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## From the Commander



Comrades!

As we begin the new VFW year, and having the unexpected challenge of the COVID 19 epidemic thrust upon us, "Zooming" into office is not exactly how I envisioned my first meeting as Post Commander would go! However, this is the hand we have been dealt, so here we go.

I hope all of you are continuing with safe practices and distancing as we begin to move into Phase 2 of the return to normal from the Covid pandemic. Using masks, gloves, wipes, and social distancing protocols at least until a vaccine becomes available has been shown to be the way that we will most effectively combat "spikes" and allow us to move through Phase 2 and on.

So please, we must continue with these efforts! Above all, stay safe!

*Joseph G. Fitzgerald*  
*Commander Post 3063*

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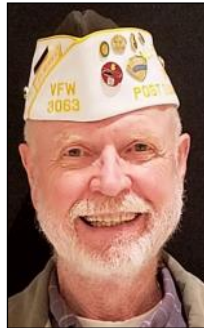
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## Quartermaster's Update

By Harold Rodenberger



It has been a tough three months since my last column. Many of our members and their families are in the highest risk groups, so they have had to stay close to home and isolate themselves as much as possible. To keep our post functioning we have been conducting our business meetings via Zoom. The attendance has been better than expected and we have been able to fulfill our mission in unexpected ways.

To reach out to our members, Service Officer Joseph Mesa is calling people on a rotating basis. Most days, I'm available to answer your phone calls. **IF YOU NEED HELP OR JUST NEED SOMEONE TO LISTEN, PLEASE CALL ME at 206-972-2135 ANYTIME AND I WILL LISTEN AND TRY TO HELP.**

Because of the virus, **we've cancelled our traditional spaghetti fundraiser but are planning a different major fundraiser to be held in its place.** Mark the date, September 12th. Further details to follow.

Our social night dinners also have changed due to the lockdown. Members pick up their meals and we deliver to those who can't make it to the post. Chef Kay Seelig and other volunteers have been doing a great job with the dinners. Volunteer drivers have

been delivering to those at home. Many thanks to the volunteers who make this happen! Email will bring information on this month's special dinner. Make sure you have a reservation by responding to the email or calling 206-972-2135. Because of the virus, reservations are required.

Ace Hardware has teamed up with the VFW and donated American Flags for the use of our members. If you would like to have some of these flags for patriotic purposes, please call so we can coordinate a time for you to pick them up.

This month marks the start of the new VFW year. Our new officers have been installed and are ready to keep our post alive and well during this unusual time. Every year, I mention the importance of membership because every year we lose members for various reasons. This is the time to look around and ask someone to join our post. A growing post depends on growing membership. **Please help by finding new members to replace those who transfer out, go to their just reward or for other reasons fall off our rolls.**

Please remember that our VFW is an equal opportunity organization. The requirements for membership are: any US citizen or National who has served in a designated combat area and an honorable discharge. There is no qualification based on race, ethnicity, sex, age, national origin, or any other factor.

## From the Outgoing Commander



My fellow Comrades,

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Post Commander 2019-2020. I'd like to take this time to recognize the Post Leadership for doing all the unseen work that should not go unnoticed. Please know we are in good hands. And a huge recognition for all the hard work by the membership. Without you none of this would be possible.

As we transition to the next VFW calendar year I'd hope that we, as leaders in our community, will continue to persevere these uncharted events at hand. I believe we can lead the way and help each other as well as

our neighbors while keeping our community strong. If not us who?

In closing, I feel the need to publicly thank a few members. Kay & Russ Seelig. Kay and her social meeting dinner crew. Wow, always a do-not-miss presentation. And our annual fundraiser. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication. Simply superb.

Lastly, my personal thanks to Harold Rodenberger. Our Post could not have a better Quartermaster. Thank you for everything you do.

Yours in Comradeship,

R Joseph Tiffany

## Still Zoomin' for July 2 Business Meeting

The post business meeting scheduled Thursday, July 2 at 7 p.m. will be conducted via Zoom videoconference. The meeting link is <https://zoom.us/j/5057012075> (Password is ballard306). Zoom download directions are available at <https://mailchi.mp/d243317b3063/ballard-eagleson-vfw-post-3063-april-2020-newsletter-special-edition>.

If you want to participate in a test to make sure Zoom works for you, please send an email to Harold Rodenberger at [quartermaster@vfwseattle.org](mailto:quartermaster@vfwseattle.org).

For those who want to attend by phone and not the Zoom app, there is a call-in option. Here are the details:

One tap mobile:  
+16699009128,,5057012075# (Allows you to go straight to the meeting without prompts.)  
Or Dial: +1 669 900 9128, follow prompts



Meeting ID: 505 701 2075

If you missed the previous virtual meetings and would like to view a recording of the proceedings, contact Quartermaster Rodenberger for access.



## Take Out Socials a Hit with Post Membership

With the Governor's Stay Home, Stay Safe order, we have continued to serve our regular third Thursday social night dinner for take out. Chef Kay Seelig and Linda Stokke prepared a belated Cinco de Mayo meal for 65 members May 21 (which is a much higher number than our regular monthly socials)! We plan on continuing the new tradition this month with a take out social on July 16. More info to come and thank you for your support!





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Dear Friends and Supporters of the Ballard Eagleson VFW Post #3063:

We want you to be assured that the men and women in our Post have you in our thoughts. We know that the restrictions have hit businesses as hard as anyone during this lockdown. We hope that the worst will soon be behind us and that we can all begin the slow process of restarting our lives and our livelihoods.

You have all helped us in the past with our Spaghetti Feed and Raffle, the annual event to raise money to support our charitable giving, which will be needed now more than ever. Once again, a big thank you! Like so many things this year's event is up in the air, depending not only on what is legal, but also what is prudent and the amount of time we will have to get it organized. Whether or not it happens we are encouraging our members to especially patronize the businesses, listed below, who have helped us. This list will also be published on our website and Facebook page.

Please stay healthy and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Russ Seelig".

Russ Seelig  
Event Chair  
Vietnam Veteran

*Relay Restaurant Group-Joule, Revel & Trove\*Lockspot\*Bitterroot Restaurant\*Sloop Tavern\*Car Wash Enterprises\*Portage Bay Café\*Majestic Bay Theatres\*Baker's-Sunset Hill\*Ristorante Picolinos\*Leif Erikson Lodge\*The Little Red Hen\*Lamplighter Public House\*The Stepping Stone\*The Olive and the Grape\*Vita Beauty Salon\*Dick's Drive-In\*Ride the Ducks\*Argosy Cruises\*Anchor Tattoo\*McDonald's\*MoPop\*Ballard Mandarin\*Museum of Flight\*Uli's Famous Sausage\*QFC Ballard\*The Mailbox Ballard\*Skal Beer Hall\*Chinook's at Salmon Bay (Anthony's Restaurant)\*Reuben's Brews\*New Season's Market\*Thirsty Fish\*Kangaroo & Kiwi Pub\*Ozzie's\*Bad Albert's Tap & Grill\*Full Tilt Ice Cream\*Delancey's\*Seattle Seahawks\*Interbay Golf Center\*Everett Aquasox\*The Museum of History & Industry\*Columbia Tower Club\*Chuck's Hop Shop\*Oberto \*Seattle Mariners\*Grow Salon\*The Nordic Museum\*Chocolate Vitale\*Starbucks\*Nollie's Café\*Fred Meyer\*Safeway\*Trader Joe's\*Kiss Café\*Ballard Market\*Monkey Bridge Restaurant\*Habitude Salon & Day Spa\*Wing Dome\*India Bistro\*VFW members, friends and family.*

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## Post 3063 Officer Spotlight: Commander Joe Fitzgerald

*This is a recurring column that highlights the 2020-2021 post officers.*

**Tell us about your new position and what you hope to accomplish during your term.**

As Post Commander, I will be working to ensure that we all move through the Covid Epidemic as cleanly as possible, so that we continue with the special programs and projects that are the heart and soul of the Post. We have an excellent team put together that is already moving forward with several of these efforts. - Scouting, Youth Service, Community Service, Buddy Poppies, and Fund Raising just to name a few. We are also renewing a commitment to support the Post Auxiliary and seeing its return to being an important and viable part of our Post. With diligence and a "Can Do" attitude we will regain recognition as an All American Post. Obstacles will always need to be overcome, Covid is just another along the way. Working together the post will not just persevere it will excel! This is my commitment to the Post

**How long have you belonged to Post 3063 and did you previously serve in an officer position?**

I joined Post 3063 in 2016 and took the Jr. Vice position within a year. The Post Color Guard was formed about that time and soon after Harold Rodenberger told me I was the new Color Guard Captain as well. I continued moving up the chairs and now to Post Commander.



Joe Fitzgerald, saluting, during the 2019 Wreaths Across America ceremony.

**What do you enjoy most about belonging to the VFW?**

While I thoroughly enjoy the food that Kay Seelig continues to come up with, no doubt what I enjoy the most about being a member of the VFW is the comradeship - coupled with a sense of great honor and heavy dose of humility to be surrounded by people of such extraordinary service to their country. This I will forever cherish!

## Post 3063 New Members

**Michael Ferguson**

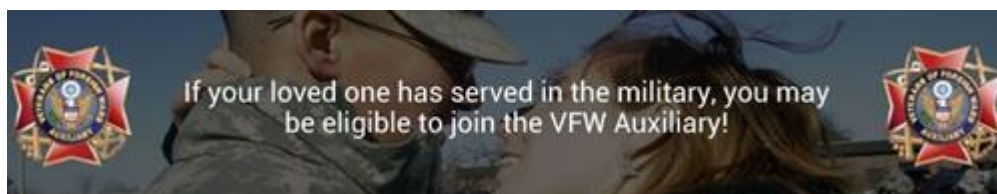
USMC, Vietnam

**Benjamin Schuppel**

Army, Iraq/Afghanistan/Kuwait/Korea

**Neil Woods**

Army, Vietnam



# What's Happening In and Around the Post

Jessica Chacko came to the VFW on June 18, 2020, to help prepare and package up the meals for our monthly social. She was surprised with a small, socially distanced graduation party and award presentation. Chef Kay Seelig put together the graduation party featuring special cupcakes. Commander Joe Fitzgerald and Kay presented Jessica with a plaque expressing appreciation from Ballard Eagleson Post for the more than 500 hours that Jessica has volunteered. Congratulations Jessica and thank you for your service at Post 3063!



The post donated pizzas to the Soldiers and volunteers working at the Ballard Food Bank April 20, 2020. Thank you so much to the Guardsmen and volunteers for their service!



## Upcoming Events

**July 2, 2020, 7 p.m.** – VFW Post 3063 Business Meeting via Zoom and phone.

**July 16, 2020, 4:30 p.m.** – VFW Post 3063 Take Out Social. To make a reservation for food, contact Quartermaster Rodenberger.



*Ballard Eagleson VFW Post 3063 is located in the Ballard neighborhood of Seattle at 2812 NW Market St. The office is closed until further notice due to COVID-19.*

A photograph of two elderly veterans. The veteran on the left is wearing a dark blue VFW jacket with yellow and white stripes on the collar and a VFW cap with the number '3007'. The veteran on the right is wearing a brown VFW jacket with a yellow collar and a brown VFW cap with 'VEV' and 'MASSACHUSETTS' visible. Both are smiling.

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