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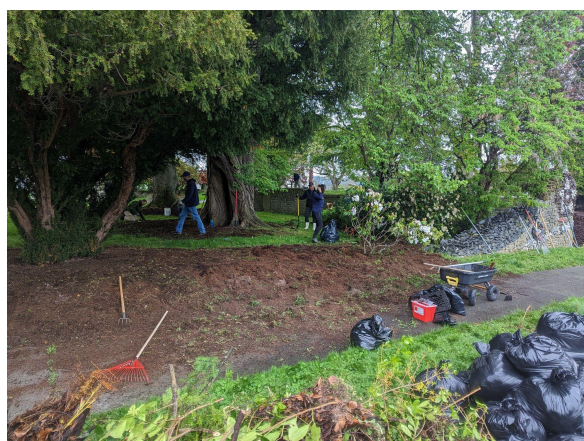
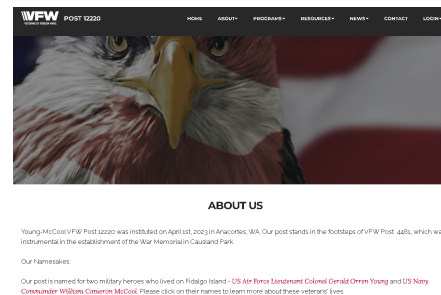
Post 12220

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Veterans Helping Veterans on Fidalgo Island

From the Commander

Welcome to our first post newsletter! I held off creating a newsletter until we had a means of distributing it electronically, which we now have. Our post applied for and received a grant to begin a website using VFW National Headquarters Website Solution Program; the website includes the ability to create and use distribution lists and archive newsletters for historical perusal. Be sure to visit vfw12220.org and look around. Let me know if you find errors, omissions, or just have an idea to improve the site.



Over the past three months, we have made strides in establishing ourselves on Fidalgo Island and the Skagit County community. Right off, two of our members volunteered at the Spring Veterans’ Stand-Down event hosted by the Sedro-Wooley American Legion Post at the Skagit Fairgrounds. We also met, and continue to meet, monthly on the first Saturday to clear, weed, and clean the gardens and ground of Causland Memorial Park. On Memorial Day, several of us distributed Buddy Poppies at The Market and Safeway, raising over \$400 for our Relief Fund and making contact with several potential members. We were invited to join the Fidalgo Masons in their Vacant Chair ceremony held that same day at Causland Park, and we raised a further \$400 there. Finally, we initiated running an informational and recruiting booth at the

weekly farmers’ market.

We are growing more entwined with Anacortes Elks Lodge 1204, where we held our Institution Ceremony on April 1st, and now conduct our monthly business meetings in the Lodge Room there. We were also invited to join with the lodge for Anacortes’ 4th of July parade. It was nice to be at the front of the parade, even if the fire engines’ sirens were quite loud. Note that I **buy a drink token** from the Elks bar for every VFW member with a birthday in the month preceding a post business meeting. If you don’t show up to the meeting, you don’t get your token!



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At the end of June, the window for charter membership closed. I recently finalized the charter member list with VFW National Headquarters. We are 55 members strong! 48 of our charter members were present at the institution ceremony and were sworn into the post by VFW Department of Washington Commander Paul Herrera.

Expect more information in future editions, including messages from other post officers.

Robert Steele, Post Commander, 360.929.0228

Upcoming Events

- Every Saturday, 0830-1400 - Farmers' Market Information & Recruiting Booth ([sign up on the watchbill](#))
- First Saturday of each month, 0900-1400 - Causland Park Cleanup (Details on [website calendar](#))
- First Tuesday of each month, 1700-1800 - Elks Dinner (\$13/plate + drinks)
- First Tuesday of each month, 1800-1900 - Post Business Meeting (Details on [website calendar](#))
- August 5th, 0900-1600 - VFW Dept. of WA School of Instruction, Gig Harbor (contact [Commander](#) for details)

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