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## Whitefish VFW Post 276 Selected Business of the Year

**I**t gives us great pride to announce that Whitefish Post 376 was selected Business of the Year by the Whitefish Chamber of Commerce. At a recent ceremony held in Whitefish, Montana Mayor John Muhlfelr and Chamber of Commerce CEO Kevin Gartland presented Post 376 Commander Fred Hamilton with this year's award.

Post 276 was selected for their many philanthropic contributions to the community of Whitefish. These contributions include but are not limited to donating band instruments to the Whitefish High School, body cameras for all local police officers, gulf cart to Columbia Falls Veteran's Home, a 28 passenger bus to

Whitefish baseball team, helped with medical expenses for a Eureka elementary school student hit by a car after getting off her school bus and donated storage compartments for the Whitefish Fire Department wildfire response vehicle.

It is through positive community involvement like this that the VFW becomes known as a valuable community partner in your community and brings great credit upon the VFW, our Auxiliaries and our veterans.

The Department of Montana Veterans of Foreign Wars would like to add our congratulations to Whitefish VFW Post 276 and to all of our Posts for all they do every day in communities all over Montana.



*VFW Post 276 was selected by the Whitefish Chamber of Commerce as this year's recipient of the Business of the Year award. Presented by Whitefish, Montana's Mayor John Muhlfelr (R) and Chamber CEO Kevin Gartland (L) at a local ceremony this January.*

### 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, 2020 ..... Aug-Sept-Oct-Nov
- October 15, 2020 ..... Dec-Jan-Feb-Mar
- February 15, 2021 ..... Apr-May-June-July

### Coming Events

- STATE CONVENTION** | JUNE 17-20 | LEWISTOWN, MT
- NATIONAL CONVENTION** | JULY 18-23 | RENO, NV
- SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION** | AUGUST 14-15 | GREAT FALLS, MT



## COMMANDER'S REPORT



**HAROLD "BUSTER" WHEELER**

Thanks to all for the OUTSTANDING turnout for the Mid-Winter meeting. What a great showing. Congratulations to Jeff Schepp for being elected as State Junior Vice Commander. I hope those that attended my Homecoming enjoyed the activities. I know I sure did. It always gives me great pleasure to visit with Comrades from throughout the state.

We are behind in membership for being this far into the year. There are quite a few Posts that only need a few more new, reinstated or renewed members to be one hundred percent. Help us get there as a Department. If you need help to identify available resources to accomplish this,

contact Jack Hawley, Tim Peters, or any of the Department Line Officers.

We need a stronger push for the State Raffle. We still have some good prizes to give away but State Convention is right around the corner. Congratulations to the Posts that have taken the forefront in supporting this endeavor, you know who you are. I also solicit your help in distributing the Department Coins that we designed to commemorate finishing number one in the world, yes in the world in membership. You are the ones that made it happen and one of these coins would be an appropriate to recognize some of your hard working, productive members.

Looking forward to seeing you in Lewistown. As Doc would say "With that I'm clear".

**Harold "Buster" Wheeler  
State Commander**

## SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT



**RON MERWIN**

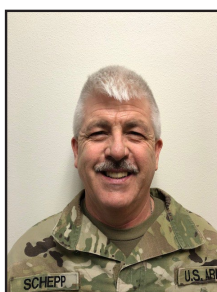
The special coin commemorating our success as 1st in nation is still available. If you haven't got one yet you should get one, the cost is only \$15.00 and it helps support our membership. We need to work hard with the 2019-2020 membership year and strive to maintain our 'Montana Standard' of 100%. We need to get moving on this as we are behind right now. With Mid-Winter behind us Spring District meetings are upon us and District 1 will meet 14 March in Eureka to start the cycle. We

In January, at the 'Mid-Winter' conference, a new State Jr. Vice Commander was elected for the Department vacant position. Congratulations to Jeff Schepp our new State Jr. Vice Commander.

had a really good turnout at mid-winter and it was special with our National Sr Vice Commander, Hal Roesch, in attendance. I will get to see him again at Sr Vice Commander training in Kanas City in early April. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you at the District meetings, School of Instruction and most recently at Mid-Winter. I look forward to seeing a lot of you again at the District meetings. Plan to attend, let's make it a really good gathering. I hope to see you at District and in Lewistown 17-20 June. Post 1703 Commander Loren Drivdahl has been working hard and has a good convention set up. Our continued success as a Department will only come to fruition if we work together! Thank you and God bless you for your service to our great country and your continued service to your community!

**Ron Merwin  
State Sr. Vice Commander**

## JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT



**JEFF SCHEPP**

my wonderful wife Andria between the two of us we have four boys and 3 grandchildren. I work full time for the

First of all I would like to thank you all for voting me as your State Jr. Vice Commander. I promise you I will work very hard to make you all proud. A little about myself, I am 58, married to

MTARNG as and AGR in operations for Recruiting and Retention. I have been in the Guard for 30 years. I have deployed to Iraq. I'm a lifetime member of the VFW and belong to post 10010 East Helena MT. I have held the positions of Jr. and Sr. Vice, as well as Trustee. I'm also the Assistant Quartermaster/Adjutant at the post as well as helping at the state level with Tim Peters. I look forward to meeting all of you in the next few months.

**Jeff Schepp  
State Jr. Vice Commander**

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## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT



**JIM PORTER**

My Dear Comrades & Auxiliary members,  
Peace be with each of you & your families. I pray that all of you are staying warm. I see that the Eastern part of our state is really getting the cold temps. Art, put another log on the fire please. Well, the Mid-Winter is over, and we have a new Junior Vice Commander. Congratulations to the newly elected Junior Vice. To all of the Department officers, and to any others that are running for a department office, good luck, and take care. It is now on to the District Meetings. Please consider attending your district's meeting. There is a lot of leg work that goes in to making it a success. I know a lot of you may feel that you have heard it all before. Believe it or not, there is always something

new at these meetings, plus there is always the comradery of seeing old friends again. I have found, and I am sure each of you have noticed the same thing. You can see someone today, and tomorrow, they are gone. It seems like, in the blink of an eye. As I have said before, many times; when your number comes up, it's time. It does not matter what you are doing, or where you are at.

I know a lot of you have seen the saying; say "hello" or "good morning" to everyone you meet. I promise, it will make you feel good inside.

Comrades, I am once again running for Dept. Chaplain this year. I like my job, I like the people that I work for & with, but most of all, I like helping people. If anything I say makes just one person feel better, or helps just one person through a little problem, then every word and every minute was worth it.

Once again I am going to mention membership. Please, carry an application with you. If someone asks about the VFW, and your response is, "I'll get you an application," You have just lost another perspective member.

Annie & I am praying for each of you & your families, that you are blessed, healthy, and safe until we meet again. Take care & God Bless each of you.

**Jim Porter**  
State Chaplain

## NATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT



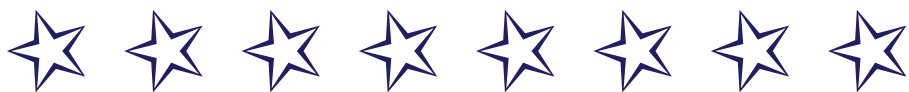
**ART WIDHALM**

The programs part of our year is now over. Did your Post participate? If not why not? Is there something that you don't agree with in how the program is run or is it some of the rules? As your National Council member maybe I can help. Let me know what the issues are and I can address them to the National Council. The National Commander in Chief, Sr. Vice and Jr. Vice are members of the Council and they are the ones who make a lot of the rules. The incoming Commander in Chief is even now finalizing his programs for the upcoming year so it is probably too late for big changes. As the incoming officers come through the chairs they are looking for ways to make the programs for their year user friendly still meaningful. There are no bad ideas and you may have a solution that will work for everyone.

Communication is the key to getting new members. Do you send out a newsletter to your Post membership or do you only contact them when you are fundraising? How do you keep them informed on what your Post does with their money? You have to let them know what you do to get their support. Make them a part of the decision making process by letting them know where they can help.

For questions or inputs, contact me at my home phone 406-524-376, cell 406-942-0668 or email [chiefhunter2u@yahoo.com](mailto:chiefhunter2u@yahoo.com).

**Art Widhalm**  
National Council Member



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## GLACIER TWINS BASEBALL TEAM AWARDED CHECK



Fred Hamilton and Mike Pryor from Whitefish Post 276, presented a check for \$26,500 to the Glacier Twins Baseball Team to replace an aging bus for the team to use to travel to their baseball games.

## BIGFORK VFW POST 4042 CHECK PRESENTATION



Bigfork VFW Post 4042 Adjutant Michael Stone presented Mrs. Randi Tunnell, Bigfork High School Music Teacher a check for \$150.00 from Post 4042 and the VFW District 1 Teacher of the Year Trophy.

# 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 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.

## LEGACY LIFE MEMBER EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS

| MEMBER INCENTIVES  | BRONZE | SILVER | GOLD   |
|--|--------|--------|--------|
|  | \$400  | \$800  | \$1200 |
| Plated Engraved Life Member Card   | ●      | ●      | ●      |
| Lapel Pin  | ●      | ●      | ●      |
| Hat Pin  | ●      | ●      | ●      |
| Distinctive Emblem & Supply Line for Legacy Life Members   | ●      | ●      | ●      |
| Framed Certificate for Legacy Life Membership  | ●      | ●      | ●      |
| Recognition on Internet & Convention Program   | ●      | ●      | ●      |
| Recognition at Kiosks at Memorial Building in Washington, D.C. and Museum at National Headquarters | ●      | ●      | ●      |
| Special Plaque   | ●      | ●      | ●      |
| Hat Patch  | ●      | ●      | ●      |
| Personalized Brick at Centennial Plaza   | ●      | ●      | ●      |
| Emblem & Supply Discounts (For Personal Use Only)  | 5%     | 10%    | 15%    |
| Increased Level of No-Cost AD&D Insurance  | \$2000 | \$3500 | \$5000 |
| Annual Endowment: Post   | \$6    | \$12   | \$18   |
| Annual Endowment: Dept.  | \$6    | \$12   | \$18   |



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# POTOMAC SCHOOL CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT THE FLAG FROM VFW Post 209



VFW Post 209 Honor Guard Commander Jack Reneau and VFW Post 209 Honor Guard Dispatcher Susan Reneau presented a Veteran's Day program at Potomac School in Montana on November 12, 2019 where they talked about the meaning of the American flag and gave out a flag to every child, every teacher, and staff person at Potomac School, grades K to 8. They also gave out poppies to everyone and talked about the meaning of the poppy. Jack talked about why he enlisted in the U.S. Army and what it meant to him to be a veteran. Susan talked about her father's long career in the U.S. Marines and showed them his shadow box of medals he earned from World War II, Korea and Vietnam. The children had many comments and questions.

After the talk, many children came up to Jack and Susan to say they wanted to enlist in various branches of the military and to tell stories about relatives that serve or have served in the military. The school presented the VFW Post 209 with a charming paper American flag signed by all the children thanking veterans for their service to our nation. Jack and Susan are having the flag framed to present to the VFW Post 209 for hanging in their headquarters.

The hundreds of flags were provided by Vietnam Veteran Larry Anderson, a Missoula Exchange Member.



# VFW Post 3107 PRESENTS K-5 TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

VFW Post 3107 presented the Department of Montana K-5 Teacher of the Year award to 2nd grade teacher, Denise Winchester. The presentation took place just prior to a concert honoring veterans at the Irle Elementary School in Glasgow on President's Day, February 17th.



*Pictured are Post Commander, Art Widhalm, Teacher of the Year, Denise Winchester, her family, her 2nd grade class, Post members and the Post Auxiliary President.*



*Each class grades 1-5 sang a patriotic song. The highlight of the concert was the 4th grade class singing "I'm Proud to be an American."*



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# VFW Post 7407

In August 2019, Huntley Project VFW Post 7407 received Operation Round Up funds from Yellowstone Valley Electrical Coop (YVEC) to upgrade the front exterior of the VFW Hall in Worden, MT. The grant was for \$2,500 which helped with the construction but was not enough to get the job done. The Post and Auxiliary contributed \$2,500 to the project and a private donor put in \$500. The theme was to be patriotic in nature so a red, white and blue color scheme was used. In December, the effort paid off in a nice looking front image to the hall. The work was done by Bud Ruoff of Shepard, MT. Bud is a Navy Vet.



*Presentation of the symbolic check from YVEC by YVEC CEO/General Manager, Brandon J. Wittman and Trustee Dick Weldon. Post Quartermaster, Corry Mordeaux received the check for the Post.*



*Before photo of the front.*



*After photo of the front.*

# VFW Post 7407



Every Veteran's Day, Huntley Project School's 6th grade students show their patriotism with a drum corps and a mass of American flags carried by the students down the main street of Worden. The parade is led by Huntley Project VFW Post 7407 and Auxiliary with the local fire department and sheriff's office participating. The parade stops mid-town and the students recite the Pledge of Allegiance and the American Creed, two students played taps and the VFW honor guard fired a volley from their rifles. After the parade, the students put on a Veteran's Day program

in the school commons. The students practice for the event for several weeks to make everything go smoothly. The street was lined with observers and the program was well attended.



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| <p><b>GLASGOW POST 3107</b><br/><b>AND AUXILIARY</b><br/>1222 Highway 2 West<br/>Meeting 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.<br/>Canteen open 2:00 p.m. to ?, Mon-Sat</p>  | <p><b>PLENTYWOOD POST 4018</b><br/><b>AND VETERAN'S CLUB</b><br/>Post Meeting 1st Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.<br/>American Legion Post 58<br/>Meeting 2nd Monday – 8:00 p.m.<br/>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;"><b>e-Edition</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Same format as our printed edition.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>You can view current editions as well as back issues of the <i>Montana Veteran</i> on our website at <a href="http://vfwmt.org">vfwmt.org</a></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Montana Veteran</b><br/><b>Department of Montana VFW</b><br/><b>c/o Tim Peters</b><br/><b>P.O. Box 4789</b><br/><b>Fort Harrison, MT 59636</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>The Montana Veteran is produced at<br/>American Publishing LLC<br/>Jenny DeBack, Owner<br/><a href="mailto:americanpublishing8482@gmail.com">americanpublishing8482@gmail.com</a></small></p> </div> |
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