

VFW



Ballard Eagleson Patriot
Post 3063, Ballard, WA
January-February 2015

Veterans of Foreign Wars **No One Does More for Veterans**

Upcoming Events Jan-Jun 2015

January 15 5:30 PM Business Meeting
(followed by Social Evening/Dinner)
February 5, 7:00 PM Business Meeting
February 19, 6:00 PM Social Evening/Dinner
February 28, 11:30 AM District 2 Luncheon/
Meeting
March 5, 7:00 PM Business Meeting
March 19, 6:00 PM Social Evening/Dinner
April 2, 7:00 PM Business Meeting
April 16, 6:00 PM Social Evening/Dinner
May 7, 7:00 PM Business Meeting
May 21, 6:00 PM Social Evening/Dinner
June 4, 7:00 PM; Business Meeting
June 18, 6:00 PM Social Evening/Dinner

Commander's Letter



As we close out another year, I hope 2014 treated you well and may 2015 treat you better. I thank you for entrusting me with the privilege of serving as your Post Commander and for your time and effort volunteering for causes beneficial to our fellow veterans, whether it be at the VA Campus, selling Buddy Poppies, attending veterans' memorial services or organizing the Christmas social for our adopted unit.

America has seen considerable challenges over the course of this year, but the spirit of veterans like you remind all of us why this nation will always improvise and overcome. I take to heart something a Russian visitor told me back in 1993: "We in Russia wish we had your problems."



Quartermaster's Update

Welcome to the resurrected newsletter of Post 3063. It has been a few years since we published our last newsletter and we have received many comments from members requesting a revival. Thanks to our new Editor, Charles Anderson, for dedicating his time, effort and expertise toward making this a success. Charlie comes from a background heavy in scholastic and literary experience so I am sure we will be putting out a newsletter that will interest all of you.

Around the Post Home, there have been a few changes. In June, we negotiated a contract with a new janitorial service and it's easy to see the results as the floors are shiny and the bathrooms sparkle. Upstairs above the storage room a contractor has been working on repairing the roof, replacing the siding and installing new windows. Within the next two months, we will be ready to pursue a lease. Our first choice is a nonprofit organization so we can continue to fulfill our mission of serving veterans and the local community.

Our Membership Committee has been busy trying to find the latest addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of some of our members who have moved or changed phones and/or email addresses. It is a time-consuming job and we still are trying to find several of our long-time members. To ease this burden please let us know when you have changes so we can keep our roster up to date and so you can continue to receive your copy of this great newsletter. Just send an email to Harold Rodenberger VFW3063@earthlink.net, call 206-972-2135 or drop a note in the mail to 2812 NW Market, Seattle, WA 98107. Yours in comradeship, Harold.



81st HHC Christmas Party



Our Post 3063 hosted the soldiers and families of our adopted unit, HHC, 81st ABCT, to a festive Christmas dinner and party the afternoon of 12/7/14

in our Post Home. In addition, their battalion executive officer and brigade commander attended.

There were approximately 120 soldiers and 117 family members in attendance with several officers of our Post serving as hosts and sponsors. The dinner menu featured roast turkey and baked ham with all the fixings.

After dinner, Santa (Ladies Auxiliary member Ann Leake) came by to greet the children. Our Post and Auxiliary members contributed 14 gift baskets and several other gifts as door prizes as well as 25 Fred Meyer \$20 gift cards for the junior enlisted families.

A reporter and photographer from the *Seattle Times* were there resulting in a nice story and pictures in the Saturday edition of the paper. Ann did a great job as Santa and told of the WWII exploits of her husband, Herb Leake, a life member of our Post.

2014-2015 Post Officers

Commander - Aaron Stoltz
 Sr Vice Commander - James Williams
 Jr Vice Commander - Nestor Tamayao
 Quartermaster - Harold Rodenberger
 Chaplain - Tony Parks
 Trustees - Russ Seelig, Gail Engler,
 Jimmie Souther
 Adjutant/Service Officer - John Hoglund

Post 3063 Christmas Party

Over fifty people attended our annual Christmas social on December 18. They were treated to an excellent prime rib dinner or stuffed Portobello mushroom caps as an alternative for those who did not want the red meat.



After dinner, Santa, played by Auxiliary member Ann Leake, paid us a visit passing out candy canes and hearing

wishes from the kids in attendance. Santa's husband, Herb Leake, at 92 years old, was the oldest VFW member in attendance.

Jan-Feb Birthday Greetings*

Richard Ast	Michael Lawrence
Ray Brack	Steven Moody
Francis Colo	Tony Parks
Scott Daniels	Ralph Stevens
Harold Katelnikoff	Dwight Thomas
Peter Krawitz	

In Memoriam

Jack Franklin, U.S. Navy	Arni Scheving, U.S. Marines
Ralph Graham, U.S. Navy	
George Oravetz, U.S. Navy	

Trivia Trove

Have you ever heard the expression "Up on Cloud Nine?" This phrase was used in the early 1950s in a radio series titled *Johnny Dollar*, which had a recurring theme. When the hero was knocked unconscious, he was transported briefly to "cloud nine." There he could go right on talking.

[From *Puzzles and Essays from "The Exchange,"* by Charles R. Anderson (Haworth Information Press, 2003), pp. 30-31.]