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Matt Wrobel declares His Intention to Run for Department Commander

MATT WROBEL



**For
Idaho Department Commander
2022-2023**



FAMILY TIES

Strong Family Ties.... For Today and Tomorrow

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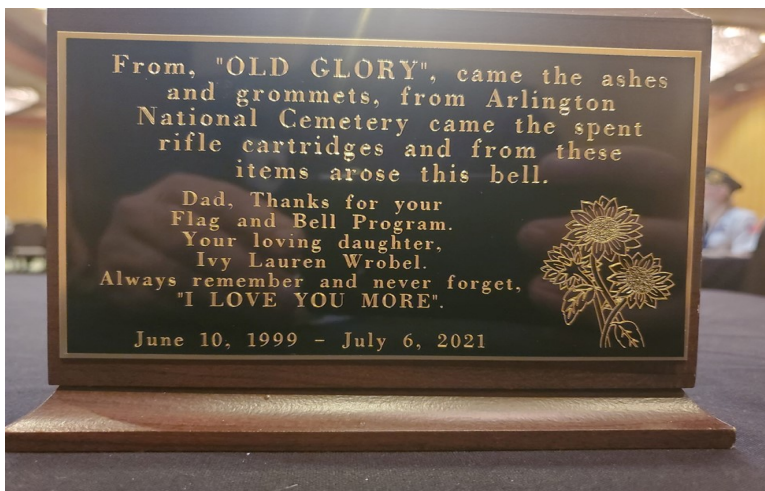
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Matt Wrobel declared his intention to run for Department Commander at the Mid-Winter Conference on January 8, 2022. Matt has been part of the American Legion family since July 4th, 2012 to honor his stepfather who had recently passed in April. The first, and only post he has belonged to is Meridian Post 113. His Legion accomplishments are:

- **Post 113** - Served as Post Commander and Adjutant.
- **District 3** - Adjutant and 1st Vice Commander.
- **Area B** - Vice Commander
- **State:** - Department Membership Chairman for three years
- **National** - Legion College in 2017
- **Awards** - 2015 Legionnaire of the Year; 2018 Al Lance award
- **Committees** - POW/MIA, Flag Committee, Americanism

As many of you know, Matt is the "Flag Guy". He takes care of American Flags no longer serviceable. He recycles the brass from the grommets to turn them into bells. He was presented with the bell shown at the right at the Mid-winter Conference. Here is what he said about it: "I sent this bell to summer convention in July to be auctioned off. Today It was presented to me at our mid-winter conference, with a special plaque on it. God I love my American Legion family, even when they make me cry in front of 100+ people." Below is the inscription.



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COMMANDERS CALL

By: Doug Hanks

HAVE A GREAT YEAR

Welcome to 2022!

Last year was a bit trying with all the restrictions, mask requirements and vaccination edicts. Hopefully 2022 will be easier for all of us. It does not appear to be letting up. Post meetings have been very successful with most or all of us vaccinated. Hope to continue, with in person meetings and also ZOOM to increase participation in Post activities.

Let us welcome 2022 and live as naturally as we can while taking precautions. If we surrender completely we will lose our sanity and hope. We need to go about our lives but be careful.

If you know of anyone who needs help and cheering up let us know. We will do our best to be available and hopefully offer some solutions.

Boys State=Plans start now to find and recruit young men and women for this program, even with Covid. Last year we had 85 young men attend and one of two chosen to go to Boys Nation in Wash. DC was sponsored by Post 113. Program will be held again at Gowen Field. Cut off date for applications is April 15th. Dates for program is June 13th – 18th.

Lots more events to look forward to. Rock of Honor and Meridian Cemetery ceremonies on Memorial Day, Meridian Dairy Days parade, Veterans Day and lots more to be able to get together as a Post.

MEMBERS- IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR ALL TO RENEW OUR MEMBERSHIP!!

This has been a very busy and productive year!

Happy New Year

Doug Hanks, Commander Post 113

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CHAPLINS CORNER

Continuing My Series On: **“I Wonder What To Do When:”** **“We Start A New Year”**

I read Psalms 25:4-5

A Psalm For The Start Of A New Year. Psalms 25:4-5

4 Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.

5 Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

A Prayer for Thankfulness:

God of Love,

You are with us in every transition and change.

As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.

We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.

Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.

We ask this in your Holy Name.

Remember to always:

Be Grateful, Give Thanks, Be Honest, Stay Humble, Be Kind, Laugh, Dream Big, Be You and always Love One Another.

Blessings from

Chaplain Dan Pruett

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Didja Know— Legion History

By: Yers trooly

June 15, 1991

The Legion hosts its first Junior Shooting Sports National Air Rifle Championships at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. *Today, more than 2,000 high school students a year enter the contest, which teaches gun safety and marksmanship.*

Aug. 24, 1994

The Legion announces the creation of the Citizens Flag Alliance, a coalition of organizations and individual citizens united to work for a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. flag from physical desecration. Since 1995, the amendment has passed in the House by a super-majority six times: in 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2005. In 2006, the amendment fell one vote short of passage in the Senate.

Sept. 24, 1994: The American Legion announces partnership with the Smithsonian Institute's Air and Space Museum to develop an exhibit for the bomber Enola Gay, which dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan. Previous museum plans had drawn intense criticism from veterans, scholars and the public.

Jan. 30, 1995: The American Legion announces acceptance of scaled-down exhibit "without political commentary" for the Enola Gay, ending the greatest controversy in the Smithsonian Institute's 149-year history.

Oct. 1, 1995

The Legion forms the Persian Gulf Task Force to enhance service for the newest generation of wartime veterans, thousands of whom suffer from illnesses linked to their service in the region.

Sept. 16, 1996

The Legion awards a \$20,000 college scholarship to each of the 10 inaugural Samsung American Legion high school scholars.

June 11, 1997

The National Emergency Fund surpasses the \$1 million mark in cash grants given to flood victims who belong to the Legion family. Most grant recipients reside in the flood plains of Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Minnesota and North Dakota.

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N7LGN—Post 113 Amateur Radio Club

By: Rich Dees



The N7LGN radio Club has a full slate of guest speakers lined up for the 2022 season. Starting things off will be a discussion and show and tell about C4FM (that is the type of repeater we have). The discussion will be aimed to people wanting to check into our repeater and take advantage of the world-wide communications open to them. In March, we have a real-life astrophysicist visiting who will tell us how to take advantage of what is known as cycle 25. Cycle 25 prefers to the sun spot cycle and the discussion will focus on how it affects radio communications especially in the high frequency spectrum.

The club is also planning another field day event and a few fox hunts. All that is coupled with license testing and classes which makes for an active year ahead.

Finally, there is a lot of interest in CERT, or Community Emergency Response Team. We have one of those in Post 113. Either people know something I don't (that is really possible) or there is a genuine interest in community service especially during an emergency. Either way, if you have interest in community service especially during emergencies, please consider joining our group. We will be organizing a training in June. You need not be an amateur radio operator to belong to the CERT group.

Please consider joining us!

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Random Thoughts

By: Yers Trooly

Wreaths Across America was a great success. The cemeteries were appropriately decorated with wreaths by our group and many others throughout the area. This picture shows the cemetery at Kuna done by Post 142. The got the Junior ROTC involved (we don't have one of those in any of our schools) and it turned out great.

Speaking of pictures... I wanted to show what happened at our Christmas party, but nobody took pictures. Same happened at Wreaths Across America for us. I could not attend the party, but I understand it was a good time. Looks like we need to designate an official picture taker at events huh?

The Mid-Winter Conference provided information about the Department, including the announcement of Matt to be considered as Department Commander next year. Additionally:

A resolution was passed to ask the Governor to lower the flags at the Vets Homes when a resident passes. It passed unanimously.

The oratorical contest is on track for February and we have four candidates. We will also have a great group of judges on hand to select the winner. If you've never hear one of these, come to Meridian City Hall on February 19, 2022 at 10:00 Am and prepare to be amazed.

There was a discussion of three other proposed national resolutions that appear to be going nowhere. They were about the Oratorical contest, moving Jr. Shooting finals to Alabama, and flag destruction of non-cotton flags using crematoriums.

Three things to pay attention to this month at the Post meeting:

Report from our by-laws committee

Establishment of Americanism committee

Beginning of a coffee group for vets

Finally, did I mention that we need to get pictures at our events? If you's like to help with that, please let us know at the meeting.....

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How To Use Zoom

If you have any trouble, please call me at 208 888 1343.

Overview

In this article, we will discuss how to join an instant meeting through an email invite, an instant messaging invite, from the browser, from the Zoom desktop and mobile application, from a landline or mobile phone, and with a H.323 or SIP device.

Before joining a Zoom meeting on a computer or mobile device, you can download the Zoom app from [our Download Center](#). Otherwise, you will be prompted to download and install Zoom when you click a join link. You can also [join a test meeting](#) to familiarize yourself with Zoom.

Prerequisites

Each meeting has a unique 9, 10, or 11-digit number called a [meeting ID](#) that will be required to join a Zoom meeting

If you are joining via telephone, you will need the [teleconferencing number](#) provided in the invite.



[Windows](#) |



[Mac](#)

1. Open the Zoom desktop client.
2. Join a meeting using one of these methods:



Join a Meeting

Sign In

- Click **Join a Meeting** if you want to join without signing in.

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Join

- Sign in to Zoom then click **Join**.

Enter the [meeting ID](#) number and your display name.

If you're signed in, change your name if you don't want your [default name](#) to appear.

Join a Meeting

Meeting ID or Personal Link Name

Grant MacLaren

☐ Do not connect to audio

☐ Turn off my video

Join

Cancel

- If you're not signed in, enter a display name.

Select if you would like to connect audio and/or video and click **Join**.

Please note: For our meetings, you will need a passcode which will be given in the invitation.

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Wreaths Across America at Kuna Cemetery put up by Post 142

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