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Fort Harrison gets new VFW Post



Montana's newest VFW Post is Devil's Brigade Post 12177, Fort Harrison, Montana. On October 19, 2018, National Chief of Staff Jerry Herker instituted the new Post at the Fort Harrison Service Club. Present were the members of the new Post and numerous VFW members from around the state.

New members of Devil's Brigade Post 12177 with National Chief of Staff Jerry Herker at the completion of the installation of officers.



National Chief of Staff Jerry Herker presenting newly elected Post 12177 Commander Dennis Stoner with a citation from Commander-in-Chief Vincent B.J. Lawrence.



Post 12177 officers being sworn in.

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**.

February 15, 2019..... Apr-May-June-July
 June 15, 2019 Aug-Sept-Oct-Nov
 October 15, 2018..... Dec-Jan-Feb-Mar

Coming Events

MID-WINTER GREAT FALLS | JAN 26

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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

COMMANDER'S REPORT



JOE FLETCHER

Where has the time gone? We are well into the year and District Meetings are over and now in the annals of history. I enjoyed visiting your meeting and definitely got to see parts of Montana that lets just say were a few miles from Great Falls. Do not think that Buster and I will ever forget going to Ekalaka. I learned not to blindly follow a GPS.

Let me express my sincere thanks to all of you who have obtained your 100 Percent. Great Work and very much appreciated. Many of you are very close and just really would like to see you folks reach that goal very soon. Again as I offered I am here to work by your side. If I or any one of my fellow officers can assist you in any endeavor, please let us know and we will be there. Please remember that Membership is the Life Blood of any organization.

Please remember that our Auxiliaries are

our Right Hand. We would be absolutely lost with out them by our side, not behind us, but by our side serving our fellow veterans. Folks lets embrace our Auxiliaries. They are not our enemy, remember this, many are our wives, sisters, brothers and sometimes even our Mothers. Our Commander-in-Chief, B.J. Lawrence has stated many times that there is no longer "Them" and "Us". We are a team (VFW Family) working together for the benefit of all of our veterans and community. This is the only way that we can be successful. "WE ARE A VFW FAMILY?"

Last, Please remember our Department Fund Raiser. We are selling tickets for a 2019 Subaru Impreza or \$15,000 cash with the drawing to be at our state convention in June 2019. Also, there will be a drawing at Mid-Winter for \$1000.00 dollars.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Mid-Winter and all of you achieving 100% membership status before the end of December. Remember if we can help, please call me.

Joe Fletcher
State Commander



SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT



HAROLD "BUSTER" WHEELER

Greetings Comrades., It has been a very busy year so far and I have enjoyed being able to visit with all of you. The Commander, Chief of Staff and I traveled a lot of miles together as well as individually. I thank all of you for the hospitality we were afforded.

I encourage all of you to promote our state raffle. We really need to make this a success. It is really a worthwhile endeavor and you can't beat the deal for the price.

Our membership needs some attention. Some posts have already reached 100 percent and I salute you for that accomplishment. We have some great incentives in our current membership program and we need to take advantage of them. If you need any assistance in this area just let us know and we will get you what you need.

Mid-Winter is coming soon and I would love to see all of you attend. If you need any assistance with anything just let us know. Joe, Rose, Jack Hawley, and I are here for you.

Yours in Comradeship,
Harold Wheeler
State Sr. Vice Commander

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As Commander Fletcher stated, time has flown. We are winding up the first half of the 2018-2019 year and it has been a busy one. Fall District Meetings are over and as Joe said Ekalaka has to be the one that will be one of the ones I won't forget any time too soon. I knew I could make it there within 3 hours and he swore there was no way I could. I made it in about 2 hours and 45 minutes from Lambert. He and Buster got there in time for lunch. Yep, he got lost even with a GPS System.

I want to thank you all for your hospitality. I've been continuing to make more and more friends along this road I've been on. Thank all of you who were good sports and donned the Construction Hats in helping to "Build a better foundation".

Congratulations to the Auxiliaries that have made 100% in Membership and there are some that are right on their

heels. If these can do it, I feel we all should be able to either do it, or come mighty close. The smaller Auxiliaries in the smaller communities no, it'll be a tougher hill to climb. I realize this, but we can't quit trying. We have to continue reaching out for those younger eligible members and get them interested. Let them know we are the family members of those who have fought for our Freedoms, the things we take for granted...to agree and disagree openly without going to prison over it. To pray, to vote for the person we want in office, not just someone we are told to put in, along with many, many other things we do on any given day. From the dictionary...Auxiliary: giving help or support.

We are the helper bees to our VFW members. We are one. I've said for years, we are a family, now our National Commander uses that sentiment also. We

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JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT



VIRGINIA "ROSE" ARNOLD

Comrades,
I want to start by thanking you again for the amazing opportunity you have given me to be a leader in this organization. I am just returning from my Junior Vice Commander Training and it was such an amazing experience! The connections I have made already from other states and the ideas we shared were awesome and will make as all Get Better Together! I am certain I'll be friends with many of them for a long time to come!

I know we talk so much about Membership, but as Joe says it really is the life blood of our organization! I am hopeful that you will take advantage of new ways of not only getting new members but turning them into new volunteers that attend your business meetings. Recruiting material from National is FREE! If you are a small post that struggles to get these items, struggle no more, Rick Butler will even waive shipping if he must. His contact info is: rbutler@vfw.org or (816)968-2752.

Take advantage of the VFW Programs that will get you in the door where Veterans are already at such as their National Guard unit by using the Adopt a Unit program. There is a Military Assistance Program that will help you take care of a Veterans spouse while deployed in case the car breaks down or the water heater goes out, etc. Unexpected expenses/stresses can be combated and reduce the stress a deployed Veteran has while they're not home to take care of their loved ones themselves. Also, there are MAP grants that allow you to put on a going away /welcome home ceremony and picnic, you can do something for the families to get together while unit is deployed. National will give you \$4 per person in attendance to cover the costs of a picnic or bbq with fun and games. We offer "of the year" awards for Police Officers, Firefighters and EMT's or use the Safety and Recognition program when they save a life! Pick one of each and

honor them with an "of the year" award at their fire house or in their Ambulance barn, etc. then invite them and their family to your banquet but be visible in front of their peers that are also Veterans. There are many events you can be using: fairs, local festivals, car shows, gun shows, etc. Get a booth, borrow the table cloth from Department of MT and do something to help Veterans. While you are in public, be "Branded" wear your service cap, a VFW T-shirt, etc. Have the contact information for the closest service officers, or better yet, call Dan Arnold's office and get an S.O. scheduled to be available. They would love to help Veterans get their benefits. Also, our members should have an "elevator pitch" prepared about the things our organization does! Get to know a Veteran, find out what is important to them and be knowledgeable enough to tell them how the VFW does support "their thing". Why wouldn't you want to give every eligible Veteran the opportunity to become a member of this organization and their families the opportunity to join our Auxiliary. This organization is a gift for Veterans, give it to them! Please remember this when you use these tools though: YOU ARE THERE TO HELP VETERANS! They will see what you've done for them and the community and they will want to join, be prepared if they're ready the day of your event, but don't hand them an application up front and then try to assist them because they won't be able to hear you helping them.

Once you do recruit a member, don't let them fall through the cracks, you take their information and contact them first. Offer them a ride to their first meeting, buy them a drink or dinner. Care about your recruit and they'll appreciate you and want to show you that they do by coming back and taking on responsibilities. Don't put the world on their shoulders, not every recruit can or will take on a lot, but they want to serve if they are appreciated rather than pushed away.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Mid-Winter Convention on January 26th. I'm so excited to be hearing from the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT



JIM PORTER

Well, all of the District meetings are over and now it's almost time for Mid-Winter and Spring District meetings are just around the corner. Commander Fletcher would sure like the Department to be 100% by the end of the year. I would like to make a challenge to each and every one of the VFW members in Montana. I challenge each of you to just sign up 1 new member or possibly reinstate one. Our State

Quartermaster Tim Peters can supply each Post Commander with lists of potential members for your Post. Just contact them and let them know we need their membership, especially in an election year. If we could all sign up just one member we could be over 100% very quickly. I would also like to remind all of the members and Auxiliary, PLEASE, if you have any sicknesses, illnesses or deaths in your Post or Auxiliary to let me know so I can get an appropriate card on the way.

May you all have a very safe and joyous holiday season. God bless you all.

Jim Porter
State Chaplain

VFW POST 10010



East Helena VFW Post 10010 Commander Tom Johnson, receiving a certificate of appreciation on behalf of Post 10010 from Linda Juvik, Wreaths Across America Campaign Chairman for the Montana POW/MIA Awareness Association.

FREEDOM FESTIVAL

2018 Montana State Fair booth was sponsored by the Royal A. Caufield 1087 Post and Auxiliary Quilt raffle for Veterans in Need raised \$945. The quilt was designed using quilt squares from the previous year's Post/Auxiliary state fair contest. Tickets are still available for \$5/each or 3/\$10. Drawing will be held in January 2019.

The booth had brochures on all Auxiliary programs. Hospital, Scholarship, Patriot Pen, Voice of Democracy, Patriot Act, Poppy, Membership, Military One

Source and the Veterans' Crisis Line phone number. POW table was displayed. Fair attendees could view our special programs and were invited to join the VFW to help our veterans.

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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
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Barton W. Lawson	Gold Post 7311	Paul E. Coble*	Bronze Post 8292
Edward A. Viig	Gold Post 7311	Leonard W. Eik	Bronze Post 8292
Thomas H. Armstrong	Gold Post 8292	Carl J. Graham	Bronze Post 8292
Carl M. Carver	Gold Post 8292	Zane G. Murfitt	Bronze Post 8292
Terry W. Lambert	Gold Post 8292	Charles R. Thompson	Bronze Post 9040
William I. Mackley	Gold Post 8292	Edward J. Boucher	Bronze Post 10010
George F. Fryett, Jr.	Gold Post 9040	John R. Buckley*	Bronze Post 10010
Elmer D. Bernard	Gold Post 10010	David F. Johnson	Bronze Post 10010
William R. Bovee*	Gold Post 10010	Melvin V. Johnson*	Bronze Post 10010
Michael C. Buckley	Gold Post 10010	Dale A. Person*	Bronze Post 10010
LeRoy S. Johnson	Gold Post 10010	Robert J. Russ*	Bronze Post 10010
Lyle F. Pedersen	Gold Post 10010	George C. Stump Jr.	Bronze Post 10010
Timothy C. Peters	Gold Post 10010	Roy E. Jordan	Bronze Post 15027
Ludwig J. Rigler*	Gold Post 10010	* Deceased	Total 200
Robert T. Schwegel	Gold Post 12177		

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YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL CEMETERY

Laurel, Montana

Report and photographs by Ed Saunders

The 10-acre Yellowstone National Cemetery, managed by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, lies on a ridge one mile north of Laurel, Yellowstone County, Montana. Fifteen miles west of Billings, Montana's largest city, the cemetery overlooks the scenic Yellowstone River Valley with views south to the city of Laurel and Pryor Mountains. To the west the majestic, snow-covered Beartooth Mountains are home to Montana's highest peaks; to the north and east, Montana's vast prairies.

Deer and antelope graze nearby; eagles fly overhead.

The cemetery lies on the crossroads of freedom in the American West, with the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the famed U.S. 7th Cavalry, and Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce, all passing in history within sight of the present cemetery. During the Plains Indian Wars, the Battle of Canyon Creek was fought in September 1877 six miles north of the cemetery.

The cemetery's character changes with seasons. Annually,

the cemetery endures 125-degree temperature swings; snow can cover the ground for seven months out of the year. Spring arrives late confronting a reluctant-to-leave winter. Summer is too brief. Bringing persistent winds, autumn comes early and departs too soon. Winter returns and cloaks the cemetery with stillness.

The cemetery is the final resting place of over 1,000 veterans and their families. Photographs were taken in 2017/18.



Spring • Yellowstone National Cemetery



Summer • Yellowstone National Cemetery



Autumn • Yellowstone National Cemetery



Winter • Yellowstone National Cemetery

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are not here for ourselves, but for what we can do for our Veterans and their families (a good number of them are us), and if we can't work together and get along, we won't get anything done for anyone.

Mid-Winter is just around the corner. I hope we have a good turn-out. I will be talking about that in my General Orders.

Thank you all, Auxiliary and Post members who have bought Candy to help my Special Project "Dog Tag Buddies". I'll be ordering more Candy when we get back from Western Conference. I cannot thank you enough. I'll see you in the spring if I don't see you at Mid-Winter. Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas.

Loyally yours,
Jacki Poland
State President

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Pen winners during our banquet. Just a friendly reminder, my fundraiser for the AR-15 will be ending and I'll draw a winner that evening! I really do appreciate all of you that have supported me so far and if you'd like to purchase tickets you can contact me at 406-291-3805 or rose_is_a_legend@yahoo.com, I'll get some tickets for you in the pickle jar! I'd like to be able to travel to the legislative convention this year in March so I can be a better asset to our leadership team, I appreciate your support to get me there so I can do more work for you!

Please contact me or any member of your leadership team if there is anything we can do for you or your Post. Joe, Earl and I are not only willing, but eager to help you take care of Veterans, as we should be. Don't hesitate to tell us what you need because we work for you!

Virginia Rose Arnold
State Jr. Vice Commander

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RONAN POST 5652 AWARD



State Commander Joe Fletcher presents Ronan Post 5652 with All-American Post citation for 2017-2018. Accepting was Post 5652 Commander Ron Merwin.



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LOCAL DONATION

A very generous donation from Glacier Park VFW Post 2252, V.E.T.S. (Valor Equine Therapy Service) along with Herd 2 Human to give therapy to our local Veterans and First Responders who are suffering from PTSD and TBI. The donation was for \$1,000.



Pictured left to right: Quartermaster Carey Dill, Post Commander Jerry Stewart and Post member Al Miller.

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA VFW JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER ROSE ARNOLD RAFFLE



Drawing will be during
Mid-Winter Meeting.

**Tickets are \$5 Each
or 5 for \$20!**

This is a 5.56 AR-15
with a right side
charging handle, iron
sights and a rail so
you can easily put on a
Scope, Red Dot Sight or

any other fancy thing you'd like after you win!

This raffle will assist with expenses outside of the JVC budget. Many of you know I have 3 children; I may need a sitter from time to time to help take care of my kids when there are events I should attend. I am currently not using my budget for meals, so this will also supplement those costs. Thank you all so much for supporting me in my journey to Department of MT Junior Vice Commander and I appreciate your continued support!

TAPS

Post	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Post	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
173	Dana	J	Pomarleau	1087	Clyde	A	Walker
209	James	E	Baustadt	1087	James	W	Way
209	Merle	D	Mac Dougall	1087	Harold	E	Wooden
209	Theodore	A	Marchie	1116	Jake		Holmes
209	John	W	Philbin	1116	Charles	E	Jarvis
209	Richard	A	Raymond	1116	Robert	J	Moes
209	Gerald	L	Vesser	1116	Kathy	D	Smith
276	Adam	G	Alexander	1125	John	E	Brant
276	Oliver	B	Calhoun	1125	Ronald	J	Freistone
276	Carl	E	Goble	1125	Donald	H	Kettner
276	John		Head	1125	Loren	L	Lovaas
276	John	H	Johnson	1125	Gary	E	Mc Danold
276	Larry	R	Richardson	1125	Russell		Mc Donough
276	Peter	P	Stone	1125	Gilbert	J	Quade
276	Carl	T	Storkson	1448	William	E	Hanley
497	Herbert	F	Armstrong	1448	Francis	J	Moran
497	John		Askvold Jr	1448	Ervin	L	Niemi
497	Joseph	R	Bachini	1448	Robert	L	Sayles
497	Don		Baker	1448	Joseph	S	Zderick
497	Leo		Bialek	1507	Kenneth	E	Kaighn
497	Joseph	E	Davis	1543	Jim		Nichol
497	Robert	G	Hockett	1548	James	H	Alexander
497	John	C	Phillips	1548	Michael	E	Brooks
497	Fred	E	Proctor	1548	William	E	De Shazer
497	Robert	M	Shropshire	1548	Harry	E	Moe
497	Richard		Turner	1548	Boyd	E	Nelson
689	Joe	V	Bentcik	1548	Louie	D	O'Brien
689	Don	R	Goddard	1548	Richard	R	Ruppert
689	Paul		Greany	1548	Jesse	G	Schneider
689	Floyd	D	Larkin	1548	Loice	A	Trotter
689	Edmund	J	Mathison	1551	Donald		Sivertson
689	Matthew		Saville	1579	Wayne	R	Beeler
689	Greg	G	Walsted	1579	Wayne	R	Bradley
689	Gerald		Winter	1579	Franklin	E	Dietz
689	Frederick		Witt	1579	Richard	P	Hinman
903	Jack		Atkinson	1579	Robert	C	Hoffman
903	Ron	R	Glock	1579	James	W	Michels
1087	Patrick	E	After Buffalo	1579	Karl	J	Muri
1087	Albert	A	Allen	1579	George	T	Ogdahl
1087	Gary	C	Blair	1579	Colin	R	Peddor
1087	Paul	L	Byrne	1579	Donald	G	Pontius
1087	Wallace	D	Carter	1579	Sandy	L	Speelmon
1087	Lawrence	L	Daggett	1595	Kenneth		Amen
1087	Elwood	V	Darms	1595	Filmore	B	Canon
1087	Alfred	G	Davis	1595	Ralph		Carlat
1087	Russell	H	Davis	1595	Lloyd	D	Carter
1087	Lewis	M	Evans	1595	Walter	A	Ferguson
1087	Vincent	J	Fernandes	1595	Francis	J	Mellor
1087	David	E	Goff	1595	John	H	Mellor
1087	Jan	S	Hangen	1595	Richard	L	Parcell
1087	William	L	Helgeson	1595	Joy	A	Rogge
1087	Richard	H	Henderson	1595	Phillip	J	Zier
1087	Peter	S	Hill	1634	Roger	D	Cotton
1087	Eldon	G	Hodges	1634	Richard	L	Fisher
1087	Norman	M	Holland	1634	Lawrence	E	Menke
1087	Wallace	C	Holland	1634	George	K	Myers
1087	Ivan	R	Hunt	1634	Anton	L	Vogel
1087	John	J	Kennedy	1703	Merlyn	O	Gunsch
1087	Norbert	J	Korst	1703	Frank	A	Hanzel
1087	Patrick	J	Kuntz	1703	Carl	A	Pekkala
1087	Emil	R	Lake	1876	Patrick	J	Dolan
1087	Nick	P	Lazanas	1876	Gilbert	A	Forwood
1087	Ted	M	Lorenz	1876	Sibley	H	Malee
1087	James	W	Lynn	1876	Leland	H	Page
1087	Joseph	A	Maurantonio	1876	Jack	A	Sletten
1087	Anthony	G	Morris	1876	Max	C	Weissenfluh
1087	Donald	L	Neels	1876	Norman	E	Williams
1087	Bruce		Nelson	2252	Leroy	W	Abell
1087	Jackie	E	Orth	2252	Carl	J	Bauer
1087	Joseph	E	Reardon	2252	Harold	C	Butcher
1087	Daniel	L	Rowe	2252	Patrick	J	Curran
1087	Robert	D	Rowe	2252	Donald	L	Fry
1087	Richard	K	Rusk	2252	Robert	H	Ivey
1087	Arnold		Schmidt	2252	Ivan	E	Jones
1087	John	W	Sechena	2252	Peter		Kavalski
1087	Donald	H	Sordahl	2252	Edward	S	Kelley
1087	James	A	Stanley	2252	Albert	G	Lewis Jr
1087	Henry	A	Swanson	2252	Arthur	E	Loff
1087	Lance	E	Trimmer				

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2252	Raymond	E	Mcmillan	6774	Richard	C	Mc Garry
2252	John	L	Mulford	6774	John	P	Sannon
2252	Thomas	J	Murphy	6774	Cliff	E	Topham Sr.
2252	Bert	W	Norquay	6774	Keith	E	White
2252	Alvin	E	Paine	6786	Warren	L	Chapman
2252	Richard	W	Roane	6786	Donald	R	Darling
2252	Theodore	A	Vacura	6786	John	E	Dunster
2252	Ferdinand	R	Ward	6786	Ronald	C	France
2252	Earl	E	Woodring	6786	Marshall	M	Myers
2484	Edmund	F	Pechia	6786	George	B	Paine
2484	Charles	J	Recca	6786	Lynn	H	Timm
2986	Leo		Collier	7311	Richard	R	Martin
2986	C	E	Harrell Sr.	7311	Donald	K	Mc Clure
2986	William	J	Hathaway	7407	Richard	J	Miller
2986	Walter	W	Zook	7407	Floyd	L	Owens
3107	Arnold	L	Anderson	7621	Raymond	W	Lau
3107	Carl	B	Bell	7621	Albert	F	Peccia
3107	Joseph	L	Carson	7655	William	A	Brown
3107	Arthur	B	Masters	7655	George	R	Damskey
3107	Leslie	D	Pettit	7655	George	C	Erickson
3107	Alden	L	Smith	7655	Edward	J	Garnett
3107	Moses	G	White Horse	7885	George	S	Askin
3596	John	W	Ashcroft	7885	Robert	V	Hutton
3596	Jimmie	L	Blanchard	7886	Fred	A	Fitch
3596	Dale	W	Greeno	7886	Clarence	E	Rich
3596	Bill		Obach	8292	Lonnie	D	Bailey
3596	Leo	S	Rambur	8292	Patrick		Brannon
3648	Richard	R	Salyer	8292	Donald	W	Brown
3831	Fred	R	Brown	8292	Dale	J	Gripp
3831	William	R	Walter	8952	Galen	L	Bykonen
4018	Tom		Darland	8952	Warren	C	Hood
4018	Duane	H	Trewyn	8952	William	E	Normile
4042	James	M	Connolly	9040	Frank	E	Hull
4042	James	R	Pool	9040	David	E	Walton
4042	Philip	J	Reed	10010	Delmar	W	Davis
4042	David	H	Sivright Sr.	10010	Harold	P	Franks
4042	Robert	E	Staudenmayer	10010	John	A	Hinther
4047	Charles	J	Brodock	10010	James	F	O'Connor
4067	Lowell	R	Anderson	10010	Francis	E	Smith
4067	Roy	A	Baeth	15027	Leon	P	Bergan
4067	Norman	S	Haugness	15027	John	C	Corbert
4067	Lars	L	Rasmussen	15027	Ed	W	Croston III
4099	Arnold	C	Berg	15027	Stephen	W	Dixson
4099	Lloyd	W	Dooley	15027	Robert	O	Dudding
4109	Warren		Fee	15027	William	H	Eder
4109	Gordon		Mc Omber	15027	William	B	Grover
4620	David	V	Briere	15027	Henry	O	Haagenstad
4669	Walter	J	Tuss Jr	15027	Harvey	W	Hamilton Jr.
4725	Frankie	D	Planichek	15027	John	L	Hathorn
4813	Norman	R	Vine	15027	Wayne	O	Hermanson
4925	Loren	R	Erbe	15027	Michael	L	Johnston
5159	Carl	E	Hyre	15027	David	V	Langley
5159	Vern	L	Knapp	15027	Vinal	H	Madsen
5159	Paul	G	Rinehart	15027	Jack		Martin
5514	Buck	D	Kidder	15027	Lars	A	Mork
5514	Russell	W	Longnecker	15027	Robert	D	Olson
5514	Coleman	R	Priest	15027	Donald	E	Olsson
6697	Daniel	J	Keller	15027	Carl	F	Rigg
6774	Ronald	L	Dombrovski	15027	Maurice	G	Roll
6774	Frank	D	Evans	15027	Eli	J	Rychkun
6774	Donald	H	Freier	15027	Clinton	J	Shea
6774	Raymond	F	Kimball	15027	Charles		Theis Sr
6774	Roger	N	Kramer	15027	William	E	Wetterling

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<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>
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<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; text-align: center;"> <p>e-Edition</p> <p>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>The Montana Veteran Department of Montana VFW c/o Tim Peters P.O. Box 4789 Fort Harrison, MT 59636</p> <p>The Montana Veteran is produced at American Publishing LLC Jenny DeBack, Owner americanpublishing8482@gmail.com</p> </div>
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