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Flags and More Flags



By: Yers Trooly

Because of the demand for flag destruction of old American flags in our area, the Legion now has a flag destruction created and operated by Matt Wrobel of Post 113 fame. Matt came up with the idea of creating a process to efficiently and honorably destroy worn out or damaged American Flags quickly and efficiently. His program uses a high-speed burner that can reduce a large group of flags to ashes in a matter of minutes. The resulting ash is disposed of in a dignified way including spreading at the Veterans Cemetery in Boise. Every part of the flag is recycled including the gromets which are removed prior to burning. These gromets are cleaned and processed into brass objects such as bells. Interestingly enough, the brass is processed by a local foundry who makes the bells.

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Three Months Out

October 24, 2020—Dist 3 Fall Meeting

November 3, 2020—Elections

Nov 11, 2020—Veterans Day

November 14, 2020—Oratorical Contest

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In fact, at least two of the bells will be used in the USS Idaho, a new Virginia Class Fast Attack class submarine currently being built in Rhode Island.

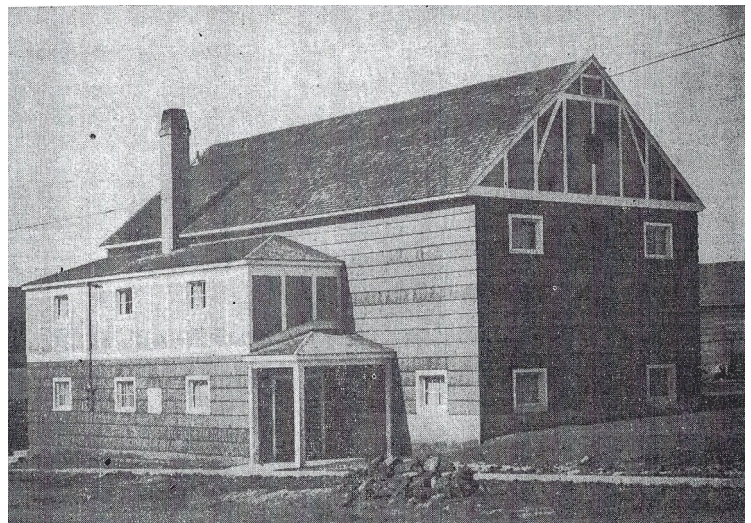
The destruction trailer was donated by Criterion Trailers sold by Terrys Truck and RV in Mtn Home, ID and is wrapped with some sensational pictures as can be seen above. Inside the trailer, the burner system is stored and space is allocated for collection of flags throughout the state. The idea is that if a Post or organization

has flags that need to be destroyed, Matt will bring the trailer to the location of the requesting party and do the destruction on-the-spot.

Didja Know

By: Yers Trooly

March 4, 1940 at 3:00 PM in the afternoon, the Meridian American Legion Hall was dedicated. Commander J. L. Towne arraigned the event to include a dedicatory address by Governor C. A. Bottolfsen, and Homer Hiddleston, Department Commander. Maurice Adkins, chairman of the Ada County Memorial Committee will accept the building on the part of the Post. County Commissioners Kendall and McBurney were also present. The structure is of a style of French chateau or manor house. The cost was about \$7,500. The property was bought in May, 1937 from C. E. Clanon.



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There is a Chair lift in Our Future

By: Doug Hanks

Commander Doug contracted with 101 Mobility, a Meridian company to install a chair lift for our stairs. The lift should be installed in two (or so) weeks. It most likely will not be available for our meeting this month. This means that folks like me who are stair challenged will get some relief so we can participate in activities on the second floor.

This feature has been a long time coming and will be a welcome addition to our Post

Commanders Call

By: Doug Hanks

I would like to encourage better attendance at our meetings. With the ZOOM access we don't need to be exposed to the virus and only will take up about an hour of your time.

We do have a lot of new information presented and we get to see and hear about what the Post is involved in.

July's attendance was 22 people in person and 3 on ZOOM. In August it was a little better, 17 in person and 11 on ZOOM, but not very good out of 400 members. We are doing our drawings again and ZOOM attendees are included. The 100.00 winner was not present so not given. Other prizes were a belt buckle "won by a ZOOM attendee" and bottle of wine with a unique holder.

We will be giving out pins for new PUFL's and 25- 30- year memberships, but you need to attend to receive, unless not physically able.

Post 113 Honor Guard is not as busy these days because of the restrictions, but are still able to do Honors for our Veterans. The Honor Guard is certified by the US Army and looks really sharp. You can see some of the events on our web page and Face Book.

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Chaplins Corner

“I wonder what to do when: I’m angry”

By: Dan Pruett

I read Psalm 4:4. To paraphrase it: the meaning as implied in Psalm 4 is not merely about out-of-control wrath or fury. Anger, itself, is not a sin – but that emotion must be carefully controlled.

Even righteous anger is not meant to lead us towards sin. Instead of risking sin, or giving in to it, we are advised to ponder our ways as they as we lie in bed and to be calm. Bedtime is a good time to search our hearts and confess the sins of the day. Doing so will help us enjoy a peaceful night’s sleep instead of tossing and turning in an angry or worried state of mind. If believers honor and trust in God, they do not need to be afraid of aggressive individuals or threatening circumstances.

In Psalm 27:1 it says that “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

The Army Museum Enterprise

BY: Ron Powell

I bet most of us, veterans and non veterans alike have enjoyed a trip through a military museum. And if you are like me, I haven’t given too much thought about how such museums are funded, maintained and managed, that is until now. To the historically minded person it’s an interesting story and there are big changes happening in our government, right now.

As an Army reservist I became an Army field historian in 2018. And so my expertise is on the army side of museums. In the recent past these museums were managed by a wide variety of government entities, without much oversight, and with competing priorities. With reorganizations within the US Army, and as a result of continuous budget cuts, it was clear that change was needed. Their mission remains the same however, which is to inform, train and educate Soldiers and civilians.

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The enterprise will also support Army research and development.

The US Army Center of Military History director Charles Bowery announced the plan, which he calls the Army Museum Enterprise. This initiative includes moving museum oversight from different governmental organizations to one, the Training and Doctrine Command. With supervision from the Center of Military History, the expectation is to make the system more efficient and improve management.

Some smaller museums will be absorbed by larger ones, thereby reducing the footprint and the cost. One of the largest challenges is in how the Army manages its artifact collection, which includes over 600,000 pieces! If you can imagine, the cost and time involved to account for this much material is inefficient and costly. The idea is to reduce this number by about two thirds, reducing inventory and keeping only the most important artifacts. For example a US Army M1 helmet is a neat micro artifact but it's not rare, and a museum should perhaps have one, not a dozen. Artifacts that have provenance, meaning it was tied to a person or battle in history for example, is very special. A helmet that belonged to General George Patton would of course be retained.

Th excess artifacts will disposed of by the government. That means like all army property it will be offered to local, state and govt. agencies. This property also includes excess macro artifacts, which are large artifacts like wheeled vehicles, artillery pieces, and armor.

So of course the Army wants everyone to take a trip to their nearest military museum, and enjoy our military history because museums are here to stay, with a few downsides of course. If you were a finance officer in the military then you may no longer be able to visit the finance museum because its program will be consolidated into a larger building. Well you did know there was a finance museum, didn't you?

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One More Day

Forwarded By: Dave Conley and reported by Cameran Richardson in The American Legion Magazine

Dave Conley, an (Treasure Valley) American Legion Rider and member of Lloyd E. Hutcheson Post 113 in Meridian, Idaho, hears those three words a lot when speaking with families who have lost a veteran to suicide. The conversation always centers on a wish for more time to help their loved one through the feelings of hopelessness and despair.

“they became my mission in life, to give them that one more day,” Conley says.

A new program initiative by the American Legion Department of Idaho and the American Legion Riders, “One More Day” aims to reduce the state’s veteran suicides by connecting Legionnaires certified in suicide intervention and prevention training with veterans identified as at-risk. When a 911 call is received, a Veteran Dispatch Team will be contacted and sent to the scene with law enforcement.

“We want as little time as possible between our notification and our arrival,” says Conley, Vice Chairman of the Department of Idaho’s One More Day Committee. “Our ultimate goal is to be his or her advocate. Our job is to get them through the night...one more day. Then we turn them over to a higher level of treatment, “weather that’s VA counselors or the nearest mental health facility.

As Dave said “We found that suicide prevention starts while they’re still in (service). The biggest thing that causes suicides is that they lose their belongingness when they get out of the service. If we eliminate the stressors before they happen, we may be able to reduce veteran suicide.”

If you have questions, please e-mail Dave at daccon@yahoo.com

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N7LGN

BY: Yers Trooly

Well...we went and did it. We drilled holes in the side of the Hall and put up a sleek looking antenna. For those in the radio club, it's for the repeater we own. For those wondering what a repeater is, it's kind of like a radio extender. The repeater allows hams (amateur radio operators) throughout the area to talk to each other using their radios where they would otherwise not be able to do that. You see, most of the small hand held radios and some of the larger radios can not necessarily talk to each other because of objects in the way like buildings and such. Our repeater antenna is above most structures (except for City Hall) and can be "seen" by most radios so communications is possible. Nifty huh?

Apart from that, classes will be offered for those wanting to get their Amateur Extra license in the month of November. That and a fox hunt or two will round out our activity. If interested in any of the activity associated with the radio club also called N7LGN, please e-mail me or Matt.



73 (come to a club meeting to find out what that means)

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Service Officer Clips

By: John Brekke

Here are some brief items related to Veterans and their families.

VA Volunteers gradually Return The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is bringing back volunteers in phases beginning with the most essential assignments. For more info: <https://www.volunteer.va.gov/directory> Then click "Volunteer or Donate Now."

VA's "I am here !" Check-In Based on veteran feedback, the VA adopted a new feature allowing VA facilities to check in patients remotely while ensuring physical distancing. For more info: <https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/778143/va-launches-new-virtusl-check-feature>

COVID Death at the Boise Veterans Home Earlier this month the Idaho State Veterans Home in Boise reported the loss of their first veteran due to the COVID Virus. This veteran had other health issues making him more vulnerable to the illness. For more info: <https://www.veterans.idaho.gov/news/press-release-idaho-state-veterans-home-%E2%80%93-boise-first-covid-19-related-death-resident>

Military COVID Cases and Deaths As of August 14, 2020 Department of Defense (DOD) officials said there have now been 47,513 total cases of COVID-19 within the DOD. For more information: <https://vva.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/FINAL-SAVE-REPORT.pdf>

Notes from Yers Trooly

In this edition of the newsletter, you will note some features that will be repeated. They include Didja Know, Northisms, Commanders Call, Chaplin's Corner, Three Months Out, and Service officer Clips. If you want more regular features, let me know.

In the issue you read about suicide a couple of times. It's an important topic and you are urged to get involved. Also consider getting involved in child abuse issues. Read the papers and you might note it's on the rise. The safety net normally provided by teachers is not as robust as it has been and I believe we are witnessing the result.

Finally, consider making a contribution to the next newsletter. Thanks to those who did for this edition.

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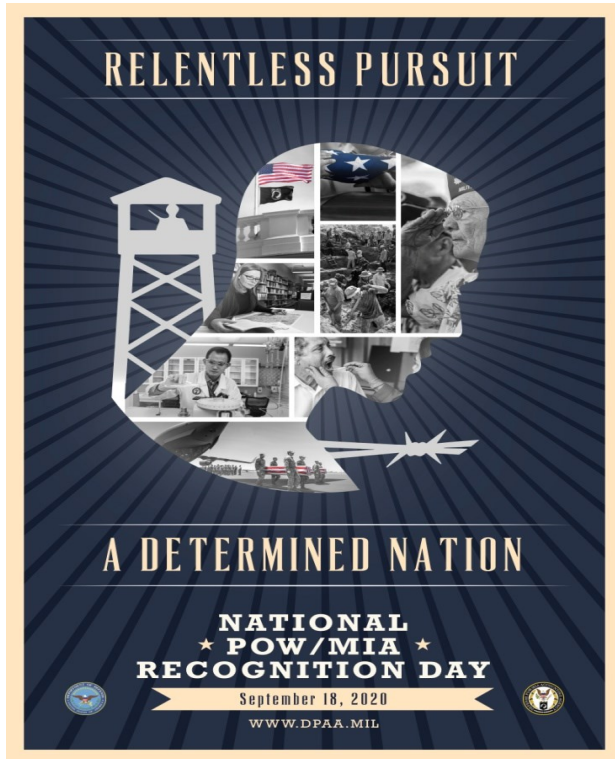
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National POW*MIA Recognition Day - 18 September 2020



National POW*MIA Recognition Day is the 18th of September 2020. In order to honor and respect the POW*MIA's of our nation the Boise Valley POW*MIA Corporation will present the "Missing Man Table" Ceremony on the evening of the 18th at The Village in Meridian. This ceremony is a remembrance of all the men and women of the Armed Forces and the civilians who are unreturned from all wars. It is designed to bring about awareness of the POW*MIA situation and honor those who have not been returned.

*If you have not seen this ceremony it will affect you and all around you. The table will be set up before the ceremony and left up for display until 9 pm. We will also have our awareness booth with information on Idaho's missing POW*MIA's from 10 am to 9 pm.*



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The Hollisters

Provided By Clayton Hollister

1945



The U.S. Navy assigned the name "The Hollisters" to a 2,200 ton destroyer in honor of three gallant Robbinsdale brothers lost in World War II. Lyle Eugene Hollister, Radioman Second Class, served in the Sicilian, Italian and Salerno campaigns. In January 1944, he was reported missing in action when his ship, the Destroyer Plunkett was attacked by enemy aircraft during the Anzio Assault. Richard Jerome Hollister and William

Howard Hollister enlisted and remained together during their short, heroic Naval career. In November 1943, their ship, the escort carrier, Liscombe Bay was torpedoed and sunk in the Gilbert Islands. William died of wounds received in action and Richard was reported missing in action. The Hollisters was decommissioned and in 1979. Four years later the ship was transferred to Taiwan and renamed the Shao Yang.

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On August 6, the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima and together with the bomb on Nagasaki, August 9, put an end to World War II and seventeen million military people came home in late 1945 and 1946. Naturally, a baby boom soon occurred and Robbinsdale also felt the effects in the building of schools to be mentioned later. But one can pause and wonder what the "effect" was on these children as they were the first in history to grow up living with "The Bomb."

This post is part of a series loosely based on the book *Robbinsdale Then and Now* by Helen Blodgett.

Editors note: Clayton Hollister is a member of our Post and has a history of military people in his family going back before the Civil War. This is just one example of his proud heritage. This story is from a web site hosted by Robbinsdale (<https://www.robbinsdale.org/the-hollisters/>)

Northisms

Contributed by: Steve North

So many questions:

I still have so many unanswered questions. I still haven't found out who let the dogs out. Where's the beef? How to get to Sesame Street. And, why Dora doesn't just use Google Maps.

Why do all flavors of Fruit Loops taste essentially the same? How many licks does it take to get to the center of a Tootsie Roll? Why are eggs packaged in flimsy cartons but batteries are secured in plastic that is as tough as nails? Why is abbreviated such a long word? Why is there a "D" in fridge, but not in refrigerator?

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor yet dishwashing liquid made from real lemons? Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections? And why do you have to "put your two cents in" but it's only a penny for your thoughts. Where's that extra penny going?

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Notice to all veterans who have underlying health conditions from your service

Forwarded by Doug Hanks

Fact sheets from the VA concerning Dependency Indemnity Compensation, VA Burial and Plot Allowance and Survivor's Pension describe classifications related to service connected disabilities. This concerns compensation to a surviving spouse if there was some service connected disability.

The key take away is for the surviving spouse to receive Service Connected Burial Benefit or Dependency Indemnity Compensation for a disability, the Veteran's Death Certificate MUST list a service connected disability for the cause of death or contributing cause of death... Or, if a Veteran died of a presumptive condition that they may have been eligible for but never filed for it (i.e. one of the Agent Orange Presumptive Conditions or ALS- Lou Gehrig's Disease), that condition must be listed on the Death Certificate.

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