

## NORTHWEST CENTURY - 21

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The Washington State American Legion and VFW will include a color guard competition this year at their state convention. This is the first time that Color Guards have been accepted for separate competition.

The last two weekends have been extremely active for the Washington State Commission and the American Legion Convention Corporation. The VFW Commission was receptive to any and all recommendations suggested in regards to the competition and housing. Medals or trophies will be awarded in all categories with little restriction to the number of entries. The Junior Corps managers had a personally conducted tour of their housing, which is superb. For the Senior Corps, I am afraid, it will be "pup tents" on Main Street.

The following weekend the Association met with the American Legion Convention Corporation at Yakima, Washington. The Convention Corporation was most cooperative. The meeting went smoothly; the chairman of the Convention Corporation is Captain Les Rach of the Yakima Police Department - need I say more?

Mr. Lee Allen from Pendleton, Oregon reports that he has started a new Junior Corps. The Color Guard will be all Indian girls with the Corps proper being mixed boy and girl.

The Pasco Columbians have incorporated, their new name is the Tri-City Columbians. They are now sponsored by Pasco, Kennewick and Richland, Washington and with the support of the 3 cities they expect to increase the size of their Corps membership.

The Hurricanes Senior Corps held their annual banquet with 200 attending. A lifetime membership was presented to Fred Weisenborn, who has been a member for 37 years.

The Hurricanes will lose their drum major June 1st. Mr. Gordon Gould has been a member of the Hurricanes for 18 years. Anyone looking for a major in Kansas City should contact Gordie at the Kenworth Motors office. Gordie is also an expert at writing drills, and he will be a great loss for the Pacific Northwest.

Earl Bishop from the Everett Blue Knights reports that their drum line is showing great improvement. Mike Stephanowicz has given them a few lessons.

May 4th, I traveled to Wenatchee to cover the Apple Blossom Festival. The three hour parade was

honored by only 2 drum corps - the Wenatchee Appleknockers Sr. and the Vernon Girls Corps from Canada. The Appleknockers horn line was great but their drum line needs quite a bit of work. The Vernon girls were very flashy - have a real swinger for a Bass drummer.

The Bellingham Falcons have folded. This leave only 3 active Sr. Corps that are M&M corps. I have received a copy of the DCN Directory (Terrific!).

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