



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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Post Calendar:

Business Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6pm – Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 12, Apr 9
Mar 03 – District Four Meeting at Post 239 Bremerton, 1pm
May 05 – District Four Meeting at Post 2669 Port Orchard, 1pm

Auxiliary Calendar:

Meeting: 2nd Thursday of the month, 4pm – Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 14, Apr 11



2023, The Year in Review

Our mission at Post 4760 is to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts and to serve our veterans, the military, and our communities.

Our finances are strong and membership is growing. Both the canteen and Sunday breakfasts are profitable. That profit helps fund the programs we support to better serve our veterans and community. If you haven't been getting emails from us, send your email address to: secretary@vfwpost4760.com.

Here are some ways we pursued our mission last year with the dedication of a few members.

1. We have 12 new memberships since July 1, the start of this election year. Eight members have passed away.
2. Total membership – Post: 243 Auxiliary: 142
3. Veteran Support
 - a. Relief provided to veterans or their widows facing financial hardship – 24 times for \$14,514.68
 - b. Veterans Stand Down – We participated in all three stand downs. Our largest effort was at Port Angeles in October. We offered info on death benefits, our Post, and general VFW benefits. We helped fund the cost of food for breakfast and lunch. Our Auxiliary member Nathan prepared over 200 meals each sitting.
 - c. Veteran Death Benefits Class – Kevin conducted two classes for veterans and their spouses.
 - d. VFW Day of Service – We cleaned the heavily weathered Veterans Memorial at the Sequim Museum.
 - e. North Olympic Regional Veteran's Housing Network (NORVHN) – \$5000
 - f. Olympic Community Action Programs (OlyCAP) – \$3000 for the Veterans Without Homes Fund we started
 - g. Sarge's Place and the Minsky House – We continue to support both of these programs for low income veteran housing and counseling. The Minsky house in Sequim will hopefully be open by fall 2024.
 - h. Habitat for Humanity – \$5000 in a matching donation for four upcoming veteran home builds
 - i. Port Hadlock VFW – We helped them pay for a new roof for their VFW building.
4. Community Support
 - a. Memorial Day – We placed large flags at Sequim View Cemetery and lead services at Gardiner Cemetery.
 - b. Scholarships Awarded
 - i. Sequim High School seniors – 7 at \$1500 each
 - ii. Auxiliary awarded high school seniors – 2 at \$250 each
 - iii. Scout of the Year – \$200, Our Scout went on to win the District and State competitions.
 - iv. Patriots Pen essay contest (grades 6 - 8) – \$200 for the winner and \$100 for each honorable mention

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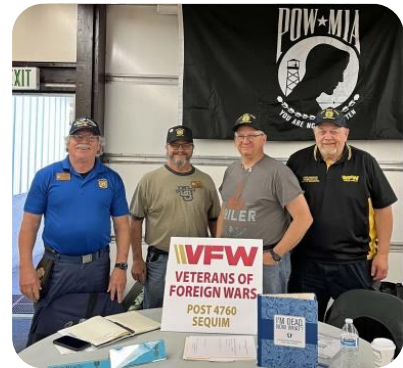
- v. Voice of Democracy essay contest (grades 9 - 12) – \$200. Our candidate also won at the District.
- c. Toys for Tots – \$1000
- d. Sequim Food Bank – \$500
- e. Youth Bowling League – \$511.66
- f. Teacher of the Year, Katie Salmon-Newton from the Olympic Christian School – \$1000
- g. Wreaths Across America – \$1000 and assisted placing wreaths at Sequim View Cemetery
- h. Breakfasts Served – average 100 meals each Sunday
- i. Thanksgiving Dinners Served – 150+ sit down dinners and about 100 boxed meals delivered by Sun Taxi to “stay in” folks and to the shelter in Port Townsend. This dinner was free to the public.

As you can see, your post is so much more than just folks telling stories in the canteen. We were quite active last year and hope to do more in the future. We are fortunate to have the means to contribute to so many programs but it always helps to have more members involved. So please consider adding your participation in this New Year.

Events



Sequim High School Scholarships



**Veterans Stand Down
Port Angeles**



Youth Bowling League



**Scout of the Year
Post, District, and
State Winner**



Thanksgiving Dinner



Teacher of the Year



Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy



**Voice of Democracy
Post and District
Winner**



Wreaths Across America