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## Post 113 Bugle Gazette

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## Trunk or Treat—Meridian Style



It was October 26, 2023 when a few thousand people descended on the City of Meridian center for the annual "Trunk or Treat" event. Several blocks of the City around City Hall were cordoned off for an evening of candy, music, costumes and socializing. Post 113 had a booth staffed with Katy and Brandon Owens, Steve North, Janet Cook, and Ernest Cook. The pace was fast and furious and at one point they ran out of candy, having to get some emergency supplies to make it to the end of the event. This was our third year and the event has grown each year. The group above was just one of the thousands that passed by our booth. Happy Halloween!

### A Month or so Out

November 1, 2023—Pot Luck at Post

November 4, 2023—Veterans Day parade in Boise

November 7, 2023—Election Day-Parade in Boise

November 11, 2023—Veterans Day

November 18, 2023—Food Convoy

November 21, 2023—Post Meeting

November 23, 2023—Thanksgiving

November 25, 2023—Koffee Klatch

December 2, 2023—Post 201 Childrens Party

December 9, 2023—Post Oratorical

December 16, 2023 Post Christmas Party

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## Commander's Corner

By: Ralph Cavalieri,

Veterans Day is a United States federal holiday celebrated annually on November 11 to honor all veterans. Originally known as Armistice Day, the holiday was established in 1919 to commemorate the signing of the Armistice Agreement on November 11, 1918, which ended World War I.

In 1954, after the return of service personnel from World War II and the Korean War, Congress passed a bill changing the holiday's name to Veterans Day so that it would honor all veterans, not just those who served in World War I. The bill was signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on May 26, 1954.

Veterans Day is a day to honor and thank all who have served in the United States Armed Forces. It is a day to remember the sacrifices that veterans have made and to pay tribute to their service. Veterans Day is also a day to reflect on the importance of peace and to recommit ourselves to the values of freedom and democracy.

On Veterans Day, many Americans participate in parades and ceremonies to honor veterans. They also visit veterans' hospitals and cemeteries to pay their respects. Veterans Day is also a day to learn more about the history of the United States military and the contributions that veterans have made to our country.

On November 4 the Veterans' Day Memorial Parade will be held in Boise. The Post 113 Honor Guard will provide the Rifle Salute at the beginning. Our Honor Guard is well known for its professional execution of Rifle Salutes and other Honors. Please contact Doug Hanks if you are interested in participating in this excellent group.

November heralds the onset of the holiday season, but before the holidays begin, we have the opportunity for a Potluck Dinner at the Post on Wednesday, November 1. We'll begin at 5:30. It will be casual, and you can bring whatever you to contribute to the meal.

Our Post is open Monday through Friday from 1000-1400 thanks to a group of volunteer Duty Officers. I wrote about this last month and the valuable Buddy Checks they are doing. Perhaps you noticed that the American Legion National Headquarters featured our program on its National Buddy Check Day email and FaceBook page.

Veterans Day on Saturday, November 11, will have many observances. I encourage you to take the time to attend or participate. It is the most important day of the year for our nation to say thank you to all who have served and those who are serving.



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In December we will, once again, host a party for the spouses and children of Post 201, which is in the Idaho State Correctional Facility in Kuna. On December 2 from 1400-1600 at our Post, along with the American Legion Riders – Treasure Valley and the Post 113 Auxiliary, will provide this special event for these families. Rich Dees is coordinating the event. Please let him know if you are willing to help.

Our Post Christmas Party for members and their families will be on Saturday, December 16 from 1800-2200. Please mark your calendar. More details will be forthcoming.

See you this Wednesday at 5:30.

Very Respectfully,

## More Trunk or Treat Pictures

By; Shelly Houston



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### Chaplains Corner

By: Dan Pruett



## November 2023 "Veterans Day Celebration"



**November 1<sup>st</sup> - is All Saints Day.** All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, is a Christian holiday observed on November 1st in Western Christianity. Right after Ghost and Goblins of Halloween.

**November 11<sup>th</sup> – Is Veterans Day.** A day to honor and thank all military veterans for their service. At the Rock of Honor in Meridian we annually hold a celebration with the laying of a wreath from Post 113 and the VFW. We have a joint rifle salute and even a fly over last year.

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thanksgiving Day.** A holiday to give thanks for the harvest and blessings of the past year. It is typically celebrated with a

family gathering and a festive meal.



### Are You Curious About Church?



Last month I talked about the United Methodist Church. We fall under Christianity, and it is the largest religion in the United States. This month I want to talk about the Baptist Church. As always find a Bible based church and attend frequently.

- The Baptist Church is a group of Christian denominations and congregations that share common beliefs and practices, but it is important to note that there is no single "Baptist Church" that encompasses all Baptist congregations. Instead, Baptists are a diverse group of churches that adhere to Baptist principles.
- **Emphasis on Scripture:** The Bible holds a central place in Baptist theology and practice. Baptists typically believe in the authority and inerrancy of the Bible as the ultimate guide for faith and life.
- **Worship Styles:** Worship practices vary among Baptist congregations, but many include elements like congregational singing, preaching, and prayer.
- Baptist churches have a rich history and have played a significant role in the religious landscape of the United States and in other parts of the world. They are known for their diversity and independence, with local congregations often making decisions regarding their specific beliefs, practices, and organizational structure.



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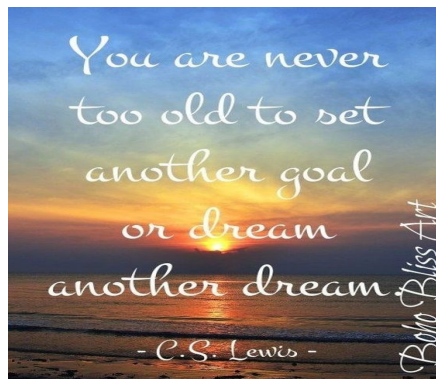
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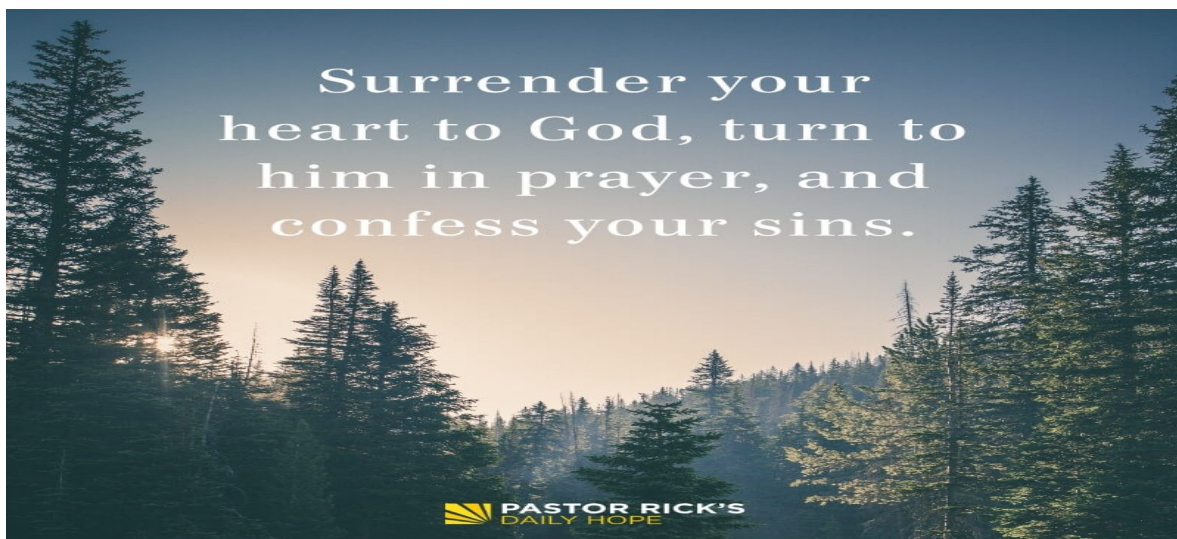


This Days  
**Thought**

When you wake up in the morning, what is the first thing that comes to your mind? If it's a negative thought, then you're not alone. It's easy to get caught up in thoughts of self-doubt or worry, especially when we are faced with challenges during the day. However, thoughts play a powerful role in our lives, and it's important to start each day with positive thoughts.



## A Daily Prayer For Your Confession!



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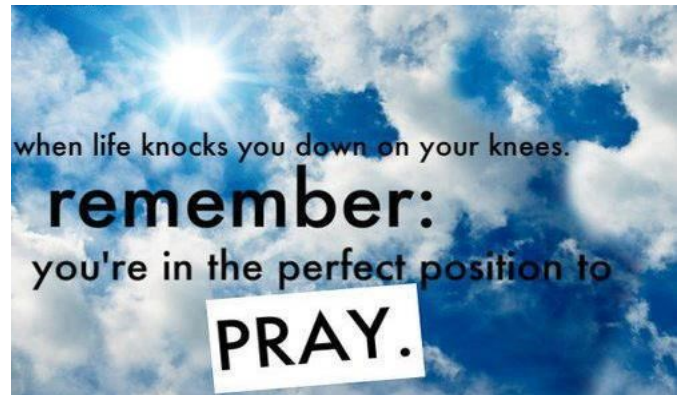
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If you know of someone who is recovering from a illness, has any health related issue or a death in the family



please contact me at :  
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[dan@anywhereusa.org](mailto:dan@anywhereusa.org)  
208-202-5737 X103  
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### *And one last thing:*

Wouldn't it be nice if world peace were achieved! Then maybe we could all live in harmony and unity.

### **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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### POST 113 HONOR GUARD OCTOBER 2023 HONORS By DOUG HANKS



**Honors OCTOBER 2023 "8"**  
**Total for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 "36"**  
Hours October "98" Fiscal Year Total "490"  
DONATIONS OCTOBER "\$400.00" TOTAL YEAR "\$1860.00 "

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

## VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11th

**Veterans Day**, in the [United States](#), national [holiday](#) (November 11) honouring veterans of the armed forces and those killed in the country's wars. The observance originated in 1919 on the first anniversary of the 1918 armistice that ended [World War I](#) and was known as [Armistice Day](#). It was [commemorated](#) in 1921 with the burial of an unknown soldier from World War I at [Arlington National Cemetery](#) in Arlington, Virginia. Other countries that had lost soldiers in the conflict, such as Italy and Portugal, conducted similar ceremonies that year. The previous year, unknown soldiers had been interred at [Westminster Abbey](#) in London, England, and at the [Arc de Triomphe](#) in Paris, France.

November 11 became an official national holiday in the United States in 1938. In 1954 the name was changed to Veterans Day to honour those who had served in all U.S. wars. Ceremonies are held each year at the [Tomb of the Unknowns](#), and floral [tributes](#) are placed on the graves of service men and women and at memorials throughout the country. Naturalization ceremonies have come to be an important part of the day's activities.

In [Britain](#), [Canada](#), Australia, and [France](#) November 11 is observed in honour of the veterans of World Wars I and II. In Britain the second Sunday of November is observed as [Remembrance Sunday](#), and in Canada November 11 is observed as Remembrance Day. In Britain and the Commonwealth countries and in countries of Europe, it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11:00 AM on November 11, the time and date of the World War I armistice in 1918.

[Poppies](#) have long been associated with World War I memorials through the poem "[In Flanders Fields](#)" by John McCrae, and in several countries paper poppies are sold to raise money for the support of veterans and are worn in the lapel as a sign of remembrance.

**To request flag folding, taps or rifle salute, please contact Post 113, 208-202-5737 or Doug Hanks, 208-809-7519**

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The District 3 Fall meeting hosted a Halloween Costume Contest prior to the actual meeting. The meeting was held at Post 18 in Nampa on Saturday, October 28, 2023. The individual in the house coat and pink curlers was Post 18 Commander Scott Tigie. He was the winner, but I must say the rest were pretty scary looking. Come to think of it...to me, that's the way they look all the time. Scary Group! Scott won a gift certificate for his efforts. I'm sure he will garner a lot of candy on the 31st as he makes his rounds in the community.

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## Membership Report

By: Dan Pruett



*November 2023*

### *Membership Report*

#### **Membership Status as of 10/11/2023**

<u>Legion</u>	<u>(As of This Date)</u>	<u>SAL</u>
Dept = 56.39%		Dept = 43.25%
Area B = 59.05%		Area B = 46.05%
Post 113 = 63.10%		Post 113 = 27.78%
Goal 274 Actual 236		Goal 36 Actual 10

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 Drive:** I believe in the power of unity and the strength that comes from a growing Legion family.

- We have established a policy of having a volunteer Duty Officer be in the post from 10am – 2pm.
- Ernest Cook, Finance Officer has come up with a computer program that he loaded the membership roster into 10 groups. We have a place to identify the type of interaction with the veteran, notes about the call and can save that information in our database. Errors found in the calls are fed to the Adjutant for correction.
- Each Duty Officer will open the post and set our sign welcoming everyone outside. The Duty Officer will make a pot of coffee. He will have the door open and will be at his station just to the right as you come in the door. Making some Buddy Checks via the computer program and the telephone as well as welcoming people to our Post.
- Buddy Checks are very important to be able to check on our veterans and give us a chance to ask if there is anything that the veterans need from their American Legion Family.
- Please volunteer to be a Duty Officer by going to this site and pick a date that you can be the Duty Officer of the Day. Copy and paste this address in a web browser.
- <https://calendly.com/meridianamericanlegionpost113>
- Then click on the Post 113 Duty Officer and pick a date that is available.

#### **Membership Incentive:**

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

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### **Membership Dues Raised:**

- National is raising the dues by \$5.00, that is a fact. We in turn see only approximately \$7.50 from National out of the \$45.00 dues paid to National.
- Now we will only be getting approximately \$2.50 for anyone who goes online or sends their dues to National. Our post survives on that money. Money is very tight now and we will suffer tremendously if we don't raise our dues.
- It has been voted on and passed by all at the October meeting to raise our dues by \$10.00 to \$55.00 per year starting 1/1/24.
- We are aware of what this does to our veterans. But the post simply cannot survive on the approximately \$2.50 per member when the dues at National are increased.

### **Possible Incentive Programs:**

We are looking at many programs for the Post. Here is a list of ones being tossed about starting January 1<sup>st</sup>.

- One dollar off your dues for each **new** member you bring in and pays their dues for the year.
- 10% discount for renewing early if you renew your membership through Susan Barnett, our adjutant at the Post.

### **A 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Challenge:**

- Since the PUFLs don't have a pay raise for their dues I am challenging **all** PUFLs to match that \$5.00 increase per year to pay the post that extra \$5.00 for a total of \$60.00 as a gift paid to the adjutant immediately.

### **2024 Membership Renewal Schedule is as follows:**

**The cutoff date for October is Oct 18<sup>th</sup>.**

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
<b>December 13, 2023</b>	<b>January 6-12, 2024</b>
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.



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### **Buddy Check Week Last Week:**

- The Department of Veterans Affairs held its first National Buddy Check Week last week. During this time, through these Buddy Checks, VA's goal was 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.
- For the week of Buddy Check week, I am happy to report that we called over **250 veterans** to check on their welfare.
- And we are featured by National at Legion.org. Here is the link to that <https://www.legion.org/buddycheck/260287/idaho-post-every-week-buddy-check-week>. (Copy and paste this in a browser).
- You can find the on-line interview for our Post Buddy Checks here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-PuBOI3GIwI>. (Copy and paste this in a browser).
- 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.

**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*

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

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### Meeting Minutes October 17, 2023

By: Susan Barnett

Officers Present:	Commander	Ralph Cavalieri- excused
	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Dan Pruett
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Rich Dees
	Adjutant	Susan Barnett
	Chaplain	Dan Pruett
	Finance Officer	Ernest Cook- excused
	Service Officer	John Brekke
	Sergeant at Arms	Harold Carlson

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

Meeting called to order at 1907 hours by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Dan Pruett.

Guests: Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (Barbara Grant, Janice Beller, Helen Dale, Laura Barton)- presentation of plaques and 10,000 flag grommets. Rock of Honor- Eric Rosin and Paul Taylor (VFW).

Sick Call: Dan Pruett. Walt Thornton- home recovering from meningitis/West Nile. Milt Smith home recovering from hip surgery. Bruce Polcock.

Roll call of Officers conducted: quorum met.

Adjutant: Susan Barnett- minutes printed on table. Motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve as written. Passed. Dale Larson passed away Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Scouts- presentation. They fixed soups for Post dinner.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Steve North- Membership: Post 63.1%. Dist. 3 59.05%. S.A.L. Squadron 27.87%. Detachment 43.25%. Repatriation- see report. Buddy Checks- National Buddy Check Week.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Rich Dees: On 7 November Post 201 inviting Post members to a Veteran's Day Picnic. Need a list of Names and Phone numbers for those going. Meet at prison at 9 am. Zoning of building: American Legion is a special classification R8. Does not require Commercial zoning to conduct any and Post functions including fundraising activities. Post does require the appropriate building permits for work on post. Oratorical contest Post level is Dec 9<sup>th</sup>. Post 201 Kids Christmas party will be held at Prison on 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> (Thursday) from 10 am- noon. Dan Pruett, Steve North and Mark Grothe coordinating. Dues- National increasing dues \$5 per member starting 1 July 2024. Post is in a money crunch- possible fund raisers for post and/or raise dues to \$55. PUFL's not affected by dues increase. Doug Hanks bringing a check to help pay other members' dues. Motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> to raise Post dues \$10. Vote: 15 Aye, 3 Nay- motion passed. Rich is resigning from Newsletter editor for continuing work on Space station. November will be his last newslet-

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ter- looking for a new editor.

Finance report in newsletter. Motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve as printed. Motion passed.

Building Manager: Mark Grothe- Building usage increasing contracts.in next 5 weeks 7 groups are using post. Buddy Checks- Check list.

Service Officer-John Brekke. Flu shots. My Healthy Vet is moving to a new site- no timeline.

Honor Guard- Doug Hanks- Report handed in. On November 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a group honors at Idaho State Veterans Cemetery-Boise. Don't know if Meridian is participating in the ceremony or not. Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Parade- 3 volley Rifle salute at start of parade. Flag presentation for Keys to Progress (Realtors) on Nov 8<sup>th</sup>. Presentation of a car to an Idaho Veteran.

Boys State: Doug Hanks- June 2-7<sup>th</sup>. Post sponsors 10 boys for \$3,000. Each Boy costs \$400. NNU has been paying ½ of college fee for the 2-course credit- they are no longer paying that. If the Boys want the credits it will cost, they \$175.00 this year.

Radio Club: Rich Dees- alive and well. Mel Napier long time Idaho Legionnaire- Emily (Mel's wife) passed away Sunday, Mel passed on Monday. Honors to be conducted.

Riders: None- Will be meeting at the Post the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.

Koffee Klatch- Ernest Cook- Oct 28th stop by for free coffee and donuts.

District Commander- Doug Foote: Fall District 3 meeting will be held on 28 Oct at Post 18 in Nampa starting 9:30 am. Halloween costume contest at 9am. Corn Hole tournament. No lunch or registration fee.

Unfinished business-None

New Business: Continuous membership Certificates- Adjutant- postponed this month as Commander not here to sign certificates. Trunk or Treat- October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 pm. Line up starts at 4:30pm. Motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> for Post to spend \$100 to buy candy. Motion passed.

Good of Legion: none

\$100 membership drawing William Shumacher- not present. Susan Baird- not present- no award this month.

Meeting Adjourned: 2024

Next Meeting: Nov 21st, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted  
Susan Barnett Adjutant



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#### Money handled by Post 113 Adjutant

10/1/2023-10/31/2023

Post Account	Amount			invoice #	
6-Oct	\$ 200.00	check	from Alsip for David Stuck funeral		tried to deposit twice- made out to Doug Hanks- bank sees it as third party check will not deposit even with his signature-
6-Oct	\$ 225.00	checks	dues (3) members, multiple years	2310080042	deposited 10/14/2023
8-Oct	\$ 225.00	checks	Dues (5) members	2310080049	deposited 10/14/2023
13-Oct	\$ 225.00	checks	Dues (5) members	2310140047	deposited 10/14/2023
17-Oct	\$ 45.00	check	Dues 1 member	2310230026	deposited 10/28/2023
20-Oct	\$ 225.00	checks	Dues (5) members	2310230026	deposited 10/28/2023
27-Oct	\$ 495.00	checks	Dues (11) members	2310271657	deposited 10/28/2023
28-Jan	\$ 2,357.00	check	from Department for on-line dues		deposited 10/28/2023
28-Oct	\$ 464.00	check	from Department for 2024 PUFL dues		deposited 10/28/2023

S.A.L. account	Amount			invoice #	
17-Oct	\$ 15.00	check	Dues 1 member		deposited 10/28/2023
24-Oct	\$ 30.00	cash	dues -(2) new members		have not yet verified eligibility

Building acct	Amount				

Radio Club account	Amount				
24-Oct	\$ 39.00	Checks	Dues (2 members)		deposited 10/28/2023

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## Adjutant Notes November 2023

By: Susan Barnett

Upcoming events include:

Monthly informal potlucks. Next will be held on 1 November at Post at 5:30pm.

Food Convoy for Boise Veterans home is the 18<sup>th</sup> of November- see flyer for suggested donated items, items may be dropped off at Post.

Post meeting dinner- 21 November- Clam Chowder.

Post Oratorical Contest December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Post Christmas Party- December 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-10 pm. Post will provide ham and Turkey. Please send Susan Barnett your choice of side dish or dessert you wish to bring. No Monthly meeting in December.

Birthdays in November (Legion): Susan Baird, Fred Becker, Dwayne Benedict, George Bishop, Reed Black, Scott Brock, Randy Calkins, Daniel Catlett, Jerry Christensen, Che Davis, Brad Deluca, John Eames, Willard Edwards, Michael Elliott, Carlos Fleetwood, Lloyd Forbes, Mark Frisbie, Kenneth Gering, Joseph Glaisyer, Warren Grover, Harry Hall, Doug Hanks, Paul Henning, Greg Holzwarth, Stanley Ikebe, James Jacobsen, Raymond James, Richard Johnson, William Jones, Frank Kulik, Michael Levine, Harold Lewis, Spencer Martin, Rachel Mauden, Robert Mitchell, Brent Myers, Kevin Neumann, Matthew Oulette, John Packard, Hank Parker, Jess Patteson, Paul Pauly, Floyd Peterson, Gerald Peterson, Danny Phelps, Benjamin Price, Galen Propst, Dan Pruett, Joseph Rippee, James Roethig, Jay Romlein, Thomas Salove, Dennis Scifres, Richard Scott, Robert Shrier, Thomas Sorge, L.D. Stanger, Dennie Stark, Tom Storm, Nate Suekel, Larry Tannahill, Ken Tomich, Albert Vita, Glenn Waters, Chuck Winder, William Wyman, Edger Zimmerman (Spouse) Stacy Cook, Jan Dees, Janice Foote.

Anniversaries in November: none known.

Please forgive any errors or omissions. Birthdays and anniversaries for all Legion Family members is a work in progress.

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# ‘The Walrus and the Carpenter’

A classic example of Victorian nonsense verse

By: Yers Trooly

The above poem was written by Lewis Carroll in December 1871 and quoted in “Through the Looking Glass” recited by Tweedledum and Tweedledee.



‘The time has come,’ the Walrus said,  
‘To talk of many things:  
Of shoes — and ships — and sealing-wax —  
Of cabbages — and kings —  
And why the sea is boiling hot —  
And whether pigs have wings.’

A wide range of topics covered by the two beach goers, but fitting none the less to announce the end of my



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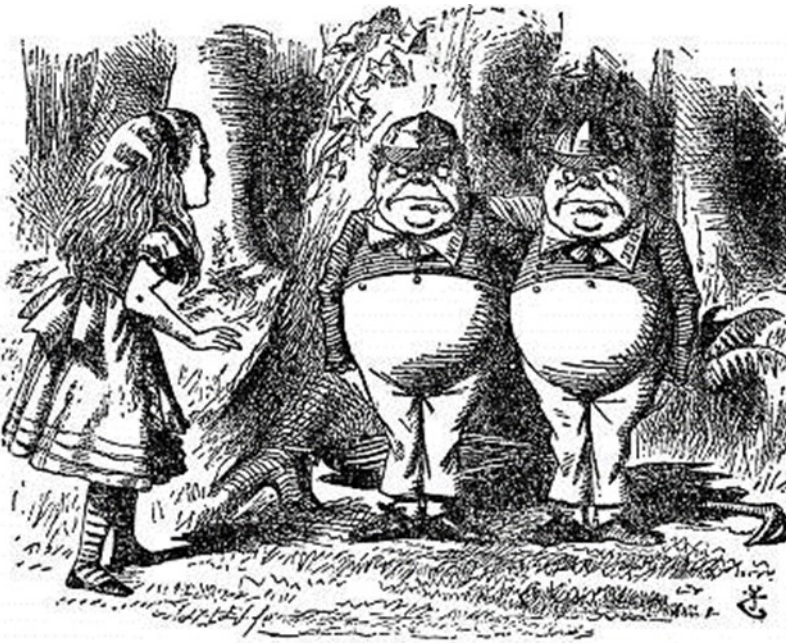
tenure as the Post 113 Newsletter editor. I've been at it for about five years, and have by and large enjoyed sending out our monthly missive. BUT I need and want to move on to other things which will consume my time, and will be what I consider to be a lot of fun in an activity that has significant community impact.

I announced the activity I will be engaged in at the Post meeting in September. I again noted in the October meeting a little more of what "it" entails. I'll be leading a team working with the Barbara Morgan Stem Academy in Meridian as N7LGN (Post 113 Amateur Radio Club) in concert with NASA and a group called ARISS (Amateur Radio aboard the International Space Station). The goal is to get as many students throughout the State of Idaho as possible to talk to the astronauts aboard the International Space Station

(ISS) using amateur radio. The ten-to-12-minute ISS pass that we are in line to get will occur is 2025. It will take from now until then to ensure we have the proper equipment and people lined up to make a single ISS pass across Idaho a success.

This will be my third time working with schools and NASA to get students in Idaho to talk to astronauts in space. Over the years, I've done two passes with the Space Shuttle and one with the ISS where students successfully spoke with the astronauts. I can say that the effort to create that success is significant.

Thus, as Tweedledum and Tweedledee said, "The Time Has Come" for me to bid you 73.



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(If you need to understand the meaning of 73 and 30, feel free to search the internet for an answer)

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### American Legion Post 113 Service Officer Announcements

By; John Brekke

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

#### **Flu Shots**

It's the start of flu season. No-cost flu shots are now available to eligible veterans from the Veterans Administration (VA). Unfortunately, the Boise VA Medical Center has already completed their drive-thru flu shot clinics. However, you may still get a flu shot from the Boise VA medical center, in-network community pharmacies, urgent care locations nationwide or from various chain pharmacy retail stores like Walgreens. If you decide to go to a non-VA location, check to make sure you will be receiving a no-cost flu shot.

<https://www.prevention.va.gov/flu/flushots.asp>

<https://www.myhealth.va.gov/mhv-portal-web/no-cost-flu-shot-options-for-veterans>

#### **Overseas Cost-of-Living Cuts Will Take a Bite Out of Active Military Paychecks**

Cuts to service members' overseas cost-of-living allowances are coming next month. Some service members are in for a major hit. For example, a specialist in the 11th Airborne Division based out of Alaska with one dependent will lose \$129 a month, according to an Army memo reviewed by the Military.com. A major with four dependents will lose \$464.68 per month. After delaying the cuts for nearly a year, the Defense Department announced in May that service members stationed overseas, including troops in Alaska and Hawaii, would see cuts to their cost-of-living allowance. Senior defense officials said in May that they were allowing combatant commands to protest the changes, but that they must provide data to show that the Pentagon's analysis of prices doesn't accurately reflect the situation on the ground. Senior defense officials argue that pay increases this year -- such as an across-the-board 4.6% pay raise for troops -- would actually leave service members with more money in their pockets, even accounting for the OCOLA decrease, despite overall living costs having risen rapidly with inflation.

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2023/10/16/troops-alaska-hawaii-and-overseas-brace-cost-of-living-cuts-coming-next-month.html>

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### **MHV to Eventually Become the My VA Health Portal**

The VA is building a new home for My HealtheVet (MHV) on VA.gov. With My HealtheVet on VA.gov, you'll eventually be able to manage all of your VA health care in the same place you manage your other VA benefits and services using a computer or a smartphone. The VA has not identified how long this transition will take. The VA will gradually build new versions of each tool on MHV and provide some notice when each tool is ready for veterans to try using on both the existing MHV and My VA Health portals. If you'd like to inform the VA about this or other transitions the VA is involved with, select the first URL below.

<https://veteranusability.us/>

<https://www.va.gov/resources/my-healthevet-on-vagov-what-to-know/>

### **Military-related Asbestos Exposure Claims**

The PACT Act does not cover pre-Persian Gulf War or 9/11 Asbestos Exposure – (Toxic Exposure Risk Activity - TERA). Nothing is presumptive for non-PACT Act asbestos claims. The veteran must prove medical connection and military exposure.

<https://www.asbestos.com/mesothelioma/>

<https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/asbestos/>

### **Personalized Career Planning and Guidance (CH 36)**

The VA provides professional educational, career and adjustment counseling services to servicemembers, Veterans, and dependents. Eligibility for transitioning servicemembers who fall under any of the following conditions: within six months prior to discharge from active duty; within one year following discharge from active duty; any Servicemember/Veteran currently eligible for a VA education benefit; and all current VA education beneficiaries.

<https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/education-and-career-counseling/apply-career-guidance-form-28-8832/introduction>

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets.asp#BM4>

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## Veterans Day Events

By: John Brekke

Friday, November 10 at 11:30 am

Veterans Day Luncheon hosted by the Boise Rescue Mission at the Riverside Hotel in Boise. **RSVP IS REQUIRED.** Must RSVP by Friday, November 3 to Marissa: 208-343-2389



PLEASE JOIN US

**AS WE HONOR OUR VETERANS**

BOISE RESCUE MISSION MINISTRIES'

**Veterans Day Luncheon**

**Friday, November 10, 2023**

at **The Riverside Hotel**, 2900 Chinden Blvd, Garden City

from 11:30am to 1:00pm

Keynote Speaker: Laura Hill, Assistant Chief  
Information Officer, USDA, Lt. Col., US Army, Retired

Please RSVP by Friday, November 3  
to Marissa: 208-343-2389, [marissas@boiserm.org](mailto:marissas@boiserm.org)



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Saturday, November 11 7-10 am (***Veteran's Day***)

Start your day off with a great meal on in Wilder at VFW 11065's Breakfast. Includes pancakes, eggs, meat, and beverages for \$8.00 per plate



### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST 208 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Wilder, Idaho**



**Hosted by: SAMUEL PHILLIPS III**  
**VFW POST 11065 and VFW Auxiliary #11065**  
**Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 AM – 10:00 AM**  
**\$8.00 per plate,**  
**Kids under 5 years old are free.**  
**(Pancake, scrambled eggs, meat and beverage of choice.)**



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Saturday, November 11 from 2:00-6:00 pm (**Veteran's Day**)

Horseshoe Bend's Annual Veterans Day Event. There will be the Longbranch Saloon, the Sonora food truck and live music

★★★ HSB VALLEY CHAMBER PRESENTS ★★★

*Annual*

# VETERANS DAY


*Event*

**11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**NOVEMBER**

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY:  
**JESSANN**  
START AT 2PM - 6PM


**DRINKS  
LIVE MUSIC  
FOOD TRUCK**


**WOODS VETERNS  
MEMORAL PARK**



Join us for our annual Veterans Day event at the Woods Veterans Memorial Park in Horseshoe Bend, ID. Experience an unforgettable day filled with live music by the exceptionally talented JessAnn, sip on cocktails from our cherished local watering hole, the Longbranch Saloon, and delicious dinner from the Sonora food truck, including their famous street tacos available only a few times a year! As an added bonus, there's a chance for another spectacular fly-in. Let's unite in support of all our veterans, including the 450 heroes right here in Horseshoe Bend and Jerusalem Valley!

..... HONORING ALL WHO SERVED .....





PLACES TO STAY

**Woods Veterans  
Memorial Park Address:**  
385 HWY 55  
Horseshoe Bend, ID  
Contact: 208-869-2171  
[www.hsbvalleychamber.org](http://www.hsbvalleychamber.org)



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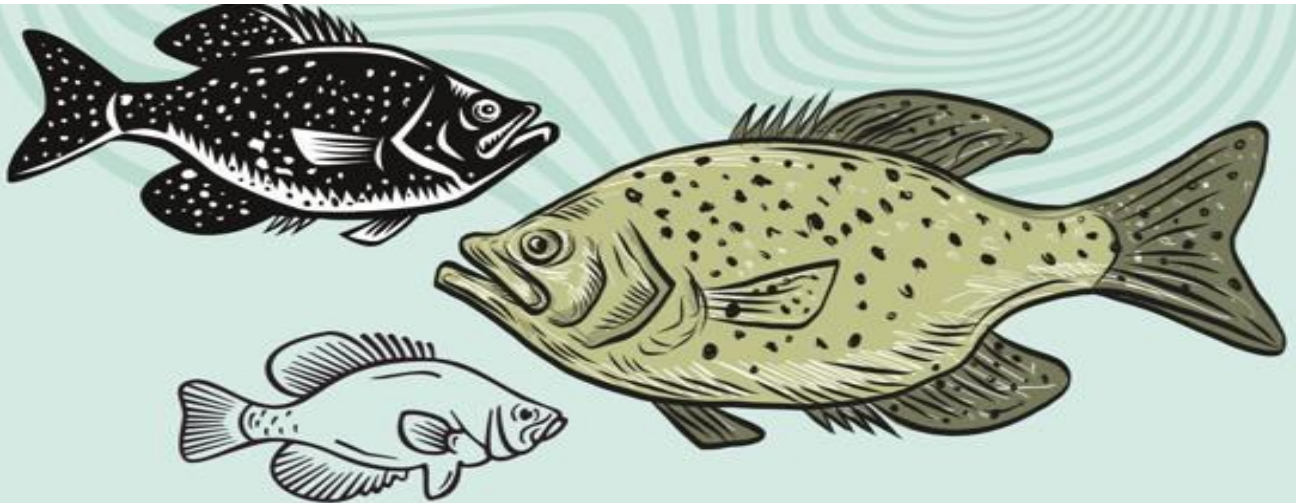
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Saturday, November 18 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall will be having a Crappie Fish Feed. It is FREE but donations are appreciated.



# CRAPPIE FEED

Come join us for some  
delicious fish, salad and drink!



**NOVEMBER 18TH  
11AM- 2PM**

**Address: 11101 Cleveland Blvd. Caldwell, ID 83605**

This event is free but donations will be  
accepted. All proceeds benefit the  
Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall.

[www.cvmh-vets.org](http://www.cvmh-vets.org) | 208-402-6590 |  
[caldwellveterans@gmail.com](mailto:caldwellveterans@gmail.com)

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## Childrens Christmas Party for Post 201

By: Rich Dees

During the last Post meeting, I announced that Post 201 people did not want to have the children's party at our post, rather they wanted it at the prison so the families could be together. Turns out I received the wrong information. The warden at the Correctional Center will not approve the event and the members of the Post 201 really wanted to have their families attend the party at our Post. That means a couple of things. The First is the party is **ON** and the date is December 2, 2023 from 2:00 PM to 4:00PM. The second thing is that we are now behind the power curve for getting ready.

The party will most likely be attended by as many as 30 people. It is my understanding that the invitation to the families has been sent. The following are things that I believe need to be done:

- Organize games
- Prepare music
- Get food
- Get presents for children under eight years old
- Get gift cards for older children
- Organize people to help
- Decorate Post
- Get Santa

Last year the Radio Club provided \$300.00 in gift cards using excess pizza money. That well has dried up and there are no longer available funds. Also, the radio Club decided not to participate this year. I believe it will again take \$300.00 in gift cards. I estimate the food will cost \$200.00. That means, without any help, we need to cover \$500.00 in expenses. I believe we can significantly reduce or even completely cover that number if we can get people to make food items, and perhaps donate a gift card. All the non-money items need people volunteers. Thus, at the next meeting, I'll be asking the Post to help in kind or monetarily.

We have gifts for children under eight years old as we did last year. Santa and music are all set. If you can help with the party by decorating, organizing and conducting games, help with the food, or help pass out gifts/cards, please let me know as soon as possible.



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## American Legion Oratorical Contest

By: Rich Dees

The American Legion Constitutional Speech Contest season has begun. Also known as the Oratorical contest, it's a time where high school aged folks gather to compete for the right to represent Idaho at the National Oratorical contest and vie for a \$25,000 top first prize. During the contest, the orators each will give two speeches. One is a prepared 10-minute speech on any aspect of the U.S. Constitution. The second speech



is a five-minute oration on an assigned topic about the constitution randomly selected just prior to the contest. You can listen to the winners of last year's National contest on-line at MYLEGION.ORG. Our local speakers typically give outstanding speeches which will really impress you.

There are four stages a speaker must complete. First is at the Post level followed by the District and then the Area. The final speeches are given at the Department Oratorical Contest on February 17, 2023 at Meridian City Hall. Starting at 10:00 AM.

This is a "must attend if at all possible" event. It is very rewarding to see and hear young people step up and talk about the Constitution. AS you listen, it will be clear they have done a great deal of research on the subject. The Post contest is December 9, 2023 starting at 10:00 AM at the Post. If you know any high school aged people, recommend that they compete. If you need more information, please see "Oratorical" in MYLEGION.ORG or contact me.

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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

By: Yers Trooly



Greetings,

Our group continues to grow. Our membership comes from the Legion family and the community. There are no dues for Legion family while the community pays \$12.00 per year. We have 33 Legion family members and 26 community members for a total of 59 members. We meet monthly on the fourth Wednesday of the month.



Our in-house repeater operates 24 hours a day 7 days a week on 443.000 MHz. It is both a traditional FM repeater and a Fusion (C4FM) digital repeater. Primarily used for Fusion, there are at least two national nets that operate through our repeater. We host two weekly nets on two meters. One is on the 146.94 MHz repeater and the other operates on 147.420 MHz simplex.

Each month we offer FCC license examination sessions open to the public. We have a cadre of 23 Extra Class operators certified by the ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator. We offer testing for all classes of licenses and license renewal.

Last month we had John Kernkamp, WB4YJT, discuss Vector Network Analyzers which are very useful, if not necessary to assess an antenna system. John is nationally recognized as an inventor and engineer. We will not be meeting in the month of November because of Thanksgiving. However, we will meet in December where we will have a "Christmas pot Luck" and a white elephant exchange.

We've mentioned this before, but our long-range plans include working with and operating a special event station at Barbara Morgan Stem Academy in Meridian. That event will allow students from the school and all over the Treasure Valley the opportunity to talk to astronauts aboard the International Space Station. Because of the necessary planning and preparation, the event is slated to take place in 2025.

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## Frank Dalton Memorial Food Convoy Boise

By: Abe Abrahamson

We will meet at the Hotel 28 (address: 4111S Broadway Boise ID 83705) at 0900 to caravan to the Boise Veterans Home. We will unload and store all the food, account for all the receipts. Then we will head inside for lunch and a little ceremony. Then back to the Hotel 28 for a get together at 4:00 pm with the second leading candidate for National Commander Dan Wiley. If you would like to donate to his campaign, please see me at the Convoy. We will also be at the Pocatello Food Convoy but have no information at this time.

Hotel rooms can be booked by calling (208)343-7662 ask for the American Legion rate of \$99.00 + tax

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