

## AMERICAN LEGION NEWSLETTER

ALBERT J. HAMILTON POST 7

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### **Adjutant's Message**

#### **Amazable!: But True**

A well respected member of this Post had the audacity to go behind the unattended bar and pour himself a drink! Amazable; but true. In so doing, the member violated numerous Post 7, city, state, and national rules and regulations, and may be subject to criminal prosecution. Had the Liquor Control Board been on site, this Post would be closed indefinitely. What's going on? This isn't the 70's; hell, it's not even the 60's! The member has received a formal warning letter advising future misconduct will result in public humiliation.

Along similar audacious lines, a member seated out back on the exterior deck actually phoned the bar to order a drink! Amazable; but true. Of course anyone with a brain in their head would know the bartender shouldn't leave the bar unattended (which could lead to defendant number 1's infraction), and service outside only happens when there is a cocktailer on duty. What's going on?

A member playing pull tabs pounded on the bar demanding to be paid for a winning ticket and wanting more tabs, while other members waited patiently in line to order a drink. We all know the priority, except for this particular pull tab player, who demeaned our staff person. What's going on? The member has received a formal warning letter advising future misconduct will result in public humiliation.

Is it the excesses of alcohol? Is it a lack of institutional control on behalf of the management, i.e., me? Is it a culture embedded in time? Why is it acceptable to check your manners at the door? Truly amazable!

If you have a solution, my hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Respectfully submitted.

John L. Erickson, Post 7 Adjutant

Post 7 to honor its name sake:

On October 20<sup>th</sup> Post 7 will be hosting a dinner and program honoring Albert J. Hamilton and our past commanders. This will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sacrifice that Albert J. Hamilton made during WW1 so we felt it was fitting to take time to get to know the history of the post name sake. The event will be a ticketed event with a sit down dinner. We will also be honoring all of our past commanders. Reservations will be required and more information will be posted.

If you have some history about Albert J Hamilton and his family or know of relatives that are still in the area, please contact me so I can put together his story. This should be a fun evening, so mark your calendars.

Al Jensen

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander



## Commander's Comments by Rick Sucee

Greetings fellow Legion Family. Usually in the September-October Newsletter I would touch upon such topics as committee appointments, the need to recruit new members and retain old ones, volunteerism and Post 7 accomplishments over the summer. But the only topic I can focus on is the loss of our fellow comrade and friend Robert Boyles. Robert left us to serve a higher power on July 31, 2018 as the result of a motorcycle crash.

Robert hadn't been with the post but just a few years, moving from North Carolina to Whatcom County. Being a new member, you would think he would not necessarily get involved with Post activities until he became more familiar with the Post. Well, that wasn't Robert or his wife Lisa's plan. They both dove in to the Riders activities with both feet. Robert would absolutely volunteer for anything and he would do anything to help everyone he could. He was one of the most likeable persons I have ever met and his infectious personality affected everyone who knew him. I never heard Robert say a bad thing about anyone.

Robert became interested in how the post operated. He asked many questions on how to properly conduct meetings, how to properly introduce a motion and various things about Robert Rules of Order and how he could interject himself into the decision-making process. I told him not to worry, just go with your gut and we'll all help you with proper procedures. Well Robert ran for a spot on the Executive Board in May and won. He immediately asked me about the Executive Board polo shirt and if there was any metal insignia for his hat. I told him his shirt would have his position on it and that he would get an Officer Medal for his blazer when he was inducted in September. He couldn't wait. A few weeks ago, I picked up the polo shirts for the new Post Officers and handed them out. I couldn't find Robert so I left his in the office and he picked it up a few days before the accident. Lisa told me that he was very proud of that shirt and to be part of the Post Executive Board. Robert was to be sworn in and awarded his officer medal on September 4, 2018. Instead I awarded him his Executive Committee Officer Medal on Sunday August 5, at his memorial.

Robert you will always be a member of the Executive Board at the highest level. You made a tremendous positive impact on everyone that knew you. You are missed by all and I feel fortunate to have known you.

### Auxiliary President Message

I hope everyone had a good Summer. Here it is again that time of year to start having meetings again. The e-board meeting is the first Tuesday of each month of September to May. The general meeting is the third Tuesday of each month of September to May. Everyone is welcome to attend both of the meetings. Please think about helping out on burger night and our joker poker nights. If you would like to help out with our first burger night and joker poker night please let me know by contacting me so I can put you down on the list. Also let me know what you would like to do.

Please remember to bring in your manufacturer coupons and put them in the box in the hallway so we can send them to Germany.

On September 15<sup>th</sup> at Post 91 Burlington there is 2<sup>nd</sup> District Fall Conference.

Service not Self  
Shelly Lagerwey  
Auxiliary President



## SEPTEMBER 2018

1 <sup>st</sup>	Saturday	Joker Poker w/MCL Food	5-7pm	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Saturday	Darts	6pm	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Saturday	Karaoke w/Bobby Lee	7pm	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Monday	Crib Tournament	6pm	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Monday	Dance Lessons	7pm	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Building Improvement	6pm	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Post & Aux. E-board Meetings	6:30pm	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	ARCO Retiree's	12-3:30pm	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Ferndale Class Of 65	4-6:30pm	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Marine Corps League Meeting	6:30pm	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Texas Hold'Em	5:30pm	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Line Dancing Lessons	7pm	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	SAL Taco Night	5-7pm	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	911 Ride	ALL DAY	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	100yrs Legion Baseball	Boundry Bay	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Seahawks @ Broncos(Potluck)	1:25pm	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Darts	6pm	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Crib Tournament	6pm	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Dance Lessons	7pm	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Early Bird in Lounge	ALL DAY	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	SAL Meeting	6:30pm	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Legion Riders Meeting	6:30pm	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Texas Hold'Em	5:30pm	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Line Dancing Lessons	5-7pm	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Auxiliary Burger Night	5-7pm	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	District 2 Fall Conference	Burlington Post 91	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Private Memorial	11am	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Joker Poker w/Aux Food	5-7pm	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Junior Meeting	5pm	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Darts	6pm	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Karaoke	7:30pm	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Executive Council Meeting @ Airport Holiday Inn		11am
17 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Seahawks @Bears (Potluck)	5:15pm	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Crib Tournament	6pm	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Dance Lessons	7pm	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Fleet Reserve Meeting	11am	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Post & Aux General Meeting	6:30pm	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Activities Meeting	6:30pm	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Texas Hold'Em	5:30pm	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Line Dancing Lessons	7pm	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Friday	Good Vibrations	7pm	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Saturday	Marine Corps League Picnic	2pm	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Saturday	Joker Poker w/Legion Food	5-7pm	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Saturday	Darts	6pm	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sunday	Cowboys @ Seahawks(Potluck)	1:25pm	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Crib Tournament	6pm	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Dance Lessons	7pm	
27 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Texas Hold'Em	5:30pm	
27 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Line Dance Lessons	7pm	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Legion Fish and Chips	5-7pm	
29 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Joker Poker w/Legion Food	5-7pm	
30 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Seahawks @ Cardinals(Potluck)	1:05pm	



## OCTOBER 2018

 1 <sup>st</sup>	Monday	Crib Tournament	6-9pm
 1 <sup>st</sup>	Monday	Dance Lessons	7pm
 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday	Building Improvement Meeting	6pm
 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday	Post & Aux. E-Board Meetings	6:30pm
 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday	Marine Corps League Meeting	6:30pm
 4 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Texas Hold'Em	5:30pm
 4 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Line Dancing Lessons	7pm
 5 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	SAL Food	5-7pm
 5 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	MoTown Cruisers	7:30pm
 6 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Joker Poker w/SAL Food	5-7pm
 6 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Darts	6pm
 6 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Karaoke w/Bobby Lee	7pm
 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Riders Officer Meeting	12pm
 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Rams @ Seahawks(Potluck)	1:25pm
 8 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Crib Tournament	6pm
 8 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Dance Lessons	7pm
 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Early Bird in the Lounge	ALL DAY
 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	SAL Meeting	6:30pm
 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Legion Riders Meeting	6:30pm
 11 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Texas Hold'Em	5:30pm
 11 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Line Dancing Lessons	7pm
 12 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Aux. Octoberfeast	5-7pm
 13 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Joker Poker w/Aux. Food	5-7pm
 13 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Junior Meeting	5pm
 13 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Darts	6pm
 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Seahawks @ Raiders(Potluck)	10am
 15 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Crib Tournament	6pm
 15 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Dance Lessons	7pm
 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Fleet Reserve Meeting	11am
 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Post & Aux. General Meetings	6:30pm
 17 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Activities Meeting	6:30pm
 18 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Texas Hold'Em	5:30pm
 18 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Line Dancing Lessons	7pm
 19 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Good Vibrations	7pm
 20 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	POST CLOSED	ALL DAY
 20 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Albert J Hamilton Dinner(By invitation only)	ALL DAY
 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Monday	Crib Tournament	6pm
 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Monday	Dance Lessons	7pm
 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Texas Hold'Em	5:30pm
 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Decorate for kids Halloween Party	6pm
 26 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Kids Halloween Party	5pm
 27 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Adult Halloween Party w/music	5pm
 27 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Joker Poker w/potluck	5-7pm
 27 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Darts	6pm
 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Seahawks @ Lions(Potluck)	10am
 29 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Crib Tournament	6pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Dance Lessons	7pm



## SAL Commander Report

Well I do hope Everyone had a great Summer Vacation and hope everyone has enjoyed the beautiful weather we have had. Well here it is almost September so it is time to get ready for our meetings again. It is with great sadness within our squadron we have lost a Brother and a very great Friend, Robert "Cheesecake" Boyles passed away July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. I also hope that everyone had a lot of fun on the Boat trip this year to Friday Harbor and I would like to say a Big Thank you to John Lowmon and Bobby Hoffer for putting it on. They Both do a great job. I'm Looking forward in being our SAL Commander again for 2018 and 2019; it will be a great year. Please come out and support the Legion and all the Events that are happening at the Post, and I would like to say Thank you to everyone that show their support to the Son of The American Legion. Well here it is again time to renew your Membership for the Son of The American Legion for 2019 and will be sending out notices real soon.

Sincerely Yours  
Marty Richey  
SAL Commander

Hello to all,

I want to thank everyone that turned out for Robert Boyles celebration of life! I was so impressed with our post and the turn out, THANK YOU!!!! Please keep an eye out on the website and Facebook page for our ride and schedule.

Ride safe,  
Erika Moran



### ***2<sup>nd</sup> District Fall Conference***

***Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018***

***Location: American Legion  
Memorial Post 91 , Burlington***

***Social Hour: 9 am to 10am***

***Meetings: 10am***

***Lunch: 12:00 to 1:30pm***

***Meetings Resume: 1:30pm***

***Grill Cheese or Grill Cheese with Ham will be served. The price will be \$7.00.  
Reservations would be appreciated by Sept 8<sup>th</sup>. The number to call is 360-755-1202.  
The address is 721 E. Fairhaven Ave., Burlington WA 98233.***



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**LOUNGE HOURS:**  
**Monday – Saturday**

**12 noon – close**

**Sunday**

**2 pm – close**

- If less than 5 people drinking the lounge will close at 8:00p.m.

**POPCORN DONATIONS  
ARE WELCOME!**

**Club 7 Specials will be on  
reader board**

**EARLY BIRD DAY**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month**  
**1<sup>st</sup> drink “TWO BITS”**

**HAPPY HOUR**  
**50 cents off all drinks**  
**3:00-5:00pm**