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Billings Gets New VFW Post

Montana's newest VFW Post and second new VFW Post this year is the Eugene McDonald Post 12181, Billings, Montana. On January 12, 2019, State Commander Joe Fletcher instituted the new Post at the Billings library. Present were the members of the new Post and numerous VFW members from around the state.



Post 12181 officers being sworn in.



Post 12181 officers completing the institution process.

Deadlines

All articles and pictures have to be into Department Headquarters on or before the following dates for the next three issues of **The Montana Veteran**.

June 15, 2019 Aug-Sept-Oct-Nov
 October 15, 2019 Dec-Jan-Feb-Mar
 February 15, 2020 Apr-May-June-July

Coming Events

DISTRICT #1 PLAINS	APRIL 6
DISTRICT #3 ROUNDUP	APRIL 6
DISTRICT #5 MALTA	APRIL 13
DISTRICT #6 FORSYTH	APRIL 14
DISTRICT #4 BOZEMAN	APRIL 20
DISTRICT #2 FT. BENTON	APRIL 27
STATE CONVENTION - LIBBY	JUNE 12-15
NATIONAL CONVENTION - ORLANDO	JULY 20-24

COMMANDER'S REPORT



JOE FLETCHER

This will be my final Newsletter article as your Commander. This year has made me so proud of each and every one of you and our Auxiliary which has been led by very dear Friend, Jacki Poland. I cannot ever begin to express my heartfelt thanks that all of you deserve. Our Commander-in-Chief's motto was "Make It Happen" and my motto was "It Happened Here First." You folks made it happen. There are two people that I especially want to thank for their dedicated hard work in truly making it a priority to ensure that Montana reached its membership goal of 100% by December 31st. Tim Peters and Jack Hawley (what can I say), you guys are incredible and without you we would not have reached our goal. Having said this, we have work to do yet and several weeks ahead of us so we cannot let down now. Again as I offered at convention, I am here to work along the side of you. If I or any one of my officers can assist you in any endeavor, please let us know and we will be there.

Department Fundraiser: I am asking each of you to help with our fundraiser to ensure we are successful with being able to present to someone a new car, 2019 Subaru Impreza or \$15,000 dollars cash. We are way behind where we should be at this time of the fund drive. I am asking each post that operates a "Canteen" to prominently display our poster with the photo of the car/\$15,000 dollar cash option and active promote sales of the raffle tickets it would be absolutely appreciated and help to reach our goal. Folks if I can be so brazen as to suggest this, if each one of us, and our auxiliary would on an individual basis purchase one ticket we would make it to our goal and not lose money on this fundraiser. **PLEASE HELP US.**

The paragraph below was written by me and in my first newsletter article as your commander. I truly believe it is worth repeating again. Please read and take it to heart, so we can make sure we are the beacon of hope in our communities and state.

I know that you are going to hear a lot about membership being the life blood of

any organization, and that is indeed true. I know that we can sign up our younger veterans all day long, especially those who are returning from deployment tours. But then it seems that is where we drop the ball. Folks, they never run out the back door, they barely get their foot in the front door and then they turn around and leave. Have we ever wondered why they joined but never show up? I would like to submit this to you, make them feel welcome and not resented. Do not be afraid to let them take up leadership roles – encourage them to do that. You will be astounded what they can do for your post and community. At the local level, and the state level, we (VFW Members) need to embrace our Auxiliaries. They are not our enemy, remember this, many are our wives, sisters, brothers and sometimes even our Mothers. There are no more them and us; we are a VFW Family team working together for the benefit of all of our veterans and community. We need to be known in our communities as the "Go To" organization when veterans and their families are in need of help. Remember our Motto is "No One Does More for Veterans than the VFW." Let's demonstrate that this statement is absolutely true.

I would like to encourage each of you to work as hard for our incoming new State Commander, Earl (Buster) Wheeler as you have for me. Like me he will need each of you working with him as hard as you did for me. Again my sincere thanks for all the courtesies extended to me as I traveled around this state visiting your post and District Meeting. Just because I will not be your Commander, I will still occasionally show up at your posts and District Meetings. I will always cherish the friendships that have been formed over these past three years.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not thank our State Auxiliary President Jacki Poland and her officers for their hard work this past year. Without them and our local auxiliary's state wide, we would not have been as successful as we have been.

God Bless Each of you, our great organization and the United States of America.

Joe Fletcher
State Commander



SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT



HAROLD "BUSTER" WHEELER

Greetings Comrades. I would like to extend a big Thank You and Congratulations to all of you for your hard work and support for our membership program. Thanks to all of you Montana "Rocked the House" once again.

We really need you to put forth your best effort to support our state raffle. We don't need to come out

on the losing end on this. I know we can make this a success if we all put forth a little effort. Please remember that this is not restricted to VFW members only so don't hesitate to talk it up to your friends and neighbors as well.

I am really looking forward to attending all of the upcoming District meetings that I possibly can. If there is anything special that you would like the Department leadership to bring to your meetings or help you with please let us know. We are here to work for you and to contribute whatever we can to make sure you succeed. Next year my motto will be "Educate,

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Here we are coming to the end of an interesting year to say the least. Again I'd like to thank each and every one who has made my visits met with a true feeling of welcome.

I could not have gotten this far without your Commander Joe Fletcher, who with his wife Petra have become very dear friends. Our time at National Home will be a time that will be with me forever. If you haven't been to our National Home and get offered the chance to go, jump on it. You won't be sorry.

Les Poland, Commander of VFW Post 4099 Sidney....my husband....Thank you for supporting me these past years and keeping watch over the home front while I've been off to places I never could have imagined going to outside of our state or seeing within our state. Thank you for helping make this all possible for me on a family level.

To our Department Secretary Jane Loucks, you are a 1 in a 1000 true friend, helper and I would have thrown in the towel many times out of frustration if it weren't for your encouragement and reminder that many a LADY has gone before me and weathered the storm. THANK YOU is not nearly enough to say for all you've done. Our members really do not realize all you do behind the scenes to make sure things run smooth.

MaryBeth, Department Treasurer, oh my. Keeping track of all our monies, travel, hotels, fund raisers, not for just the President, but for many, many of us. Thank you, thank you, thank you. You too are a keeper, and have become a good friend.

We've hit snags along the way, but we've worked thru them, some days maybe with a bitter taste in our mouths, but we made it thru. There is a lot of work that continues needing to be done, it will always be there, and that work is always for our Veterans.

Billie Jo, you will be handed the gavel in June and I know you'll do a great job as you have already stepped in when I couldn't be at meetings that needed to have someone from Department in attendance. You have never hesitated to help me when I've called on you and I thank you so very much for that. I know it hasn't always been pleasant.

This has been a chapter in my life that I started to write many, many years ago in another State, but it took the state of Montana to make it come true, and help make me a better person. I've learned and grown thanks to some LADIES I have not mentioned, but you know who you are. AND to you I say Thank You for your tough love.

Members, we are not an "I" organization, we are a team, a family, and even though there are speed bumps along the way, reach out to your Department Officers. They will always be here for you, and will always do their very best to help you and your Veterans.

Thank each and every one of you for taking this journey with me.

Jacki Poland
State President

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JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT



**VIRGINIA "ROSE"
ARNOLD**

Congratulations on being #1 in membership first and continuing to hold the top spot! I know the entire leadership team appreciates all the hard work you've been putting in getting members to extend their membership with the VFW as much as I do!

I want to send out a special thank you to the District Commanders for keeping in good communication with me about the progress of Posts completing their reports. I hope you've been turning in your monthly communication reports. I know you're doing the work! I really appreciate hearing from all of you on a regular basis and am excited to continue our communication into our next year as a leadership team! It's been a great year so far, let's keep up the hard work!

Post and District Elections are coming up! This is a chance for the change that your Post may need! I'm not saying that you should get rid of a great Commander or Quartermaster... I'm saying you should consider the direction you want to see your Post go, find the next leader to fill that position and groom them to be an officer! Does your community consider your Post a stuffy old bar? Would you rather be a community organization? Advertise events in your community hall more than bar activities. Would you like to move into the future, but keep tradition? Iraq, Afghanistan, Gulf War, etc. Veterans have fresh eyes and a desire to be a part of this great organization. They can be great leaders

in your Post if you welcome them in and support them in their ability to be a part of us. These Veterans respect the traditions that the VFW values, but remember they want to be a part of something big doing something cool. Support programs they have an interest in and encourage us to help with them. Elections are the time to consider all these things and make the changes you want to see in your Post and District! Don't forget to elect your delegates to the National Convention during elections. Your Quartermaster is required to pay \$25 for one delegate and if more than one member of your Post will be attending National Convention, your QM will need to send in an additional \$10 each. The first \$25 is required whether your Post will have someone in attendance or not. This will give them a voice on the floor if it comes to a vote on the floor. Speaking of Elections... Reports need to be on file with Tim Peters by May 1st! He's happy to put in your information however you need, fax it, e-mail it, mail it, call him with any changes... Probably not smoke signals, he'd be out of the office too long waiting on those!

District meetings are a good chance to hear from other Posts about the activities they're working on and getting business done. Also, any resolutions you'd like to get to National must be passed by your Post, brought to your District and passed there before they go to Department to be voted on and submitted to National. Attendance by at least one of your Posts members at both District meetings (Fall and Spring) is a requirement for All-State. Your District meeting is one more great opportunity for you to be in face to face contact with your leaders at the

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT



JIM PORTER

My Fellow Officers, Comrades, and Auxiliary, The year is winding down. The Mid-Winter is over and many thanks to Buster & all his crew, they did another fine job with everything. Now it is on to the Spring District meetings. I know I can speak for all the District Commanders when I say they would sure like a little better attendance at the District meetings. As you all may or may not know, there is a lot of work, both physical and legwork that goes in to hosting a District meeting. It seems to me that the very least we could do to show our appreciation is just **SHOW UP**. I am sure the District Commander would appreciate it, and I know our Dept. Commander, Joe Fletcher, would as well.

Please be thinking about sending someone from your post to Libby for the Dept. convention in June. Libby is a beau-

tiful part of our great state, and it is home to one of the largest dams in the U.S.

This article is going to be a little short this time, and I apologize for that but I have to go to Mass this morning and I am running a little short of time. I will mention however, that if you have any sicknesses, or deaths in your post or family, please let me know. I cannot send a card if I don't know about it.

Thank God we are not having the kind of weather that they are having in the Great Lakes area, or the Midwest. I know that we have been close here in the last couple of weeks, as of this writing. I know for one I am sure getting tired of pushing snow around.

I am once again hoping to get your vote to re-elect me as your Dept. Chaplain. I have thoroughly enjoyed being the Chaplain, and I truly look forward to being your Chaplain again for 2019-2020. Thank you all so very much. Take care & May God Bless you all and your families. Stay warm, and keep your head down.

Jim Porter
State Chaplain

What is a Legacy Life Member?

A Legacy Life member is another level of the VFW life membership program. It is intended to give our life members a way to leave a lasting legacy to the VFW. Future generations will know you not only for the sacrifices you made as a veteran but for the contributions you made as a member. **That's a legacy to be proud of.** When you become a Legacy Life Member, you are helping us strengthen the VFW where "NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS". There are 3 prestigious levels of Legacy Life Membership are available, (Gold, Silver, or Bronze). Each level offers generous benefits reserved exclusively for Legacy Life Members. Once your Legacy Life Membership begins, an annual endowment in your name will be made to your Post, Department, and the organization. You will feel confident knowing your contributions to our organization are helping not only today's veterans but the veterans of tomorrow. Future generations will know and remember you for the sacrifices you've made during your time in uniform in addition to the contributions you've made as a VFW Legacy Life Member. You will always be a member of your Post even after you're gone. Now Legacy Life memberships can be purchased for deceased life members, this is a great way to honor our past life members and keep them on the rolls of your post. If you are a life member and are interested in this program simply contact your Department Headquarters at (406)324-3992 for an application.

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Special Plaque	●	●	●
Hat Patch	●	●	●
Personalized Brick at Centennial Plaza	●	●	●
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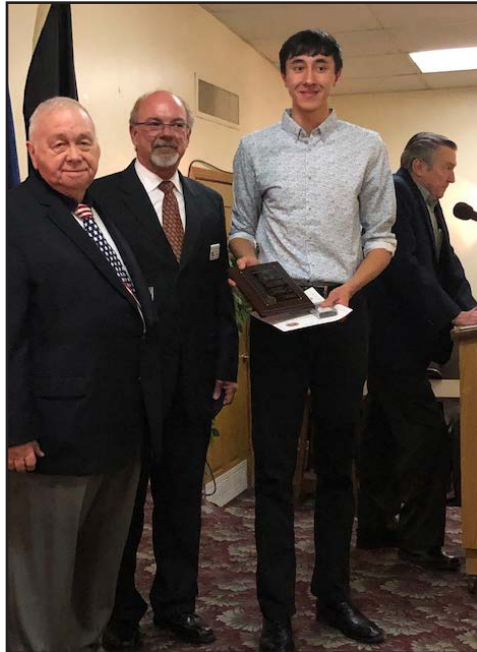
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Victor J. Stobie	Gold Post 5159	John G. Leggett	Bronze Post 4925
Jerry A. Sutton	Gold Post 5159	Paul R. Megeed*	Bronze Post 4925
Charles B. Theademan	Gold Post 5159	Douglas H. Parrott	Bronze Post 4925
Joel W. Thomas	Gold Post 5159	Henry A. Plott*	Bronze Post 4925
Clifford S. Tolman	Gold Post 5159	Ronold J. Merwin	Bronze Post 6562
James L. Wellington	Gold Post 5159	Will D. Juhl	Bronze Post 6774
Clayton H. White	Gold Post 5159	Clifford E. Schleusner*	Bronze Post 6774
Ted H. Wilburn	Gold Post 5159	Robert J. Sutton	Bronze Post 6774
D. B. Zimmer	Gold Post 5159	Howard J. Aemisegger	Bronze Post 6786
John C. Fay	Gold Post 5652	Terry Beezley	Bronze Post 6786
John T. Freetly	Gold Post 6774	Stanley A. Burns	Bronze Post 6786
Paul R. Harper	Gold Post 6774	James H. Follensbee	Bronze Post 6786
John C. Lattimer*	Gold Post 6774	Leo A. Howe	Bronze Post 6786
Russell H. Mobraaten	Gold Post 6774	J. P. Hume*	Bronze Post 6786
Francis E. Croucher	Gold Post 6786	Patrick L. McKeever	Bronze Post 6786
Ken R. Utter	Gold Post 6786	John C. Mueller	Bronze Post 6786
Richard N. Weldon	Gold Post 6786	Thomas H. Price	Bronze Post 6786
Gary O. Borland	Gold Post 7311	Francis L. Utter	Bronze Post 6786
Charles M. Handley	Gold Post 7311	Dale F. Wassmann	Bronze Post 7311
Barton W. Lawson	Gold Post 7311	Louis L. Polinsky	Bronze Post 7407
Edward A. Viig	Gold Post 7311	George E. Boner	Bronze Post 8292
Corry Mordeaux	Gold Post 7407	Paul E. Coble*	Bronze Post 8292
Thomas H. Armstrong	Gold Post 8292	Leonard W. Eik	Bronze Post 8292
Carl M. Carver	Gold Post 8292	Carl J. Graham	Bronze Post 8292
Terry W. Lambert	Gold Post 8292	Zane G. Murfitt	Bronze Post 8292
William I. Mackley	Gold Post 8292	Charles R. Thompson	Bronze Post 9040
George F. Fryett, Jr.	Gold Post 9040	Edward J. Boucher	Bronze Post 10010
Elmer D. Bernard	Gold Post 10010	John R. Buckley*	Bronze Post 10010
William R. Bovee*	Gold Post 10010	David F. Johnson	Bronze Post 10010
Michael C. Buckley	Gold Post 10010	Melvin V. Johnson*	Bronze Post 10010
LeRoy S. Johnson	Gold Post 10010	Dale A. Person*	Bronze Post 10010
Lyle F. Pedersen	Gold Post 10010	Robert J. Russ*	Bronze Post 10010
Timothy C. Peters	Gold Post 10010	George C. Stump Jr.	Bronze Post 10010
Ludwig J. Rigler*	Gold Post 10010	Roy E. Jordan	Bronze Post 15027
Robert T. Schwegel	Gold Post 12177	* Deceased	Total 206
Richard L. Osborn	Gold Post 12181		

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MID-WINTER COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING AND VOICE OF DEMOCRACY/PATRIOT'S PEN BANQUET



Kim Deshano, Assistant Adjutant General addresses the Mid-Winter Banquet.



Montana VFW Recognizes Local Students

Local students were recognized at an awards dinner held in Great Falls by the Department of Montana VFW. Sponsored by VFW Post 3107, Glasgow High School student Ellis McKean was awarded third place in the VFW's Voice of Democracy scholarship program. He competed against 275 other Montana high school students and was awarded a \$500 scholarship and a plaque recognizing his accomplishment. Middle School student Riley Smith placed third in the Patriot's Pen essay contest competing against 1247 other Montana Middle School students. He received a plaque and a \$100 scholarship. Congratulations to these outstanding Glasgow students!



— *SR. VICE, continued from page 2*

Cooperate, Succeed". I truly believe that if you educate the target audience, get mutual cooperation, you will succeed.

In closing, I just want to say this year has been a wild but enjoyable ride. I thank you for your support and I am looking forward to next year.

Yours in Comradeship,
Harold "Buster" Wheeler Jr.
 Sr. Vice State Commander

— *JR. VICE, continued from page 3*

Department level. I am proud to say that we have a very competent leadership team that has a wealth of knowledge and information, but we don't know what you don't know or want to know more about without your input.

National Programs Reports (Community Activity Reports) are also coming due, you must have a minimum of one report submitted by 30 April. The National Programs report has 9 sections, your Post should be completing at least one activity in each section every year, so if you missed the mark this year, please consider making sure you are planning activities that fill in each space next year. Reports submitted on 1 May will be counted towards the 2019-2020 year, so do not miss the 30 April deadline!

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at District meetings. I want to remind you that I work for you and I appreciate your continued trust in me to get the job done! Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of use to your Post! Need info on reporting? Rose has it. Want to do a membership drive? Invite Rose or one of your Nationally Certified Recruiters, Tim Peters and Jack Hawley. Need a fundraiser plan? We'll make one together! I'd love to help your Post succeed and be an asset to your community. Please let me know what I can do to work for you!!! We are a team making the VFW Department of MT the best that it can be, but we'll only succeed if we work together!

Thank you all for your service to your country and your continued service to your community!

Rose Arnold
 Jr. Vice State Commander

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Post	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Sur Name
209	Galen	E	Calvert	
209	Frank	W	Cole	
497	Earny	F	Faechner	
497	Joe	L	Mc Intosh	
1087	Paul	T	Quinn	
1087	John	H	Reynolds	
1548	Don	E	Bradshaw	
1548	Ronald	D	Parker	
1548	Charles	E	Perry	
1548	John	A	Thede	Jr
1551	James	G	Burrows	
1579	James	L	Burnett	
1579	Darrell	D	Davis	
1579	Donald	F	Egosque	
1579	Donald	L	Helm	
1579	Harvey	L	Holzworth	
1579	Fred	S	Rambur	
2154	Frank	H	Clayton	
2154	Roland	C	Payne	
2252	James	E	Bell	
2252	Thomas	E	Christiansen	
2252	Joe	G	Kikendall	Jr
2252	Brandon	H	Nelson	
2252	Donald	R	Taylor	
2252	Scot	L	Zimmerman	
2484	Edward	S	Gardipee	
3107	Dan	F	Collins	
3107	Anthony	R	Curley	
3107	Jerry	M	Ketchum	
3107	William	H	Sugg	Jr
3596	Duke	M	Nielsen	
3831	Gary	L	Clark	
4099	Dolph	M	Harris	
4109	John	C	Graham	
4109	Harry		Luinstra	
5159	Hugh	R	Butler	
5514	Wayne	H	Moser	
6697	William	H	Decker	
6774	Charles	J	Leming	
6774	Dana	M	Monaco	
6774	John	A	Richardson	
7655	Bernard	T	Koenig	
7886	Philip	P	Murnion	
8292	William	T	Winninghoff	
8869	Charlie		Love	
10010	James	J	Gleason	
12181	Jack		Filby	
15027	James	H	Endahl	

RONAN AUXILIARY 5652

The Ronan VFW Auxiliary 5652 is pictured with the board of the "Garden of the Rockies Musuem." They were chsen for our "Make a Difference Day" recipient. They were awarded a certificate of appreciation and \$100.00. It took place October 27th.



Pictured from left front - Jessie Merwin, Auxiliary; Jeannette Meiers, board; Margaret Fay, Auxiliary. Back Row - Helen Sorenson and Peggy Cote - Smith; Auxiliary; Carol Bryant and Rose McBurnie, board.



From left: Carol Barrett, Donna Bennett, Rocki Davis, Faye Morgan, Carolyn Streets, Laurie Smith, Jessie Merwin. Lorie Noble, sitting; Pat Armstrong, sitting; Marge Fay and Peggy Cote-Smith. Not pictured: Monica Mills, Marie Hall, Helen Sorenson, Judy Stevenson, MORGAN Davis and Stephanie Hart.



Ronan VFW Auxiliary 5652 celebrating their ten year anniversary on November 11, 2018.



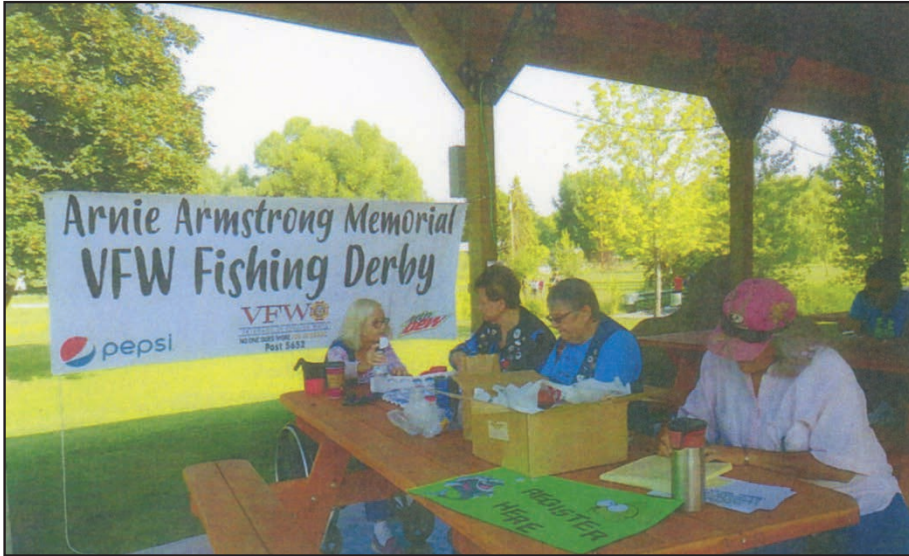
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RONAN VFW AND AUXILIARY 5652 FISHING DERBY

RONAN VFW AUXILIARY 5652 ASSISTED THE VFW POST WITH
THE FISHING DERBY ON AUGUST 3, 2018.



Registering are Donna Bennett, Judy Stevenson, Helen Sorenson and Laurie Smith. We also purchased 12 dozen donuts and poured hot chocolate and gave out prizes.



Younger kids fished in tanks and the older kids from the creek.



A group of fisher persons.

WE SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

VFW Post 4042 - BIGFORK, MT

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4042 members and Boy Scout Troop 1923 members along with family held their second wood cutting project. VFW members Ron Wenzel and Robert Gambino are the Scoutmasters for Troop 1923. McGill Logging Company donated a load of logs approximately 14 cords of wood for the Scouts to cut-split and deliver for their fall project.



Post 7886

Jordan Post 7886 Commander and Service Officer reset a grave marker for WWI casualty, Charles Smithson of Jordan who is buried at Green Ridge Cemetery in Jordan.



Pictured left to right, Service Officer Mike Downs and Commander Joe Murnoin.

<p>WHITEFISH POST 276 Meeting 1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Post and Auxiliary Club Room open 9:00 a.m. to ? 7 days a week</p>	<p>BLACK EAGLE POST 4669 Post Meetings – 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Club open daily at 12:00 p.m. Mon-Sat Lounge – Banquet Hall – Meeting Room Bowling Center, 2332 Smelter Ave. 453-4736</p>	<p>DAN ARNOLD DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday 406-452-2265 600 Central Plaza, Suite 300 • Great Falls, MT 59401</p>
<p>GREAT FALLS POST 1087 Meeting 2nd Thursday each month 6:00 p.m. Chicken & Steak Dinner – 3rd Sunday Breakfast Every Sunday – 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>POLSON POST 2986 Post & Auxiliary Meeting 3rd Monday 7:00 p.m. Club open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. 5th and Main in Polson</p>	<p>PONY VFW POST 3831 AND MOC PUP TENT #24 Post Meetings 2nd Saturday 1:00 p.m. at Pony Bar Members and Guests Welcome</p>
<p>LIBBY POST 1548 Meetings 1st Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bingo every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Club open daily at 12:00 Noon to 2:00 a.m. 7 days a week</p>	<p>KALISPELL POST 2252 Post Meets 1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Breakfast available for purchase. 3rd Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Lounge open 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Daily Come in and enjoy Flathead Camaraderie</p>	<p>BOZEMAN POST 903 121 W. Main (406) 577-2155 Meeting 3rd Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Club House Open 12 Noon - 11 p.m. daily Members and Guests Welcome</p>
<p>BIGFORK POST 4042 AND AUXILIARY VFW Meeting 2nd Tuesday of the month/same time Auxiliary Meeting 1st Wednesday of the month Steak Night – 3rd Wednesday of the month</p>	<p>EUREKA POST 6786 Post Meeting 1st Tuesday – 7:00 p.m. Auxiliary Meeting 1st Tuesday – 1:30 p.m. Club open 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.</p>	<p>MISSOULA POST 209 Post Meeting 2nd Wednesday – 7:00 p.m. Auxiliary Meeting 2nd Tuesday – 2:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Visit the Montana Military Museum At historic Fort Harrison, just west of Helena. Telling Montana's Military History and Recognizing Montanans For Their Service! For more information write to: Fort William Henry Harrison Museum Foundation & Montana Military Museum ATTN: Museum Director/Curator P.O. Box 125, Fort Harrison, MT 59636-0125 E-mail: myfun51@msn.com – 406-324-3550</p>	<p>EAST HELENA POST 10010 Post Meeting, 1st Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Auxiliary Meetings, 3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m. (April-Sept.) 2:00 p.m. (Oct.-March) Club Open from 11:00 a.m. to ? Stop By and Enjoy Our Smoke Free Club</p>	<p>TROY VFW POST 5514 Post Meeting, 2nd Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. Auxiliary Meeting, 1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Jr. Girls Meeting, 4th Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>GLASGOW POST 3107 AND AUXILIARY 1222 Highway 2 West Meeting 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Canteen open 2:00 p.m. to ?, Mon-Sat</p>	<p>PLENTYWOOD POST 4018 AND VETERAN'S CLUB Post Meeting 1st Tuesday – 7:00 p.m. American Legion Post 58 Meeting 2nd Monday – 8:00 p.m. Club Hours 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">e-Edition</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Same format as our printed edition. You can view current editions as well as back issues of the <i>Montana Veteran</i> on our website at vfwmt.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Montana Veteran Department of Montana VFW c/o Tim Peters P.O. Box 4789 Fort Harrison, MT 59636</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Montana Veteran is produced at American Publishing LLC Jenny DeBack, Owner americanpublishing8482@gmail.com</p> </div>
<p>PLAINS POST 3596 Post Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays Auxiliary Meetings 2nd & 4th Mondays Club – Bowling Alley – Banquet Hall You Are Always Welcome</p>	<p>BILLINGS HEIGHTS POST 6774 Post Meeting 2nd Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. Auxiliary Meeting 2nd Thursday - 6:00 p.m. Canteen Open Daily</p>	
<p>SIDNEY POST 4099 Meeting 2nd Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Club open daily 10:00 a.m. to Midnight Closed Sunday Phone: 433-9982</p>	<p>BILLINGS POST 1634 4242 State Ave. Post Meeting 1st Monday at 7 p.m. Kitchen Open Tuesday-Sunday Canteen Open 10:00 a.m. - Close</p>	
	<p>LEWISTOWN POST 1703 Post Meeting 3rd Monday – 7:00 p.m. Basement – American Legion Club</p>	

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<p>Option #1 Pharmacy (Between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refill 2. Renewal 3. Anticoag 4. Staff <p>**Refill Option is available 24 hours.</p>	<p>Option #2 Central Scheduling (Between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)</p>	<p>Option #3 Mental Health (Between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appointments 2. Crisis Nurse 3. Staff <p>**If crisis nurse is needed after 4:30 p.m., call 406-442-6410</p>	<p>Option #4 VA Clinics (Between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Missoula, 2. Kalispell, Cut Bank 3. Great Falls, 4. Lewistown, Havre 5. Fort Harrison, 6. Anaconda, Bozeman 7. Billings, 8. Miles City, Glendive
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