource Fair
April 10, 10am - 1pm
Lucy F Covington Govt Ctr
Nespelem, WA

WorkSource Veteran Reps for NCW:

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(509) 766-4111

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(509) 423-6678

Armed Forces Day

The Wenatchee Valley College Veteran Knights are stepping up and putting on a huge Armed Forces Day event this year. Join us for a ceremony with guest speakers, lunch, a kids bouncy house, vehicle showcase, area resources (including employers and service organizations), and all things military, as we honor those who are currently serving in the US Armed Forces.

This event is taking place on **Friday, May 17** (the day before Armed Forces Day) from **10am - 3pm** in the central fountain area of the WVC Wenatchee campus.

More info: www.facebook.com/events/335158973787826



Women Veterans

Did you know that there's a supportive group of women veterans right here in the Wenatchee Valley?

We're walking up Saddle Rock on April 24, as a way to enjoy nature and reconnect after a chilly winter. Join us!

For more info, contact:

Dee Anne DeAngelo

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kizmitjean@aol.com





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are available at
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Post 10 (Wenatchee)
208 N Wenatchee Ave
(509) 663-5912

Post 28 (Ephrata)
276 8th Ave NW
(509) 754-2761

Post 56 (Okanogan)
860 N 2nd Street
(509) 826-2610

Post 64 (Cashmere)
401 Sunset Highway
(509) 782-2232

Post 82 (Tonasket)
319 S Western
(509) 486-2382

Post 97 (Brewster)
102 N Main
(509) 689-3307

Post 108 (Manson)
142 Pedoi St
(509) 888-3831

Post 157 (Electric City)
31 Coulee Rd
(509) 631-1839

Post 209 (Moses Lake)
538 W Broadway
(509) 765-1126

From the American Legion

Post 10, Wenatchee

We hosted our American Legion Centennial Dinner on March 15, with special guests, Wenatchee Apple Blossom 2019 Royalty, seen here with our Poppy Prince and Princess. At the dinner, we announced the winner of the gold-plated .44 Magnum Heritage Revolver: Mitchell T. from East Wenatchee (shown right).

Our Auxiliary is hosting an Easter Party on Sat, April 13, from 1:30-3:30pm, featuring crafts, cookie decorating, and snacks.

Monthly Board, Post & Aux meetings on 2nd Thursday at 7pm. Legion Riders meet 2nd Saturday at 9am.



Post 82, Tonasket

We are hosting a Prime Rib lunch on Wed, April 10 (stop by the Post for tickets) and Ham & Scalloped Potatoes for Easter lunch on Sat, April 20. On Sat, May 4, we're celebrating the Kentucky Derby with BBQ ribs, baked beans, and a dessert auction.

Monthly meetings on 1st Monday at 5pm.

Columbia Post 97, Brewster

Our annual Crab Feed (March 2nd) was a success – 86 people came out to enjoy the food. The next fundraiser meal is all-you-can-eat Oyster and Clam on Sat, April 13, 5-8pm. Tickets are \$35, available at the post until April 7.

Join us for Steak dinner and Karaoke every Friday evening.

Monthly Board & Aux meetings on 1st Wednesday at 6pm. Legion Riders meet 2nd Sunday at 10am.

Is your post not listed? Be sure to reach out and let us know what's happening in your neck of the woods to be included in the next issue.

From the Veterans of Foreign Wars

Post 24, George / Grant County

We are very proud of Braiden Snyder, our Youth Essay Contest winner, for taking 1st Place (Fourth Grade) for the District (State of Washington). Nice job!

Monthly meetings on 2nd Saturday at 10am.

Post 3617, Wenatchee Valley

It was our pleasure to provide the Honor Guard for the funeral of military working dog, Lery, in March. Our Auxiliary provided refreshments.

With Spring finally here, we're working on clean-up around the post and appreciate volunteers. But don't throw it away – the Auxiliary is gearing up for their Yard Sale in June.

We host Bingo every Friday night, with doors opening at 5:30pm, first call at 6:30pm.

Monthly meetings on 3rd Wednesday at 7pm.

Post 6853, Chelan

We lead the St. Patrick's Day parade in Lake Chelan on Sunday, 17 March.

Monthly meetings on 1st Tuesday at 6:30pm.



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are available at
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Post 24 George
Meets at Quincy Senior
Center and Moses Lake Elks
Lodge alternating months
(509) 750-0938

Post 3617 Wenatchee Valley
211 11th St NE
East Wenatchee
(509) 884-3617

Post 6853 Chelan
Meets at Apple Cup Cafe
804 E. Woodin Ave
(509) 679-4949



Vets Serving Vets
1210 N Wenatchee Ave,
Suite E

Open weekdays 9am - 1pm
(509) 665-5559

Meetings: 1st Weds @ 9am,
Wenatchee Vets Hall

The Bunker

Officially known as **NCW Vets Serving Vets**, The Bunker is a non-profit in Wenatchee formed in 2008 for the sole purpose of helping veterans in need, whether the need be VA paperwork support, emergency assistance, or referrals to other veteran resources in the area. Being an all-volunteer run organization, more help is always welcomed.

During the week, Veterans and dependents can stop in at the Bunker for coffee, snacks, and camaraderie, or to request help of any kind. If we can't help you, we know who can.

Speaking of helping, we are looking for able-bodied folks to help with some yard work and spring cleaning for some of our elderly veterans. If you're willing to help out, give us a call or stop in to see us.

Closing Notes

Wow, did you get all that? Whew, so much amazing stuff going on! I hope you found something useful, interesting, helpful, or otherwise worthwhile in this issue. In fact, it would be most helpful if you could visit www.ncwveterans.info/feedback and complete the newsletter **feedback form**.

Once again, thank you for your continued support as I start this new journey of outreach and connection for area veterans. There is still quite a ways to go, but it's off to a pretty great start. If I'm not meeting new Veterans and organizations and connecting them with each other, I'm catching up with some of the ones that already know me and learning about something else worth sharing. Let's keep these kinds of conversations going!

Remember, if you have **information to share** on the website, the Facebook page, or this newsletter, please just reach out: whatsnew@ncwveterans.info or (509) 433-7879

And if you want to make sure to get these newsletters in your inbox as soon as they come out, be sure to **subscribe to the newsletter** at www.ncwveterans.info/gazette

Since my first issue came out, I've had quite a few people asking me about mailing out print copies. My plan has always been to provide this information FREE to all Veterans, so I'm still working out the logistics of postal delivery. Until then, please sign up for the digital edition and print and share as many as you need. If you know of a location that would like to provide print copies to veterans, please reach out. As demand grows, so too will supply.

And with that, I close out Issue 2 of the Vets Gazette. Get out there, be involved, watch out for each other, and stay in touch.

~Connie

Coming Up...

The next issue will cover June and July, so **Independence Day** will be prominently featured.

Along with sharing information about upcoming events, I'd also love to show off photos of past events, so send me those **Memorial Day pictures!**

24/7 Support

Crisis Line:
800.273.8255

Vets4Warriors:
855.838.8255

Mann-Grandstaff

VA Medical Center

4815 N. Assembly St - Spokane
(509) 434-7000
(800) 325-7940
www.spokane.va.gov

Wenatchee VA Clinic (CBOC)

2350 Chester-Kimm Rd
(509) 663-7615
weekdays 7:30am – 4pm

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