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## HE'S ON HIS WAY!



**George Cecil Winner of the 2022 Idaho department Oratorical Contest with Idaho Commander Jinny Cash and Department Oratorical Chairman Rich Dees**

The Oratorical Competition for the Department was held as planned February 19, 2022 at Meridian City Hall. In case you missed it, the winner was George Cecil from Post Falls who received \$1,000.00 for his speech. The runner-up was Isiah Harrison who received \$750.00 for his efforts. There were four

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### A Few Months Out

Match 26—Lloyds Koffee Klatch

March 29— Idaho Welcome Home Event

April 30, 2022—District 3 Spring Meeting at Post 18

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speakers in total, all of them great. In fact, the judges reported they had a very difficult time picking the best speaker.

I saw many different things at this year's competition, some that I have never seen. Clearly, Americanism was on full display. From the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the speakers themselves, the United States was center stage the entire morning. This year I also saw passion. One contestant got a little emotional when she talked about Americans she knew in her family and in her community. It was quite powerful. I also saw bravery. One speaker had a mild speech impediment. Yet, she flawlessly delivered a powerful speech about the Constitution in front of over 50 people including judges that consisted of a Supreme Court justice, a two star general, an Idaho superintendent of Public Instruction and a state legislator.

It was an amazing morning. When it rolls around next year, I recommend you do not miss it. Next stop for George is the National Finals held April 22-24 in Indianapolis, IN at the Windom Hotel.



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# Commanders Call

By: Doug Hanks

Spring is almost here. Time to clean closets, flower beds and anything else that needs attention. When it warms up a bit more we need to have a clean-up around the Post as well.

Thanks to Rich Dees and a lot of volunteers the Department Oratorical Contest at Meridian City Hall was a huge success again this year. Walt and Sue Thornton had the Post in fine shape for lunch afterwards. Four great contestants from across the State. If you have not listened to these young people speak you are missing out on some great speeches.

## **IT IS ELECTION TIME**

March meeting-Nominations

April meeting- Elections

May meeting- Swearing in

Here is your chance to get involved with Post activities. Lots of projects need volunteers or if no one volunteers "voluntolds".

Next Post meeting is March 15<sup>th</sup>, come and enjoy Corned Beef and cabbage at 6:00 PM before the meeting at 7:00 PM.

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## Veterans Helping Veterans: A Proposal

By: Mark Spiegle

To recruit handymen, contractors, businesses (such as Home Depot, Lowe's), licensed carpenters, plumbers, electricians, concrete installers, etc... who have a proven track record for high quality work, dependability, and honesty who are willing to provide services at a discounted rate to all veterans disabled or not and would donate services and material in the rare occasion there is a veteran in dire need without funds to fix what is needed.

Further these individuals/companies should be willing to be on this list and there contact information provided to the veteran to contact them for free estimates so they can choose who they feel comfortable with.

I feel we should work in consort with the Idaho Division of Veterans Services, specifically their Community Resource Coordinator (Mitzi Cheldelin, 208-957-3633) if she is willing. We should request volunteers for a working group from the post to develop this concept. I guess the Post board of directors should review this suggestion and decide if the Post should move forward with it.

Also on March 29th. at noon at Kleiner park at the rock of honor their will be a ceremony for Vietnam Veterans, a fly over, post ceremony there will be information tables, hot dogs in the senior center, event ends at 5PM. It is being put together by the Idaho Division of Veterans Services.

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**IDAHO  
WELCOME HOME EVENT  
KLEINER PARK - MERIDIAN**

**12:00 PM - Music & Resources  
1:00 PM - Official Ceremony  
2:00 - 4:00 PM - Social Gathering**

**NATIONAL  
VIETNAM WAR  
VETERANS DAY  
29 MARCH**

**Kleiner Park, Rock of Honor, 1920 N. Records Way, Meridian**

**12:00 PM** — Entertainment provided by the U.S. Army Band  
and FREE Community Resources for Vietnam Veterans

**1:00 PM** — Recognition Ceremony  
Keynote Speaker ~ Judith Eighmy, Vietnam Veteran, U.S. Navy Nurse Corps

**2:00-4:00 PM** — Social Gathering at the Meridian Senior Center at the Park with  
FREE food provided by VFW Post 4000 & American Legion Post 127

*Join the Nation... Thank a Vietnam Veteran for their Service to our Nation*

*U.S. Armed Forces personnel with active duty service  
between November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975,  
regardless of location of service.*

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## **“I Wonder What To Do When:” “I am Feeling Impatient”**

Photo by Inc Magazine



### **I read Psalm 40:1-3**

**40** I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup> He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

<sup>3</sup> And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

Many people say that being in the Navy is a pretty easy job. One of my supervisor has once told me, “Be where you’re supposed to be, be there in the right uniform and be on time, and you’re sure to be successful.” I followed his advice early on in my career. I showed up right where they told me to be. I got there 15 minutes early and I made sure I had the right uniform on. I even kept spare uniforms in my car in case I accidentally had an incident with my uniform. I was constantly being impatient. It’s the old adage “Hurry up and Wait!”

If I would have listened to what the Bible was telling me I think I could have had an easier career in the Navy. And I am sure this pertains to all of the services.

### **A Prayer for Hope:**

Lord, today is rough. And I haven’t even climbed out of bed. There’s too much clouding my mind, too much to face, and I can already feel the meltdown brewing inside. I do not have enough patience—with myself or anyone else—to make it through the morning, let alone the day. Would you meet me here and give me yours?

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Would you lift me up and carry me out of my room? Would you walk me through my day? Thank you for never being tired or drained. Thank you for having the power to renew my patience and my strength. Amen

### **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*

## Lloyd's Koffee Klatch Klatch

By: Dave Ritchey

On February 26, the Lloyd's Koffee Klatch, sponsored by the American Legion Post 113, met for the first time. Thanks to input from several members and spouses, this gathering for coffee, doughnuts and fellowship turned out to be much more successful than we expected. Our Department Adjutant, "Abe" Abrahamson, was kind enough to provide the doughnuts. District Commander, Rich Dees and his wife Jan, along with Post Adjutant Matt Wrobel and Dave & Jackie Richey, took a "pregnant idea," turned it into a "brainchild" and created the reality shown in the accompanying pictures. Our first Saturday get-together drew about twenty-five people for good conversation and fellowship. It was also great to see the American Legion Auxiliary take this opportunity to consider the revitalization of Unit 113. We hope to see many more of you next month. We meet at 0900 at the Meridian Legion building on the fourth Saturday each month.



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## Couldn't Resist This

From: Yers Trooly

Mergatroyd ? Do you remember that word?

Would you believe the spell-checker did not recognize the word, Mergatroyd

Heavens to Mergatroyd!

The other day a not so elderly (I say 75) lady said something to her son about driving a Jalopy; and he looked at her quizzically and said, "What the heck is a Jalopy?" He had never heard of the word jalopy! She knew she was old ...But not that old.

Well, I hope you are Hunky Dory when you read this and chuckle.

About a month ago, I illuminated some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology.

These phrases included: Don't touch that dial; Carbon copy; You sound like a broken record; and Hung out to dry.

Back in the olden days we had a lot of moxie . We'd put on our best bib and tucker, to straighten up and fly right.

Heavens to Betsy!

Gee whillikers!

Jumping Jehoshaphat!

Holy Moley!

We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley ; and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a knuckle-head, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China!

Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when's the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A.; of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes, and pedal pushers.

Oh, my aching back! Kilroy was here, but he isn't anymore.

We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, "Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle!"

Or, "This is a fine kettle of fish!" We discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent, as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards.

Poof, go the words of our youth, the words we've left behind. We blink, and they're gone. Where have all those great phrases gone?

Long gone: Pshaw, The milkman did it. Hey! It's your nickel. Don't forget to pull the chain. Knee high to a grass-hopper.

Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like sixty. I'll see you in the funny papers. Don't take any wooden nickels. Wake up and smell the roses.

It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has liver pills.

This can be disturbing stuff! (Carter's Little Liver Pills are gone too!)

Leaves us to wonder where Superman will find a phone booth.

See ya later, alligator! Okie Dokie.

Well, that's all the Monkey Business I have to share with you today.

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# Honor Guard

By: Doug Hanks



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# N7LGN—Post 113 Amateur Radio Club

By: Rich Dees



As advertised, Dr. Carl Schmidt presented a fascinating look at our sun. For the radio folks, it's about understanding cycle 25. Cycle 25 is the current 11 year sun spot cycle. We heard about the composition of the sun, how it works and how it affects us here on earth. We have a new appreciation now of the Aurora Lights along with some of the good parts of the sun and the scary parts of the sun and our solar system.

Coming up is a fox hunt, but first we need to have an antenna building party. As it turns out most people need a directional antenna for their two meter radios, a necessity for hunting hidden transmitters.

We will be getting ready for the ARRL field day in the coming weeks. That is an event where we carry our stuff outside and operate in the boonies under purely portable conditions. Additionally, we will organize a "Parks on the Air" activity where we go to a national park and operate for a day.

Come join us for pizza and talk on March 23, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Post.

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### Random Thoughts

By: Rich Dees

There have been two really great events this month. The Oratorical Contest and Lloyds Koffee Klatch. They went very well, but the attendance was not as great as it could have been. We have over 350 people in the Post but there were less than 15 people at each event. The Oratorical contest is nothing short of sensational where you hear young folks speak about the Constitution. The Lloyds Koffee Klatch is a place where vets can chat with vets about any topic that comes to mind over a cup of coffee and a donut. There are more events and activities coming up. For example the Welcome Home event at Kliner Park on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March and the Koffee Klatch again on the 26<sup>th</sup>. The details are found in this newsletter.

It looks like not many are interested in the events that are offered. That begs the question: what would you the membership like to do or get involved with? The answer to that question in a way goes to the “why” are you a member of the American Legion? There must be a reason 300 plus people are paying dues of \$45.00 to belong to an organization. I would ask that you consider your “why” and let us know so we can offer the programs and events you want.

There is a meeting coming up this month and you can express your “why” and what you want then if you like. If you want, just scribble it on a piece of paper and slide it to me. You can also just whisper it to me, or someone else and we’ll run it up the flag pole to see if others are interested. You’ll find an example of that this month in this newsletter where Mark Spiegel offered a suggestion. It’s a good idea, but we need to hear from you.

Finally, it’s officer nomination time. We need fresh ideas and you may just be able to provide them!

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