



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.
Post 6785 Kent, WA

Q2-2022 Newsletter

VFW Post 6785

PO Box 6547, Kent, WA 98064

Meeting Information

- **Officers Meeting:** 2nd Wednesday of each month, 1900-2000 hrs, on WebEx
- **Post Meeting:** 3rd Wednesday of each month, Social 1800 hrs, Meeting 1900-2000 hrs
- **Location:** American Legion Post 15, 25405 97th Pl S, Kent, WA 98030

Post Commander

Walt Tanimoto

Greetings VFW Post 6785!

It is that time of the year for Post Officer's elections and I invite everyone to join us for the second round of nominations at the March 2022 membership meeting. Elections and installation of officers will be in April 2022. Here is the list of open positions:



- Commander
- Sr Vice Commander
- Jr Vice Commander
- Quartermaster
- Judge Advocate
- Trustees 1, 2, 3
- Surgeon
- Chaplain
- Service Officer

If you are interested in any of these positions please let us know at the March meeting.

With COVID restrictions easing we are seeing some of our tradition events come back to life. Two upcoming events are Honor Flight in April and Kent Cornucopia Days in July. Look for an email announcement for volunteers.

Lastly, I invite everyone to join us at our social hour before each post meeting. From 1800 to 1900 we gather at Club 15 at American Legion Post 15, and then

after the post meeting those who are inclined to stay are welcome to enjoy each other's camaraderie. This is a great way to meet new members and to keep in touch with each other between meetings. Join Us!

Walt Tanimoto

Go For Broke!

Sr Vice Commander

Rob Grutko

Greetings Comrades! Another year has gone by, and I am still proud



to be a part of this organization and serve our community with all of you.

As we move into a post-covid time, we will resume activates once again, and there will be many opportunities to volunteer at Membership/poppy drives, Rest Stops, Road Clean Ups

and expanded VFW activates across the state. We hope that you will make an effort to get involved. You can always check the web site for any sign -up opportunities, as well as reviewing the calendar to see what is planned.

One activity you can do from the comfort of your own home, is participate in our buddy check program. Our goal is to make contact with all of our members, some

of whom we have not heard from in quite a while. Many members are already life members, so it's not about making sales calls, but rather just checking in with our membership and making sure they are doing OK. If you would like a sheet of names and numbers to call, please reach out to me and we can get you set up.

Whenever you are out and about participating in an activity or socializing with other veterans, it is always a good idea to be ready to sign up a new member if the opportunity presents itself. Anyone can recruit, and it is always better to sign a new member up on the spot then try and refer them to another person to do the paperwork. We have short and easy membership forms that you can fill out quickly – if you don't have a few in your kit be sure to pick some up at the next meeting – and then give that form to one of the post officers so we can process it and schedule a meeting for the new member to meet the rest of the post.

We are lucky to have found the American Legion as hosts this year for our meetings, and I have been attending their Friday Dinners – I look forward to another great year!

Robert Grutko
Sr Vice Commander and Adjutant

Jr Vice Commander
Rich Klug

I would like to start off welcoming everyone to 2022. I still have high hopes for this year to turn out well.



As for activities over the past quarter, we wrapped up the Post and District level Essay/Patriots Pen/VOD contest.

On Friday, 2/4, I met with the student winners/runners-up at school assemblies and was able to personally present them with their certificates and monetary awards. This was gratifying as many of the parents were also in attendance.

I am hoping this will inspire additional entries come the next competition.

On Feb 17th, at the request of Rainier Christian (Elementary/Middle) School, we were able to meet with their newly formed Honor Guard to show them how to properly handle and fold the flag. Special thanks to Alan and Scott for assisting me with this. Most of the students (there were about 28 participants) got to have hands on with this activity.

I still hope to get an extra early start on the 2022 Essays and hit as many locations as I can to try to get more entries, especially a V.O.D. entry or two.

Richard Klug
Jr Vice Commander

Parades and Honor Formations
Alan B'Hymer



Washington State Patriotic Day with Massing of the Colors is an Annual Event. Our Post has participated in this event for many years.

The activity honors our Country's foremost patriot and veteran, President George Washington, our state's namesake.

Honoring the American Flag is the centerpiece of the Washington State Patriotic Day. Youth participation at this event provides an excellent educational experience and helps develop their patriotic spirit. Several Scout Troops and Cub Packs are regular attendees.

Organizations from all walks of life participate with their American Flag and Organizational colors. The event

presentation of the Colors is usually provided by the Sons of the American Revolution Fife and Drum Corps with a Concert by the U S Army's First Corps Band. Plus... there is an extra benefit. Organization Attendance Rewards are given, counted by several categories of groups, ie; youth, or High School age, etc. to those with the most in attendance. Veteran Groups are one of the categories. The first-place prize is \$500.00, with 2nd and 3rd place amounts as well. I think

we should go for a prize next year!! Mark the date; it will be next February 25th. This could be a fun and rewarding event. Look for details of our plan as the date gets closer.

Alan B'Hymer
Parades and Honor Formations

Honor Guard

Scott Eliason

Welcome to our newest member, Steve Schmidt! We are always on the lookout for new recruits to the Post Honor Guard. Most uniform items are provided, including hats, jackets, shirts, and identifying pins. The Honor Guard is currently providing military honors on the 1st and 2^d Thursday of each month at Tahoma National Cemetery. On request, we also provide services at private cemeteries for veterans and their families. Any member of the post who is interested in joining should call the Honor Guard Chair, Scott Eliason at 206-310-4157 or e-mail at sreliason@msn.com. Training is provided on the M-1 Garand rifle and the procedures and rituals we follow to give our deceased veterans a dignified and respectful farewell.



USO

Ken "Pepsi" Przepiora

This is Walt Tanimoto writing this article and I want to give a congratulations to Ken for being awarded the USO Silver Mission Award as outstanding volunteer performance.



Quote: Ken "Pepsi" Przepiora has been recognized by Matthew C. Sult for going above and beyond their volunteer duties. . . . Pepsi provided vital

logistics support to the Sea-Tac Center during government imposed operating restrictions as well as during periods of limited operation. Normal orders were not large enough for deliveries to be made to the Center. Limited operating hours or center closure also complicated resupply of food and other items. Pepsi frequently made multiple pick-ups and deliveries to the Sea-Tax Center on a weekly basis thereby keeping up our sock of supplies. Additionally, Pepsi developed a relationship with the local Fred Myers to provide discounted beef franks, string cheese, and other items as needed.

Well Done Pepsi!

Kent Road Clean UP

TJ Williams

Our Road cleanup volunteers have done an excellent job. We clean the road starting at the Harrison Creek Bridge on south 208th St. We proceed south on 88th Ave South to where the road cuts under the 167 Freeway. Now that we are regulars with the City of Kent, we have an identifying sign listing Post 6785 as the Road Adopters. The City is currently moving our new sign into the high traffic area on 88th. The City has also recently completed a clean and mow maintenance of our area. We are hoping that this Street clean up will raise awareness of our post and our commitment to the city of Kent. We are looking for more civic minded people to help us with our additional cleanup this year.





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Alan B'Hymer

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Contact Information Change?

VFW Post 6785

Email is our primary means to communicate with you.

Please send mailing, phone, and email address changes to the Post Adjutant at:

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Photo Highlights of Q1-2022 Activites and Events!

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