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Discussion About Dollars

By: Yers Trooly

We need to have a discussion about our future financial position in the Post. We are faced with an American Legion National dues increase and an ever-increasing expense to keep our programs on track and complete our plans for Post upgrades and improvements. We also need to consider that our income stream is fragile as we are dependent on the allowance from Ada County to survive, and that allowance that must be reapplied for every year. Please consider attending the next meeting to discuss our financial position and possible remedies for improvement.

See page 19 for a short discussion about our financial posture.

A Month or so Out

October 4, 2023—Pop up Pot Luck

October 10, 2023—SAL Meeting

October 17, 2023—Monthly Post meeting

October 26, 2023—Trunk or Treat

October 28, 2023—Lloyds Koffee Klatch

October 28, 2023—District 3 Meeting

November 4, 2023—Veterans Day Parade in Boise

November 11, 2023—Veterans Day

December 9, 2023—Post Oratorical

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Commander's Corner

By Ralph Cavalieri

October, is the first full month of Fall, the time of beautiful colored trees, sprinkler blow-outs, football, leaf raking, Columbus Day, Halloween, and planning for the November and December holidays. This October, I encourage you to stop by the Post and say hello to the Duty Officer. Due to these volunteers, the Post is open for visitors nearly daily. I learned today that a person walked in, talked with the Duty Officer, and wrote a check to join our Post. Another action by the Duty Officers is the effort to call our membership as part of Buddy Check. Many incorrect phone numbers and email addresses have been uncovered this way, and more importantly, members are hearing from the Post, and we are learning about their needs and interests. I want to personally thank those who have volunteered to serve as Duty Officers. Bravo Zulu.

Here's a list of activities coming up in which you may wish to participate. Details about many of these can be found on our Facebook page.

Oct 4 at 5 PM – Informal Potluck Supper at the Post.

Oct 7 from 1 to 3 PM – Treasure Valley Blue Star Mothers Chili Cook-Off at Capitol City VFW.

Oct 10 from 6 – 8 PM – SAL at the Post.

Oct 17 from 7-8:30 - Post 113 monthly meeting. Dinner at 6 will be provided by the Scouts.

Oct 20 from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM – Women Veterans Health Fair and BBQ at Boise VA Medical Center.

Oct 26 from 6-9:00 PM – Meridian City Trunk or Treat. Downtown Meridian.

Nov 4 at 10:00 AM – Idaho Veterans Parade in Downtown Boise.

I encourage you to engage with our members and help make our events a success.

See you this Wednesday at 5.

Very Respectfully,

Ralph Cavalieri, Commander

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Chaplains Corner

By; Dan Pruett



October 2023 "The Fall Foliage"



Fall is here and now we should start finishing some of the summer projects.



The colors most associated with fall are orange, red, yellow, and brown, inspired by the seasonal changing of leaves' colors as temperatures drop and daylight shrinks.

Welcome to Fall. Grab a hot beverage of your choice settle back in your comfy recliner and read on.

The third season of the year, which comes after summer and before winter, is known as "autumn" in many parts of the world, or "fall" in North America. The transition from summer to autumn occurs due to the Earth's axial tilt and its orbit around the sun.

Why do you see other colors in the fall? As night length increases in the autumn, chlorophyll production slows down and then stops and eventually all the chlorophyll is destroyed. The carotenoids and anthocyanin that are present in the leaf are then unmasked and show their colors.

October

Like all the months before it, the tenth month in our list is full of interesting social media holidays we can use as an excuse for our cool and relevant social media posts.

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October 1: National Coffee Day - Coffee lovers, did you know there's a day to celebrate your favorite beverage? Well, you'll be thrilled to know that October starts with National Coffee Day. Make a cup of coffee and start putting together a video post that'll make everyone want to take a sip.

October 1: World Vegetarian Day - On this day, remember to be respectful of other people's preferences in terms of food and maybe share with them some delicious veggie recipes on social media.

October 2: International Day of Nonviolence - On the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, October 2, the whole world celebrates a day of great significance. International Day of Nonviolence is dedicated to bringing awareness to nonviolence through education.

October 3: National Techies Day - This is a good day to celebrate the techies on your team and motivate more students to consider a career in tech.

October 4: National Taco Day - It's time for all Mexican-food lovers to start enjoying those tacos. On National Taco Day, we honor Mexican cuisine and particularly its most delicious dish, tacos.

October 5: World Teachers' Day - Teachers will always be an important part of our success, and on October 5, we celebrate and honor instructors around the world. This day is a good time to send virtual postcards to instructors who've taught and are still training your team.

October 10: World Mental Health Day - Even though mental health issues have been taboo topics for a long time, societies have gradually started acknowledging them and actively trying to bring awareness to mental health. This day is a not-to-be-missed opportunity for companies to use their voices and honor World Mental Health Day.

October 12: World Sight Day (Second Thursday in October) - World Sight Day is celebrated around the world annually, to bring attention to blindness and vision impairment. On this day, don't forget those members of your audience who have any sort of visual impairment, and try to create content for them to enjoy.

October 17: International Day for the Eradication of Poverty - The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is a celebration across the globe. Companies, countries, individuals, and institutions make the most of the day by underlining poverty issues around the world, acknowledging the difficulties of the impoverished, and trying to address any issue they can.

October 20: World Statistics Day - World Statistics Day is celebrated every five years, which means every half-decade, data about our lives is collected for decision-making. This day appreciates the significance of statistics in our everyday lives.

October 30: Checklist Day - We're almost saying goodbye to October with National Checklist Day. It's clear that you need to come up with the most creative and special ideas for a checklist you can share with your social media audience.

October 31: Hallowe'en - It's the last day of October and we're officially saying goodbye to this month. This last day marks Hallowe'en, which means that your social media activity needs to get those pumpkins out!

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Are You Curious About Church?



I want to talk about the different religions and how they stated. There is more than I can cover in this issue, SO, this month I will talk briefly about my church, the United Methodist Church. In the months ahead I will touch on the other religions



The History of The United Methodist Church

The United Methodist Church's official insignia is a cross and dual flame. The flame is a common symbol for the Holy Spirit. The cross and flame have been the official insignia since the church's founding in 1968. The cross is black, and the flame is red. The insignia was designed by Edward J. Mikula in 1968. It symbolizes the merger of the United Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

The United Methodist Church is a prominent denomination within the broader Christian tradition, known for its commitment to social justice, inclusivity, and a Methodist theological heritage. Its history is rooted in the 18th-century evangelical movement in England led by John Wesley and his brother Charles Wesley. The Methodist movement emphasized personal piety, social holiness, and a methodical approach to Christian faith and practice, which earned them the nickname "Methodists."

In the United States, the Methodist Episcopal Church was officially organized in 1784, shortly after the American Revolution, with Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke playing pivotal roles. Over the years, Methodism in America underwent various splits and mergers, leading to the formation of what is now known as the United Methodist Church in 1968. This merger united several Methodist denominations, including the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

The United Methodist Church has a rich history of social activism and engagement with issues like civil rights, women's rights, and environmental justice. It also places a strong emphasis on conventionalism, with local congregations organized into conferences and districts to facilitate cooperation and mutual support. While the United Methodist Church has faced theological and denominational challenges in recent years, it continues to be a significant presence in the religious landscape, committed to spreading the message of God's love and justice.

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This Days Thought

"Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. It is the belief that God will do what is right, even when it's hard to understand."

In our journey of faith, there are moments when we grapple with uncertainty, wondering why certain events unfold as they do. It's during these times that our faith is truly tested. Yet, it's crucial to remember that faith is not about getting everything we desire; it's about trusting that a higher purpose is at work, guiding our lives. Even when we can't fathom the reasons behind our experiences, faith teaches us to believe that God's plan is just, even in the face of adversity. Today, let us find solace in our faith, trusting that in every circumstance, there is a divine wisdom that surpasses our understanding.

A Daily Prayer For Your Confession!



But you, when you pray, enter into your private room, and shut your door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

Matt. 6:6

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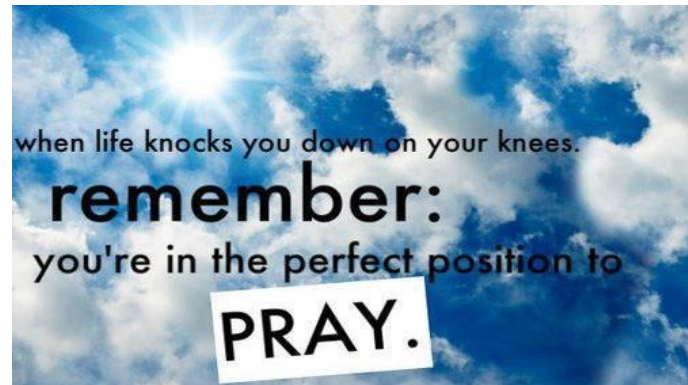
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If you know of someone who is recovering from a illness, has any health related issue or a death in the family



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And one last thing:

Wouldn't it be nice if empathy and compassion would be deeply ingrained in the culture. People would genuinely care about the well-being of others, and there would be a collective understanding that everyone faces struggles and challenges. Acts of kindness and support for those in need would be commonplace.

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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Finance Officer

By: Ernest Cook

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Accrual Basis

AMERICAN LEGION POST 113 Organization position As of September 26, 2023

	Sep 26, 23	Sep 26, 22	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
BLDG ACCT at ICCU	21,412.49	20,726.67	685.82	3.3%
Building fund Savings at ICCU	0.00	7.15	-7.15	-100.0%
Ham Radio	1,763.51	1,245.51	538.00	43.2%
POST ACCT at ICCU	21,944.94	22,299.99	-355.05	-1.6%
\$AL	712.18	682.18	30.00	4.4%
SAVINGS at ICCU	1,923.30	1,922.34	0.96	0.1%
Total Checking/Savings	47,776.42	46,883.84	892.58	1.9%
Total Current Assets	47,776.42	46,883.84	892.58	1.9%
Fixed Assets				
Furniture and Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Land	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Fixed Assets	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.0%
TOTAL ASSETS	48,776.42	47,883.84	892.58	1.9%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Equity				
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	10,000.00	6,000.00	4,000.00	66.7%
Unrestricted Net Assets	31,528.84	35,471.17	-3,942.33	-11.1%
Net Income	7,247.58	6,412.67	834.91	13.0%
Total Equity	48,776.42	47,883.84	892.58	1.9%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	48,776.42	47,883.84	892.58	1.9%

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Accrual Basis

AMERICAN LEGION POST 113 Budget vs Actual July through September 2023

	Jul - Sep 23	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Dues Income	536	1,800	(1,264)
Honor Guard	1,745	750	995
Ada County Contribution	10,000	10,000	
Rental - building usage	1,900	1,750	150
Other Types of Income	533		533
Total Income	14,714	14,300	414
Expense			
Facilities			
Building Cleaning Services	500	1,500	(1,000)
Building Insurance	2,460	1,400	1,060
Building MGR	450	450	
Lawn	750	750	
Operations and Maintenance	687	750	(63)
Utilities	1,434	1,256	178
Total Facilities	6,281	6,106	175
Post Operations			
Office Miscellaneous	925	38	887
Postage, Mailing Service		63	(63)
Web site	99	121	(22)
Total Post Operations	1,024	221	803
Program Expenses			
Commanders Discretionary fund		125	(125)
Badges, awards, patches, etc		125	(125)
Donations		700	(700)
Honor Guard	15	600	(585)
Membership fees		25	(25)
Post gatherings	13	188	(175)
Youth Programs		200	(200)
Total Program Expenses	27	1,963	(1,936)
Travel and Meetings	150	180	(30)
Total Expense	7,482	8,470	(988)
Net Ordinary Income	7,232	5,830	1,401
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Membership Report

By: Dan Pruett



Membership takes all of us at Post 113 to reach our membership goals. I cannot do this all by myself. I need each member of our post to help us make our membership goals for the 2023-2024 year. So, I am announcing a membership drive with incentives.

Membership Status as of 9/1/2023

<u>Legion</u>	<u>(As of Today)</u>	<u>SAL</u>
Dept = 52.77%		Dept = 38.69%
Area B = 55.94%		Area B = 43.30%
Post 113 = 59.63%		Post 113 = 27.78%

Membership Drive: I 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.

Membership Incentive:

This is a 100% membership to include PUFL's, New Members, Renewals and Transfers by January 1, 2024. The award amount is \$1,000 to our post. This is a chance for us to get our post involved and going and an easy way to make Post 113 some extra money.

Some ideas to achieve this are and are not limited to: Meals, Buddy Checks, Contact Members but most importantly of all is **COMMUNICATE WITH THEM.**

Membership Team:

I would like to establish a membership team. It is all volunteer work. Our payment to the Post is a larger more engaged post. I need one volunteer to oversee this team. The number of volunteers is up to the team.

I will be announcing more on this team and some extra individual incentives as soon as our Executive Committee meets and approves of these changes. I know it will be fun and a perfect way to communicate with our members.

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2024 Membership Renewal Schedule is as follows:
The cutoff date for October is Oct 18th.

Cutoff Dates	Renewal Mail Dates
May 15, 2023	July 1-8, 2023
September 13, 2023	October 7-14, 2023
October 18, 2023	November 10-18, 2023
December 13, 2023	January 6-12, 2024
February 14, 2024	March 2-8, 2024
April; 10, 2024	May 4-10, 2024

Please Note: renewals transmitted and received by the cutoff date will be updated prior to printing renewal notices. Renewals not in by the cutoff date will be included in next month's reports.



The Department of Veterans Affairs will hold its first National Buddy Check Week Oct. 16-20. During this time,

veterans are asked to make a pledge to contact up to 10 of their battle buddies and friends from service, as well as complete peer wellness, resiliency and S.A.V.E. suicide prevention training. Through these Buddy Checks, VA's goal is to help veterans connect with their peers from military service, decrease isolation, increase access to VA care, and offer mental health and crisis intervention support. As Buddy Check Week gets closer, VA will provide training tools, resources, and other forums to ask questions and share stories of veterans connecting with battle buddies.

Family members and caregivers of veterans are also invited to contact at least 10 veterans and complete peer wellness and crisis intervention training.

The American Legion's Buddy Check program was launched in March 2019 as an initiative to urge local American Legion posts to contact veterans in their communities to see how they are doing and if they needed any help. To date, more than 1 million veterans have been reached through American Legion Buddy Checks.

The American Legion has a **Buddy Check Toolkit** that explains the program, provides steps to conducting a successful Buddy Check, gives sample scripts and more.

This is incredibly important as many Veterans are isolated from society due to public health concerns or other conditions or they may be struggling with such as disability, job loss, bereavement, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder or simply loneliness. A friendly voice on the phone or a knock at the door to see if they are OK may be all that's needed to stave off a situation that could get potentially worse. By checking in and

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learning that something is not right will enable that appropriate support agencies to be contacted.

That is all for this month but remember to always:

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Laugh, Dream Big, Be You and always Love One Another.

Blessings,

Dan Pruett

1st Vice Commander

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



Honors September 2023 "10"
Total for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 "28"
Hours September "138" Fiscal Year Total "392"
DONATIONS SEPTEMBER "\$900.00" TOTAL YEAR "\$1460.00 "

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

Idaho State Veterans Cemetery

[Dirk Kempthorne](#) was the Governor of Idaho from 1999 to 2006. One of the things he did while in office was creating the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery.

"Idaho was the last state to have a state veterans cemetery," said Kempthorne. "When I became governor, I made it one of my initiatives. I said, 'we might be the last, but we will also be one of the best.'"

However, Kempthorne has always wanted to create a statue to honor the warriors who fought, gave their lives, and continue to serve today.

Kempthorne spearheaded this project, and a donation from Albertsons made it a real possibility. Gehrhard Barbonus Landscaping donated rock for a foundation in the cemetery, and the cemetery's architect moved the stone and eventually the statue.

But, before that happened, Kempthorne had to find an artist to sculpt this statue.

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Luckily, he did not have to leave Boise to find [Ben Victor](#).

"I found this magnificent young artist named Ben Victor. I saw the brilliance of his work and his God-given talents," said Kempthorne.

"I love to use my talent and artwork to honor our veterans," said Victory. "There is no higher calling and we wouldn't be able to enjoy the freedoms that we do every day without the service our veterans have provided."

"The kneeling figure has his hands clasped, he's looking out at the graves, he's got dog tags in his hand of his fallen brethren and sisters as he looks out in mourning," said Victor. "To his back is a female service member with her hand on his shoulder as an emblem of patriotism and protection."

These two sentinels of freedom will look out over the cemetery and the Treasure Valley from this day forward, but they also have something no other statue in the world has.

Kempthorne retrieved sacred soil from different battlefields.

That dirt sits inside a bronze heart that resembles a Purple Heart and the sacrifices men and women have made for our country.

"In here is the soil from Yorktown, Antietam, Normandy Beach, Corregidor, Korea, Landing Zone X-Ray in Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan," said Kempthorne. "It is where Americans have shed blood in defense of our freedom and our democracy, and now it resides in every warrior that you see in that statue."

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

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STATUE AT IDAHO STATE VETERAN'S CEMETERY

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American Legion Post 113 Service Officer Announcements

By John Brekke

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

Special PACT Act Enrollment Period for Veterans Ends in September

Post-9/11 combat veterans who served between 2001 and 2013 have until Sept. 30 to enroll in Department of Veterans Affairs health care. The date will conclude a one-year "special enrollment period" provided by the PACT Act. The VA enrollment period for post-9/11 combat vets is meant to get those veterans deemed to have been exposed to toxins based on their deployments onto the VA's rolls and into care in which the providers are cognizant of toxic exposures.

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2023/06/20/special-pact-act-enrollment-period-veterans-ends-september.html>

<https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/>

VA CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

As of October 1, 2022, Veterans of all service eras are eligible to apply. There is a VA Caregiver Support Line (1-855/260-3274) for caregivers, family members, friends, Veterans, and community partners to contact for information related to caregiving and available supports and services. It's a fairly large VA program. One segment is entitled as "General Caregivers". This is a person who provides personal care services to a Veteran enrolled in the VA healthcare who requires daily living assistance or supervision due to the result of a neurological impairment or injury.

<https://www.caregiver.va.gov/>

VA's Board of Veterans' Appeals

The VA's board of appeals provides two main types of appeals. 1) Filing a supplemental claim such as the Veteran having some new evidence or, 2) The Veteran doesn't agree with a previous VA decision and believes the VA made a mistake about their claim. The appeals board has added many new lawyers however, they still have a significant backlog to fulfill since all new employees have to undergo training. They continue to support a legacy appeals process as well as newer ones that are suppose to be faster. You can track your appeals on-line from the VA website.

<https://www.bva.va.gov/>

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Idaho Veterans Grant Programs

Idaho Veteran grants are available as a last option. All other resources should be submitted to before applying for the Idaho Veteran Grant. Examples: The Idaho Veterans Services Emergency Relief Program is a grant administered by the State of Idaho Division of Veteran Services. The American Legion's Temporary Financial Assistance program provides cash grants to minor children of veterans who are members in good standing with the American Legion. These and other grants help families in need meet the cost of shelter, food, utilities and health expenses, thereby keeping the child or children in a more stable environment.

<https://veterans.idaho.gov/resources/grants/>

American Legion Blood Donor Program

Last year, the American Legion Blood Donor Program exceeded 92,000 units collected, a 15-year high. According to the newest American Legion Consolidated Post Report between June 1 and May 31, 2023 – collections are still soaring. With 8,292 of the Legion's 12,267 local posts submitting their year-end reports, 102,013 units of blood were collected from 60,702 donors. The American Legion Blood Donor Program originated in 1942 when members were asked to give blood locally to fulfill domestic needs as much-needed plasma was shipped overseas to supply U.S. military troops in World War II.

<https://www.legion.org/security/260133/legion-blood-donations-continue-rise>

VA or Idaho Advance Directive

The Idaho Advance Directive is a written plan that helps your loved ones and healthcare providers make important decisions about your health care during a crisis. It speaks for you when you are unable to speak for yourself and provides directions about the care you want or don't want. The best time to make these decisions is when you can choose for yourself and one of the best ways to be sure your wishes are honored is to create an Advance Directive. You can submit this information by mail, email or electronically. Your information will be stored in the Idaho Healthcare Directive Registry.

<https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/services-programs/birth-marriage-death-records/start-your-advance-directive>

https://www.va.gov/geriatrics/pages/advance_care_planning_getting_started.asp

https://www.socialwork.va.gov/ACP_GV.asp

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Guns or Butter

By Rich Dees

World renowned economist Paul A Samuelson described the financial dilemma we are in as a choice between guns or butter when faced with a limited financial possibility frontier. Said another way, this is about our Post having to make some significant economic choices. You can also consider this to be a call to action.

During the last Post meeting, it was revealed that the National dues would increase by \$5.00 a year. As a result of that announcement and considering the current state of our income stream also known as our financial possibilities frontier, I made a motion that we increase our dues by \$10.00 per year, meaning that the annual dues for members of Post 113 would be \$55.00 next year. Please understand that this does not have any effect on Paid Up For Life (PUFL) members. The motion was tabled until the next meeting to allow time for you to comment. The motion was met with expected resistance where people noted we would lose a great many members because of the dues increase. The problem is that without dues increase given our current level of financial activity, we are faced with some difficult economic choices. It's not a question of if we should raise our dues. It is a question about how much they should be raised.

With our current income stream, our finance chief noted we are not keeping pace with expenses. Our income stream is comprised of four pieces. One is membership dues. For our regular membership, out of the \$45.00 annual dues, the National organization gets \$18.50, the Department of Idaho gets \$19.00 and we get only \$7.50. In other words, we get about 17% of the dues submitted by you. Other income sources include a \$20,000 annual allowance from Ada County. Each year we must re-apply for the grant that must be approved by the County Commissioners. We believe there is competition for the grant. We do receive donations for our building use. That source is quite variable and not dependable. And finally, our Honor Guard occasionally receives donations for their efforts while rendering honors for fallen comrades.

On the expense side, there are many reasons for our dwindling cash position. If you recall, we recently had to get another insurance carrier because State Farm is no longer providing insurance to non-profit organizations like ours. That alone increased our cost of staying in operation by several hundred dollars. We have ongoing programs expenses where we support things like Boy's State, the Oratorical Contest, and other veterans support activities with our funds. We embarked on projects to upgrade our kitchen so we can provide meals to our members and the public and we purchased an electronic sign for our building. We have started the Kitchen upgrade.

During past meetings, we discussed several moneymaking programs such as the coffee shop, the kitchen where we serve meals, and bingo. Implementing these takes two things. The first is money. In my view, because of increased operating expenses, we do not have enough income to complete all of our plans and maintain our programs. The other need is a solid commitment from people to manage and operate the various moneymaking activ-

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ities. As noted in the last meeting, we don't have that. I believe we can increase our revenue by implementing the planned programs. However, I believe we must take small steps. Jumping in and doing everything all at once doesn't seem reasonable or even possible.

Considering that right now we don't have a strong level of member involvement to raise funds, we are left with a classic Samuelson economic choice. We can stop or significantly reduce activities and programs to match our declining income so we can keep the Post open, or we can raise dues to compensate for increased expenses. With almost 400 members in the Post, watching the Post programs decline is not really an option in my opinion.

This then is a call to action. We need people to engage in the proposed activities and get our moneymaking operations moving. Unfortunately, even with member involvement, dues increase, perhaps temporary, may be necessary. I suggest that we offer incentives such as dues rebate for people actively involved in the moneymaking operations. Thus, if you help, your dues could be partially or completely paid.

Guns or Butter. Those are our choices. You can help by volunteering to manage a moneymaking project and push our financial possibilities frontier out and minimizing the impact of a dues increase and our declining income stream.

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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
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



Greetings All,

Last month was a bit busy, this month, relatively slow. I guess it's feast or famine. The guest speaker I had for last month was a no-show, so we were stuck with lil' ol' me. I decided to revert to one of my former favorite topics. I did a show and tell about my SPAM in a can equipment and how it relates to emergency preparedness. No, we didn't breakout with delicious



meat treats, although I like Spam, the potted meat available in most grocery stores. Rather we talked about the Society for the Preservation of Amplitude Modulation and the Gonset, also known as the Goonie Box, 6 Meter radio.

Looking toward the future, we decided to ask The Galliano STEM Academy if they would like to host an ARISS pass next year. We have a teacher and she said an emphatic yes. Because of that, we have embarked on the application process to have students throughout the area talk with the International Space Station sometime in 2024. We will need people to step up to help with students and some of technical aspects of the activity. More to come at a later date.

Finally, we got organized! Thanks to Alicia Bunnell, we now have an application form that everyone should fill out. They are available on our web site and will be available at the meetings.

There will be other topics covered at the meeting, so please plan on attending. Remember, the meeting starts at 7:00 PM but the pizza munching begins at 6:45 PM. As a reminder, the meeting date is Wednesday, October 25, 2023.

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Update on the Idaho Veterans Parade.

By: Jay Romlein

The 2023 Idaho Veterans Parade route is under revision as 9th Street from Jefferson to Idaho will be closed at the time of the parade. Staging area, parade start point, opening ceremony location, KTVB location and parade end point are undetermined at this time.

Pop Up Pot Luck

By: Yers Trooly

What, you ask is a Pop-Up Pot Luck? It's kind of like a flash mob, only it's a pot luck dinner. Ernest Cook and Janet Cook (Not related) thought it would be a good idea to have a pot luck dinner at the post, so they put it on the schedule. The event was really short notice. It was announced to the Post on October 2 and the event is on this Wednesday, October 4, 2023. If you would like to attend, contact Ernest at: post113.finance@gmail.com or Janet at: acherokee17@yahoo.com

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