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Onward to National



Bridger Benson won the Department Oratorical Contest on February 18, 2023. He now will travel to Indianapolis, IN to compete in the American Legion National Oratorical Competition. The contest is April 21 -23, 2023. Contestants for the Department competition represented Posts throughout Idaho. This year, as in past years we had the "A Team" for judges. Justice Jim Jones, Senator Chuck Winder, Senator Treg Bernt,, Major General Michael Garshak, Governor Dirk Kempthorne, and Judy Eighmy were on hand to evaluate the contestants. The winner was decided with a very slim margin.

Bridger is a senior at Skyview High School in Nampa. He was the young man we sponsored through the process. Many thanks to all who helped and especially Tom Ressler and Milt Smith who helped prepare Bridger for the event. Good luck in Indy Bridger!

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Matt

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Commanders Call By: Rich Dees

They say March comes in like a lion...they are correct.

This month is a busy month for the Post in that we will nominate people for officers for next fiscal year. Up for grabs is commander, 1st vice commander, 2nd vice commander, finance officer, and sergeant at arms. Consider stepping up to a Post leadership position.

Another thing is that we are getting ready for an event on April 1, 2023. It's a dance at the Post. I was reminded that the Post, prior to it being our American Legion Post, was a dance hall. Look at the layout of the second floor and you can see it. After some encouragement from my wife, we (the executive committee) decided it might be a fun thing to have a Post dance. We will invite the community, but take a look at the flyer found in this newsletter and you can see the details. Please note: we need help with set-up, take-down and decorations. Please let Sue or me know if you can help.

We are getting closer to installation of the equipment purchased by the grant from Meridian. Dedication at the prison is on March 11, 2023 and the collection bins will be ordered in a couple of days.

The sign that we voted to get last month has a saga attached to it. Come to the meeting and you will hear and appreciate bureaucracy at it's best. Needless to say, we are a couple of months away from getting the sign.

We have filled in some missing e-mails in our roster which is good, but there is still more to do. Last meeting, we discussed the issues with not having e mail addresses on 40% of our post members. After a mailing and a few phone calls, we have managed to reduce that by a couple of percentage points. More needs to be done if you'd like to help.

During the March meeting, we will vote on the change to our constitution. If you recall, the change was to allow us to use any bank card for purchases rather than limit us to a debit card. We are going to switch to credit cards which is more secure. Also in April is a Welcome Home party for Matt as he finishes his tour as Department Commander. There is a flyer showing the details. You'll need to make reservations for this one. Another event you need to keep your eye on is the Gowen Thunder Airshow in August. We will need people to staff the Legion booth on both days of the Airshow.

We invited people from the Veterans Court to our monthly coffee last month. They need a place to meet and have coffee to continue their efforts to help vets convicted and sentenced in Veterans Court, an Ada County program. Veterans Court is an alternative sentencing programs where mentors help those in the system as they serve their sentence. John Brekke is one of the counselors. Mike Hubbard is the main contact person for the court services. After talking with them, it seems a good fit for us. They will be at our next coffee event in March.

Finally, please give a big "thank you" to Gary Schurdell for making building plans for our Post which will be necessary as we move forward to overhaul the kitchen.

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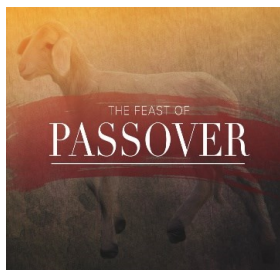


March 2023 "Spring Is Right Around the Corner"



3 Important Dates to Remember for March

1. "Passover, A Major Jewish Holliday"



Passover is a major Jewish holiday that celebrates the Israelites' liberation from slavery in Egypt. It typically falls in late March or early April and is based on the Jewish lunar calendar. However, some Christians observe a version of the Passover as part of Holy Week observances leading up to Easter.

2. "Easter – A Major Christian Holiday"



Easter is a Christian holiday that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. It is also typically observed in late March or early April, and its date is calculated based on the lunar calendar.

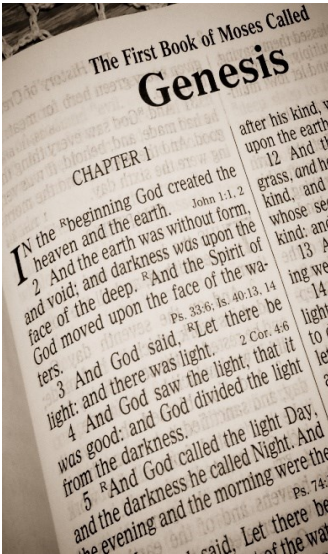
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The book of Genesis, the creation story describes how God created the universe, including the earth and all living creatures. The renewal of nature in the spring season can be seen as a reflection of the power and beauty of God's creation.

Overall, while there is no specific biblical event associated with the month of **March**, it is still an important time of year for many religious traditions and is often associated with themes of renewal, rebirth, and new beginnings.



This Days Thought

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." - **Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)**

This verse encourages us to trust in God completely and to not rely on our own limited understanding or human wisdom. Instead, we should acknowledge God in all aspects of our lives and seek His guidance and direction. By doing so, God promises to make our paths straight, which means that He will guide us along the right path and help us to navigate the challenges and obstacles that we may face. So, let us put our trust in God today and always, and allow Him to guide our steps and lead us towards His will for our lives.

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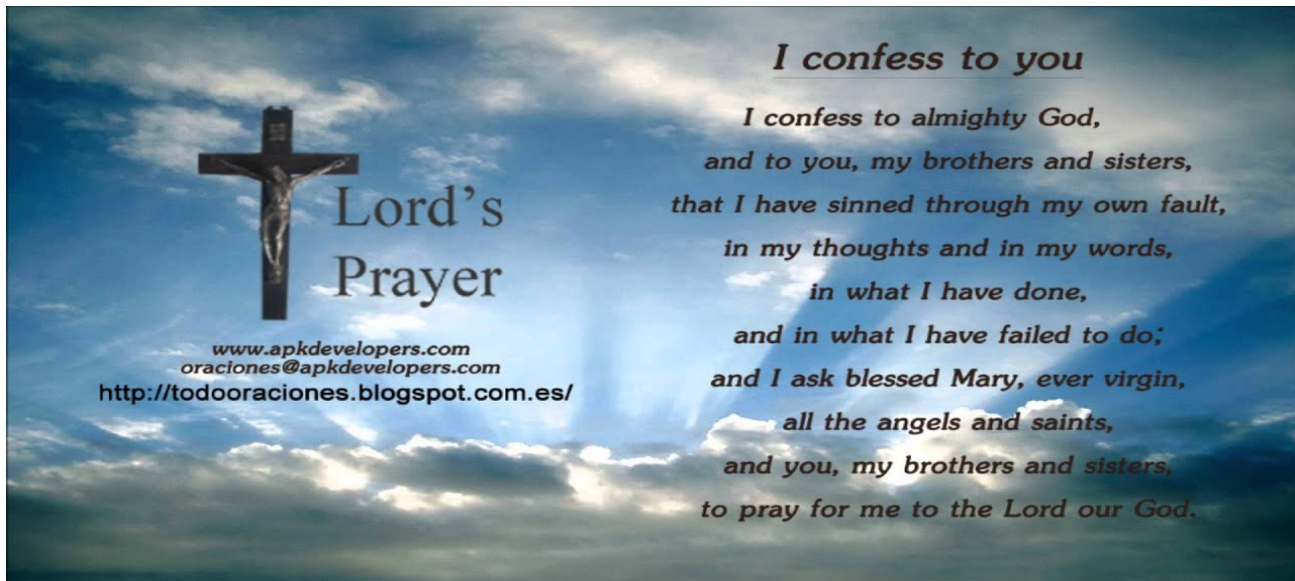
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A Prayer For Your Daily Confession!



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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dan@anywhereusa.org
208-202-5737 X103
American Legion Post 113



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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2023 IDAHO VETERAN PARADE

November 4, 2023, 10:00-12:00

Proposed Parade Routes

Please review the following for discussion prior to March 10, 2023. Your comments will be reviewed at the parade committee meeting on March 14, 2023.

Three options are presented for your consideration:

Option 1 – No Change

Option 2 – 5th Street to VAMC

Option 3 – ISVH-Boise to Ft Boise Park

Option 1 is not illustrated and is defined as the existing parade route to include the existing staging plans, opening ceremony site, television broadcast layout, parade administration infrastructure, route, barrier plan and exit plan.

Option 2 proposes a change to the route and end point only. This route provides the inclusion of the Road of Honor along the South Loop Road of the Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC) and brings the parade to the residents building of both the VAMC and the Idaho State Veterans Home – Boise. Additional benefits include a reduction of parking restriction as an improvement in space available for public viewing of the parade as well as enhancements of demonstration areas and the historic Boise Barracks sites.

Permission was obtained for this route from the Veterans Administration for 2022 but the parade committee decided additional planning would be beneficial and the 2022 parade remained within the established route.

Option 3 proposes a complete rearrangement of all aspects of the parade as shown in the attached illustration. This option centers the parade around the VAMC and other federal and public properties with no need for parking restrictions other than the area south of Ft. Boise Park that must be kept clear for parade traffic. Ft. Boise Park and VAMC parade ground offer ideal spaces for public participation in adjunct activities such as demonstrations, concerts, and other large group activities associated with the celebration.

Close coordination with the VAMC, ISVH-Boise, Boise Park and Recreation has the potential to transform the existing 2 hour parade into a weekend long patriotic celebration with activities such as the following:

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Saturday events:

Road of Honor Flag Display

Idaho Veterans Parade

Military Display at Motor Pool and VAMC Parade Ground

Open House at VAMC

Open House at ISVH-Boise

Concerts and Demonstrations at Ft. Boise Park

A Run/Walk/Bike Event (including Ridges to Rivers Trail System)

"The Ft. Boise Boogie" – Formation march and shuffle with cadence callers around VAMC

Road of Honor Flag Recovery

Patriotic Youth Group Campout

Sunday events:

Revelry and Morning Flag Ceremony at VAMC

Sunday Chaplain's Service at ISVH-Boise Memorial

Fundraising Sunday Breakfast at VAMC parade ground

ISHV-Boise Invitational and Open Golf Tournament

March Order and Leave No Trace Compliance

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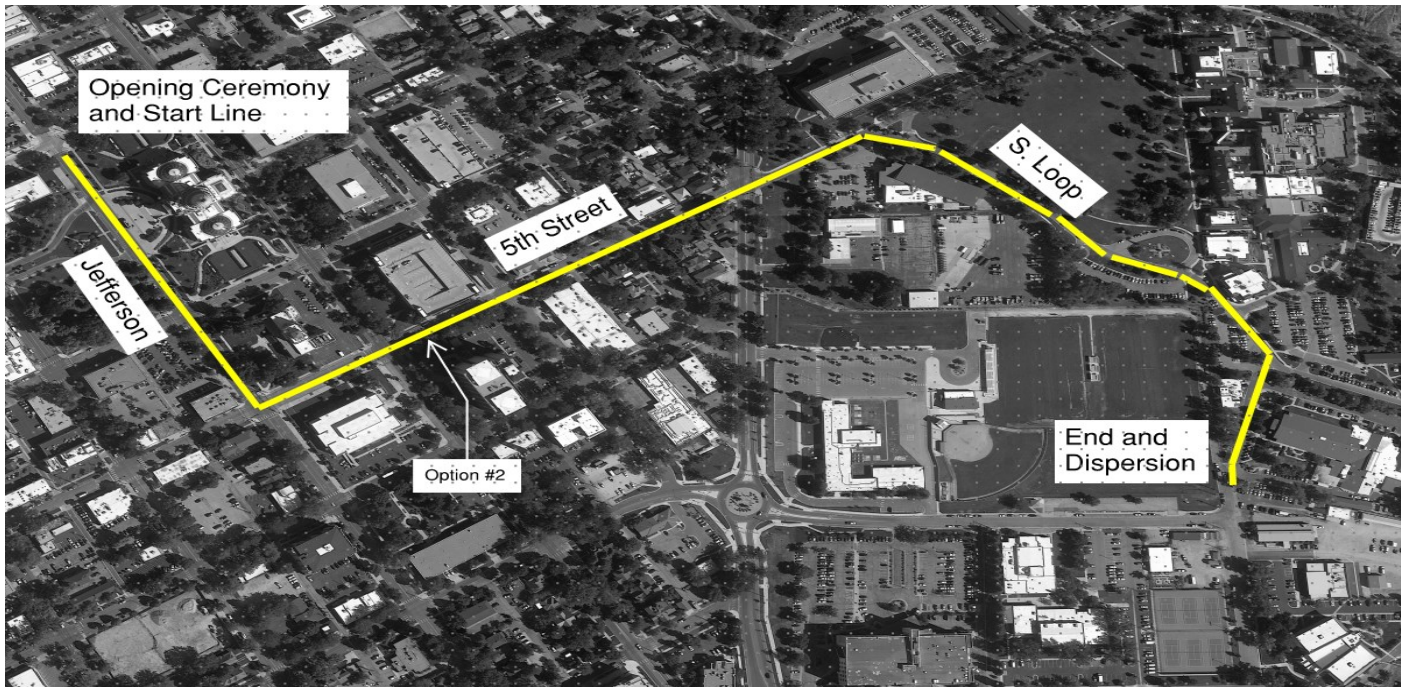
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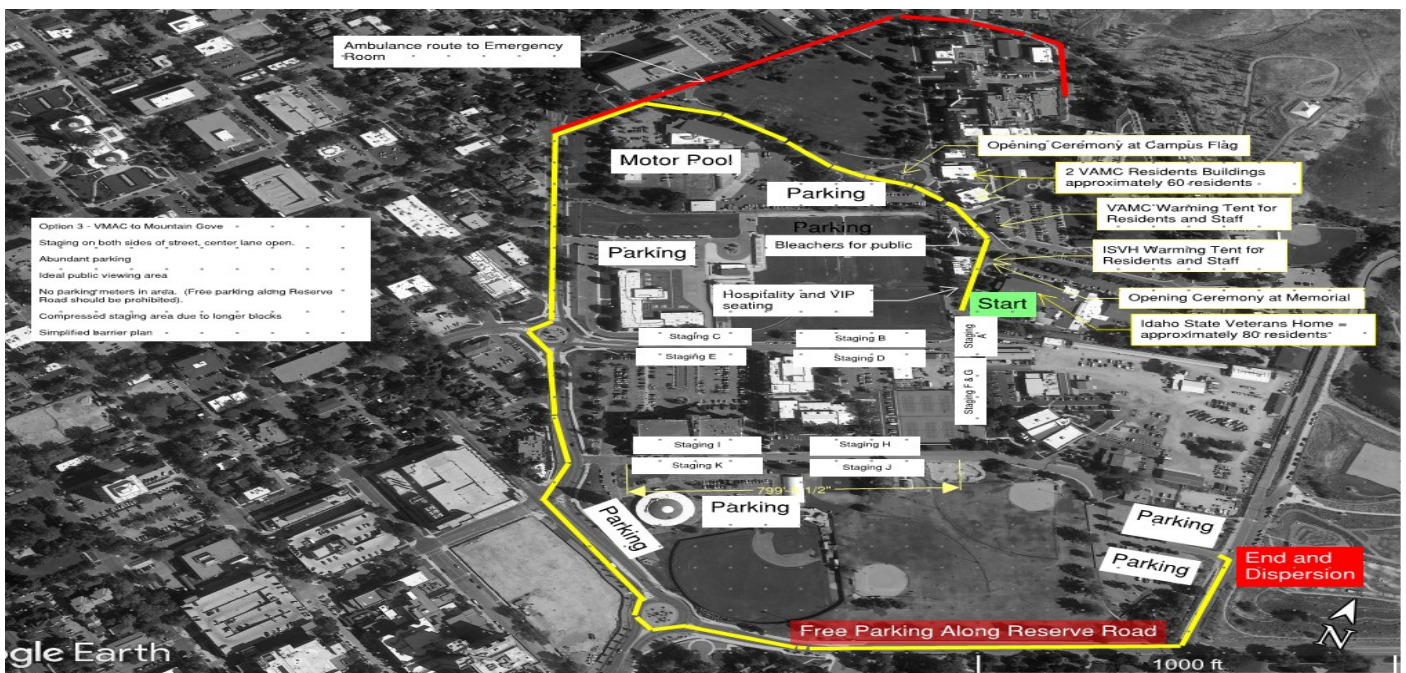
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OPTION #2 – 5th Street to VAMC



OPTION #3 ISVH-Boise to Ft. Boise Park



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Dance The Night Away!

It's a 40's, 50's and 60's Dance at the Post

When: April 1, 2023, Where: Post 113, What time: 6:00 PM until ???, Cost: \$0 Please bring either some finger food or a desert to share. The Post will provide water and coffee.



There will be music, and funky decorations. Dance to such tunes as "Kissin Time", "This Ol' House", "Crimson and Clover", "Down on the Corner", Jail House Rock", "Love Me Tender" and a whole lot more!

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POST 113 HONOR GUARD FEBRUARY 2023 EVENTS By DOUG HANKS



Rifle Salutes February "9"
Total for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 "79"

Hours January-84, July-February Year Total "1190"

DONATIONS "\$3625.00"

Larre Robertson-Bugles Across America
TAPS "14" TOTAL YEAR 2023 "31"

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL HONOR GUARD MEMBERS WHO HAVE HELPED THIS WINTER, YOU LOOK AND WORK GREAT TOGETHER. MANY COMPLIMENTS FROM A LOT OF PEOPLE.

Idaho Statesman, published as The Idaho Daily Statesman

July 15, 1918 issue 304 page 3

LLOYD HUTCHESON GIVES LIFE ON FRENCH SOIL

Lived in Meridian All His Life; Memorial Services Largest Ever Held Here.

MERIDIAN--Lloyd Hutcheson, Meridian's first son to be killed in action in France, laid down his life on the fields of France on June 19. Word was received by his mother Mrs. L. E. Hutcheson on Saturday, July 6 from the war office. Memorial services were held in the First Methodist church of Meridian Sunday evening, July 7. The largest crowd in the history of Meridian turned out to pay their respects to the memory of the young man.

Lloyd Hutcheson and Miss Fern Parker were married just before the Idaho boys left Boise for France. Lloyd was a member of the old company H of the 2nd Idaho. At the time of his death he was a member of E company of the 2nd engineers, A. E. F. He served on the Mexican border and in northern Idaho.

Hutcheson was born January 4, 1895 in Boise valley and was 23 years old at the time of his death. He lived practically all his life in Meridian.

Hutcheson carried an insurance policy for \$10,000 which was made out in favor of his mother.

Meridian Cemetery



Burial site in France



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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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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



This month we will continue with a discussion about emergency prep. Last month we demonstrated remote rig control for a Flex radio and an ICOM 7610. We then talked about starting a simplex net on two meters. After some false starts we latched on a simplex frequency that is not used, The simplex frequency we will try during the month of March is 147.420. It looks to be the least objectional. We will be discussing traffic formats, locations for operations, and “what if” procedures.



Testing is back on the third Saturday each month. The next test starts at 10:00 AM at the Post on Saturday March 18, 2023. We offer tests for all classes of license and renewal services. There is a new General exam that we will begin using in June this year.

Please remember that we said we would be sending Mother’s Day greeting from the Post on Saturday May 13, 2023. We will discuss particulars at the meeting.

Keep the Gowen Thunder Airshow on your calendar. The Show is August 26 -27,2023. We will need operators to staff the booth on the flight line at Gowen Field. We have a special event call sign. It is W7A/GT. QSL card is shown below and will be shown at the meeting.

Finally, we will continue with the pizza at 6:30 PM or so and the give aways of “stuff.”

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Welcome Home

A celebration for Commander Matt Wrobel as he completes his tour as Idaho Department Commander

It's a party with food, fun and games!

Location: Post 113

22 W. Broadway Ave, Meridian, ID

Date: April 29, 2023

Time: 5:00 PM

Food catered by: Goodwood Barbecue

Cost: \$20.00 each

RSVP by April 21, 2023

Send cash or checks to Post 113 at PO Box 113, Meridian, ID 83680 . To make a credit card purchase, call Sue or Rich at 208 550 7395 or 208 870 7928. You can also send an e-mail to post113.adjutant@gmail.com



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Service Officer

By: John Brekke

The following summarizes the February 2023 Service Officer announcements for American Legion Post 113:

Feeding American Heroes

Feeding American Heroes is a sponsored event by the Independence Fund, St. Vincent de Paul, and the Idaho Food Bank. Its goal is to provide essential food items and supplies to help Veterans and their families to meet their basic needs. This is a free event that will occur on March 23, 2023 from 1 pm to 4 pm at Boise VA Medical Center, 500 West Fort Street at the flagpole. Veterans can pre-register for it by using this URL.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/veteran-registration-march-feeding-americas-heroes-boise-tickets-514295560867>

If you would like to help volunteer at this event, use this URL to register.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/volunteer-registration-march-feeding-americas-heroes-boise-tickets-514306393267>

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. Please contact me if you have questions about this or know of a surviving spouse that may qualify for this type of claim

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

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

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

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- 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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AMERICAN LEGION POST 113 MEETING MINUTES Feb 21, 2023

Officers Present:	Commander	Rich Dees
	1 st Vice	Steve North (zoom)
	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 1903 hours by Commander Dees.

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

New Member: Dennis Kindrick- Air Force.

Roll call of Officers conducted: quorum met.

Reports are in newsletter- minutes from January Motion and 2nd, accepted as written.

Finance Report in newsletter. Motion and 2nd accepted as written.

Membership- Steve North – post has 326 paid post members. District 3 is at 86%. He will make phone calls to fill in holes for members phone numbers and emails.

2nd Vice- Post got grant for incinerators to go out to prison for disposal of flags. Post has 2 large collection boxes to place around town. Will work with city to get sign put up, update next month.

Matt Wrobel- Koffee Klatch this weekend 9 to 11am.

Building Manager Mark Grothe- donations for building usage are flat. Finished painting main hall last week. Will post a notice for help to paint the rest. Kitchen is now in 2 parts. Kitchen 2 is locked for post use only. Kitchen 1 open for general use. Construction is ongoing. Lost VFW group due to kitchen issues.

Service Officer-Absent

Honor Guard- Doug Hanks- performed 6 rifle ceremonies in Jan. 70 for fiscal year. Received \$3425 in donations. Larre Robertson performed 17 taps in Jan. report handed in.

Radio Club- Rich Dees- Gowan Thunder coming in August. Air Show will have flag trailer there. Will need volunteers to staff Sat and Sun 26 and 27 August.

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Gowan Field Day- tomorrow 22 Feb in Hero's Park at 7pm. Free pizza.

VA Hospital- March 23rd 1pm to 4pm at flag pole free pizza for first 200 people.

Legion Riders- None

Boys State- Doug Hanks- this year 18-23 June at Gowan Field. There are 13 High Schools in West Ada School District. Bishop Kelly in Boise is asking for 10 to 14 boys. Contact home school Federation and private schools.

Oratorical contest held last week- 3 Contestants. Bridger Benson won Dept contest. National contest in March.

Boy Scouts- Mark Grothe- another Eagle scout board.

Sons of American Legion- Thom Juul- no meeting last month- No quorum.

Unfinished business- None.

New Business: Sign- held up by Meridian Planning. Ralph Cavalarie going to coordinate- issue is size of sign and 30% of background- may need to appeal to City Council.

Building update- Gary is making up plans. Kitchens to be heavily modified- we know we need a mop sink. Matt Wrobel- with new meter and new lines- our piping in the building needs to be redone. Currently no water shut off for the building. May have to shut down kitchen for a few days for replumbing.

Adjutant-Received a letter from public Works stating upcoming water and sewer line work. Project expected to start mid-March and expected completion Feb of 2024 Work is from Meridian Road from Pine to Broadway. They are also replacing 550 feet of 6 inch water main piping with 8 inch on W Idaho between 2nd street and Meridian Road. Work to include new service lines from Main to meter and new meters. Construction will be 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday. Letter included in Minutes.

Motion made for Matt Wrobel to redo building plumbing for up to \$2500. 2nd and approved. As built plan- building is on a slab.

Need Committee for building Walls- need to decide what goes on the walls where. Committee: Thom Juul, Ernest Cook and Doug. Thom Juul to update pictures of officers for Past Post Commanders wall and Current Post and S.A. L. officers.

Home Coming- Mark Grothe_ Goodairn BBQ waiting response.

Vets Court- from Jon Brekke- presented by Rich Dees: they have a weekly coffee and meeting on Saturday mornings. Would like to conduct it in our building. Some are joining us during our coffee Klatch. Saturday mornings are 90% good.

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Our nice wood floors- Our Building used to be a dance hall. Looking to start a dance night featuring 40s 50s and 60s music on records. Starting in April. Finger foods and drinks.

March Nomination for new officers. Elections to be held in April. Elected officers shall be at a minimum: Commander, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, Finance Officer, Sergeant-At-Arms and Service Officer. Appointed officers shall be at a minimum: Adjutant, Post Historian, Chaplain.

Next Meeting: March 21, 2023.

Adjourn: 2015

Respectfully Submitted
Susan Barnett
Adjutant

Post 113 Officers for 2022— 2023

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2 nd Vice Commander	Ralph Cavalieri	208 336 0012	rpcavalieri@gmail.com
Finance Officer	Ernest Cook	408 858 1995	post113.finance@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	dandghanks@q.com