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Trunk or Treat!

The City of Meridian hosted their annual Halloween event on October 27, 2022 and we were a part of the festivities. Several thousand youngsters and their families descended on a four block area of downtown Meridian to collect the goodies offered by the may participants. The three pictured are Post 113 members, believe it or not. I can tell you that Doug Foote took the picture and that Steve North, Katy Owens, and Doug Hanks were the ones photographed. I'll let you decide who is who. Many thanks to them for helping with the event. According to Doug, it was a blast!

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Commanders Call

By: Rich Dees

Welcome to November. Time change is this month. I finally get to use the clock in my truck that I never changed with DST. Also, please vote. The election is November 8, 2022 and lots of local and state races will be decided. Finally, have you bought your lottery ticket yet? There is really no need...The clerk at the store said I have the winning ticket for worth well over a BILLION DOLLARS.

There are some changes in the leadership at the Post. Walt Thornton, our long-time adjutant, stepped down from his duties effective November 1, 2022, mainly due to health issues. Walt has been a mainstay at the Post for many years, and we deeply appreciate his leadership. He will be missed as an officer, but he's not leaving. We look forward to seeing him around the Post and at events in the future. Taking Walt's place will be Sue Barnett. Sue brings a wealth of Legion knowledge and great admin skills to the table. Please help her as she will be providing the support necessary for the second largest Post in the Department.

This next couple of months are filled with events. Some of them are:

Veterans Day – November 11, 2022. Ceremonies start at Kleiner Park Rock of Honor at 11:00.

Veterans Day Parade = November 5, 2022 in downtown Boise.

Post Oratorical Contest – November 12, 2022 – Contest begins at 10:00 AM at the Post

Food Convoy - November 19, 2022—Red Lion Airport, 10:00 AM

Lloyds Koffee Klatch = November 26, 2022

Post Christmas Party – December 17, 2022 at 5:30 at the Post

Kids Christmas Party – December 18, 2022 at 1:00 PM at the Post

There is more information on these events inside this Newsletter. Please consider participating!

We have had a very generous donation of a brand-new freezer to the Post. The donor wishes to remain anonymous, but that person receives a copy of this Newsletter. So, a big thank you!

Thanks also to Dan Pruett for putting the Newsletter out last month. I got behind the power curve and he stepped in and did a great job. Thanks Dan.

If you are receiving this Newsletter, you are or at least have been a member. Please consider renewing your dues if they are due to keep informed and involved. Our dues are still \$45.00 annually. Send your dues to the Post PO Box, or bring them by at a meeting and give them to Sue.

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November 2022 “All Saints Day??”



What is All Saints Day and why do we celebrate it?



All Saints Day falls on the first of November and it's also known as **Hallowmas, Feast of All Saints and All Hallows' Day**. The **Christian holiday** celebrates the saints of the Church. On this day, the church recognizes all of those that have been beatified, whether known or unknown, and attained heaven.

All Saints Day is also celebrated in the **Eastern Orthodox Church**, but not until the **first Sunday after Pentecost**.

How did All Saints Day Originate?

Since the beginning of Christianity, people have honored the dead. In the seventh century, **Pope Boniface IV reportedly established All Saints' Day**.

Many saints have their own feasts that are observed on certain days, but this day is to celebrate all of the saints who have died and reached heaven.

Although All Saints Day is celebrated in several Roman Catholic countries, the holiday is most recognized in **Mexico**, where the day is known as **‘Día de los Muertos.’** The holiday grew even more popular in Mexico where the indigenous also honored and remembered the dead. The traditions and rituals in Mexico therefore combine those of the indigenous **Aztecs and Catholics**.



What is the history of All Saints Day?

Rather than in November, the original holiday fell in mid-May. Not until the eighth century was **All Saints Day** moved to November by **Pope Gregory III**. It's believed that the date was moved to coincide with many Pagan holidays. Since that change, the church started to incorporate some **Samhain traditions** into the holiday, which brought more people to join the church. However, supernatural ideas and the spirit world are not typically incorporated into Christian traditions.

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Like many people, maybe you've wondered how you can live a meaningful and significant life. The truth is that we are living significant lives simply because we have been made in the image of God — and he is the one who gives us purpose.

What does Bible say about God's plan for us?

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "**plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.**" This verse comes from Jeremiah 29:11, and it's one of many that attest that God has a divine plan for your life.

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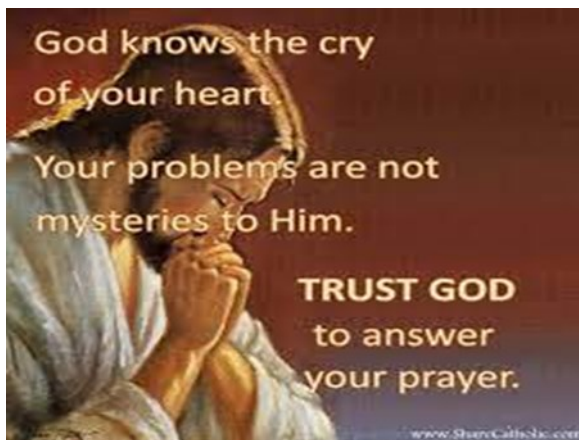
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How do you know God's plan for your life?

A way to know that you are following God's plan for your life is by **being in prayer**. Take time each day to devote yourself to the Lord and the plans He has for your life. If you are giving each area of your life to God, then He will bless it and be able to work through it abundantly.

A Prayer For Trust In God!



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



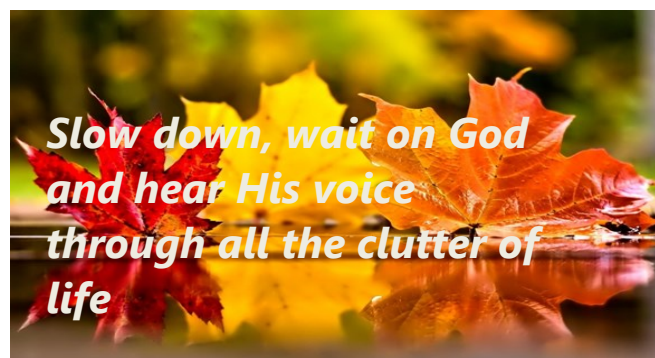
please contact me at :

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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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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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SAL SQUADRON 113 COMMANER'S CORNER

BY: Thom Juul

After the summer break, SAL Squadron 113 is meeting again on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. All members and perspective members are invited and encouraged to attend.

The big news is Adjutant Walt Thornton has retired. Walt has done a marvelous job for several years. He has our deepest gratitude for his work in keeping our administration on the straight and narrow. We appreciate all he has done and we'll miss him greatly. The Executive Committee has appointed Steve North to the position of Squadron Adjutant. We are confident in Steve's abilities and know he will be able to pick up where Walt left off.

We have some exciting activities coming up for the squadron. First Vice Commander, Branden Owens is spearheading youth movie and game nights. These will be open to the community. They will help to get the word out that SAL is here and active. It can also be a recruiting tool for the Squadron and the Post.

Matt Wrobel is starting a program to provide packs for our homeless veterans. The packs will contain things like socks and hygiene items. Additional packs will be made specifically for the needs of our female veterans.

We are always open to new ideas that will let the public know we are here and willing to help the community wherever we can. However, we cannot do it alone. We need the participation of all our members to make the Squadron successful. If you are a SAL member, or are eligible to be a SAL member, please come to the meetings. We need you and would appreciate your input and participation wherever and whenever possible.

Post Christmas Party

By: Yers Trooly

The Post 113 Christmas party will be on December 17, 2022. The start time is 6:00 PM. The party will be in lieu of the monthly meeting. The Post will supply turkey and ham. The rest will be a pot luck with Sue Barnett coordinating the effort. Sue will put out a list and ask that you bring a dish coordinated through the list. Her phone number is 208 550 7396. If you would like to help, please contact her. Her e-mail is suebarnett764@gmail.com. Hope to see you there.

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N7LGN—Post 113 Amateur Radio Club



This month at the Radio Club, I'll be showing my all-band HF/VHF "Super Antenna." That is actually a brand name rather than a concept. As it turns out, several members have a similar antenna. It is made for portable/emergency use. It sets up really fast, and works reasonably well for what it is. The other good news is that it packs up into a small case for portability.



We have an event of sorts on December 18, 2022. It's a kids Christmas party. Normally that may not be an operating event for a bunch of ham operators, but in this case, it is an opportunity to send radiograms for the attendees to the big man himself at the North Pole. If it all works out, we will be sending the radiograms via the NTS to an operator in Fairbanks, AK, just a few miles from the Santa Clause House. He will deliver the messages and if there are any replies from Santa they will be returned to the sender of the message. You are going to have to see the station to believe it. It has the front end of a 19th century telegraph station. Come to the meeting...you'll hear more about it.

During the meeting we will plot and plan some of next years events. If you have some preferences, please let's air them out.

Finally, we will be testing on November 19, 2022 at the Post. Time to upgrade?

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Rich

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Kids Christmas Party By Yers Trooly

We will be hosting a Christmas party on December 18 2022 for families of inmates in the Idaho State correctional Center (ISCC) Posts 201. Party starts at 1:00 PM

The American Legion was founded in 1919 based on four pillars including Americanism, children and youth, national security, and veteran's affairs and rehabilitation. As noted, two American Legion Posts are formed within the walls of the Idaho prison system. The veterans in those Posts along with their families are therefore members of the largest veteran's service organization in America and deserves our attention. Two pillars in particular are addressed by this proposal. Those are Children and Youth and Veterans affairs and rehabilitation.

We have heard from the prison and they noted that there will be 30 people in attendance. We are awaiting the breakdown of ages and genders so we know what gifts to get. As it turns out, we have toys for younger children that were donated. All we need is to decide what to do for the older children.

Santagram is a program of the Morse Telegraph Club, an international Morse Code society. The idea is to get youngsters (and even adults) to send "Santa" a letter or more specifically a message (telegram), confidentially of course, describing their wants and desires for Christmas. If they create a message that has a valid return address or phone number, they can get an answer from Santa, all the way from the North Pole. The Santagram activity is quite dynamic and involves many people including the members of Post 113, the Amateur Radio National Traffic System or NTS and the members of Post 113 Amateur Radio club.

Messages are prepared on site and sent via the Amateur Radio National Traffic System (NTS). The messages in this case are addressed to the Santa Claus House in Fairbanks, Alaska, the same place the Post Office sends letters to Santa. In reality, they are sent to Amateur radio Operator Ed Trump (AL7N) who lives in Fairbanks, AK and who delivers them to the Santa House. Creating an ambiance with a Christmas theme, we will use old fashioned telegraph gear for a bit of nostalgia and the code sounds will add a sense of "magic" and "mystery." That means Morse code will be used to send the messages. Replies to messages will return via the NTS to operators in the Treasure Valley. The message originator, the children or adults, will most likely get a phone call or an e-mail in a few days from a NTS operator with a reply from the North Pole.

Finger food will be provided to the participants. That includes candy, cookies, popcorn and soft drinks. Coffee will also be available. Cake and ice cream will be also offered to all participants. Post 113 will supply the food and drinks. In addition to food and drink will be songs, and an appearance from Santa!

You can help by attending the event and by bringing unused Christmas wrapping paper to the next Post meeting so we can wrap-up the toys.

Come on out for a good time with the kids!

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The Idaho Food Convoy

The Idaho Food Convoy is on the way. The date for us in the Treasure Valley is November 19, 2022. For those in Post 113, please get your food items to Matt Wrobel (208 803 4982) or me (208 870 7928) by the 18th so we can assemble the package to be delivered. If you are making a monetary donation, make checks out to the American Legion Department of Idaho and place in the comment "IVAL." The food will be taken to the Red Lion Airport on Broadway at 0900 on November 19, 2020. Please ensure all food is non-perishable.

Veterans Day Parade

The Boise Veterans Day Parade is on November 5, 2022 beginning at 10:00 AM. If you are participating with Post 113, please call Dan Pruett at 208 890 3384 or Doug Foote at 208 890 2907. there is limited seating available on the truck. Dan and Doug will be pulling the Flag Trainler through the parade. Please call them prior to the day of the parade. Parking in the downtown area will be limited so factor that into your plans if you want to attend. Many thanks to Doug Foote and especially Jay Romlein for their outstanding work on the parade.

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