

# The Hashmark

## March 2023



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Next Post/Aux Meeting  
Wednesday March 8th, 2023  
at 6:00 p.m.  
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### Happy Saint Patrick's Day

March 17th

Saint Patrick's Day  
Dinner hosted by the  
Ladies Auxiliary at 6pm  
Corn Beef and Cabbage  
\$12 per person.



**Commander's Corner**



**Comrades**

Welcome to March! You will be seeing a big difference in the Post this month. Around the 1st of the month a new back bar will be done. We may have to close an extra day or two depending on some of the upgrades.

Thanks to Wes Anderson for spear heading all the valentine cards for the vet home.

Nominations for the new Post Officers for the new year will be taken at our Post Meeting on Wednesday, March 8th, so be sure to be there to support who you would like to lead our Post.

We still need 55 people to pay their dues to become 100% and also to be in the running to become an All-American Post for the third year in a row. That has never been done for Post 51.

We are still looking for volunteers for dinners, bar, custodians etc., and still in need of funds to finish the bar and tile work.

I would like to welcome back the Amvets who will be meeting on the third Monday of every month. If we had a cook for every Tuesday, we would have another group that would meet here during lunch with a guaranteed attendance. Seabees will be having their party on March 4th, and oh yes, daylight savings time starts on the 12th.

As you can see things are picking up but it could be even better. We need your help to continue to help our veterans.

Yours in Comradeship,  
David L. Ware  
Post 51 Commander  
Commander@vfw51.org



**President's Pen**



**Dear Brothers and Sisters**

Time is marching on and spring is in the air. I'm sure everyone is happy to have most of the winter in the rear- view mirror.

Our Valentines dinner, thanks to the Knights of Columbus, was a wonderful event, well attended and much fun. We are moving into our new year with hopes of more activities and member involvement. Please check your busy schedules again-any time you could donate to the Post would greatly be appreciated.

This month I want to share some history of the Auxiliary. Hazel Radtke was born on 12/10/1920 and she became an Auxiliary life member in 1945. Her husband Lavern "Bud" Radtke was her sponsor as he served in France during WWII. She lived her adult life in the same house built in 1955. She pursued a humble easy life doing without and needing nothing. At her passing in 2012 she owned a 1971 Ford, and had less than \$1,500.00 worth of personal home furnishings and she left the Shiners Hospital and Auxiliary 51 equal shares of her substantial estate. She held many offices but held the office of Patriotic instructor for as long as we can remember. Post 51 was her home;she loved everyone and held the Post and the Auxiliary dear. These dear members are our history and backbone, so please take a moment to remember them with love.

Birthday greetings this month go out to Dona Feuz, Toni Garman, Eva Harris, Marlene Haskell, Genevieve Hecla, Terry Hurst, Roselyn Kissinger, Gary Paul, Triassic Sanguinet, Kathleen Thom, Raina White, Florence Wood. We so hope each and everyone has a wonderful day!!

"Love leaves a memory no one can steal." From an Irish headstone.

Respectfully  
Lynne Larson  
Auxiliary President

**From our Chaplain**

February is in the books. my Valentine Cards for Veterans was a big success. Over 800 cards were delivered to the State Veterans Home. Avista and the Northeast Youth Center participated. Handmade cards arrived from children all over. A big thank you to all who made this year's Cards for Vets a happening event.

Starting next month, the State Veterans Home will be restarting their quarterly Memorial Service. The Memorial Service will be the third Tuesday, March 21st. They have not held a service since Covid came into being. They have asked for the VFW to be a participant in the Memorial Service. Any comrades who would like to participate please contact me. We will bring a full VFW Tribute. I am looking forward to the service. March 29th has been designated Vietnam Veterans Day. This is the day when we Honor all those who walked away from their everyday life and went off to a country far away to defend freedom. They came home to apathetic disdain and total hatred. We must always remember those Vietnam Veterans past and present.

Yours in Comradeship  
Wes Anderson  
Post 51 Chaplain  
Post 51 Service Officer  
Department Chaplain

**HASHMARK DEADLINE:  
March 22nd by 6pm  
HASHMARK FOLD:  
March 27th at 10am**

**If you would PLEASE give us your e-mail address, we can send your Hashmark out and you will get it quicker. Contact the Quartermaster [quartermaster@vfw51.org](mailto:quartermaster@vfw51.org) or the Adjutant [adjutant@vfw51.org](mailto:adjutant@vfw51.org)**

**A word from our Canteen Manager**

Hello March!

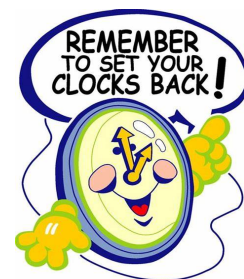
First, I would like to thank the members that brought chili to compete for number one bragging rights. Kudos to CD, great job!

Well, March is here and hopefully our snow season is over. We sure miss all of you. I urge you to come out and say hi to just let us know that you are all OK.

March 17<sup>th</sup> is St. Patrick's Day so come on down and drink some green beer oh... and don't forget to wear your green. Anyone wearing green will get to spin the wheel for a discount or even free. We will be having corn beef and cabbage cooked by our VFW Auxiliary, so even more reasons to show up.

Don't forget this is our Post and we need to see that it stays strong and thrives. We miss you all.

Laura Bondurant  
Canteen Manager



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>Club Hours</b> Sundays 12pm to 5pm Mondays 12pm to 8pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays Closed Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 12pm to 8pm.	<b>VFW POST 51</b> <b>(509) 327-9847</b>  <b>AMERICAN</b> <b>LEGION POST #9</b> <b>326-4168</b>	Closed <b>1</b>	Open 12pm to 8pm <b>2</b> 12pm Poker 12pm to 1pm Lunch 5pm to 8pm SON Dinner	Open 12pm to 8pm <b>3</b>	Open 12pm to 8pm <b>4</b> 11am Seabees Birthday Party 100+ people Catered 1pm Bingo 4pm APA
Open 12am to 5pm <b>5</b> 1pm Pool	Open 12pm to 8pm <b>6</b> 4:30pm Planning Mtg. 5:30pm Board Mtg. 6:30 Boy Scouts	Closed <b>7</b>	Open 3:30pm <b>8</b> 6pm VFW/Aux Mtg. Nominations	Open 12pm to 8pm <b>9</b> 12pm Poker 12pm to 1pm Lunch 6pm KOC 7pm Honor Guard	Open 12pm to 8pm <b>10</b>	Open 12pm to 8pm <b>11</b> 1pm Bingo 2pm to close Vickie's Party 50 people
Open 12pm to 5pm <b>12</b> 1pm Pool  Daylight Savings Time	Open 12pm to 8pm <b>13</b> 3pm SVF 6:30pm Boy Scouts	Closed <b>14</b>	Closed <b>15</b>  Reservations for Aux/ Dinner due today	Open 12pm to 8pm <b>16</b> 12pm Poker 12pm to 1pm Lunch 6pm SON Mtg.	Open 12pm to 8pm <b>17</b> 6pm Aux 51 Dinner Corn Beef and Cabbage \$12  Saint Patrick's Day	Open 12am to 8pm <b>18</b> 10am Riders Mtg. 1pm Bingo 4pm APA
Open 12pm to 5pm <b>19</b> Meet and Greet 1pm Pool	Open 12pm to 8pm <b>20</b> 6pm AM Vets 6:30pm Boy Scouts	Closed <b>21</b>	Closed <b>22</b> 6pm Cut off for Hashmark	Open 12pm to 8pm <b>23</b> 12pm Poker 12pm to 1pm Lunch	Open 12pm to 8pm <b>24</b>	Open 12pm to 8pm <b>25</b> 1pm Bingo
Open 12pm to 5pm <b>26</b> 1pm Pool	Open 12 pm to 8pm <b>27</b> Hashmark Fold 10am 6pm AL/Aux 6:30 Boy Scouts	Closed <b>28</b>	Closed <b>29</b>	Open 12pm to 8pm <b>30</b> 12pm Poker 12 pm to 1pm Lunch	Open 12pm to 8pm <b>31</b>	