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SCHOOL IS IN SESSION



It is indeed back to school and lots of programs and activities spinning up for our Post and the Legion. Just to name a few: Sons of American Legion Squadron 113, Oratorical Contest, Veterans Day, Trunk or Treat, and our Christmas Party. Please stay tuned when these activities occur and jump in.

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Commanders Call

By: Rich Dees

Greetings,

We are in the end of the third quarter for the calendar year and the end of summer. You can tell because it's real dry and we are still experiencing 100-degree days. Glad we have a calendar to help us out. As you can tell by the front page of this newsletter, there are many activities planned between now and the end of the year. While there is a lot going on, if you want us to do something to engage us and the community, please let us know. The flip side of that is you need to engage. Most activities are easy to participate in.

This is a call for anyone in the Post with commercial kitchen experience and or kitchen design. We need to get a plan together to move forward on our building, and if you can help that would be great.

Please note that we are entered into the Veterans Day parade for Boise on November 6, 2022. We will be pulling the flag trailer and can have three people in the truck. If you want to ride in the bed of the truck, we can take a few more. Please let Dan Pruett know if you want to ride.

We are grateful for the donation of a freezer for our kitchen by Katy Owens. With the freezer, we will be able get food products when they are on sale and store them for our dinners.

Speaking of dinner, this month we will have the Boy and Girls Staters attending with their families. The Post 113 Auxiliary will be preparing the meal.

I just received word that our Flag Program Grant from the city of Meridian passed the final hurdle at City Council. As soon as the end dated get adjusted for the delays, we will begin the program.

Finally, there is a great deal of information regarding Post and community activities in this edition of the Newsletter. Some is noted on the calendar but some is information that you may find useful.

Hope to see you at the meeting!

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Scouting and The American Legion By: Mark Grothe

My name is Mark Grothe. Our new Department Commander, Matt, has asked me to be the Scouting Liaison for the Dept of Idaho. For what it's worth, I've been an adult Scouter for over 35 years, in 4 different Councils.

I want to start this off by thanking those posts who sponsor Scouts BSA units for their support of the Scouting program.

As most of you know, AL has supported the Scouting program from its inception. What I have discovered is that of the over 2500 Scouting units supported by the AL, only 11 are sponsored by posts in Idaho.

Point of Clarification: When I talk about Scouting units, there are several types of units in the Scouts BSA: Scouts (Boys), Scouts (Girls), Separate Scout Units; Cub Scouts (boys and girls can be in the same pack but must be in separate Dens); Venturing Scouts (both boys and girls); Explorers (both boys and girls); and Sea Scouts (both boys and girls).

My job as the liaison is not to tell you that you must sponsor units. It is to encourage you to do this and offer some help to get started.

A little background about Scouting in Idaho, before I get started. There was a far- reaching feeling, by a lot of Idaho people, that when you talked about Scouting, it equated to the LDS church. The feeling was that Scouts BSA would probably disappear when the LDS church backed out of the program a few years ago. That couldn't be farther from the truth.

At this time, I can't speak for Teton Council, in Idaho Falls (Eastern Idaho and Western Wyoming) or Northwest Council, in Spokane, WA (Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington), but Mountain West Council, in Boise, (Southwest Idaho and Eastern Oregon), has over 1500 active Scouts and Scouters.

I was a little disappointed to see that only 9 Posts, in the Department of Idaho are sponsoring Scouting units (Cub Scouts, Girl Troops, Boy Troops, Venturing Crews). If your Post is sponsoring Scouting, thank you. If you are not and are interested in Chartering a Scouting unit(s), there are options available to you. If the Post's facilities are not large enough to hold Scout meetings (as an example), Check with the local Methodist Churches. Most of them will no longer charter Scout units but

are willing to let Scouts use their facilities for meetings. There are several Christian Churches that have said the same thing. This is something that would have to be checked out locally.

Lastly, I want to address the Eagle Scout of the Year Award. The Department of Idaho has not honored an Eagle Scout with this award in at least the last 2 years. That's unfortunate, since I know of at least 2 Troops that have boarded several Eagles in that period, who may meet the eligibility requirements for the award. At the Department

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level, this award consists of a plaque, presented at the annual department meeting. This person is automatically entered into the national competition, where he/she could win a \$10,000 Scholarship and the 3 runners up receive a \$2500 Scholarship.

The nomination form for the award can be downloaded from legion.org and must be received at Department between Nov 1 and Mar 1, where they will be reviewed, and the winner chosen and forwarded to National before Apr 1.

I have taken the liberty to download the eligibility requirements for inclusion with this article.

Be either a registered active member of a Boy Scouts of America unit that is chartered to an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit, or Sons of The American Legion squadron. OR

Be a registered active member of any chartered Boy Scouts of America unit and have a parent or grandparent possessing up-to-date membership in The American Legion or Sons of The American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary, and in the case of a recently deceased member, their membership for the year immediately prior to the current year may be used. AND

Received the Eagle Scout Award.

Received a Scouts BSA or Venturer Religious Emblem.

Have demonstrated practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting and community.

Have reached their 15th birthday and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection.

Applied through the department (state) in which their Scout unit is chartered.

Provide documentation of current BSA membership. (Membership must be valid for the year in which you are applying.)

If you have further questions, I can be reached at markgrothe@gmail.com.

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American Legion Post 113

Lloyds Koffee Klatch

Last Saturday Of The Month From 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Please Join us! COFFEE WITH A VET

Hosted by: LLoyd E Hutcheson American Legion Post 113 Location: 22 W. Broadway Ave Meridian, ID 83642

Bring spouse, family, and friends for coffee doughnuts and conversation

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Fishing event

By: Tom Resler

There is a fishing event for all veterans. It is Tuesday, September 13, 2022 from 9:30ish until approximately 2:00. at the Juniper Ranch. The Juniper Ranch is owned by Stan and Jeanie Meholchick. The address is: 21500 Wells Road, Caldwell, ID 83605. The directions are; west on Chinden (20/26) to Middleton Road. North on Middelton Road to Lincoln Road. West on Lincoln Road to Wells Road. Right (north) Wells Road which ends at the Juniper Ranch. Fun to visit with fellow vets, fish, help someone else fish and have lunch. There is no cost. There will be some fishing gear but, if you have a favorite rod, bring it. Questions: call/text me at 208 869 1818.

Tom resler

Museum Help

By Jeff Packer

The Idaho Military History Museum looking for volunteers at the museum. If anyone is interested contact Jeff at: 208 422 4841.

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Idaho Veterans Home Veterans Nursing Home Assistance League By Russ Dunn

This group needs a chairperson who is recommended by a veteran service organization (e.g., American Legion).

This group meets quarterly - Russ Dodd (Ret AF) is the Secretary and sends the email, creates the agenda etc. Ned Barker (MOPH) is the Vice Chair, Dave Swickard (Marine Corps League) is the Treasurer.

At some future point, they would like to see the roles expanded to a more active

fundraising/community development/engagement arm - and create a website, etc. but it is not needed at this time.

Mission Statement: To provide assistance to veterans residing at the Idaho State Veterans Homes in the State of Idaho; and further, to assist the Idaho State Veterans Homes in carrying out their mission of serving Idaho's veterans who have earned special recognition through their sacrifices in protecting our country's freedoms and individual rights, by providing quality long-term care. The Idaho Veterans Assistance League exists to provide and furnish services specifically designed to meet the religious, physical, social, educational, financial, civic, cultural, recreational and psychological needs of these veterans, as well as to help provide security, happiness, dignity, independence and usefulness and longer life for residents of the Idaho State Veterans Homes.

Articles of Incorporation: Article VIII, Section 5. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and Subchapters, shall enforce observance of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, shall have the right to vote on all motions, shall appoint members to committees, and shall have such powers and duties as the Board may prescribe including that of serving as official spokesman on behalf of the Board of Directors. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall perform the duties of the office chairman and shall have such other powers and duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

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Communication/Leadership

By Milt Smith

What Makes a Leader?

Effective leaders empower others to accomplish personal goals and contribute to the successful completion of group objectives. Leaders act as role models for others to emulate. They provide guidance and feedback throughout the curse of assigned projects and often help others improve their skills. Great leaders inspire others to follow them.

While some are born confident, charismatic leaders, others must work to develop their leadership skills. Through an organization know as Toastmasters, one will gain the practice to become the leader and speaker they want to be. They will also sharpen management skills, become a better negotiator, gain trust and inspire their team. Learn to be decisive!

Since 1924, Toastmasters International has helped millions of men and women become more confident when communicating with others. The Toastmasters net work of clubs and its learn-by-doing program were created to help YOU become a better speaker and leader. Why pay thousands of dollars for a seminar when you can a join a Toastmasters club for a fraction of the cost and have fun in the process. And the Meridian Toastmasters can help you develop the confidence in speaking in a public venue, such as your American Legion Post and various public activities and events. Meeting and contact information provided below.

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Meeting every Wednesday evening at the Horizon Credit Union, located at the East entrance to the Meridian Wal-Mart off Ten Mile

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FOR MORE INFO VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

OUR ÉVERYDAY HEROES 9/11 APPRECIATION EVENT

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ELEVATE MIND BODY STUDIOS 314 CALDWELL BLVD. NAMPA, ID 83651 Join us For This Community Event!



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2022 8 AM-4 PM

- + 9/11 TRIBUTE @ 10AM
- + CONNECT WITH COURAGEOUS SURVIVAL'S ENHANCED PEER SUPPORT TEAMS!
- + FREE 1 WEEK PASSES FOR *EVERYDAY HEROES & SIGNIFICANT OTHERS*, ELEVATE TOURS, & WELLNESS SERVICES FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!
- + RESOURCE FAIR
- + FREE BREATH WORK CLASSES
- + FREE GIVEAWAYS, DRAWINGS & RESOURCE GUIDES
- + FOOD/DRINK TRUCKS, LIVE MUSIC, AXE THROWING, CAMARADERIE, & MORE!

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N7LGN—Post 113 Amateur Radio Club

By: Rich Dees



Please keep a calendar place holder for late November or early December. That will be a Christmas Party for children and families from Post 202 which is the Legion Post inside ISCC (prison). We should have details soon.



N7LGN has been busy this past month, and more is on the way. Last month we had guest speaker talking

about a mesh network and we conducted some testing. This month so far, we have taught a Technician Class, tested the students. In the coming weeks we will be doing a fox hunt, and attending a swap meet. Next month we will be doing a Parks of the Air (POTA) event at Eagle Island State Park.

QRZ.com has a great deal for new hams. They are giving away free radio's. These are built specifically for the new ham. Check the QRZ web site for details. If you qualify, apply!

Please plan on attending our next meeting the fourth Wednesday of the Month.

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American Legion Post 113 Service Officer Announcements

By: John Brekke

American Legion Post 113 Service Officer Announcements

The following summarizes the August 2022 Service Officer announcements for American Legion Post 113:

The PACT Act (Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act)

With board bipartisan support, this act was signed by the President on August 10. The bill is a comprehensive solution, providing access to VA health care and benefits for toxic-exposed veterans. It establishes a permanent presumptive framework to address toxic exposure, foreign or domestic, past, present, and future. In addition it...

- Establishes 31 new VA health care facilities in 19 states.
- Expands health care eligibility to post-9/11 combat veterans and adds 23 conditions related to burn pits and other toxic exposures to the VA's list of service presumptions.
- It expands the list of presumptions related to Agent Orange exposure to include Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Guam, American Samoa and Johnston Atoll.
- Adds two new Agent Orange presumptive conditions: High blood pressure (hypertension) and Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)
- Strengthen federal research on toxic exposure.

Unknown is whether Nehmer will apply to the PACT Act. Nehmer was a class action lawsuit regarding VA claims for compensation for presumptive conditions associated with Agent Orange exposure.

The VA encourages anyone who thinks they may be eligible for benefits and care under the PACT Act to file a claim It is better not to file the claim yourself. Get help from the Idaho Division of Veteran Services. Anticipate claim processing may be slow and may get slower due to the expected quantity of new PACT-related claims.

https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/#vietnam-era-veteran-eligibilit

https://www.nvlsp.org/what-we-do/class-actions/nehmer-agent-orange-lawsuit

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eBenefits

eBenefits is moving its features and capabilities to VA.gov. The process is currently underway so be sure to check the eBenefits site to see whether what you're looking for has been moved. You can login into va.gov using your My HealtheVet credential.

https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage

https://www.va.gov/

Military ID Cards

Retirees and military family members who have identification cards with no expiration date can choose to upgrade to the new Next Generation Uniform Services Identification, or USID, cards whenever it's convenient -- as long as it's done within the next four years. Cards with expiration dates are required to be replaced within 90 days of elapsing. The Defense Department began the effort to update all those IDs to the new format in July 2020, but the changeover hit delays caused by the pandemic. A description of the new cards and a complete list of who is eligible can be found at

https://www.cac.mil/Next-Generation-Uniformed-Services-ID-Card%20

VA Life

The VA's Insurance Program is preparing to roll out a new benefit called the Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (VALife). This program is available for veterans who have a service-connected disability rating (0-100%) and are age 80 or under. This program will replace the Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance or Supplemental S-DVI. No new application for the Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance will be accepted after December 31, 2022. Those insured under S-DVI can keep their current coverage or switch to VALife. Veterans who are insured under S-DVI and elect to transfer their coverage to VALife can be insured under both programs during the initial two-year period after enrollment in VALife, if they apply before January 1, 2023. Veterans who convert from S-DVI to VALife after December 31, 2025, cannot keep S-DVI during the VALife waiting period.

https://www.va.gov/life-insurance/

https://www.benefits.va.gov/insurance/valife.asp

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POST 113 HONOR GUARD AUGUST EVENTS By DOUG HANKS

Rifle Salutes- 5
Total for Fiscal Year 2022-2023- "16"



Larre Robertson-Bugles Across America
TAPS-"23"
TOTAL YEAR 2022- "203"

YOUR HONOR GUARD HAS STARTED 2022-2023 WITH 16 RIFLE SALUTES. NEXT PAGE HAS TOTALS, BUT THEY REALLY DON'T SHOW THE EFFORT, DEDICATION, AND EXPENSE PUT OUT BY ALL. LOTS OF SALUTES AND FLAG PRESENTATIONS COMING UP IN COMING WEEKS.

THE THANKS AND TEARS SHED BY PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE DO THESE HONORS IS SOMETIMES NEARLY OVERWHELMING.

THE M-1 GARAND RIFLE



THE RIFLE USE BY YOUR POST 113 HONOR GUARD

The M1 Garand or M1 Rifle is a semi-automatic rifle that was the United States' service rifle during World War II and the Korean War. The rifle is chambered for the 30-06 Springfield cartridge and is named after its Canadian-American designer, John Garand. It was the first standard-issue autoloading rifle for the United States. By most accounts, the M1 rifle performed well. General George S. Patton called it "the greatest battle implement ever devised". The M1 replaced the bolt-action M1903 Springfield as the U.S.' service rifle in 1936, and was itself replaced by the selective-fire M14 rifle on March 26. 1958.

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September 2022 "September The 7th Month??"





Whaaat? You say September is the 9th month on our calendar.

Well actually: The name September comes from the Latin *septem,* meaning seven, since it was the seventh month of the Roman calendar, which began with March. It is in the 9th month on our Gregorian calendar and is the calendar in current use in the Western world, both as the civil and Christian ecclesiastical calendar.

- **Labor Day** is the most well-known holiday in September. It is observed every year on the first Monday in September.
- Native American Day is always celebrated on the 4th Friday of September.
- Grandparent's Day is observed in the United States on the first Sunday after Labor Day
- **Constitution Day**, celebrating the ratification of the governing document of the United States, is observed on the 17th.
- **The autumn equinox**, which is the traditional transition from summer into fall, takes place on or around September 22nd, depending on the year.

Throughout our lives, we will inevitably find ourselves faced with fork in the road moments. How can we know the right way to choose? Will we listen for God's voice leading the way? By following the example of Jesus and by staying focused on Him, we will find not only the answer for which way to go, but also the strength to endure. In Matthew 25:1-5 it says;

25 To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² O my God, I trust in You;

Let me not be ashamed;

Let not my enemies triumph over me.

³ Indeed, let no one who @waits on You be ashamed;

Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.

⁴ Show me Your ways, O LORD;

Teach me Your paths.

⁵ Lead me in Your truth and teach me,

For You are the God of my salvation;

On You I wait all the day.



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A Prayer for Hope

I said a prayer for you today,

And know God must have heard, I felt the answer in my heart Although He spoke no word.

I didn't ask for wealth or fame, I knew you wouldn't mind. I asked Him to send treasures Of a far more lasting kind.

I asked that He'd be near you At the start of each new day, To grant you health and blessings And friends to share your way.

I asked for happiness for you In all things great and small, But it was for His loving care I prayed the most of all.

If you know of someone who is recovering from a illness or has any health related issue



pease contact me at dan@anywhereusa.org or 208-890-3384

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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