

District 2

One of our own, a member of Post 7 in Bellingham, **Donnel Tanksley**, was elected Sheriff of Whatcom County.

The Monroe American Post 58 had requested it's charter be canceled because of lack of support from membership. There had been no meetings since the facility they met at, a senior care and assisted living had canceled any outside groups from meeting because of covid.

Upon learning that the VFW District Commander was a member of the Monroe VFW Post my VC and myself went to thier VFW monthly meeting and presented our request for volunteers to step up and keep Legion Post 58 going. We ended up with 4 new members and volunteers to assume leadership roles in the American Legion Post 58. It so happened that the regular scheduled meeting for Legion Post 58 was the following week. Once again, we traveled to Monroe to answer any questions. Elections were held and now Monroe is served by Both the Legion and VFW.

The VFW has been in communication with the Stanwood Post 92 for several years about starting a VFW Post that would meet and operate from the Legion Post. Finally in December Stanwood Post welcomed the VFW. It is hoped that by joining forces both Posts can better serve the Veteran population while also increasing membership.

Conway Post 147, after several years of tiring, started a SAL unit this last year. The Post is now in the process of re-activating their Auxiliary unit soliciting new members

There have been several two-day Veteran stand downs held in Mount Vernon in the last year. Participating vendors include the VA, WDVA, Worksource, Skagit Health Dept, just to name a few. Donations of surplus army sleeping items, food, clothing and such were given to those in need. Also were, laundry facilities, haircuts and much more. Burlington Post 91 spearheaded the event with a lot of assistance from Post 13 in Anacortes, Post 43 in Sedro Woolley, and Post 147 in Conway.

A local radio station in Mt Vernon, in December, sponsored a buy a gift card to participating merchants to be given to local Veterans as a thank you. Over \$1100 in cards were distributed to Veterans by the County VSO.