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# Memorial Day 2023



June has been event filled. It all started with Memorial Day on May 29, 2023. Meridian Mayor Simison was on hand as was our featured speaker Dan Nelson, Director of Mission 43. Dan, as Channel 7 reported, gave a moving and emotional speech to the crowd of several hundred. Dan is an impressive guy. His biography is on page 3. VFW Post 4000 Honor Guard were mixed with our Honor Guard and the scouts from our own Troop 1 read the names on the Rock. A terrific rendition of Taps was played by Bryce Keck's son Dennis. As you go through this newsletter, you'll see information on other events equally as impressive including "The Wall that Heals", and Boys State. Hope you had an opportunity to take part in some of the activities.

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### A Month or so Out

July 22—Lloy's Koffee Klatch

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### American Legion Post 113 Service Officer Announcements

By John Brekke

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

#### **The Wall that Heals**

The Wall That Heals will be on display around the clock from June 29 – July 2, 2023 at the Scentsy Commons, 2701 E Pine Ave in Meridian. 24/7 provides the opportunity to visit during the wall in both the early morning or the overnight hours. The opening ceremony occurs at 9 am on June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Scentsy Commons. While it's in Meridian, they still need volunteers to help visitors with seeing the wall, looking up names of those on the wall, and providing education center assistance around the clock. There will be visitors from all over the state as well as students coming from the local and area school districts. Sign up to volunteer on their website. There will be a police escort/led motorcycle and "other" transport to accompany the wall from the Middleton Middle School, (511 W Main Middleton, ID) to the Scentsy Commons on June 27. If you want to attend that event, you must be at the Rider's Briefing @ 1:30 pm at the Middleton Middle School on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The ride begins @ 2 pm. It is anticipated to arrive at the Scentsy Commons at 2:45 pm.

<https://www.vvmf.org/event/The-Wall-That-Heals-Meridian-ID/> <https://thewallthathealsmeridian2023.org/volunteer/>

#### **Veteran Appreciation Fair**

The Boise VA Medical Center Veterans is conducting a Veterans Appreciation Fair on June 23, 2023. The event is free to attend and its family friendly. It will include representatives from various veterans organizations, free BBQ food, live music, raffle prizes, dunk tank, lawn games, etc. To volunteer, have a booth, or for questions call Tammy at (208) 422-1175.

#### **Changes to Medicare Post-COVID19**

Following last month's Post 113 monthly meeting, I had Richard Dees distribute an email regarding the changes to Medicare since COVID 19 was sunset. If you have questions about it, please see me.

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/frequently-asked-questions-cms-waivers-flexibilities-and-end-covid-19-public-health-emergency.pdf>

#### **National Resource Directory**

The NRD is a database of validated resources that support recovery, rehabilitation, and reintegration for service members, veterans, family members, and caregivers. What's in it for you? It connects you, the veteran, to low- or no-cost resources in the Treasure Valley.

<https://nrd.gov/>

#### **Increased VA Claims Backlog**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) expects to end 2023 with a record number of veterans filing disability claims. However, the recent hiring push at the agency should help expedite the process and not add to its backlog of unresolved cases, VA Secretary Denis McDonough has said. The VA's backlog of claims, which are cases waiting more than 125 days for a decision, has remained at roughly 200,000, despite the increase in filings triggered by the passage last year of a law that expanded toxic exposure benefits (i.e., The PACT Act). The VA is approaching 600,000 claims filed through the PACT Act since it was signed last year by the President. Last year, the VA received a record-breaking 1.7 million claims for benefits. This year has already seen 30% claims filing increase.

[https://benefits.va.gov/reports/mmwr\\_va\\_claims\\_backlog.asp](https://benefits.va.gov/reports/mmwr_va_claims_backlog.asp)

#### **VA hospitals outperform non-VA hospitals**

According to Medicare's latest nationwide survey of patients, VA hospitals outperformed non-VA hospitals on all 10 core patient satisfaction metrics — including overall hospital rating, communication with doctors,

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communication about medication, willingness to recommend the hospital, etc. For example, based on patient surveys between July 2021 and June 2022, 72% of VA hospitals received four or five stars for Overall hospital rating compared to 48% of reporting non-VA hospitals.

<https://news.va.gov/press-room/nationwide-patient-survey-shows-va-hospitals-outperform-non-va-hospitals/>

## Dan Nelson and Mission 43 Biography

Dan Nelson is a retired US Army Special Forces Officer (Green Beret) who started his military career upon graduating from Centennial High School (Boise, Idaho) in 2001. He left active duty and pursued his goal of playing college football and was honored to serve as the team captain of the UCLA Football Team from 2004-2006. Dan reentered the military after graduating UCLA with honors. His career as an airborne infantry officer and later a Green Beret afforded him the opportunity to deploy numerous times to Iraq, Afghanistan, The Philippines, North Africa, and the Arabian Levant. Dan is the recipient of multiple awards, including the Silver Star (the nation's third highest award for valor in combat), two Bronze Stars, and the Purple Heart.

Dan currently serves as the Director of Mission43, an Idaho based military veterans' initiative of the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Family Foundation. Mission43 helps military families advance to a better quality of life in Idaho after the military through accelerating education, employment, and community opportunities.

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**POST 113 HONOR GUARD  
JUNE 2023 HONORS  
By DOUG HANKS**



**Total for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 “117”**  
Hours June “202”, July-June Year Total “1716”  
DONATIONS “\$5375.00”  
Larre Robertson-Bugles Across America  
TAPS “18” TOTAL YEAR 2023 “99”

**KUDOS TO POST 113 HONOR GUARD. 2023 WAS A RECORD YEAR**

**A LOT OF HARD WORK, TIME, AND EFFORT TO MAKE YOU THE BEST**

## **Interesting 4th of July facts every American should know**

The history of the 4th of July is fascinating, but there are other interesting 4th of July facts every American should know. Here are five of the most notable:

- Some colonists celebrated Independence Day during the summer of 1776 by putting on mock funerals for King George III of England—symbolizing the death of the Crown’s rule on America.
- The first annual commemoration of Independence Day happened on July 4, 1777, in Philadelphia.
- John Adams, a Founding Father and the second president of the United States, strongly believed Independence Day should be celebrated on July 2. He even refused to attend 4th of July events because he felt so strongly about July 2 being the correct date.
- Adams and Thomas Jefferson, a fellow Founding Father, both died on July 4, 1826. James Monroe, another U.S. president, also died on July 4th, but he passed in 1831.
- Thomas Jefferson was the first president to celebrate Independence Day at the [White House](#), in 1801. The celebration featured horse races, parades, food and drinks—similar to the 4th of July celebrations we see today.

**To request flag folding, taps or rifle salute, please contact a Post 113 officer or Doug Hanks, 208-809-7519**

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## July 2023

### "Independence Day July 4th"



In the United States, July 4th is celebrated as Independence Day, commemorating the country's declaration of independence from Great Britain in 1776. It is a national holiday marked by fireworks, parades, barbecues, and various festivities.

### A Little About Flag Etiquette



Flag etiquette refers to the proper guidelines and practices for displaying, handling, and caring for the flag. Here are some key points about flag etiquette.

#### 1. Displaying the Flag:

- The flag should be flown from sunrise to sunset. If displayed at night, it should be properly illuminated.
- When flying the flag with other flags, the American flag should be placed in a position of prominence and higher than other flags.
- The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

#### 2. Flag Handling:

- The flag should not touch the ground or any other objects below it.
- When carrying the flag in a procession, it should be held high and never dipped to any person or thing.

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- If the flag becomes worn or tattered, it should be properly retired and replaced with a new flag.

### **2. Proper Folding:**

- The American flag should be folded into a triangular shape, with only the blue field and stars visible.
- The flag-folding ceremony is a reverent process often performed at special events or funerals.

### **3. Half-Staff Display:**

- The flag should be flown at half-staff on specific designated days, as proclaimed by the President or the Governor, as a sign of mourning or respect.
- On Memorial Day, the flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon, and then raised to full staff for the remainder of the day.

### **4. Disposal of Old or Damaged Flags:**

- Old or damaged flags can be disposed of by a variety of sources, such as through a flag retirement ceremony conducted by the American Legion or other authorized organizations.

### **5. Respectful Behavior:**

- Encourage individuals to stand at attention and place their right hand over their heart when the flag passes in a parade or during the national anthem.
- Show respect for the flag and its symbolism, including refraining from wearing clothing items with the flag design or using it for advertising purposes.

## Are You Curious About Church

**Matthew 16:16-19** is a passage from the New Testament of the Bible. Here is the passage from the English Standard Version (ESV):

"Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.'"

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### Matthew 16:16-19 Continued:

This passage is a significant moment in the Gospels where Jesus acknowledges Peter's confession that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus then blesses Peter and declares that he will be the foundation of His church. The statement about the keys of the kingdom of heaven suggests that Peter will have authority in the spiritual realm to make decisions and judgments.

It is important to note that interpretations of this passage may vary among different Christian denominations and theological perspectives.



This Days  
Thought

### “What is considered a church”

**The Church as the Body of Christ:** In the New Testament, the church is often referred to as the "body of Christ." This imagery emphasizes the idea that believers are interconnected and each member has a unique role to play in the functioning of the church (1 Corinthians 12:12-27).

**The Church as the community of Believers:** The church is portrayed as a community of believers who come together to worship, support one another, and carry out the mission of spreading the Gospel. It is a place where believers can find fellowship, encouragement, and accountability (Acts 2:42-47)

**The Church as a Witness to the World:** The church has the responsibility to be a witness to the world, proclaiming the message of salvation through Jesus Christ and demonstrating His love through acts of service and compassion (Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8)



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### A Prayer For Your Daily Confession!



If you know of someone who is recovering from a illness, has any health related issue or a death in the family



please contact me at :

208-890-3384 Cell

[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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## The Wall That Heals



The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VMF) partnered with the National Parks Service are the caretakers of the WALL in Washington DC. The “Wall that Heals” is a three-quarter replica of the original wall. The Wall was dedicated in 1982 where over five million people a year visit. The wall honors the 58,281 people that died in the war. We were privileged to have the “Wall that Heals” visit our area in late June and early July. There were reportedly thousands from the surrounding area that visited during it’s time a Scentsy Commons. The picture above is of the volunteers that helped with the event.

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### 2023 GOWEN FIELD

Gem Boys State Year 2023 was a very successful endeavor. 82 delegates and 81 graduated, one went home early, due to a family illness.

Weather was cool to start but warmed up nicely.

Lots of hours spent learning how to set up City, County, and State Governments. 6 days passes quick, early, and late hours are spent learning the basics. Not much sleep but lots of smiles. Hard on us Legionnaires.

Highlight of Idaho program is the Capital Building on Thur. and Fri. with graduation Fri. eve.

Post 113 sponsored 10 delegates. **6 of the 10 were elected to Gem Boys State Offices**

Dan Harrington-Secretary of State

Kade Andrus-Superintendent of Public Instruction

Cyrus Wangeci-Chief Justice

Teague Rovig-Justice

Hoyoon Song-Secretary of State

Hoyoon Song-Selected to be Boys Nation Delegate

Once again Post 113 selected a great bunch of delegates!!!

Reported by: Doug Hanks



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### American Legion Post 113

## Lloyds Koffee Klatch

**Fourth 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 N7LGN Radio Club has a couple of activities scheduled over the next couple of months. The first is a “Now What” event where we will spend at least half a day to talk about how to use your radio, where to get equipment, and how to make the most out of the hobby. The event is slated for August 19, 2023, after the monthly test session.



Another event is also in August is a Special Event at the Gowen Thunder air show at Gowen Field. The date is August 26-27, 2023. There we will be operating as W7A/GT. We will provide QSL cards to all those who work our station during the event.

Last meeting, we took a look at some “Go Kits” which ranged from the bulky (mine) to the compact (Preston Gilliam, NR6L) to the ultimate GO Kit by Caleb and Katie Moose (W4XEN and K4 WXN). During the discussion about the kits, we discussed ECOMM and the relationship between the National Traffic System (NTS) and the Radio Relay International (RRI). We will continue the discussion next month as we get more information.

I hope to have a guest speaker lined up for the next meeting, so please consider attending.

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Rich

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### Post 113 June 2023 Meeting Minutes

By: Susan Barnett, Adjutant

Officers Present:	Commander	Ralph Cavalieri
	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Dan Pruett – Boys State
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Rich Dees- Home
	Adjutant	Susan Barnett
	Chaplain	Dan Pruett- Boys State, Thom Juul stand in
	Finance Officer	Ernest Cook- Zoom
	Service Officer	John Brekke
	Sergeant at Arms	Harold Carlson

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

Meeting called to order at 1904 hours by Commander Cavalieri.

Guests: Jim and JoAnn Carden from Temechula, CA- Riders. Jim USN-Vietnam.

Sick Call: Chaplain-Thom Juul- 1 member had a heart attack 2 months ago- doing well, Steve North has Cancer.

Roll call of Officers conducted: quorum met.

Finance Report: Ernest Cook-Waiting on a Check from the City of Meridian for the Flag drop boxes. Motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept finance report. Approved last year's budget finance report.

Minutes in Newsletter and read - motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept as read. Approved.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Dan Pruett: Membership: Post is at 84.3% with 90% for District. No names of Veterans Remains repatriation this month. Buddy Checks-Done by Dan Pruett, Katy Owens and Steve North.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice- Read by Commander Cavalieri: Memorial Day Ceremony at Kliner Park Rock of Honor, Honor Guard in conjunction with VFW provided Rifle salute. Boy Scouts read names of Idaho Veterans lost. Speaker was Meridian Mayor.

Bingo as a fund raiser- no additional volunteers have come forward to assist.

Building Manager Mark Grothe-a band has asked to use the building once a month for practice. Switched to irrigation water outside but is leaking at valves, leak in cistern. Contacting the irrigation District. Irrigation water is a flat fee vs city water ups our monthly bill for water. Downstairs bathroom remodel is done. Kitchen has FRP panels to go up. Sign boards are painted, waiting on sign company for install.



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Service Officer-John Brekke. Wall that heals June 27-July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motorcycle escort from Middleton Middle School to Scentsy in Meridian. There is a website and facebook. There is a National Resource Directory.gov for Veterans use.

Honor Guard- Mark Grothe for Doug Hanks- Report handed in. 9 honors completed, 51 people involved with 4 honors in the next 3 days. Larre Robertson has completed 20 missions with 80 hours.

Radio Club- Ralph for Rich Dees- Active

Riders: Van Howell: 28<sup>th</sup> September God and Country, Idaho Ford Center, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Cascade, Eagle Fun Days.

Boys State-In session.

Oratorical: Ralph for Rich Dees- quiet this month.

Boy Scouts-Mark Grothe- busy.

Ralph for Matt Wrobel- Koffee Klatch last Saturday of month 9 to 11am. All Veterans and Friends are welcome for free coffee and donuts.

Sons of American Legion- Steve North, Off for Summer, next S.A.L. meeting in September.

Unfinished business-

City of Meridian provided Grants for 2 Incinerators for use at Prison, received and in use. Also, for 2 Flag boxes, boxes are in, and City will be doing a dedication at Fire Station 1 on July 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Flag boxes will be located at Fire stations 1 and 5. Post is still waiting on check from city for the grant.

New Business: Department Convention in July 12-16 in Jackpot Nevada. Post has 12 delegates they can send Post pays \$15 delegate Fee. Post pays for all 12 regardless of whether they go or not.

#1: Ernest Cook

#2: Dan Pruett

#3: Doug Hanks

#4: Doug Foote- cancelled.

#5: Steve North

#6: Ralph Cavalieri

#7: Susan Barnett

#8: Matt Wrobel

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Budget for 2024 Membership year. Ernest: last years and this year's proposed budgets printed out. This

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year's budget has us spending \$9,250 more on the building than we are receiving in grants. Need additional sources of income to cover the gaps. Long term building maintenance reserve already spending money we had put aside. Possible suggestions include possibly raising dues from \$45 to \$55. Can not take effect this year- must be voted on by Post and this year's dues already submitted to National. PUFLS not impacted by dues increase. Still looking at Bingo: Dan Kujawski additional volunteer to help. Possibly setting up a table at local businesses with pamphlets and membership cards to collect donations- need people to help with that as well. Kitchen meals once remodel is complete. Boy Scouts receive \$750 to mow Post yard as part of their fund-raising efforts. Motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept 2024 budget as presented- approved.

Good of Legion: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June Veterans Appreciation Day at VA Parade Grounds. Doug Foote needs help to Set up Canopy from 9:30-10:00 am festivities run from 11am to 2pm. On Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> appreciation night for Families of National Guard and Army Guard at Boise Zoo from 5:30-8:30pm. Doug Foote also needs help setting up canopy and manning a table at 5pm for that event

Adjourn: 2026

Post drawing for \$100, must be present to win: not done.

Next Meeting: July 18, 2023.

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### Post 113 Officers for 2023— 2024

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