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Area Oratorical Winner



The Area Oratorical contest was held on January 21, 2023. Bridger Benson won the contest and is on his way to the Department contest in February. If you recall, Bridger is the young man we sponsored in the contest. He and Lincoln went head-to-head three different times, and Bridger came out on top. The Department contest will be great as other contestants from around the state will be on hand to compete. The contest is on February 18, 2023 at Meridian City Hall. Consider attending. The contest starts at 10:00 AM.

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A Month or so Out

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Commanders Call

By: Rich Dees

You can tell, that although we are still in the grip of winter, signs of spring abound. The sheet of ice in my driveway making it a skating rink is starting to melt. Maybe in a few days, we'll be able to walk to the Mailbox without sliding all the way.

During the last meeting we made many decisions regarding the future of our Post. Please review the minutes included in this Newsletter to see what happened. To highlight a few things, we decided that Job one was the installation of a sign on the front of our building to advertise the events and attract people to the Post. To that end, a sign was selected and the permit process began. The sign will be 10 feet long and three feet wide and be an LED changeable copy sign, meaning we can change the text at will.

We also decided that we need to begin the process of renovating the kitchen, bringing it up to commercial standards so we can start a coffee shop, serve meals, serve the Post and our renters more efficiently. Other things discussed were initiating a Bingo game at the Post. Lots of discussion and a great deal of work ahead of us as we proceed to expand Post operations so we can better serve Veterans and the community.

Membership was discussed. As it turns out, we are not able to reach 40% of our members because we don't have e mail addresses, or bad e-mail addresses. A group of members stepped up and said they would contact these people by phone and try to get current e-mail addresses. E-mail is the primary means we reach out to members as the cost of postage is prohibitively expensive now.

Earlier in the month, we launched a credit card machine within the Post. We can now take credit/debit cards for payment of dues and other items from members who wish to use a card. There is a service charge applied to each purchase forwarded to the card user. The Department as well as other agencies use this same method so people can use the convenience of a credit card.

Also included in the newsletter is a new monthly feature where our financial report will be available for you to review. The meeting minutes will also be available. Please note too that this newsletter is now going out to all SAL members.

In other news, Mark Grothe has begun the process of painting the inside of the Post. It's been years since we have done that and I think all will agree it's long overdue. Also, If you recall, last year we applied for and received a grant from Meridian to install two flag collection bins within the City of Meridian and purchase burners for the prison post to process flags. We will receive the burners in a few days and the collection bins are being ordered. That means in a month or so, we will be able to process flags needing destruction in a dignified and efficient manner.

Stay tuned for more! We appreciate all you do for the Post and the American Legion.

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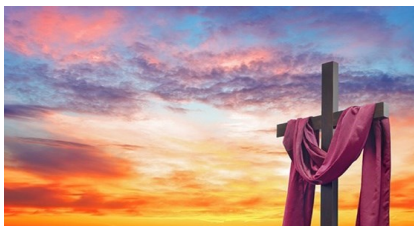
February 2023 "Lent Season Begins"

February comes from the Latin word *februa*, which means "to cleanse."



What Is Lent?

Lent is the six-week season that leads up to Easter. The Lenten season is one of the most significant times of the year for many Christians around the world, especially those within the Anglican, Catholic, and Orthodox churches, held at a comparable level of meaning to Advent, the arrival of Christmas.



- **Lent 2023**
 - begins Wednesday, February 22
 - ends Saturday, April 8

When does Lent start?

- This year, Lent begins on Wednesday, Feb 22, 2023. But before Lent even begins, there's Shrove Tuesday, the day before Lent, which is a time to "clean the soul," according to the BBC. The first day of Lent is called Ash Wednesday.

Why are there 40 days in Lent?

- The reason we celebrate lent for forty days is a reflection of Jesus' life and the desire to follow in His example. In the New Testament, the Lord fasted for 40 days and nights in preparation for the beginning of His public ministry.

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- While Advent is a time of joyful anticipation, Lent is commonly regarded as a period of sober observance. The Lenten season is a preparation for commemorating the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter.
- From its start date on Ash Wednesday until its conclusion on Easter Sunday, Lent has been a customary time for fasting, giving something up, or abstinence. Just as we thoughtfully prepare for events in our individual lives, such as weddings or birthdays, participating in Lent invites us to prepare our minds and hearts for glorifying Jesus' life, death, and bodily resurrection.
- Ash Wednesday starts Lent with a day of remembering our humanity, the reality of death, and the need for repentance. Churches symbolize this by putting ashes on foreheads, often in the shape of a cross.



This Days
Thought

Jesus Knows Your Hardships - You Are Never Alone

He Gets Us invites all to consider the story of a man who created a radical love movement. Sometimes, Having Someone Listen and Share the Word of Jesus Makes All the Difference. Learn on Your Terms. Inclusive. Activist. Struggle. Relationships. Justice. Discover the Real Jesus.

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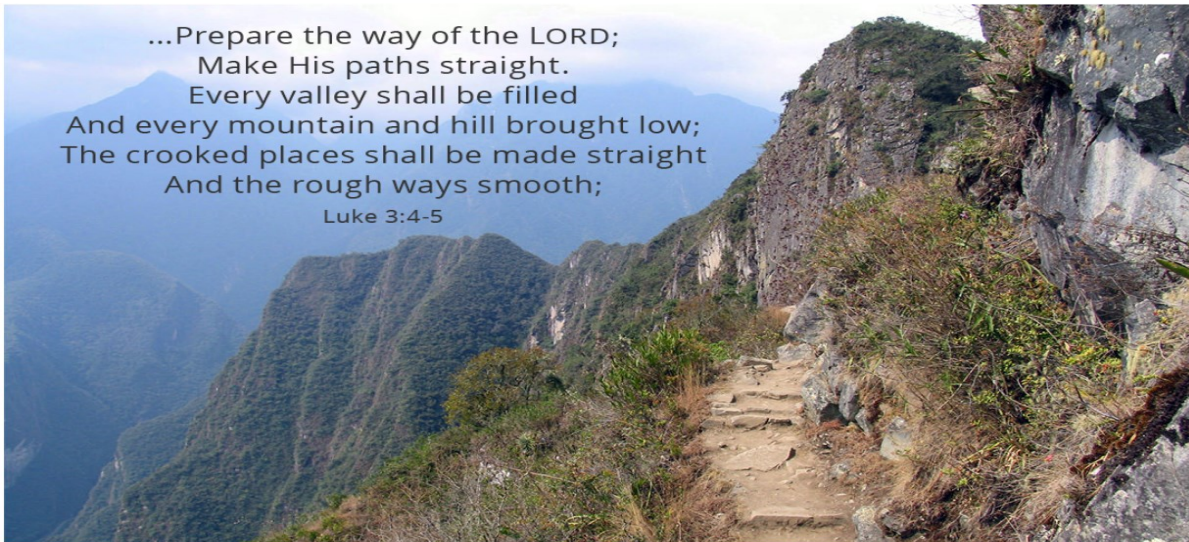
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A Prayer For Your Daily Confession!



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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Finance Report

By: Ernest Cook

1:30 AM
01/30/23
Accrual Basis

AMERICAN LEGION POST 113 Budget vs Actual July 2022 through June 2023

	Jul '22 - Jun 23	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Dues Income	1,758	1,800	(43)
Honor Guard	3,275	3,000	275
Ada County Contribution	10,000	20,000	(10,000)
Rental - building usage	3,950	5,000	(1,050)
Other Types of Income	874		874
Total Income	19,857	29,800	(9,943)
Expense			
Facilities			
Building Cleaning Services	3,500	6,000	(2,500)
Building Insurance	1,361	1,176	185
Building MGR	1,473	1,800	(328)
Lawn	1,184	750	434
LT Building maintenance reserve		4,000	(4,000)
Operations and Maintenance	1,288	2,500	(1,212)
Remodel and Repairs	711	5,000	(4,289)
Utilities	2,824	5,000	(2,176)
Total Facilities	12,658	26,226	(13,568)
Post Operations	1,575	1,930	(355)
Program Expenses			
Badges, awards, patches, etc	19	500	(482)
Coffee Shop Expenses	169		169
Donations	695	700	(5)
Flags	3,659		3,659
Honor Guard	106	600	(494)
Membership fees		25	(25)
Post gatherings	331	750	(419)
Radio Club expenses			
Raffles	113		113
Uniforms, Clothing			
Youth Programs	628	3,975	(3,347)
Total Program Expenses	5,783	6,550	(767)

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Accrual Basis

AMERICAN LEGION POST 113 Organization position As of January 30, 2023

	Jan 30, 23	Jan 30, 22	\$ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
BLDG ACCT at ICCU	17,017.35	13,745.11	3,272.24
Building fund Savings at ICCU	0.00	7.15	-7.15
Ham Radio	1,387.51	841.96	545.55
POST ACCT at ICCU	19,309.30	18,557.18	752.12
SAL	674.68	695.68	-21.00
SAVINGS at ICCU	1,922.82	1,921.86	0.96
Total Checking/Savings	40,311.66	35,768.94	4,542.72
Total Current Assets	40,311.66	35,768.94	4,542.72
Fixed Assets	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	41,311.66	36,768.94	4,542.72
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Equity			
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	11,000.00	6,000.00	5,000.00
Unrestricted Net Assets	30,471.17	27,899.11	2,572.06
Net Income	-159.51	2,869.83	-3,029.34
Total Equity	41,311.66	36,768.94	4,542.72
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	41,311.66	36,768.94	4,542.72

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POST 113 HONOR GUARD JANUARY 2023 EVENTS By DOUG HANKS



Rifle Salutes January "6"
Total for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 "84"
Hours January-84, July-January Year Total "1058"

DONATIONS "\$3425.00"
Larre Robertson-Bugles Across America
TAPS "17" TOTAL YEAR 2023 "17"



IDAHO STATE VETERAN'S CEMETERY AND WREATHS IN JANUARY

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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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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N7LGN—Post 113 Amateur Radio Club



Last month I demonstrated a portable High Frequency antenna that packs away in a small carrying case. It is called a Super Antenna and is quite efficient for it's size. That said, physics is physics and the coverage is limited by height and the fact that it is a non-directional antenna. For portable and or emergency operations it fits the bill nicely.



We are still trying to arrange a tour of the new E-911 center. Meanwhile, we need to start fleshing

out the discussion we had last meeting about emergency communications. It's looking like we will be part of the Citizen Corps nationally. Our local (club) leaders are Thayne Olasso and Buddy Jacob. Our major effort will be to develop third party traffic for the community. The first activity to try that looks like will be Mother's Day. The idea is we will invite the community to the Post and send Mother's Day greeting to anyone throughout the U. S. Then through the magic of radio, we'll send messages to the recipients.

While on the net this past week, I found out that others, like me, are beginning to perform remote operations with their HF radio's. It's really kind of neat in that I can operate my IC 7610 from a remote location. All that is needed is an internet connection. This same system works with an IC 7300. I would imagine that almost any SDR can do the same. That opens up a whole world of remote operations possibilities. If all goes well, I'll do a demo next meeting.

Hope to hear you on the net. Frequency is 146.94 MHz on Thursdays at 7:00 PM.

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Rich

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Sons of the American Legion

By: Thom Juul

There are three things we need to be successful as a squadron: membership, attendance and activities. Without the first two, the third is difficult, if not impossible. Without the third we can't retain previous members and bring in new ones. Sounds a bit like "Catch-22."

Our membership goal for this year is forty-four. We are currently at twenty-nine new and renewing members. Last year we had thirty-seven. In 2021 we had fifty-two. Of course, we would like to chock the negative trend up to the pandemic. To be sure there is validity to that. Because of the pandemic we were inactive for almost two years. It is very difficult to get things up and running again after being in quarantine for so long. Out of sight, out of mind.

Now that the pandemic is over, we are meeting again on the second Tuesday of the month. We have some interesting ideas on how we can support the Post and become more active in the community. However, in order to convert these ideas into action, we need our members to attend meetings and become more involved. As our squadron becomes more active, membership will invariably increase. Our next meeting will be on February 14th @ 1900. We'll have pizza at 1830 for a time to socialize and catch up before the meeting. We would love to see you there.

If you haven't already, please renew your membership. We're only fifteen away from achieving our 100% goal. Remember, your sons, and grandsons are eligible too. Sign them up. Personally, I have signed up my son, two grandsons, and two great grandsons. If you are a post member and eligible, come join us. Dues are cheap and the rewards can be great.

Thom Juul

Commander, Squadron 113

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Service Officer

By: John Brekke

Changes to VA Health Care under PACT Act

Veterans should go to [VA.gov/PACT](https://www.va.gov/PACT) to learn about what the PACT Act bill means for them and their families. Veterans who did not previously enroll in VA health care have a 1-year window to enroll if they:

- Served on active duty in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War, or
- Served in a combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities after Nov. 11, 1998, and
- Were discharged or released from active service between Sept. 11, 2001, and Oct. 1, 2013.

Veterans who served on active duty in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War will be eligible for care. This includes veterans who, in connection with service during such period, received the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Service Specific Expeditionary Medal, Combat Era Specific Expeditionary Medal, Campaign Specific Medal, or any other combat theater award established by federal statute or executive order.

What Does the PACT Act mean for Vietnam Era veterans?

For Vietnam Era veterans, the PACT Act expands beyond the herbicide presumptive conditions to include:

Hypertension (High Blood Pressure).

Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS) which is a precursor to Multiple Myeloma.

It also expands the locations where veterans who served during Vietnam are considered exposed to herbicides to include:

Any U.S. or Royal Thai military base in Thailand from January 9, 1962, through June 30, 1976.

Laos from December 1, 1965, through September 30, 1969.

Cambodia at Mimot or Krek, Kampong Cham Province from April 16, 1969, through April 30, 1969.

Guam or American Samoa, or in the territorial waters off of Guam or American Samoa from January 9, 1962, through July 30, 1980.

Johnston Atoll or on a ship that called Johnston Atoll from January 1, 1972, through September 30, 1977.

If a Veteran served in any of the above locations and has passed from a presumptive service connected condition, the surviving spouse may file a claim for Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC) for one of these conditions even if the veteran did not file for the condition while they were alive.

Expansion of Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC)

The PCAFC provides caregivers of eligible veterans with resources, education, financial assistance, health insurance, beneficiary travel, peer support, etc. The PCAFC has been expanded to include eligible veterans and family caregivers of all eras. Previously, PCAFC was only available to eligible veterans who served on or after September 11, 2001. This expansion opens the program to eligible veterans of all eras, including those who served after May 7, 1975, and before September 11, 2001.

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JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

By: Adjutant Sue Barnett

Jan 17, 2023

Officers Present:	Commander	Rich Dees
	1 st Vice	Steve North
	2 nd Vice	Ralph Cavalieri
	Adjutant	Susan Barnett
	Chaplain	Dan Pruett
	Finance Officer	Ernest Cook
	Service Officer	absent
	Sergeant at Arms	Doug Killam

Meeting called to order at 1900 hours by Commander Dees.

Opening ceremonies: Invocation, Pow/Mia, Pledge of Allegiance and preamble.

Guests: Gerald Schurdell-

Roll call of Officers conducted: quorum met.

Reports are in news- letter- minutes from November accepted as written.

Commanders Con- cerns:
Membership- contact members that don't have e-mail addresses, current addresses, and/or phone numbers. Post Adjutant to create lists of 10 members per sheet and provide to Volunteers as follows: Matt Wrobel, Doug Foote, Katy Owens, Steve North, Karl Wheeler, Mark Grothe.

Post Income- Grant for \$20,000 per year- may not last forever.

a. Rental of Building- we don't advertise. Discussion of electronic sign. Motion made and seconded to purchase an electronic sign for up to \$5000 to advertise post activities and rentals. Committee members: Katy Owens, Matt Wrobel and Ernest Cook. Motion passed. ____

b. Kitchen for meals- meeting with Environmental will get back with us to inform us what's missing. A mop sink was donated to post by Vista Plumbing. Food Handler certifications and cards, volunteers needed for the kitchen, stuff donated to have a Commercial Kitchen including a 3 compartment sink, under sink grease traps would be cleaned monthly and fixtures needed. Check with Meridian, Ada County and state requirements. Gary will draw up plans for Kitchen. Ralph Cavalieri will work on writing grant for upgrades. Coffee Bar- Gary will work up plans for coffee bar. How many coffee bids do we have? We have 4 bids currently. Parking- evenings and weekends ok. Advertising: media-contact Mitzi at Idaho Division of Veterans Services(IDVS). Idaho Veterans Chamber of Commerce, Ernest interacting with other coffee Venders.

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c. Bingo- makes thousands of Dollars every month. Prizes \$100 \$200. Expected to cost \$4,000 to \$5000 to start. Need 3 people per week to make it work for 1 night a week. Need to figure out what night would work and interfere with other groups bingo nights. Tom will coordinate. Check with licencing, Idaho Gaming Commission. % of revenue must go to prizes, a % to the host. Pay the people working.

Point of sale machine required for all three fundraising activities.

Order of precedence for work:

#1. Sign job is #1 priority. Sign committee looking for post media person to help advertise. Possibly a new member coming into the post.

#2. Kitchen is #2 priority.

Point of Sale machine or cash register that will work with credit cards.

Every sale will go through the cash register. Expected cost \$300-\$400. Motion made to purchase a point of sale/Cash register for a maximum of \$400.

Credit Card machine- fee for each transaction. fee added to users bill.

Make sure users Are notified of the charge. Use same vender as Dept.

Post Constitution and By-Laws forbid the use of credit cards. Need to change Constitution and By-Laws wording to read "bank card" motion and secoond to change Post Constitution and By-Laws wording. Passed.

Grant to Ada County Veterans Council: new Council in place. Doug Hanks and Rich Dees to pay a visit to new council.

Home coming for Dept Commander Matt Wrobel- April, same day as District meeting. Mark Grothe to call Abe.

Lunch for Department Oratorical. Doug to coordinate sandwiches like last year. Motion made and second to provide lunch for oratorical. Passed. Rich Dees and Doug Hanks to write a resolution to increase funds provided to winners for Area compitions. Now are only awarded \$100. Reso-lution to raise Area award to \$1000.

Post to write a resolution for the last surviving member of a conflict for honors. Matt Wrobel and Rich Dees.

Need to keep back door to the kitchen locked. Motion made and seconded to install a cypher lock on the back door- passed. Mark Grothe to handle.

Commander Rich Dees appointed Matt Wrobel as Kitchen Manager.

Next Meeting: Feb 21, 2023.

Adjourn: 2026

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Oratorical Contest

BY: Yers Trooly

The department Oratorical Contest will be held on February 18, 2023. Location is Meridian City Hall, 33 E. Broadway Ave, Meridian. The contest begins at 10:00 AM and should be finished by noon. The Post will host a lunch after the event. If you've never heard youngsters speak about the Constitution in this forum, you are missing a real treat. Please consider attend the event.

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