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Veterans Day at the Rock of Honor



By Emily White of the Idaho Press

About a hundred veterans and their families huddled together by the Rock of Honor that stands in Kleiner Park in celebration of Veterans Day on Friday. "Today, we are here to honor those that have served our country and given their lives so that we may stand here and still live in freedom," Dan Pruett, Chaplain AL Post 113, said during the event's opening prayer. "Those who have gone created a clear path for us to continue on. We must never waver from the path of freedom and democracy."

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Commanders Call

By: Rich Dees

December brings lots of emotions and many activities. For many, this is a season of joy and happiness as we look forward toward the Advent. To others, it can be a lonely time with painful memories of the past and an uncertain future. That was the motivation behind hosting the Christmas party for families of members of Post 201. You might remember, Post 201 is formed behind prison walls. The daily stressors for the families of Post 201 members must be high. Through the Legionnaires of Post 201, their families are members of the American Legion family. The party we are going to give is an opportunity to get involved and give back to families who can use a break. What we are doing is also historical.

From what I understand, there are no other prison posts in the U. S. although some are now being contemplated. Because we have inmate Legionnaires in our area, the families of Post 201 are every bit part of the American Legion family as are family members of our Post. The party is a step we can take to stand next to them if just for a while and fits with our four pillars. Please consider helping.

The next Post meeting in January will be a bit unusual. Reports that are typically given at the meeting will be published here in the Newsletter or available at the door in written form so we can gain some time during the meeting to discuss issues with membership and the Post enterprise activities. I've talked about this in the past. However, we are now at a crossroads.

The funds we get from the County each year is not a certainty. If we lose them, the Post will not be able to sustain itself. Membership fees and building rentals cannot keep pace with expenses. A couple of months ago I asked if anyone had any ideas for money making activities. As it turns out, there are three proposals. Two you've heard about before and the other is new.

Doing Bingo at the Post is quite viable, lucrative and relatively inexpensive to start. Matt, my wife and I are slated to go to a bingo session at the Meridian Senior Center and learn what we can about that operation. We also talked to people in Post 56 Idaho Falls where a successful bingo operation has been on-going for some time.

Another idea is installation of a coffee bar in the Post. Ernest had been championing this effort and it too appears viable. Coffee served at the Post initially during the morning commute looks like it will be successful. Ernest has prepared a business plan which was presented to the Post in part last month.

The final proposal involves renovating the kitchen that is also necessary to implement the coffee bar. Because of the infrastructure necessary by governing agencies, many of the items necessary for the start of the coffee bar are necessary for a commercial kitchen. Matt has suggested installing a commercial kitchen for some time. With a commercial kitchen, many other possibilities for raising funds becomes immediately possible.

The plans will require capital improvements and purchases. The issues are complex and a detailed discussion is necessary so all can understand. For that reason, we will use the extra time gained from not doing reports to review the details. Please join us to help make what will be long term decisions affecting Post 113.

Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all. Hope to see you at the Post party, the children's party, and in the new year.

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“What Is Special In December”



Where Did December Gets Its Name?



Ah, December, that time of year when storefronts are festooned with holiday decorations, and another year is reaching its close. If you live in the Northern Hemisphere, December might mean pulling off your boots so you can curl up with your smartphone and read Dictionary.com (hey, we can dream).

But, what does the word *December* mean in the dictionary? And, where did the 12th month of the year get its name?

What is December named for?

December has marked the end of the year and the coming of winter since the ancient Romans established their first calendar. As its etymology indicates, *December* is formed from the Latin root *decem-* which means “ten” ... but December is our twelfth month. The strange numbering discrepancy is also present for the months of September, October, and November, which reference “seven,” “eight,” and “nine,” even though they’re our ninth, tenth, and eleventh months.

Why? Well, the ancient Roman calendar only had ten months in the year, beginning with the month of March. January and February were eventually added after December to the end of the year. But, by the time the [Julian calendar](#) was established in 45 BCE, January and February appeared at the beginning of the year, which bumped all of the original months (and their originally assigned names) back by two.

What are the older names for December?

Before *December* entered Old English, the names *Ærra Gēola* or *Gēolmōnað*, meaning “yule month,” were used. The early Germanic people referred to this wintry season as *yuletide*, a two-month period that spanned December and January. *Geōl* means “Christmas day” or “[Christmastide](#)” (a word for the period from Christmas Eve to related feast days in early January).

Geōl is related to the Old Norse *jöl*, the name of the Pagan winter feast lasting 12 days. Many of the customs of the feast of *yule* influenced the ways that Christmas is celebrated, such as the tradition of burning a *yule* log at Christmastime. Fun fact: the word *jolly* may have derived from the same Old Norse root that brought us *yule*. And, course, Jesus’ birthday is celebrated as December 25th each year.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holliday’s to All!

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**Do you owe it to
yourself to explore
the Bible?**

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.

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.

There is nothing like the Bible. It lives simply because we have been made in the image of God. It is unique in its origin, timespan, authorship, and teachings. It is the best-selling and most impactful book in history. It is unified in its message — the Bible claims to be the inspired word of God and says it offers the only path to salvation for all humankind.

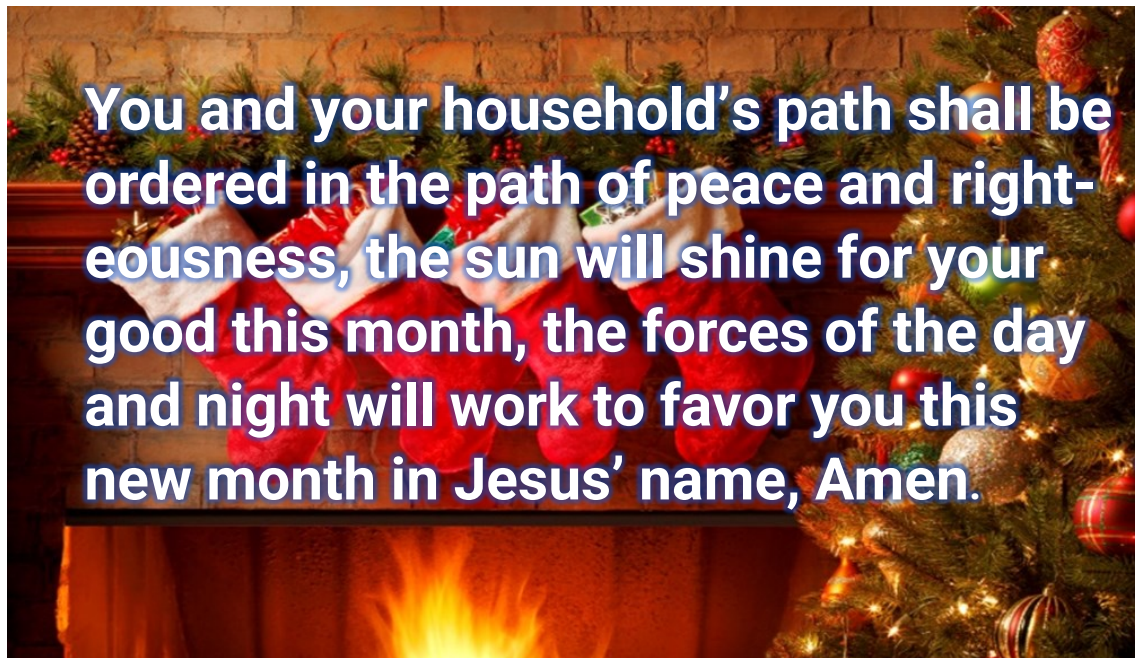
The gospel message, the "good news" of the Bible, is the best news you will ever receive. It has life-changing power. The gospel can change your life for the better immediately. During a lifetime, it provides for abundant life on earth and eternal life after that. Isn't that worth at least exploring?

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A Prayer For Your Daily Confession!



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



please contact

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“For God, who said, 'Let light shine
out of darkness,' made his light
shine in our hearts to give us the
light of the knowledge of the glory
of God in the face of Christ.”

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:
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Location:
22 W. Broadway Ave
Meridian, ID 83642

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

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Oratorical Contest

A funny thing happened. The four contestants we had for our Oratorical contest all cancelled just a few days prior to the contest. At the same time, Post 18 held their contest and had two contestants. Since a post can only forward one contestant, we are able to take the one Post 18 didn't select and sponsor him to the District competition. His name is Bridger Benson and he is a senior at Skyview High in Nampa. He's in some AP classes, is on the track and field team and the ski team. He wants to be an attorney. The contest for the District is December 10, 2022 at our Post beginning at 10:00 AM. Consider attending to meet him and encourage him as he competes to go to the Area competition.



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American Legion Post 113 Service Officer Announcements

By: John Brekke

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

VA Toxic Exposure Screening

Veterans enrolled in Veterans Administration (VA) health care are now offered an initial toxic exposure screening, then follow-up screenings at least once every five years. These screenings are a key part of the PACT Act. The screening takes five to 10 minutes and begins by asking Veterans if they believe they experienced any toxic exposures while serving. Then, they are then asked about specific exposures, including: open burn pits, Agent Orange, radiation, contaminated water, etc. Be advised this is not part of the VA benefits claims process.

<https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5838>

FDA Removes Mad Cow Disease From Donating Blood

Military families are often told they can't give blood because of the time they lived in Europe. Now that deferral list has been changed for all European countries including the UK, France and Ireland. According to the FDA, most individuals who were once deferred should now be eligible to donate, assuming they meet all other donor requirements. This change also affects those who received a blood transfusion while in Europe. If you want to give blood to the U.S. military you must give blood at one of the 20 Armed Services Blood Program centers.

<https://www.health.mil/News/Articles/2022/11/09/Mad-Cow-Blood-Donor-Ban-Lifted>

<https://www.militaryblood.dod.mil/about-us.html>

TRICARE Open Season from Nov. 14 to Dec. 13.

Enrollment changes made during TRICARE Open Season will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2023. If you are eligible to participate in TRICARE you have three options: Stay in your current plan. Enroll in a plan. Change your plan. If you want to stay in your current TRICARE health plan, you don't have to re-enroll – you'll continue in your current health plan through 2023 or as long as you're eligible. If you are on TRICARE, you must accept Medicare Part B when you become eligible for it. Otherwise, you will lose your TRICARE coverage.

<https://tricare.mil/Plans/Enroll/OpenSeason>

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The PACT ACT for a Surviving Spouse

The surviving spouse of a deceased Vietnam era veteran that experienced a herbicide presumptive condition who served in any of the new PACT Act locations, such as Laos from December 1965 through September 1969, may file a claim for Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC) for one of those conditions even if the veteran did not file for that condition while they were alive. If a veteran was previously denied for one of the herbicide presumptive conditions from service, then a Supplemental Claim must be filed citing the PACT Act being signed into Law on August 10, 2022, as the new and relevant evidence will be needed for the supplemental claim.

Camp Lejeune Contaminated Water Commercials

A portion of the PACT Act approved the Camp Lejeune Justice Act in which veterans, family members, or contractors who lived or worked onboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, New River Air Station, Camp Johnson, Camp Geiger, or Stone Bay Rifle Range from August 1, 1953, until December 31, 1987, can file for compensation through the Department of the Navy or the Department of Justice. Unfortunately, the PACT Act is vague on what conditions are actually approved and many assume they are the same conditions the VA has recognized as presumptive to Camp Lejeune Contaminated Water Exposure. What is known is the law states there will be an offset of federal benefits already paid. Be advised the Department of Justice may inform the VA how much has already been paid to a veteran by the VA when they file one of the Camp Lejeune Justice Act claims. The commercials you're seeing make it seem like you must take action right now, as the attorney groups running these ads want your business. Most will receive 40% of any potential awards paid and perhaps legal fees. You may want to wait for more details to come out before signing up to any potential claim with the Department of the Navy/Department for Justice. If it is a spouse/family member/contractor who lived or worked on the base, go ahead and file a claim through an attorney, as the VA is not going to provide any presumptive service connection unless you meet veteran status and are eligible to receive VA benefits. Be aware of scams, especially when it comes to Camp Lejeune Justice Act or PACT Act Claims

Winter Department Convention

By: Yers Trooly

Please use the form on the next page to register for the Mid Winter convention. Send your money to the Department as instructed on the form on the next page.

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American Legion Family of Idaho

2023 Midwinter Conference

January 13-15

Courtyard Meridian Idaho. Address is 1789 S Eagle Road, Meridian, ID 83642.

Ask for the Legion Block Rooms are \$109.00 a night + tax and fees By **Dec 20th 5:00 PM** Book using the link or by calling the hotel directly, 208-888-0800. If booking directly with the hotel please reference group code ACIS to get the discounted rate. Or copy and paste the link below <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1668040957677&key=GRP>

You can preregister for the 2023 midwinter conference registration fee is \$10.00

Post/Squadron Number _____ Date _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Commander/President Luncheon Fri. January 13th at 12:00 will be Idaho Baked Potato Bar with all the yummy stuff and salad

Commanders Banquet Sat January 14th Social Hour from 5:30 -6:30 Dinner will be at 6:30. Dinner will be Prime Rib, or Chicken, Baked Potato, and Salad.

Members registering _____ X \$10.00 _____

CMDR/ President Luncheon _____ X \$20.00 _____

Commanders Banquet Prime Rib _____ X \$45.00 _____

Commanders Banquet Herb Roasted Chicken _____ X \$36.00 _____

Please send it to Dept. by January 1st, 2022 Total \$ _____

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Close Call

By: Rich Dees



At 6:21 AM Sunday morning, November 27, 2022, the Meridian Fire department responded to a fire at our Post. They sent over five pieces of equipment. It turns out that someone the evening prior to the fire flicked a cigarette into one of the potted plants we have along the front side of the Post. After smoldering for a few hours, it burst into flame and was quickly reported by a passer-by. As you can see, we lost some siding and the flower pot but that is about all. Unchecked, the entire building could have been involved. Fortunately, the lower part of the building is concrete. Thanks to the passer-by and the Fire Department, we dodged a bullet.

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Flag Destruction Ceremony

By: Matt Wrobel

On November 11, 2022, Matt Wrobel and a few of our Post members along with people from Mountain Home and the Army Guard destroyed 4,846 unserviceable flags in a ceremony held at a farm in Nampa, ID. The ceremony was highlighted on Channel 6 News and reported by a USAF reporter. As you may know, Matt is the resident expert on flag etiquette and especially how to perform unserviceable flag destruction in a dignified manner. The operations on November 11 started at 10:30 AM and completed by 3:30 PM.



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POST 113 HONOR GUARD NOVEMBER 2022 EVENTS By DOUG HANKS



Rifle Salutes "12"
Total for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 "55"
HOURS-211, YEAR TOTAL-846
DONATIONS "\$2775.00"
Larre Robertson-Bugles Across America
TAPS "36"
TOTAL YEAR 2022 "239"

YOUR HONOR GUARD DID 12 RIFLE SALUTES THIS MONTH.
WE ARE HONORED, ABLE AND WILLING TO PERFORM THIS SERVICE.
IN ADDITION TO RIFLE SALUTES, WE ARE DOING FLAG PRESENTATIONS FOR
SCHOOLS AND VARIOUS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS.

VETERANS DAY HISTORY

The United States Congress adopted a resolution on June 4, 1926, requesting that President [Calvin Coolidge](#) issue annual proclamations calling for the observance of November 11 with appropriate ceremonies.^[6] A Congressional Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U.S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made November 11 in each year a legal holiday: "a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day'".^[4]



Post 113 Honor Guard at Idaho State Veterans Cemetery

In 1945, [World War II](#) veteran Raymond Weeks from [Birmingham, Alabama](#), had the idea to expand Armistice Day to celebrate all veterans, not just those who died in [World War I](#). Weeks led a delegation to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, who supported the idea of National Veterans Day. Weeks led the first national celebration in 1947 in Alabama and annually until his death in 1985. President Reagan honored Weeks at the White House with the Presidential Citizenship Medal in 1982 as the driving force for the national holiday. [Elizabeth Dole](#), who prepared the briefing for President Reagan, determined Weeks as the "Father of Veterans Day"

US representative [Ed Rees](#) from [Emporia, Kansas](#), presented a bill establishing the holiday through Congress. President [Dwight D. Eisenhower](#), also from Kansas, signed the bill into law on May 26, 1954. It had been eight and a half years since Weeks held his first Armistice Day celebration for all veterans

Congress amended the bill on June 1, 1954, replacing "Armistice" with "Veterans," and it has been known as Veterans Day since.

To request Taps or a Rifle salute for a Veteran, contact Doug Hanks, 208-809-7519 or any Post 113 officer.

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N7LGN—Post 113 Amateur Radio Club



The N7LGN Radio Club took the month off for Thanksgiving, but will be back in action in December. During the kids Christmas party we will be sending “Santagrams” to the North Pole for the folks attending the party. The Santagrams will be sent (hopefully) by Morse code on an 18th century telegraph set. It’ll be fun to listen to and watch. Hey, if you want to send a message to St. Nick, now’s your chance. The kids party is on December 18, 2022 starting at 1:00



PM at the Post.

We make the pages in QST. Yep, there we are in the middle of the pack of those who participated in Field Day 2022. We had 1108 points working 124 stations. The winner in our category had 15,294 points working over 4,000 stations (wow). Well, at least we were in the hunt! Our station was on emergency power with two transmitters and we had 10 operators throughout the 24-hour period. We also had a youth operator, who has since obtained his amateur radio license.

Next month (January) we begin a new calendar year with a demonstration of a “super antenna” by Yers Trooly. Hope to see you either at the party or the January meeting.

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WWII Post 113 Vets Get Free Legion Membership

During the last meeting, the Post decided to give free membership to all WWII veterans in Post 113. There are nine members in our Post who were WWII vets. Many Posts in Idaho provide free membership to WWII veterans. We hope they enjoy their free membership.

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Kids Christmas Party

By Yers Trooly

We've been talking about this for some time and it is about to be a reality. 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.

I have a list of guests that are slated to attend that includes nine girls, ten boys, and 22 adults. That means we will have about 41 guests at the party.

At the party, we will be doing several things including creating Santagrams. 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 Santa-gram 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.

Sue Barnett will lead the group in some reindeer games, you know how those reindeer like to party. Finishing off the afternoon we will have finger food that includes sandwiches, candy, cookies, and drinks. Coffee will also be available. In addition to food and drink, people could burst out in song and there will be an appearance from Santa to pass out gifts for youth participants.

This party is a first for us and is most likely the first for any Post in the nation. I visited the prison recently and found that there is a TV promo being made to illustrate what Idaho is doing for incarcerated Legion members. Again, it's the first in the nation and there is lots of interest.

We will need help with the activity. If you can assist, please come to the Post at 12:45 PM on the 18th.

Come on out for a good time with the families and kids!

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Post Christmas Party + Ugly Sweater Contest

The Post 113 Christmas party will be on December 17, 2022. The start time is 5:30 PM. The party will be 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. Also...With the party will be an "ugly sweater " contest. Put on your worst...you may win!

2023 Veterans Day Parade

By Jay Romlein

Here is some very early news:

The Idaho Veterans Parade will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 10:00.

The opening ceremony will include the Post 113 Honor Guard and Bugles Across America depending on their availability. The theme is expected to be the 70th anniversary of the end of the Korean War.

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