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## Post Christmas Party



The Post Christmas party was the site of lots of food and good friends. The turkey and ham were cooked to perfection by Sue Barnett and the pot luck was amazing. Everything was great. Sur Barnett won Post 113 Legionnaire of the year. As you can see, Matt won the really ugly sweater contest. It was the flashing lights on his head, I'm sure. Dan Pruett hosted a 25-question quiz with cash prizes. Not sure where the questions came from, but they were hard to answer...at least in my humble opinion. There were a few people who could not make the event, but those who attended had a good time.



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### A Month Out

January 12—14, 2022—Department Mid Winter Convention

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## Commanders Call

By: Rich Dees

Happy New Year and welcome to winter. My leaves dropped so quick, I was unable to get them picked up until it snowed and then froze. What a mess!

We now are looking forward to the new year. First out of the box is the Area Oratorical contest followed in February by the Department Oratorical contest. Please plan on attending one or both. These are impressive. Also in January is the Department Mid-Winter Conference.

As I noted in the last Newsletter, we will not be taking reports at the meeting in January. All reports I received for the month are published here for your review. Instead, the meeting will be used for exploring opportunities for the Post to move forward and issues with membership.

Because the discussion will literally shape the Post for the next few years, I would recommend you attend the meeting in January and not only hear about the proposals, but be a part of moving the Post forward in the future.

Here are a couple of things that happened since the last meeting:

We have (or will soon have) a credit card machine (a merchant account) at the Post. With that machine, we can do things like pay dues and for events with your credit card.

We selected a contractor to fix the fire damage to the Post that happened earlier.

Thank you all for doing what you do for the Legion and Post 113. Membership involvement is necessary to sustain our operations and I hope you will find ways you can be part of that sustainability effort.

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## January 2023 “Happy New Year”



**A whole new year. And it's time to decide  
what you're going to do with it.!**



## January holidays — 2023

- **January 1st** – [Commitment Day](#). While originally for making a commitment to those closest to your heart.
- **January 8th** – [National Joy Germ Day](#). The one thing you want to catch and spread around.
- **January 9th** – [National Clean Your Desk Day](#) and [National Word Nerd Day](#).
- **January 12th** – [Feast of Fabulous Wild Men Day](#). No one really knows what this is, but it sounds fun, right?
- **January 13th** – [Korean American Day](#).
- **January 14th** – [Ratification Day](#).
- **January 15th-21st** – [Hunt for Happiness Week](#).
- **January 17th** – [National We Are Not Broken Day](#).
- **January 18th** – [Museum Selfie Day](#) and [National Thesaurus Day](#).
- **January 19th** – [Good Memory Day](#).
- **January 20th** – [Take a Walk Outdoors Day](#).
- **January 21st** – [National Use Your Gift Card Day](#). Time to use the gift cards you received during the holidays.
- **January 22nd** – [Celebration of Life Day](#) and [Chinese New Year](#).
- **January 24th** – [Belly Laugh Day](#). Who doesn't love a good belly laugh?
- **January 25th** – [Library Shelfie Day](#) and [Opposite Day](#). Maybe the library shelves should take a picture with you.
- **January 28th** – [Local Quilt Shop Day](#) and [National Kazoo Day](#).
- **January 30th-Feb. 6th** – [National Storytelling Week](#).
- **January 31st** – [National Hot Chocolate Day](#).

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### What is the Bible?

***The Bible is a collection of religious texts or scriptures that are held to be sacred in Christianity, Jewish, Samaritanism, and many other religions. The Bible is an anthology – a compilation of texts of a variety of forms – originally written in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Koine Greek.***

The Christian journey begins with the recognition that you are unconditionally, irrevocably, ridiculously loved by God just as you are. Whoever you are, wherever you've been, whatever you've done in the course of your life, you are already loved and accepted.

Find a Bible based church and regularly attend services. You will find that there are many people there that share some of your thoughts. Christians are revolutionary in that they extended their help and generosity to the poor of every race, caste, and creed. In so doing, they attracted massive throngs of people to their way of life



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### This Days Thought

God has no birthday. Every human being has a day he can look back to as the time of his beginning. With God there is no beginning and no ending, so we cannot think of His birthday. Yet, in a beautiful way, He has made it possible for us to celebrate the day when His love showed itself in human form—the birthday of Jesus. This is the deepest meaning of Christmas. Everything else stems from this central fact that it is the birthday of the Son of God. God's love was shown in Jesus, who was born of a human mother and wrapped, like any tiny baby, in swaddling cloths and laid in a manger, because there was no room in the inn.

### **A Prayer For Your Daily Confession!**

**“Submit to God and be  
at peace with him;  
in this way, prosperity  
will come to you.”**

*—Job 22:21*



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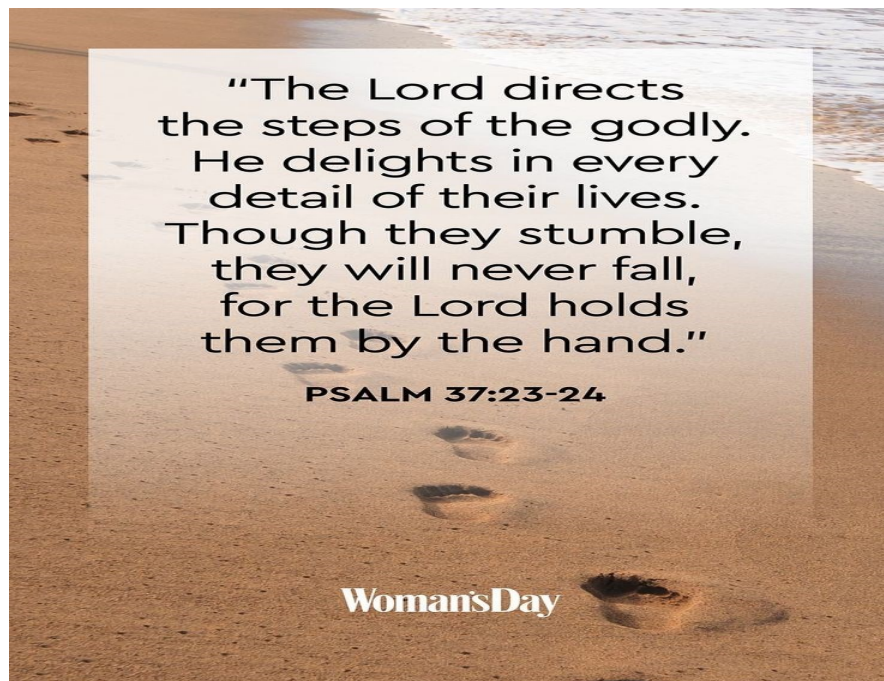
If you know of someone who is recovering from a illness or any health related issue



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[dan@anywhereusa.org](mailto:dan@anywhereusa.org)

208-202-5737 X103

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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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# N7LGN—Post 113 Amateur Radio Club



The radio club will resume normal meetings in January. That means the next meeting is on January 25, 2023. Meeting starts at 7:00 PM at the Post, but pizza will be available at 6:30 PM. The topic this month is demonstration of a portable HF antenna. I'll be giving the presentation and the antenna is called a Super antenna.



Our activity last month was the children's Christmas party at the Post. We had about 35 people attend and we sent 18 Santagrams. I can report that all 18 received answers. Many thanks to Otis Marsh for helping me with my bad code and translating them into real radiograms. Special thanks to Bob Whitlatch for printing the Santagrams. Also many thanks to all

who helped composing the messages. Special thanks the Santa (Matt Wrobel) and kitchen wizard Sue Barnett. Below are some pictures of the event which combined with a party hosted by the Post. There were others helping as well including stations in Montana, Canada and Alaska. The radiograms made a 3015-mile journey to the North Pole. The club bought 8 gift cards for the attendees of the party using funds from the pizza feeds at the start of our meetings. I must say, I learned a bunch about propagation and the value of DSP and a really good understanding of why S/N ratio is important. I'll talk about it at the meeting.

Up for consideration this new year is Field Day, perhaps a special event, a fox hunt or two and maybe even a POTA. If anyone has any requests, please let us know at the meeting.

73 Rich





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**POST 113 HONOR GUARD  
DECEMBER 2022 EVENTS  
By DOUG HANKS**



**Rifle Salutes December "9"**  
**Total for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 "64"**  
Hours December-128, July-December Year Total "974"  
**DONATIONS "\$3125.00"**

Larre Robertson-Bugles Across America  
TAPS "36"  
TOTAL YEAR 2022 "239"

HERE'S A NEW YEAR'S TOAST TO POST 113 HONOR GUARD  
What a great 6 months. With 64 events, rifle salutes and flag presentations, Post 113 Honor Guard was very busy. Finished the cold month of Dec. with 9 events and no frost bite. It is my Honor to serve with this group. If needed we carry a flag, rifle, or bugle, whatever is warranted.

With a couple of us out of service with issues to take care of, the rest stepped up to fill in where needed. When Mike or Mark very seldomly is not able to blow Taps, John helped with e-bugle. When Mike's trumpet valves "froze" he completed Taps without missing a beat. When needed Chuck or Mark calls commands, but all of us do what is necessary. At our last rifle salute at ISVC there were 11 of us, seven rifles, two flags and a bugle!! As cold as it was this month it is so great to have so many of us available to Honor Veterans. Have had lots of good reports about how good we sound and our appearance.

**THANK YOU ALL FOR SUPPORTING POST 113 HONOR GUARD**

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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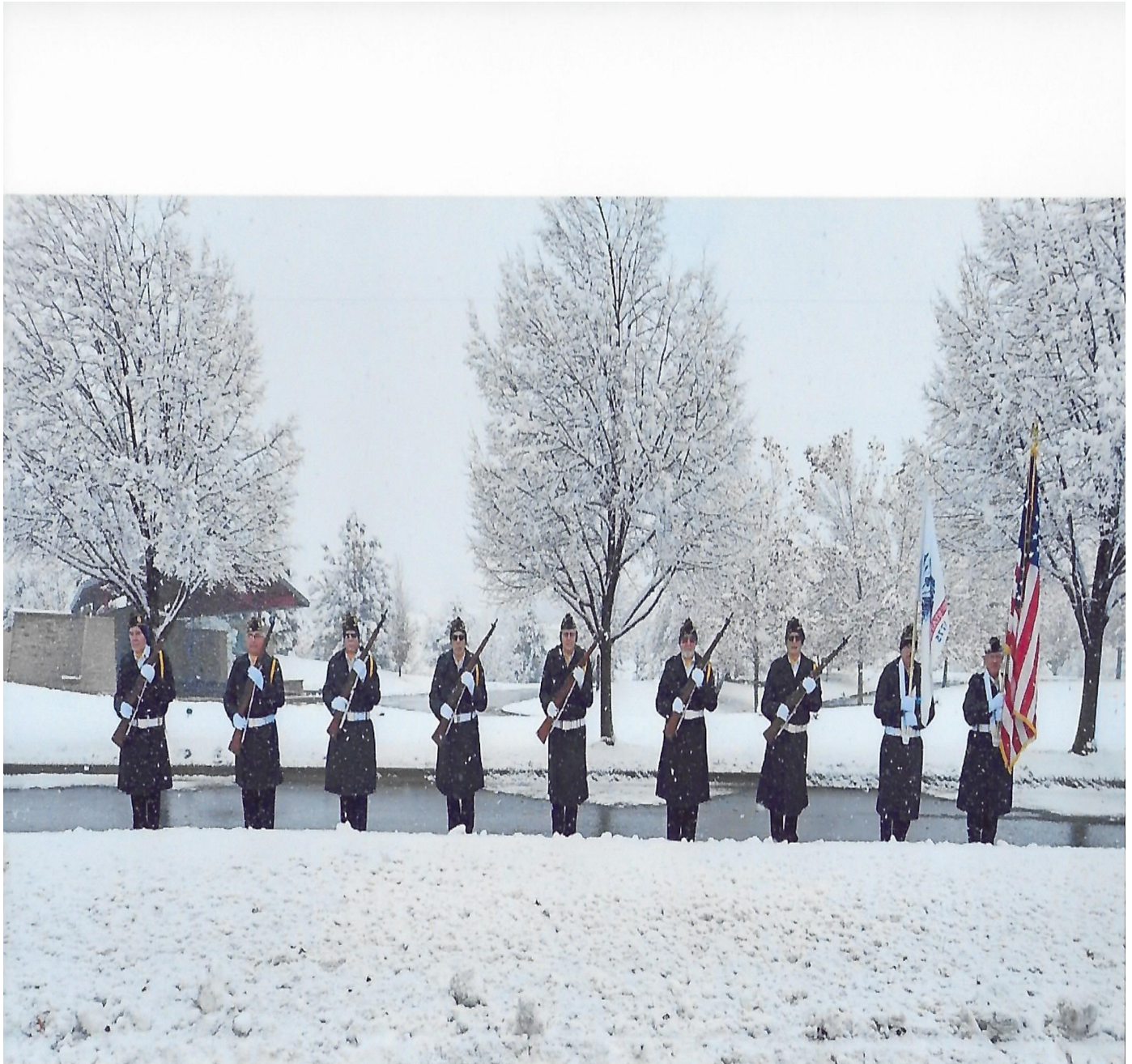
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AMERICAN LEGION POST 113 HONOR GUARD-DEC. 2022-IDAHO STATE VETERANS CEMETERY

Brant	Ralph	Dan	Bryce	Walt	Ira	Chuck	John	Van
Bishop	Cavalieri	Kujawski	Keck	Thornton	Smith	Hawkins	Brekke	Howell

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**From:** Mitzi Cheldelin <Mitzi.Cheldelin@veterans.idaho.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 22, 2022 8:16 AM  
**Subject:** Tax Prep Assistance For Veterans & Military

Please see the message below from Matt Barley at Military One Source if you are looking for FREE assistance with your tax return preparation. There are some eligibility requirements, but as far as I can tell – almost every veteran I know would qualify.

**From:** Barley, Matthew <[Matthew.Barley@Militaryonesource.com](mailto:Matthew.Barley@Militaryonesource.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 22, 2022 8:07 AM  
**To:** Mitzi Cheldelin <[Mitzi.Cheldelin@veterans.idaho.gov](mailto:Mitzi.Cheldelin@veterans.idaho.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Tax Prep Assistance

Hi Mitzi,

The 2023 MilTax season will start mid-January for eligible (*see link below for eligibility*) service members and their families. This is a free self-passed, secure and confidential e-filing software offered by Department of Defense. We will be using the H&R Block Premium Addition platform again. MilTax consultants have extensive knowledge of the tax benefits for military members, families and survivors, and can help them get all the tax credits and deductions they qualify for. MilTax consultants are specially trained to understand all kinds of military tax situations. To access the program the member will login to Military OneSource and there will be a link to access the software on the homepage. If the member has any questions they will contact MilOne at 1-800-342-9647.

Here are a couple of links:

Military OneSource Homepage: <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/>

MilTax information: <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/financial-legal/tax-resource-center/miltax-military-tax-services/>

Am I eligible for MilTax? Check here in eligibility: <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/confidential-help/non-medical-counseling/military-onesource/military-onesource-confidential-help-eligibility/>

Thank you,

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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!

### **Surviving Spouse Pensions**

VA pension benefits are available to some wartime Veterans and their survivors. When a veteran passes away the spouse must inform the VA that the veteran died. When the veteran dies the spouse may receive a reduced monthly amount which is set by Congress. A VA Survivors Pension provides a monthly payment to qualified surviving spouses and unmarried dependent children of wartime Veterans who meet certain income and net worth limits.

<https://www.va.gov/pension/survivors-pension/>

<https://www.va.gov/pension/survivors-pension-rates/>

### **Pension Poaching**

Veterans, survivors and their families who are potentially eligible for VA pension benefits are being defrauded by scammers. If you currently receive a VA pension or are thinking about applying for one, know how to avoid these scams. They are individuals and organizations who claim to be your advocate, and claim they can help you gain more VA benefits than you may be already receiving. Who should you trust? You should never pay for any assistance when applying for VA benefits. Accredited Veteran Service Organization (VSO) representatives provide free advice and help complete and file VA applications. These certified professionals are trained to support you and your family while costing you nothing.

<https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/105618/pension-poaching-learn-to-spot-scammers-and-who-you-can-trust-for-support/>

<https://news.va.gov/109404/cybersecurity-awareness-month-prey-phishers/>

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### Finance Report

By: Ernest Cook

So far in this fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) the 2022 operational results are positive but approx 2K less favorable in aggregate in comparison to last year. Significant changes over previous year

#### Higher costs

\$500 donation to Idaho veterans home  
\$370 cost to get rid of old piano  
\$335 purchase of Microphones  
\$1,025 fee to remove tree  
\$680 Increase in Youth program spending

#### Saved

\$560 Did not pay for convention expenses  
\$445 Lower internet / phone costs

As of the end of the year, we have approx \$45K in cash available for projects.

### Post 113 Officers for 2022— 2023

Commander	Rich Dees (Yers Trooly)	208 870 7928	rjdees@aol.com
Adjutant	Susan Barnett	208 550 7395	suekbarnett764@gmail.com
1st Vice Commander	Steve North	208 631 5291	snorth5401@gmail.com
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Ralph Cavalieri	208 336 0012	rpcavalieri@gmail.com
Finance Officer	Ernest Cook	408 858 1995	ernestdcook@gmail.com
Service Officer	John Brekke	801 989 6764	brekke1@msn.com
Chaplin	Dan Pruett	208 890 3384	dan@anywhereusa.org
Past Commander	Doug Hanks	208 809 7519	dandganks@q.com

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9:24 AM  
12/29/22  
Accrual Basis

### AMERICAN LEGION POST 113 Statement of Operations July 1 through December 29, 2022

	Jul 1 - Dec 29, 22
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Dues Income	
PUFL Dues	452.50
Membership Dues	6,755.00
National Per Capita	-5,412.50
Total Dues Income	1,795.00
Ada County Contribution	10,000.00
Rental - building usage	3,625.00
Direct Public Support	190.00
Other Types of Income	18.49
Program Income	
Honor Guard	2,975.00
Ham Radio Net	175.00
Total Program Income	3,150.00
Total Income	18,778.49
Expense	
Operations and Maintenance	759.16
Facilities	9,115.56
Post Operations	821.06
Program Expenses	
Coffee Shop Expenses	125.00
Coffee klatch	50.31
Honor Guard	105.96
American Legion Riders	63.10
Flags	27.04
Donations	700.00
Post gatherings	235.40
Raffles	113.31
Youth Programs	586.37
Total Program Expenses	2,006.49
Total Expense	12,702.27
Net Ordinary Income	6,076.22
Net Income	6,076.22

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12/29/22  
Accrual Basis

### AMERICAN LEGION POST 113 Organization position As of December 29, 2022

	Dec 29, 22	Dec 29, 21	\$ Change	% Change
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
POST ACCT at ICCU	25,111.68	19,425.81	5,685.87	29.3%
BLDG ACCT at ICCU	18,267.94	14,955.56	3,312.38	22.2%
SAVINGS at ICCU	1,922.58	1,921.62	0.96	0.1%
Building fund Savings at ICCU	0.00	7.15	-7.15	-100.0%
SAL	669.68	693.18	-23.50	-3.4%
Ham Radio	1,245.51	806.96	438.55	54.4%
Total Checking/Savings	47,217.39	37,810.28	9,407.11	24.9%
Total Current Assets	47,217.39	37,810.28	9,407.11	24.9%
Fixed Assets	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.0%
Other Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>48,217.39</b>	<b>38,810.28</b>	<b>9,407.11</b>	<b>24.2%</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>				
Equity				
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	11,000.00	3,000.00	8,000.00	266.7%
Unrestricted Net Assets	31,341.17	27,899.11	3,442.06	12.3%
Net Income	5,876.22	7,911.17	-2,034.95	-25.7%
Total Equity	48,217.39	38,810.28	9,407.11	24.2%
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>48,217.39</b>	<b>38,810.28</b>	<b>9,407.11</b>	<b>24.2%</b>



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### Oratorical Contest

By: Yers Truly

The Area Oratorical Contest will be held at the Post on January 21, 2023. Start time is 10:00 AM. If you have never heard one of these, this is a great introduction. We have two contestants. Bridger Benson and Lincoln Borrowman. Bridger is being sponsored by District 9 and Lincoln by District 3. If you can help with this event, please show up at 9:45 AM at the Post. The winner of this contest moves onward to the Department contest in February.



Lincoln with Steve



Bridger with Steve