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Gowen Thunder



Gowen thunder is an event where the USAF Demonstration Team will be featured at an air show at Gowen Field and will include many static displays and other flying exhibitions. The dates are August 26 – 27, 2023. The air base will be host to as many as 100,000 people over the two-day event. There will be an American Legion District 3 booth along with the Post 113 Radio Club, and the USS Idaho folks all located on the ramp. Post 127 will be selling food at their booth. The event opens from 9 AM to 4 PM daily. Volunteers to staff the booth are needed. Please see Doug Foot for times available.

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A Month or so Out

August 15, 2023—Post meeting

August 26 –27, 2023—Gowen Thunder

August 26, 2023—Lloyds Koffee Klatch

September 6, 2023—SAL restart

September 19, 2023—Legion Meeting

September 23, 2023—Lloyds Koffee Klatch

October—Trunk or Treat

November 11, 2023—Veterans Day

December 9, 2023—Post Oratorical

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Commander's Corner

By Ralph Cavalieri

August...How did it already get to be two-thirds through 2023? I don't know about you, but I've got so much left to be done this year – outdoor projects around the yard to finish, day trips I want to take my wife on, friends I hoped to see,

The dog days of summer are hot and lazy, to be sure. But I suggest that there is an opportunity to use the rest of those long hot hours to do something of value as we sit inside our air-conditioned homes. Please see the article by our First Vice Commander and Chaplain, Dan Pruett about Buddy Checks.

Most of us joined the American Legion to continue serving with our nation's veterans to advance the goals of the Legion regarding Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth. In addition to mutual service, for me and I suspect for you, there is an added benefit – getting to know other veterans and to share the stories of our experiences in the armed forces.

Did you know that Post 113 has 547 members as of July 3, 2023. I've met only a fraction of them. How about you? How many have you met? Did you know that we have 12 members from WWII? Here are some interesting numbers for the conflicts noted by members on their American Legion files. Imagine the variety of experiences that could be shared from our members coming from so many eras of military service.

World War II	12
Korea	55
Viet Nam	284
Lebanon/Grenada	41
Panama	7
Global War on Terrorism	42
Persian Gulf	57
Other/Unknown/None Selected	50
Total	547

I encourage you to get engaged with the activities of the Post and spend some time getting to know some of members. Perhaps you can make it a personal challenge to meet one or two members each month. Or better yet, join in Buddy Check.

An additional thought about meeting other members. We have a natural gathering place for this – Lloyd's Koffee Klatch - held from 0900 to 1200 on the fourth Saturday of each month at the post. Free coffee and donuts and a chance to get to know other members. Oh, and it's a good place to bring a veteran who has not yet joined our post.

[I didn't know the origin of "Klatch", so I looked it up. It comes from German and roughly translates to "gossip". Being a retired sailor, I think it is similar to "scuttlebutt". I guess all members of the armed services enjoyed sharing the latest around a cup of coffee or water.]

Well, I've used my space in the Newsletter for this month. Please join me in the challenge to get to know other members, participate in Buddy Check, and spend some time at Lloyd's Koffee Klatch. See you there.

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City of Meridian unveils new flag disposal boxes

By: Ralph Cavalieri

Flags can get torn, damaged or worn out, but what is the proper way to retire the flag once they're no longer useable? A little over a year ago, we submitted a neighborhood grant application to enhance our flag program. We proposed that we purchase two burners and two large collection boxes. The burners were to be located at Post 201, which is housed within the walls of the Idaho State Correctional Center. As you may know, we process some 10,000 flags per year.

The grant was approved and is now complete. The burners were delivered a few months ago and the boxes were recently installed. The collection boxes are located at Fire station 1 and Fire station 5 in Meridian. The grant we received was for a little over \$12,000.

Our flag program, managed by Matt Wrobel, is now arguably the largest in the state and has been the subject of articles in the news and in the LEGION Magazine.



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"The Dog Days of Summer"

We hope this newsletter finds you well

and in good spirits as

we dive into the heart of summer.



Hemisphere. It's a time when temperatures tend to peak, and people seek relief from the heat by seeking shade, enjoying outdoor water activities, or simply staying indoors in air-conditioned environments.

In modern times, the term "Dog Days of Summer" is often used to describe the hottest and most sweltering days of the season, typically occurring in July and August in the Northern



August brings us an opportunity to reflect on the values that bind us together as members of the American Legion—values such as service, camaraderie, and a commitment to our veterans and their families through programs such as the Community Outreach Programs.



Outreach Programs: Throughout August, our Legion post 113 will continue to actively engage with our communities through various outreach programs. From supporting local shelters and food banks to organizing

blood drives and youth mentorship initiatives, we are dedicated to making a positive impact where it is needed most.

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Membership Drive: We believe in the power of unity and the strength that comes from a growing Legion family. As part of our ongoing efforts to expand our reach and support even more veterans and their families, we encourage all members to participate in our membership drive this month. Invite friends, family, and fellow veterans to join our ranks and be a part of an organization dedicated to advocating for those who have served our nation.

Are You Curious About Church

Ephesians 1:22-23 Says:

in the book of Ephesians 1:22-23. It is a description of Jesus Christ and his role in relation to the church.

"And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way." Here, the Church is described as the body of Christ, with believers united as its members, and Christ as the head. The Church serves as the vessel through which Christ's presence and influence are manifested in the world. These Bible passages provide insights into the significance of the Church as a divinely ordained institution, the body of Christ, fostering fellowship, unity, and the fulfillment of God's purposes in the world.

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This Days
Thought



The Church also serves several essential functions:

1. **Worship and Communion:** The Church provides a space for believers to gather and worship God collectively. It is a place where individuals can express their devotion, praise, and gratitude to God, and participate in sacraments such as baptism and the Eucharist (also known as Communion or the Lord's Supper).
2. **Teaching and Discipleship:** The Church is responsible for teaching and proclaiming the Word of God, providing spiritual guidance, and nurturing the growth of believers in their faith. It equips individuals with biblical knowledge, promotes spiritual maturity, and supports their journey of discipleship.
3. **Fellowship and Community:** The Church fosters a sense of community and fellowship among believers. It provides a space for genuine relationships, support, encouragement, and accountability. Believers come together to share their joys and sorrows, bear one another's burdens, and grow together in faith.
4. **Service and Mission:** The Church is called to serve others and carry out Christ's mission in the world. It reaches out to the needy, marginalized, and oppressed, showing God's love through acts of compassion, justice, and mercy. The Church proclaims the Gospel, inviting others to encounter the transforming power of Jesus Christ.
5. **Unity and Diversity:** The Church transcends cultural, racial, and social boundaries, uniting people from diverse backgrounds under the banner of Christ's love. It celebrates the richness of various gifts, talents, and perspectives within the body of believers, promoting unity amidst diversity.

Ultimately, the Church represents a dynamic and living organism, called to worship, teach, fellowship, serve, and impact the world with the love and truth of Jesus Christ. It serves as a beacon of hope, a community of believers, and a vehicle through which God's redemptive plan is carried out.

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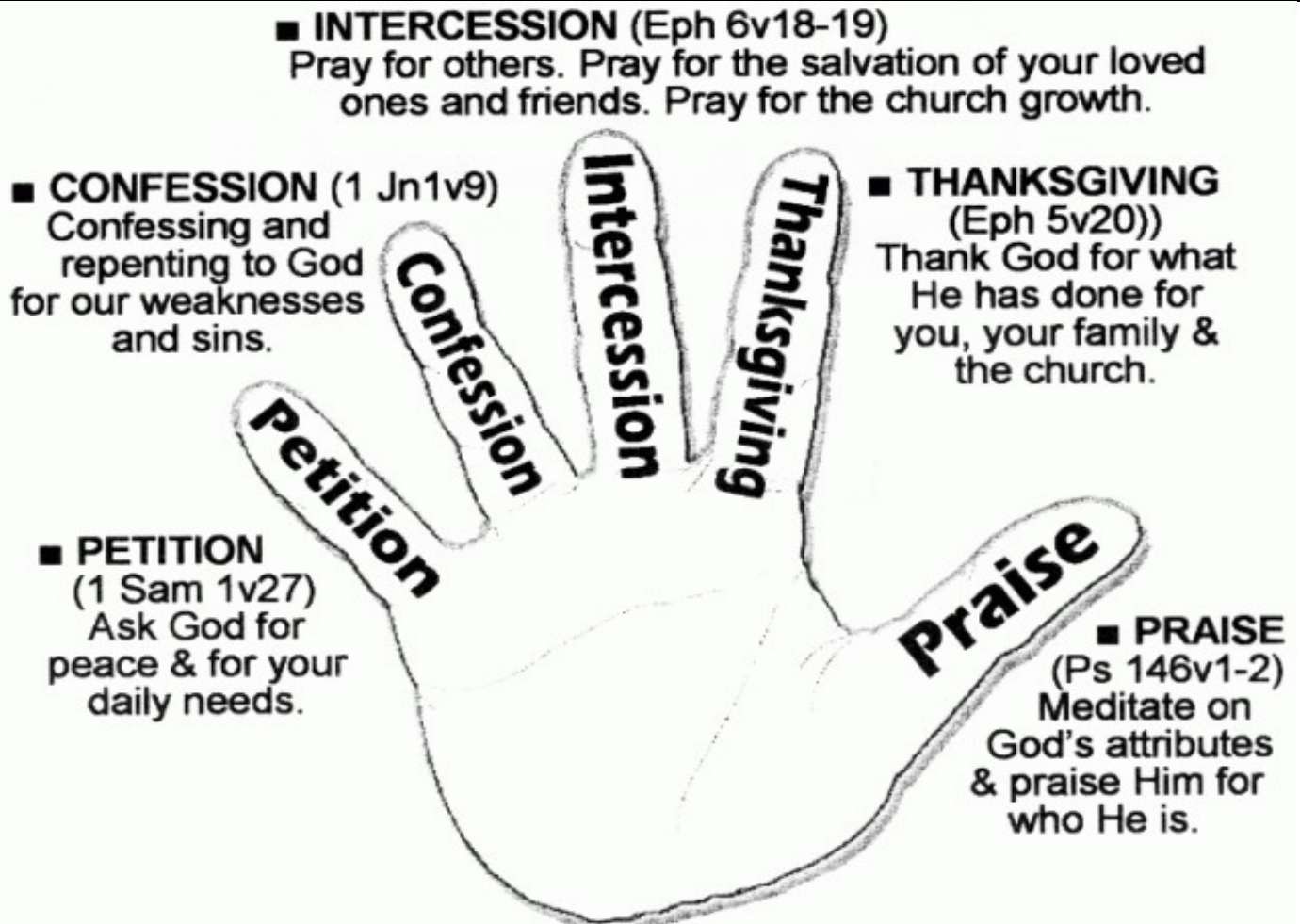
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A Daily Prayer For Your Confession!



It's important to note that there can be variations among different Bible-based churches in terms of specific beliefs, practices, and denominational affiliations. If you are interested in joining a Bible-based church, it's recommended to visit various churches, talk to members, and evaluate if their teachings and practices align with your own faith and convictions.

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



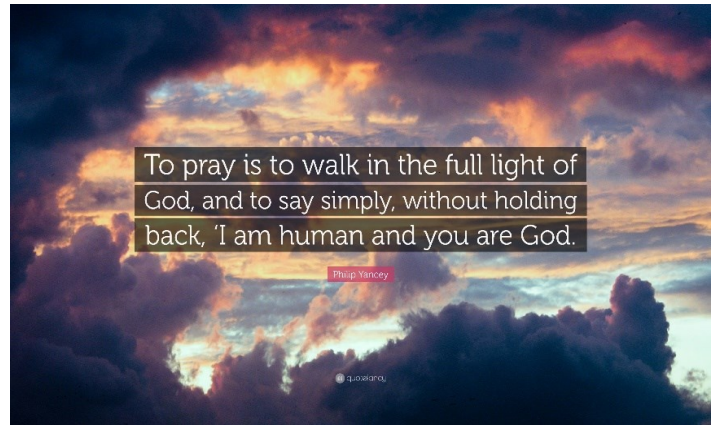
please contact me at :

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208-202-5737 X103

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And one last thing:

Wouldn't be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.

That is all for this month but 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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American Legion Post 113 Service Officer Announcements

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

Idaho Veterans Guide

The Idaho Veterans Guide helps Idaho veterans and their families identify support resources by providing access to a comprehensive and current list of service providers through an easy-to-use, web-based platform. Enter your zip code to begin your search. A 23-minute introductory tutorial may be used to help you better understand the Idaho Veterans Guide and list any new program you may wish to add. This can be viewed at...

<https://youtu.be/nCGoT-zh-DY>
<https://idahoveteransguide.org/>

PACT ACT

According to VA Secretary McDonough during a June 27 press conference, "PACT Act claims received 665,773. PACT Act claims approved 279,925. We are granting, under the PACT Act, at about a 79% grant rate..." and "claims filed for any disability, not specific only to the PACT Act. The disability backlog right now is 231,503, which is a slight increase over last the last month we talked about this but you know, we continue to receive a record number of claims filed, and we continue to resolve claims at a record number, about 15% higher than last year. But I also know that we are receiving about 30% more claims this year than we did last year". In regards to the upcoming August 10 PACT Act deadline, if you file or intend to file before that date, the VA will claim the benefits you earn from that granted claim and it will accrue as of August 10, 2022.

<https://news.va.gov/press-room/secva-press-conference-6-27-23/>

Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) Act of 2023

On June 14 the President signed into law the Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) Act of 2023, which directs the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide a cost-of-living adjustment for Veterans benefits in 2024 equal to the COLA applied to Social Security benefits, as determined by the Social Security Administration (SSA). The legislation, passed with bi-partisan support in the House and Senate, is an annual procedure for Congress. The COLA affect certain VA benefits, including, but not limited to: disability compensation, clothing allowance, and dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) for spouses and children.

<https://news.va.gov/121361/veterans-cost-of-living-increase-benefits/>

Appealing your VA Health and VA Benefits Decision

You may not always agree with decisions the VA makes about your VA health or benefits decisions. When you disagree with a VA decision, you can appeal it. But first a word about where benefits come from within VA. The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) handles non-health benefits, including service-connected compensation, education, dependency and indemnity compensation, VA home loans and life insurance. The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) also has its own set of health benefits involving your health care and eligibility for certain health services. Regarding health-related appeals, you can appeal two kinds of decisions: medical determinations and health benefits decisions. A medical determination is a decision made by your care team about your health care, like whether to prescribe a certain medication, treatment or physical therapy. It can also mean a decision to refer you to a community provider for care. A health benefits decision is about whether or not you are eligible for VA health benefits, such as VA health care, VA nursing home and domiciliary care, reimbursement for non-VA emergency care and certain medical devices.

<https://news.va.gov/120769/appealing-your-health-care-decisions/>

Idaho Service Officer Training

Each year the state of Idaho conducts free service officer training. This year's all day training occurs on August 16-18 in Boise. Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend training on either Thursday or Friday, August 17-18. Topics they plan to address on those days are: Pension Management, Social Security Administration, VA Fiduciary, the VA Debt Management Center, Veteran Readiness and Employment, the VA's Insurance Program, Medicaid, Idaho State Burial & Cemeteries, PACT Presumptive Conditions, etc. If you are interested in attending this informative training in my stead, please let me know.

<https://veterans.idaho.gov/advocacy/service-officers/>

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 113

MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 2023

Officers Present: Commander	Ralph Cavalieri
1 st Vice	Dan Pruett
2 nd Vice	Rich Dees
Adjutant	Susan Barnett
Chaplain	Dan Pruett
Finance Officer	Ernest Cook- Zoom
Service Officer	John Brekke
Sergeant at Arms	Harold Carlson- Doug Killam Stand-in

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

Meeting called to order at 1905 hours by Commander Cavalieri.

Guests: Owen Allen- Boys State participant.

Sick Call: Chaplain-Matt Wrobel has bad cold, Steve North Cancer getting better.

Roll call of Officers conducted: quorum met.

Finance Report: Ernest Cook-Post ended the year flat. Financial commitments for this year are heavy. Post has completed some deferred maintenance items with more coming. \$6000 for our new sign. The largest revenue source is County Grant, second is honor guard donations.

Scouts fixed Post dinner tonight and will be cooking the Post dinner the 1st Month of each Quarter. Crew 1- just started rafting trips. Troop 1- Provided Governors Ball security. 1GTroop- backpacking (15 members). 1B troop new member.

Minutes in Newsletter and printed - motion and 2nd to accept as printed. Approved.

Finance report: motion and 2nd to accept as read. Approved.

1st Vice: Dan Pruett: Membership: Post is at 84.3% with 90% for District. 1 veteran's remains repatriation this month. Buddy Checks-Done by Katy Owens (zoom). S.A.L. Jack Youngs (zoom)- Idaho is at 103%, renewals can continue until December 31st.

2nd Vice- Rich Dees: Flag collection ceremony filmed by channel 7. Steve North will get padlocks and keys and pick up flags from new collection boxes at fire station 1 and 5 as well as picking up flags from flag farm. The Posts nominations for Police Officer of the Year (Prison Warden) and Teacher of the Year (Mandy) were the Department winners. Still need help with running Bingo. To be cost-efficient must be done once a week with about 4 people per ses-

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sion running it. Plan for 6-9 pm. Volunteers so far include John Brekke, Mark Grothe, Nellie (spouse of Thomas Heinrich), Dan Pruett and Al Carlson. State laws for Bingo state 70% of monies must go back to the people that play.

Web site manager: James Szatkowski has volunteered to Update our website. Post needs a CONTENT person to supply James with pictures and articles for the website and he will put them up. The web site domain costs the post \$120 per year. Van Howell is the Post Public Relations Contact.

Radio Club: Amateur Radio- next meeting Wednesday 26 July 6:45pm for Pizza. Gowan Thunder participant. Oratorical: September start advertising for next year's contest.

Oratorical: Post oratorical contest will be on 9 December.

Honor Guard- Doug Hanks- Report handed in. Year closeout 1716 hours, 117 Honors with \$5375 received in Donations. Army pays Post \$50 for each Army Honors provided. Larre Robertson has completed 99 missions since 1 January.

Boys State-82 boys attended post 113 sponsored 10. Letters from our boys provided for records.

Building Manager Mark Grothe.

Service Officer-John Brekke. Boise VA hosts Vet Fest from 9am to noon on 19 July at Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall. State Service Officer Training is 16-18 August. John will be out of town on the 17th and 18th. Looking for someone to stand in for those two days.

Riders: None

Koffee Klatch 4th Saturday of month 9am to noon. All Veterans and Friends are welcome for free coffee and donuts.

Sons of American Legion- Steve North: next S.A.L. meeting September 6th at 7pm.

Unfinished business-

Sign- Ralph: waiting on sign company Matt's son will mount the new sign.

New Business: Doug Foote (community Service for District 3) Veterans Appreciation Day- served 700 Lunches attended by Al Carlson and members from Post 39. Zoo: Doug Foote, Barbara Marrs from Post 2, and Post 39 members. Gowan Thunder- set up 25th August show 26th and 27th. Radio Club has already sent the form in. Wall that heals received 15,000 visitors, volunteers were Steve North and Tom Ressler. 177 motorcycle escort

Good of Legion: Jack Youngs

Adjourn: 2030

Post drawing for \$100, must be present to win: Barbara Levy (not present).

Next Meeting: August 15, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted
Susan Barnett
Adjutant

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Finance Report

By: Ernest Cook

AMERICAN LEGION POST 113 Organization position As of July 29, 2023

	Jul 29, 23	Jul 29, 22	\$ Change
▼ ASSETS			
▼ Current Assets			
▼ Checking/Savings			
BLDG ACCT at ICCU	15,260.12	13,084.64	2,175.48
Building fund Savings at I...	0.00	7.15	-7.15
Ham Radio	1,903.51	1,217.51	686.00
POST ACCT at ICCU	19,960.13	21,499.11	-1,538.98
SAL	712.18	674.68	37.50
SAVINGS at ICCU	1,923.30	1,922.34	0.96
Total Checking/Savings	39,759.24	38,405.43	1,353.81
Total Current Assets	39,759.24	38,405.43	1,353.81
► Fixed Assets	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	40,759.24	39,405.43	1,353.81
▼ LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
▼ Equity			
► Temp. Restricted Net Assets	10,000.00	6,000.00	4,000.00
Unrestricted Net Assets	31,180.35	35,471.17	-4,290.82
Net Income	-421.11	-2,065.74	1,644.63
Total Equity	40,759.24	39,405.43	1,353.81
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	40,759.24	39,405.43	1,353.81

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Accrual Basis

AMERICAN LEGION POST 113 Statement of Operations July 1 - 28, 2023

	Building	+	Post Budget	TOTAL
▼ Ordinary Income/Expense				
▼ Income				
▸ Dues Income	0.00		47.50	47.50
Honor Guard	0.00		760.00	760.00
Rental - building useage	0.00		400.00	400.00
▸ Other Types of Income	0.00		4.08	4.08
Total Income	0.00		1,211.58	1,211.58
▼ Expense				
▼ Facilities				
▸ Building Cleaning Services	500.00		0.00	500.00
Building MGR	150.00		0.00	150.00
Operations and Maintena...	354.77		0.00	354.77
▸ Utilities	358.27		0.00	358.27
Total Facilities	1,363.04		0.00	1,363.04
▼ Post Operations				
Office Miscellaneous	0.00		25.00	25.00
Total Post Operations	0.00		25.00	25.00
▼ Program Expenses				
Honor Guard	0.00		14.58	14.58
▸ Post gatherings	0.00		62.79	62.79
Total Program Expenses	0.00		77.37	77.37
Travel and Meetings	0.00		150.00	150.00
Total Expense	1,363.04		252.37	1,615.41
Net Ordinary Income	-1,363.04		959.21	-403.83
Net Income	-1,363.04		959.21	-403.83

The results of operations below show a net dues income for this fiscal year to date of 47.50. This consists of \$25 for Sons of American Legion and a net \$22.50 from our post members despite collections from post members of \$1,935. This is in large part due to payment to National for WW II veterans of \$337.50 without collecting dues from them. The \$500 payment for building cleaning services is the last scheduled payment for that as Susan has volunteered to perform that service for the foreseeable future so we can eliminate that expense

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JUL 24 2023	ACH Withdrawal ALNH 2628365531017 - 8004333318 Online Services Automated Withdrawal Transactions	- \$562.50	\$19,799.42
JUL 24 2023	ACH Withdrawal ALNH 2628365531017 - 8004333318 Online Services Automated Withdrawal Transactions	- \$375.00	\$20,361.92
JUL 24 2023	ACH Withdrawal ALNH 2628365531017 - 8004333318 Online Services Automated Withdrawal Transactions	- \$562.50	\$20,736.92
JUL 22 2023	Deposit Deposits Deposit	\$675.00	\$21,299.42
JUL 22 2023	Deposit Deposits Deposit	\$90.00	\$20,624.42
JUL 22 2023	Deposit Deposits Deposit	\$450.00	\$20,534.42
JUL 22 2023	Deposit Deposits Deposit	\$45.00	\$20,084.42
JUL 22 2023	Deposit Deposits Deposit	\$675.00	\$20,039.42
JUL 22 2023	Deposit Deposits Deposit	\$60.00	\$19,364.42
JUL 17 2023	ACH Withdrawal Divvy Inc - ACH DVktylFQdqE Online Services Automated Withdrawal Transactions	- \$11.60	\$19,304.42
JUL 11 2023	Check #5424 Checks Withdrawal Transactions	- \$62.79	\$19,316.02

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	<u>Jul '23 - Jun 24</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of ANNU- AL Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Dues Income				
Membership Dues	2,085	7,990	(5,905)	26%
National Per Capita	(2,038)	(6,938)	4,900	29%
Online dues payments	0	300	(300)	
PUFL Dues	<u>0</u>	<u>448</u>	<u>(448)</u>	
Total Dues Income	48	1,800	(1,752)	3%
Honor Guard	760	3,000	(2,240)	25%
Ada County Contribution	0	20,000	(20,000)	
Rental - building useage	400	7,000	(6,600)	6%
Other Types of Income	<u>4</u>		<u>4</u>	<u>100%</u>
Total Income	1,212	31,800	(30,588)	4%
Expense				
Facilities				
Building Cleaning Services	500	6,000	(5,500)	8%
Building Insurance		1,400	(1,400)	
Building MGR	150	1,800	(1,650)	8%
Lawn		750	(750)	
LT Building maintenance reserve		4,000	(4,000)	
Operations and Maintenance	372	3,000	(2,628)	12%
Remodel and Repairs				
Kitchen Upgrades		6,000	(6,000)	
Painting project		<u>500</u>	<u>(500)</u>	
Total Remodel and Repairs		6,500	(6,500)	
Utilities				
Electricity		2,000	(2,000)	
Gas	16	1,000	(984)	2%
Internet * Phone	216	900	(684)	24%
Trash / Sewer and Water	<u>126</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>(1,274)</u>	<u>9%</u>
Total Utilities	<u>358</u>	<u>5,300</u>	<u>(4,942)</u>	<u>7%</u>
Total Facilities	1,380	28,750	(27,370)	5%
Post Operations				
Insurance - Liability, D and O		250	(250)	

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Post Operations				
Insurance - Liability, D and O		250	(250)	
Office Miscellaneous	25	150	(125)	17%
Post Office Box Rental		134	(134)	
Postage, Mailing Service		250	(250)	
Web site		121	(121)	
Total Post Operations	25	905	(880)	3%
Program Expenses				
Total Commanders Discretionary fund		500	(500)	
Badges, awards, patches, etc		500	(500)	
Donations				
Idaho Veterans Home		500	(500)	
Wreaths Across America		200	(200)	
Total Donations		700	(700)	
Honor Guard	15	600	(585)	3%
Membership fees		25	(25)	
Total Post gatherings	63	750	(687)	8%
Youth Programs				
Boy Scout Projects		200	(200)	
Boys State		3,000	(3,000)	
Halloween Event		100	(100)	
Youth Christmas Party		300	(300)	
Youth Oratory		600	(600)	
Total Youth Programs		4,200	(4,200)	
Total Program Expenses	78	7,275	(7,197)	1%
Travel and Meetings	150	180	(30)	83%
Total Expense	1,633	37,110	(35,477)	4%
Net Ordinary Income	(421)	(5,310)	4,889	8%
Net Income	(421)	(5,310)	4,889	8%

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



Honors July 2023 "11"
Total for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 "11"
Hours July "162" July-June Year Total "162"
DONATIONS "\$260.00"
No report from Larre this month
Larre Robertson-Bugles Across America
TAPS "" TOTAL YEAR JAN-JULY 2023 "99"

OFF TO A GREAT START FOR 2023-2024, 11 HONORS IN FIRST MONTH

A LOT OF HARD WORK, TIME, AND EFFORT TO MAKE YOUR HONOR GUARD THE BEST

The Meaning Behind the 13 Folds of Old Glory

The flag-folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our great country was originally founded.

1. The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
2. The second fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.
3. The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.
4. The fourth fold represents our weaker nature; as American citizens trusting in God, it is Him we turn to in times of peace, as well as in times of war, for His divine guidance.
5. The fifth fold is a tribute to our country. In the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."
6. The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
7. The seventh fold is a tribute to our [armed forces](#), for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

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8. The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.
9. The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood. It has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that has molded the character of the men and women who have made this country great.
- 10 The 10th fold is a tribute to father, who has also given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first born.
- 11 The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
- 12 The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.
- 13 The 13th and last fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."

After the Folding Ceremony

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it has the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under Gen. George Washington and the sailors and [Marines](#) who served under Capt. John Paul Jones and were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the U.S. Armed Forces, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.

The source and the date of origin of this Flag Folding Procedure is unknown. However, some sources attribute it to the Gold Star Mothers of America while others to an [Air Force](#) chaplain stationed at the United States [Air Force Academy](#). Some sources also indicate that the 13 folds are a nod to the original first 13 colonies. The flag folding ceremony is provided as a patriotic service.

Traditional grave site military funeral honors include the silent folding and presentation of a U.S. flag, three rifle volleys and the playing of "Taps."

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

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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
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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



Last month, we had Caleb Moose talk about Digital Mobile Radio or DMR. He also demonstrated the operation to those in attendance. We also talked about two events which are on the horizon. One is a “now what” event where people who have a license and are asking...”now that I have a license, now what.”

John Kerncamp will be on hand to lead the discussion and there will be people there to help program radi-

os. The date is August 19th, 2023 right after the monthly test session at the Post.

The other event this month is a special event in conjunction with the Gowen Thunder Airshow. We have an FCC assigned call sign which is W7A/GT. We will be operating on 20 meters using remote control techniques demonstrated at the meetings in the past. We will be there on August 26 through August 27, 2023 from 9 AM to 4 PM. The internet connection will be unusual in that we will be using a service called Star Link which is a satellite internet service owned by Elon Musk. We are doing that for the speed and the exclusivity of internet service as we consider that the standard internet service will be heavily used by the airshow patrons. We are still looking for volunteers to help, let me know if you can help.

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