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Commander's Corner – Ralph Cavalieri

Happy New Year! 2024 is upon us and what a year it is going to be. Your post has a lot going on as we keep our eyes on serving Veterans, building Americanism and our Youth, and providing support for our National Security.

MEMBERSHIP

I am delighted to report that Post 113 has met 100% of its membership goal by the December 31 deadline! Congratulations and thanks to all who paid their dues within the requested timeframe. As I noted last month, this membership renewal drive carries with it the opportunity to receive \$1000 from the Department of Idaho if we hit 100% of our membership goal before January 1. As you can imagine, the post can certainly use a \$1000 addition to our bank account. If you have yet to pay your dues, please pay them directly to Susan Barnett, our Adjutant, or online at the American Legion national website.

ORATORICAL COMPETITIONS

The District 3 Oratorical competition will be on Saturday, January 27 beginning at 1 PM at our post. The Area Oratorical competition is on February 10 at our post beginning at 10 AM. The Department of Idaho Oratorical competition will be on February 17 at Meridian City Hall beginning at 10 AM. Post 113 has committed to providing lunch after the competition while the judges are deliberating.

It's always interesting to hear these young adults speak about the US Constitution. Come and listen, or better yet, participate. Contact Rich Dees with your offers of assistance.

DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

January 11-14 is the Department of Idaho Mid-Winter Conference, held at the Holiday Inn at the Boise airport, 2970 West Elder Street, Boise. Registration form and daily agenda are included in this newsletter. All members of the Post are welcome to participate in the meeting. The registration cost is \$10, and the various meals have separate fees. The deadline noted on the registration form is January 1, but I believe prompt replies will still be accepted.

I look forward to seeing you at our events in January. Thank you for your continuing support of American Legion Post 113.

Very Respectfully,

Ralph Cavalieri, Commander

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MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

January 11-14, 2024

Thursday January 11, 2024

5:00pm-7:00pm..... Legislative reception

Friday, January 12, 2024

7:00 am Boys State Breakfast - Sawtooth

8:30 am Boys State Board Meeting - Sawtooth

9:00 am Finance Commission Meeting TBD

10:00 am D.E.C. Meeting- Sawtooth

9:00 am-12 pm..... Registration—Lobby

NOON..... President/Commanders Luncheon- Sawtooth

1-5:00 pm..... Registration-- Lobby

1:30 pm Legion Riders Meeting--- Sawtooth

3:00 pm..... S.A.L. Meeting- Sawtooth

5:00 pm P.D.C. Meeting- Sawtooth

7:00 pm Auxiliary Fun Night -Pending

Saturday, January 13, 2024

7:30-10:00 am.....Registration- Lobby

8:30 am Joint Opening- Sawtooth

10:00 am Auxiliary Session- Shoshone

10:00 am Legion Committee Meetings:

Americanism and C&Y- Bistro

Baseball -Sawtooth

Foreign Relations -Fireplace

Legislative -Hospitality room TBA

VA&R -Bistro

2:00 pm General Session- Sawtooth

5:30 pm No Host Social- Sawtooth

6:30 pm Commanders Banquet- Sawtooth

Sunday, January 14, 2024

9:00 am Four Chaplains Service...Shoshone

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American Legion Family of Idaho
2024 Midwinter Conference
January 12-14

For Legionnaires only

You can preregister for the 2024 midwinter conference registration fee is \$10.00

Post/Squadron Number _____ Date _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

For All

If you Do Not Have A Ticket YOU WILL NOT EAT

Be The One Luncheon Fri. January 12th at 12:00

Commanders Banquet Sat January 13th Social Hour from 5:30 -6:30 Dinner will be
at 6:30 See full menu on 2nd pg.

Members registering _____ X \$10.00 _____

CMDR/ President Luncheon _____ X \$24.00 _____

Commanders Banquet Glazed Ham _____ X \$35.00 _____

Commanders Banquet Roasted Turkey _____ X \$35.00 _____

Total \$ _____

Please send it to Dept. by January 1st, 2024

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Be The One Luncheon

Shredded BBQ Pork Sandwiches comes with rolls, coleslaw and Mac and Cheese along with iced tea and a house salad.

Dinner

Honey Glazed Ham

Honey and Brown Sugar Glazed Ham with Honey Pineapple and Mustard Au gratin Potatoes steamed carrots, Iced Tea Salad and a Roll.

Roasted Turkey

Roasted Turkey Breast with Mushroom Sauce, Cranberry Relish, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Iced Tea Salad and a Roll

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Chaplains Corner - Dan Pruett



January 2024
"Happy New Year"



A New Years Message From the Chaplain:

As we embark on this new year, let us carry with us the spirit of camaraderie, service, and remembrance that defines our American Legion Post. January brings us a fresh start, an opportunity to continue honoring our veterans, supporting our communities, and upholding the values that have made our nation strong.

Let us remember the sacrifices made by those who have served and continue to serve, and let their dedication inspire us to be forces of positive change in our communities. May we strive to embody the principles of unity, patriotism, and service as we navigate the year ahead.

Together, through our collective efforts and commitment, we will continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our veterans, their families, and our nation.

Wishing you all a year filled with hope, unity, and the determination to make a lasting impact.

Dan Pruett,

Chaplain, Post 113

An Inspiring Story from National:

The American Legion has been instrumental in countless inspiring stories. One such tale revolves around a young veteran named Bob who returned from active duty feeling lost and disconnected. He struggled to adapt to civilian life, haunted by memories of his service and grappling with a sense of purpose.

Feeling adrift, Bob found solace in a local American Legion post. There, he encountered a community of veterans who understood his experiences and provided unwavering support. Through their mentorship and camaraderie, Bob began to regain his confidence and sense of belonging.

Inspired by the Legion's commitment to service, Bob discovered a new passion: helping fellow veterans reintegrate into society. With the Legion's guidance, he initiated programs focused on mental health support, job placement, and educational opportunities for veterans transitioning to

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civilian life. His dedication and the Legion's backing propelled these initiatives to success. Soon, they gained recognition across the region, positively impacting the lives of numerous veterans.

Bob's journey, fueled by the American Legion's unwavering support, not only transformed his life but also became a beacon of hope for countless other veterans struggling with similar challenges. It showcases the Legion's enduring commitment to veterans and their relentless efforts to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who have served their country.



Spotlight on Volunteers

Staff Duty Officer volunteers at the post play a vital role in supporting veterans, their families, and communities. They contribute their time, effort, and skills to various programs and initiatives aimed at honoring veterans, advocating for their needs, and fostering a strong sense of community. They give freely of their time to do an important task here at the post.

The dedication and commitment of these volunteers contribute immensely to the American Legion's overarching goals of serving veterans, advocating for their rights, and making a positive impact on society. They are as follows:

- John Brekke Dan Kujawski Ernest Cook
- Kevin Neumann Ralph Cavalieri Dan Pruett

Won't you consider volunteering for Staff Duty Officer! Just 1 day a month could make a real change!



Are You Curious About Church?



Finding a church in a new community can bring about a sense of belonging and connection that goes beyond religious practice, providing a source of support and companionship in unfamiliar surroundings. Find a place to worship that has a supportive network of friends who became like family. The church should provide you with spiritual guidance and become an integral part of your life. It will embrace you, support you, and enrich your life in ways never imagined.

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This Days
Thought

-Believe in the power of small steps. Each action, no matter how seemingly insignificant, contributes to the journey of a thousand miles."

Morning Prayer For Your Confessions!

My Morning Prayer

"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24 ESV)

"O God, for another day, for another morning, for another hour, for another minute, for another chance to live and serve Thee, I am truly grateful."

Do Thou this day free me

From all fear of the future,
From all anxiety about tomorrow,
From all bitterness towards any one,
From all cowardice in face of danger,
From all laziness in the face of work,
From all failure before opportunity,
From all weakness when Thy power is at hand.

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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 :

208-890-3384 Cell

dan@anywhereusa.org

208-202-5737 X103

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And one last thing:



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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Membership - Dan Pruett



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Membership Report

Membership Status as of 12/31/2023

<u>Legion</u>	<u>(As of This Date)</u>	<u>SAL</u>
Dept = 82.71%		Dept = 68.82%
Area B = 84.94%		Area B = 72.85%
Post 113 = 99.47%		Post 113 = 50.00%
Goal <u>374</u> Actual <u>375+</u>		Goal <u>36</u> Actual <u>18</u>

Congratulations to everyone who helped us meet our goal of 100%+ membership renewals. We have won the \$1,000 challenge from the Department of Idaho. Thank You!

- **Staff Duty Officer:** I believe in the power of unity and the strength that comes from a growing 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.
 - Even 1 day a month will be tremendously helpful.
- **American Legion multiyear membership is here.**

Eliminate the yearly hassle of remembering to renew your American Legion membership by taking advantage of the new multiyear membership available to current and potential members. Legionnaires needing to renew for 2024 or veterans joining the organization for the first time can lock-in a three-year membership by visiting legion.org/renew or legion.org/join. It's a five-year pilot program offering the purchase of three consecutive 12-month member terms at the then current dues rate.

Here is what you need to know about the three-year membership:

- Multiyear membership sign-up is only available on the national American Legion website.
- Renew now with a three-year membership by visiting legion.org/renew.
- Join now with a three-year membership by visiting legion.org/join.
- Legionnaires already renewed for 2024 will soon be able to renew under the multi-year membership starting with the 2025 membership year.

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- Payment for the three-year membership will be upfront.

Please note: the multiyear membership will work just like PUFL. Whatever rate the member renews at is the what the post/department/national will receive for the duration of that timeframe. Once the member renews after the three-year renewal is up, the renewal rate will adjust to the rate at that time.

Membership Dues Raised:

- 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 7/1/24. The \$10 covers the \$5 increase for National as well as \$5 increase for Post 113.
- The dues increase comes at a time when the need for American Legion advocacy, expertise, influence, services, and programs are needed in every corner of our nation and because of the current membership standings and economy. This is a time to continue supporting The American Legion's ability to serve veterans, members of the U.S. armed forces and young people. A national \$10 per-capita dues increase can prevent National Headquarters from having to cut programs and services.
- The American Legion's ability to succeed over the next decade depends on positive cash flow and the ability to invest in the future.
- Our post survives on that money. Money is very tight now and we will suffer tremendously if we don't raise our dues.
- We are aware of what this does to our veterans. But the post simply cannot survive on the money we would be getting if we hadn't voted to raise the dues.
- **This is why it is so important to attend the meetings and be able to cast your vote. We always have a delicious dinner before the meeting starting at 6pm. Please come!**

Incentive Program Passed:

- A **\$5.00 discount** for renewing in the month of July 2024, if you renew your membership through Susan Barnett, our adjutant at the Post.
- Look for more Incentives in the coming months.

A 1st Vice Challenge:

- Since the PUFLs don't have an increase in their dues, I'm challenging all PUFLs to give a \$60 gift to Post 113 and paid directly to adjutant.
- **We have 104 PUFLs who will be the first to take my challenge?**

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2024 Membership Renewal Schedule is as follows:

The cutoff date for January 2024 is February 14, 2024.

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.

Buddy Check Week :

- 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 & paste in your browser).
- You can find the on-line interview for our Post Buddy Checks here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-PuBOI3Glwl>. (Copy & paste in your browser).

As Duty Officers rotate each day, they will continue to do Buddy Checks. We will start the calling over and try to get those that we left messages.

Members who have renewed (As Of The Dates): Thank you!

- **11/27/23**
 - Deborah Powell, Daniel Heying, James Preuss, Nathaniel Spofford, Michele Padgett, Kermit Peterson and Jared Johnson
- **12/05/23**
 - Preston Gilliam, Martin Rebholz, Danny Stuart, Marshall Sites, Michael Phillips, Leslie Gropp (2 yrs.), Danny Kujawski, Galen Propst, Richard Scott, David Querry, Dennis Scifres, Bradley Shaul, Walter Smith, Robert Jones, Michael Snyder and Buford Swanson
- **12/12/23**
 - Stephen McGovern, Toy Flores, Thomas Henderson, Douglas Rotman, Patrick McLendon, Howard Haney (4 yrs.), Richard Cade, Richard Mackrill, Richard Frahm, Leroy Youngquist, Albert Huber, Richard Mackrill, Vernon Green, Gerald Schurdell, and Richard Frahm
- **12/22/23**
 - Todd Michalek (2 yrs.), David Wilson, Tom Ressler, Charles Wilson, Guy Whitcomb, Billie Wilson, Darrel Williams, Johnathan Hoffmeier, William Van Dam III, James Roethig, George Trizano, Randy Olivera, Bert Tamas, Mark Vantuyl, Fern Wittman, Christian Turner, Robert Brady, Albert Vita Jr, Damon Waits
- **12/30/23**
 - Reginald Marcotte (2 yrs.), Wesley Musser, Harry Lear Jr, Raymond Stevens, William Patten III, David Woodruff, Zachary Peterson, Robert Wyllie

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Members who are deceased as of 12/06/23:

May God hold them in His hands forever and may they rest in eternal peace.

- David Rosera – United States Army /PUFL/ Viet Nam/ Meridian
- Richard Lane – US Air Force/ Viet Nam/ Meridian

World American Legion Standings:

Are you interested in Idaho's world standings in membership?

Idaho is number 14 of 55 in the world and number 2 of 15 in the Western Region.

2024 TAL Membership Report as of: December 11, 2023						
* All-Time High	2024 Dept. Year End Goal	2024 Actual Mbsp.	% of Year End Goal	Needed To Meet 75% Target 12/13/2023	103%	2024 Renewal %
Department						
1 FRANCE	3,000	2,476	82.53%	-226	3,090	84.05
2 SOUTH DAKOTA	16,261	13,322	81.93%	-1,126	16,748	82.49
3 IOWA	35,204	28,808	81.83%	-2,405	36,260	82.90
4 VIRGINIA	36,174	29,345	81.12%	-2,214	37,259	80.13
5 MINNESOTA	58,214	47,202	81.08%	-3,541	59,960	82.14
6 NORTH DAKOTA	11,308	9,151	80.93%	-670	11,647	83.00
7 WISCONSIN	46,212	37,195	80.49%	-2,536	47,598	81.78
8 DIST OF COL	1,099	866	78.80%	-41	1,131	78.58
9 NEBRASKA	23,418	18,340	78.32%	-776	24,120	79.36
10 HAWAII	1,827	1,430	78.27%	-59	1,881	80.60
11 NEVADA	5,893	4,601	78.08%	-181	6,069	78.70
12 MICHIGAN	54,119	42,127	77.84%	-1,537	55,742	77.79
13 MARYLAND	41,741	32,398	77.62%	-1,092	42,993	77.62
14 IDAHO	8,052	6,242	77.52%	-203	8,293	78.32
15 SOUTH CAROLINA	10,817	8,353	77.17%	-400	10,444	77.27

To see the entire report goto:

https://www.legion.org/sites/legion.org/files/legion/documents/2024%20TAL%20Membership%20Report_0.pdf

That is all for this month but remember to always:

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Blessings,

Dan Pruett

1st Vice President

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HONOR GUARD – Doug Hanks



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DECEMBER 2023 HONORS
By DOUG HANKS



Honors December 2023 “8”
Total for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 “54”
Hours December “156” Fiscal Year Total “1432”
DONATIONS DECEMBER “\$500.00” TOTAL YEAR “\$2610.00 “

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

Going to start a few articles about wars big only to the people who were there.

The Korean War was fought between [North Korea](#) and [South Korea](#) from 1950 to 1953. The war began on 25 June 1950 when North Korea invaded South Korea following years of internal instability and hostilities between the two states. North Korea was supported by [China](#) and the [Soviet Union](#) while South Korea was supported by the [United States](#) and allied countries. The fighting ended with an [armistice on 27 July 1953](#).

In 1910, [the Empire of Japan annexed Korea](#) as a colony for 35 years until [its surrender](#) at the end of [World War II](#) on 15 August 1945.^[4] The United States and the Soviet Union [divided Korea](#) along the [38th parallel](#) into two zones of occupation. The [Soviets administered the northern zone](#), and the [Americans administered the southern zone](#). In 1948, as a result of [Cold War](#) tensions, the occupation zones became two sovereign states. A [communist state](#), the [Democratic People's Republic of Korea](#), was established in [the north under the government](#) led by [Premier Kim Il Sung](#), while a [capitalist state](#), the [Republic of Korea](#), was established in the south under the government led by [President Syngman Rhee](#). Both governments claimed to be the sole [legitimate](#) government of all of [Korea](#) and neither accepted the border as permanent.

The years prior to North Korea's invasion of South Korea were marked by border clashes between the two countries and an insurgency in the South that was backed by the North.^{[5][6][7]} After failed attempts to stop the fighting and unify the Koreas, North Korean forces ([Korean People's Army](#) or KPA) crossed the [38th parallel](#) on 25 June 1950, formally starting the war.^{[8][9]} The [United Nations Security Council](#) denounced North Korea's actions and [authorized the formation](#) of the [United Nations Command](#) and the dispatch of forces to Korea^[10] to repel it.^{[12][13]} The Soviet Union was boycotting the UN for recognizing [Taiwan](#) (Republic of China) as China,^[44] and the People's Republic of China was not recognized by the UN, so neither could support their ally North Korea at the Security Council meeting. Twenty-one countries of the United Nations eventually contributed to the UN force, with the United States providing around 90% of the military personnel,^[45] and represented the first attempt at [collective security](#) under the United Nations system.^[46]

After the first two months of war, the [South Korean army](#) (ROKA) and hastily dispatched American forces were on the point of defeat, retreating to a small area behind a defensive line known as the [Pusan Perimeter](#). In September 1950, a [risky amphibious UN counteroffensive](#) was launched at [Incheon](#), cutting off KPA troops and supply lines in South Korea. Those who escaped envelopment and capture were forced back north. UN forces then [invaded North Korea](#) in October 1950 and moved rapidly towards the [Yalu River](#)—the border with China—but on 19 October 1950, Chinese forces - the [People's Volunteer](#)

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[Army](#) (PVA) - crossed the Yalu and entered the war.^[40] The [UN retreated from North Korea](#) following the PVA's [First Phase Offensive](#) and the [Second Phase Offensive](#). China along with their North Korean and Soviet allies pressed their offensive, invading the South and capturing Seoul by early January of 1951. A UN force [recaptured the city from them](#), and the communist forces were [pushed back](#) to positions around the 38th parallel following PVA's abortive [Fifth Phase Offensive](#). After this, the front which was close to where the war had started stabilized, and the last two years were a [war of attrition](#).

The fighting ended on 27 July 1953 when the [Korean Armistice Agreement](#) was signed. The agreement created the [Korean Demilitarized Zone](#) (DMZ) to separate North and South Korea, and allowed the return of prisoners. However, no [peace treaty](#) was ever signed, and the two Koreas are technically still at war, engaged in a [frozen conflict](#).^{[47][48]} In April 2018, the leaders of North and South Korea met at the DMZ^[49] and agreed to work toward a treaty to end the Korean War formally.^[50]

The Korean War was a major conflict of the Cold War and among the most destructive conflicts of the modern era, with approximately 3 million war fatalities and a larger proportional civilian death toll than World War II or the [Vietnam War](#). It resulted in the destruction of virtually all of Korea's major cities, with thousands of massacres committed by both sides—including the [mass killing of tens of thousands of suspected communists](#) by the South Korean government, and the torture and starvation of prisoners of war by the North Koreans. North Korea became among the most heavily bombed countries in history.^[51] Over the course of the war 1.5 million North Koreans are estimated to have fled North Korea.^[52]

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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Scouts – Mark Grothe

Scouts Troop #1 will be hosting a meal for the January Post 113 dinner/meeting on January 16th.

They will have on hand tickets for their annual Pancake Breakfast, which is will be held on Feb 10th at the Meridian United Methodist Church from 9-11 am.

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Post Meeting Minutes - Susan Barnett



AMERICAN LEGION POST 113
MEETING MINUTES
November 21, 2023

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

1900: Opening ceremonies: Invocation, Pow/Mia, Pledge of Allegiance, and preamble.

Meeting called to order at 1905 hours by Commander Cavalieri.

Roll call of Officers conducted: quorum met.

Guests: None

Sick Call: none

1st Vice: Steve North for Dan Pruett. Membership- see report. Repatriation (4) 2 WWII vets and 2 Korean War Vets. Merrell Howan, Robert Pharris, Kenyan Bradley, and Richard Hammond. Buddy Checks: list is on computer.

Adjutant: Susan Barnett- minutes printed on table. Motion and 2nd to approve as written. Passed.

2nd Vice: Rich Dees: Saturday Dec 2nd. Childrens Christmas Party for Post 201 2-4 pm, games: Axe Throw and corn hole, arts, and crafts. Finger foods for snacks. Oratorical contest Post level is Dec 9th No idea if we have any contestants. Sept 17th, 2024- Constitution week. Hosting Constitution Day (2 days). Guest speakers on The U.S. Constitution.

Radio Club: Rich Dees- No meeting this month. December Potluck, White Elephant, waiting on date.

Finance report in newsletter and on table. Ernest collected on-line dues and PUFLS from National through Department. Still to write check for Wreaths Across America. Motion and 2nd to approve as printed and reported. Motion passed.

Building Manager: Mark Grothe- Motion to postpone installing cypher lock on back door until other post priorities are completed. Motion seconded and passed. Scouts: scouts are sponsoring CPR/AED -stop the Bleed on Jan 13th. Register on-Line- Certificates \$25. Mark Grothe has link. Boyscouts doing their annual pancake breakfast- think its in Feb- more to follow.

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Service Officer-John Brekke. Disabled Vets Elk Hunt. TRICARE season is open. Veteran Scams: increase your disability rating for a fee. Veterans, please use Idaho Department of Veteran Services. VA.GOV - quirks in the system with Dependent status. Problems call 1-800-698-2411 hotline.

Boys State: Doug Hanks- January (Mid-Winter conference) for next year's program information. For interviews use two people. Program to run Jun 1- Jun 7th. 8th to tear down.

Honor Guard- Doug Hanks- Report handed in.

Riders: None present. - Volunteered to help on Dec 2nd for Kids Christmas Party.

Auxiliary- None present.

District Commander- Doug Foote: Veterans Certificate Presentations to 40 Veterans- Doug Foote, Mark Grothe and Ernest Cook. Boise VA Food Convoy: Doug Foote and Susan Barnett Post donated \$448.14 in food.

Unfinished business-None

New Business: Continuous membership Certificates- Adjutant-

Good of Legion: Dec 16th Post Christmas Party 1800-2200 Post providing Ham and Turkey. Susan Barnett coordinating. Jan 3rd Post Potluck 5:30-7:00 pm. Jan 11th Legislative Reception. Jan 12-14th Mid-Winter Conference.

Post Raffle: Ammo Can- Chuck Hawkins.

\$100 membership drawing Robert Divine- not present. Robert Neufeld- not present- no award this month.

Ernest Cook: Canteen Menu- staff duty free coffee made. Sell other things. Motion and second to proceed. Must have sales tax license from state. Seller's permit and Sales tax permit prior to sales. Proposal to offer other things- prepackaged. Vote: 10 Aye, 4 no- motion passed with 2 abstentions.

Meeting Adjourned: 2028

Next Meeting: Jan 16th, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted
Susan Barnett
Adjutant

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HAM Radio Club - Yers Trooly

N7LGN—Post 113 Amateur Radio Club

By: Yers Trooly



Greetings,

With the new year comes new “adventures.” Our next meeting will host a discussion about Cube Satellites with Caleb Moose. It seems there are a number of these gadgets in the sky and people have reported that they can hold at least short QSO’s at any given time.

The two-meter repeater we use for our weekly net started to exhibit a lot of noise on signals over the last two weeks. Larry smith is working on the issue. We actually held the weekly net on our simplex frequency, 147.720 MHz which worked quite well.

WINLINK with the USGS notion of the “Doughnut hole” in emergency communication it taking one a greater role in the State. Dring the Winlink Wednesday nets, we are venturing into transmitting and receiving pictures and all sorts of files. We will be discussing more about the digital mode in future meetings.

Recently, thanks to Buddy Jacob and Joe Aragon, we were the recipients of a truck load of radio equipment from a silent key in Colorado. As soon as I get it cataloged, we will hold an auction to raise money for the Club. There is amateur equipment as well as commercial equipment, all looking like it’s in working order.

As a reminder, our FCC exam sessions are now by reservation only. The reason is because there are many on-line test sessions locally and people seem to prefer that method to test rather than our in-person sessions. If you want to take a test, contact us and we’ll set up a session or you can take the test on-line.

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Post Adjutant - Susan Barnett

Upcoming events include:

- Monthly informal potlucks. Next will be held on 3 January at Post at 5:30pm.
- Department Legislative reception Jan 11th.
- Department Mid-Winter Conference Jan 12th- Jan 14th.
- Post meeting dinner- 16 January- Boy Scouts are cooking.
- District 3 Oratorical Contest January 27th.

Birthdays in January (Legion): Donald Bailey, Kenneth Baumgartner, Raymond Beardon, Christopher Blomquist, Robert Bowman, Douglas Briggs, Norman Brusse, John Burke, William Burns, Patrick Crowley, Kevin Daniel, James Dawson, Joseph Deangelis, Dwight Douvia, Mark Dowling, Daniel Drake, Joseph Falcone, Jim Galley, Terry Garten, Douglas Giles, Ralph Hildebrand, Ivan Hoffman, Randy Hotchkiss, David Hulsey, Leland Jessen, Dean Johnson, Donald Kelso, Herbert Killam, Roger Krause, Gaylord Lake, Patrick Lucas, Gay Emily Massie, Chris Mikesell, Tommy Montgomery, James Nourse, Charles Odam, Daniel Onstott, William Patten, Ray Plumlee, Grover Poppleton, Tom Ressler, Jim Scherer, James Schock, William Schumacher, George Scroggin, Richard Shelvock, Michael Sisson, William Sizemore, David Skyberg, Russell Smith, William Solt, Maynard Spell, Donald Stott, Curtis, Timmons, Christian Turner, Lee Unterseher, Jelya Variz, Damon Waits, Darrel Williams, Fern Wittman, Dale Woodcook, and Max Yerrington

Anniversaries in January: I cannot find that list.

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

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Post Adjutant (Continued)

Money handled by Post 113 Adjutant
12/1/2023-12/31/2023

Post Account	Amount			invoice #	
24-Nov	\$ 45.00	check	dues (1) member-		cannot find him on mylegion to process- still have check.. Found member deposited
5-Dec	\$ 765.00	Checks	Dues (17) members	2312050045	deposited 13 dec
8-Dec	\$ 25.00	check 5429	reimbursed Doug Foote for 2024 Ada County United Veterans Council		
12-Dec	\$ 855.00	checks and cash	dues (19) members	2312121000	deposited 13 dec
13-Dec	\$ 131.00	check and cash	donation for member for \$100. Koffee Klatch \$31.00		Deposited 12/13/2023
22-Dec	\$ 900.00	checks	dues (20) members	2312220604	deposited 23 dec
29-Dec	\$ 242.00	check 5430	Postmaster		Paid \$176.00 for Post office box for 1 year and \$66.00 for 1 roll of stamps
30-Dec	\$ 8.00	cash	coffee donations for the month		deposited
30-Dec	\$ 405.00	checks	dues (9) members	2312300246	wtg deposit
31-Dec	\$ 135.00	checks	dues (3) members	2312310355	wtg deposit
S.A.L. account	Amount			invoice #	
Radio Club account	Amount				

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Finance Report (Preliminary) – Ernest Cook

In the report below, we have \$7,674 more this year than one year ago. With plans to renovate the kitchen, that is a good thing.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 113
Organization position
As of December 31, 2023

	Dec 31, 23	Dec 31, 22	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
BLDG ACCT at ICCU	20,239.55	17,263.14	2,976.41	17.2%
Ham Radio	1,912.51	1,245.51	667.00	53.6%
POST ACCT at ICCU	27,757.52	23,613.68	4,143.84	17.6%
SAL	558.23	672.18	-113.95	-17.0%
SAVINGS at ICCU	1,924.03	1,922.58	1.45	0.1%
Total Checking/Savings	52,391.84	44,717.09	7,674.75	17.2%
Total Current Assets	52,391.84	44,717.09	7,674.75	17.2%
Fixed Assets				
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	53,391.84	45,717.09	7,674.75	16.8%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Equity				
Designated 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	11,863.00	4,245.92	7,617.08	179.4%
Total Equity	53,391.84	45,717.09	7,674.75	16.8%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	53,391.84	45,717.09	7,674.75	16.8%

Operationally a couple of Misc categories deserve more details. Specifically, office expenses

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Balance
Check	07/03/2023	MVP Processing	Mechant account FEE	25.00
Credit Card Cha...	07/30/2023	Best Buy	Anti virus software	74.99
Credit Card Cha...	07/30/2023	Best Buy	Subscription to MSFT office on...	114.98
Check	08/29/2023	Ralph Cavalieri	New post laptop Reimbursement	924.96
Check	12/05/2023	Staples	Misc officer supplies for Adjutant	1,368.98
Credit Card Cha...	12/15/2023	Office depot	Receipt paper for credit card m...	1,390.76
Check	12/20/2023	David Hunter	HDMI Cable	1,440.76
Total Office Miscellaneous				1,440.76

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 113
Statement of Operations
July through December 2023

	Building	+ Post Bud...	Sons of Am...	TOTAL
▼ Income				
Unknown Deposit slips	0.00	77.00	0.00	77.00
▸ Dues Income	0.00	3,791.00	57.50	3,848.50
Honor Guard	0.00	2,145.00	0.00	2,145.00
Ada County Contribution	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
Rental - building useage	0.00	4,800.00	0.00	4,800.00
▼ Other Types of Income				
▸ Ham Radio Income	0.00	90.00	0.00	90.00
▸ Direct Public Support	0.00	901.00	0.00	901.00
Interest-Savings, Short-term...	0.00	40.00	0.00	40.00
Total Other Types of Income	0.00	1,031.00	0.00	1,031.00
Total Income	10,000.00	11,844.00	57.50	21,901.50
▼ Expense				
▼ Facilities				
Building Cleaning Services	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Building Insurance	2,460.00	0.00	0.00	2,460.00
Building MGR	900.00	0.00	0.00	900.00
Lawn	796.26	0.00	0.00	796.26
Operations and Maintenance	949.69	0.00	0.00	949.69
▸ Remodel and Repairs	0.00	420.00	0.00	420.00
▸ Utilities	2,874.58	0.00	0.00	2,874.58
Total Facilities	8,480.53	420.00	0.00	8,900.53
▼ Post Operations				
Accounting Costs	0.00	-5.44	0.00	-5.44
Office Miscellaneous	0.00	1,440.76	0.00	1,440.76
Postage, Mailing Service	0.00	198.00	0.00	198.00
Web site	0.00	99.00	0.00	99.00
Total Post Operations	0.00	1,732.32	0.00	1,732.32
▼ Program Expenses				
▸ Post gatherings, net	0.00	83.72	0.00	83.72
Badges, awards, patches, etc	0.00	0.00	171.45	171.45
▸ Donations	0.00	132.00	0.00	132.00
Honor Guard	0.00	99.05	0.00	99.05
Membership fees	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00
▸ Raffles	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
▸ Youth Programs	0.00	417.82	0.00	417.82
Total Program Expenses	0.00	857.59	171.45	1,029.04
Travel and Meetings	0.00	150.00	0.00	150.00
Total Expense	8,480.53	3,159.91	171.45	11,811.89
Net Ordinary Income	1,519.47	8,684.09	-113.95	10,089.61

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 113			
Budget vs Actual			
July 2023 through June 2024			
	Jul '23 - Jun 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
▼ Ordinary Income/Expense			
▼ Income			
▶ Dues Income	4,389	1,800	2,589
Honor Guard	2,145	3,000	(855)
Ada County Contribution	10,000	20,000	(10,000)
Rental - building useage	4,800	7,000	(2,200)
▶ Other Types of Income	1,031		1,031
Total Income	22,442	31,800	(9,359)
▼ Expense			
▼ Facilities			
Building Cleaning Services	500	6,000	(5,500)
Building Insurance	2,460	1,400	1,060
Building MGR	900	1,800	(900)
Lawn	796	750	46
Operations and Maintenance	950	3,000	(2,050)
▶ Remodel and Repairs	420	6,500	(6,080)
▶ Utilities	2,875	5,300	(2,425)
Total Facilities	8,901	24,750	(15,849)
▼ Post Operations			
Accounting Costs	(5)		(5)
Insurance - Liability, D and O		250	(250)
Office Miscellaneous	1,441	150	1,291
Post Office Box Rental	176	134	42
Postage, Mailing Service	264	250	14
Web site	99	121	(22)
Total Post Operations	1,974	905	1,069
▼ Program Expenses			
▶ Post gatherings, net	84	750	(666)
▶ Commanders Discretionary ...		500	(500)
Badges, awards, patches, etc	171	500	(329)
▶ Donations	132	700	(568)
Honor Guard	99	600	(501)
Membership fees	25	25	
▶ Raffles	100		100
▶ Youth Programs	418	4,200	(3,782)
Total Program Expenses	1,029	7,275	(6,246)
Travel and Meetings	150	180	(30)
Total Expense	12,054	33,110	(21,056)
Net Ordinary Income	10,388	(1,310)	11,698

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Service Officer's Report – John Brekke

No report was prepared by the service officer in December. Below is the report from November.

American Legion Post 113 Service Officer Announcements

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

Honoring the PACT Act

As of November 4, 2023, 544,924 PACT Act claims were approved. Since the PACT Act began in August 2022 about 76.7% of the submitted claims have been approved. For Idaho veterans as of late October 2023, there were 2,700 PACT Act-related claims pending with 3,200 already granted. Amongst the Vietnam/Thailand/Guam veterans, hypertension remains the number one issue that is being claimed under the PACT Act.

<https://www.accesstocare.va.gov/pactact>

Camp Lejeune Justice Act Claim/Lawsuit

If you want to file a Camp Lejeune Justice Act Claim/Lawsuit, it must be submitted before August 10, 2024. The Department of Justice is proposing to move Camp Lejeune Contaminated Water claims (lawsuits) more quickly by establishing set payout amounts depending on what conditions a veteran/family member had and how long they were actually at Camp Lejeune. See this URL for further details.

<https://www.navy.mil/Press-Office/Press-Releases/display-pressreleases/Article/3516646/departments-of-the-navy-and-department-of-justice-announce-voluntary-elective-op/>

TRICARE Open Season

The 2023 open season for TRICARE is now upon us. It began on November 13 and ends on Tuesday, December 12, 2023. Now is the time to review your and your family member's current health plans, consider your needs for 2024, and learn about your coverage choices.

<https://tricare.mil/>

Veteran Scams

Veterans are frequently targeted in scams in which the scammer poses as someone else in an effort to get your money or personal information. One of many favorite scams is obtaining your personal health-related information in hopes that the veteran may improve their existing VA disability rating. Be aware and don't give out personal information or money to anyone whom you don't know.

<https://www.morningstar.com/news/marketwatch/2023111205/scams-targeting-veterans-are-on-the-rise-heres-how-to-avoid-them>

VA.gov Problems

The VA announced in late October it had uncovered two technological issues with VA.gov, resulting in delays for some veterans who sought to update their dependency status or file appeals online.

1. **Dependency Status Update Issue:** An estimated 56,000 veterans who filed a request to update their dependency status online since online filing became available in 2011 did not have those claims successfully processed. This means the VA was likely delayed in adding or removing a dependent from these Veterans' profiles, which could have increased or decreased their monthly benefit payments. The VA first began investigating this issue in August 2021, the full scope and urgency of the problem wasn't understood across VA until August 2023.
<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2023/09/05/va-failed-process-56000-requests-update-veterans-dependents-dating-far-back-2011.html>
2. **Appeals Issue:** On September 1, 2023 the VA identified and fixed a technical issue that had prevented an estimated 900 Veterans from appealing their decisions online since July 27. Specifically, when some veterans attempted to access the online "Notice of Disagreement" form, the website page did not load. The VA began investigating this issue on August 31 and implemented a fix to address the bug on September 1.

The VA apologized to all impacted veterans. In both cases, the VA states they will identify and contact all impacted veterans and ensure they are not further impacted in any way. If you have issues when using the VA's on-line resources call the VA Hotline (800/698-2411) or Veterans Benefits Support (VBA) (800-827-1000) Monday through Friday, 10 am to 7 pm MST.

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Other News: Changes are coming to the Idaho State Veterans Home in Boise.

See the article below or click on this URL to get a little different view.

<https://www.idahostatesman.com/news/local/community/boise/article281295623.html>

This state-run Boise nursing home serves 122 veterans. A big change is coming

BY NICK ROSENBERGER

NOVEMBER 10, 2023 4:00 AM

All photos by Sarah A. Miller smiller@idahostatesman.com

Rick Holloway, administrator of the Idaho State Veterans Home in Boise, wants to hear the spirited sounds of life every day at work.

A retirement or veterans home, he said, should be filled with activity.

The veterans home in Boise is no different, with the sounds of debates over games of pinochle, pump carving contests and birthday celebrations criss-crossing its hallways.

But soon, the three-story veterans home will see a new kind of activity as it prepares for a major reconstruction after over 50 years of housing those who served.



The Idaho State Veterans Home is at 320 Collins Road, just across from the Boise Veterans Affairs Medical Center off Fort Street in Boise. Construction is planned on a new four-story home to replace the building.

The Idaho Division of Veterans Services is preparing to build a new, four-story veterans home around current building in an L shape before demolishing the old building.

The division runs homes in Boise, Lewiston, Pocatello and Post Falls that provide 24-hour medical and supportive care to veterans who can no longer provide for themselves, according to their website. To become a resident, an applicant must be an honorably discharged veteran or a veteran's spouse, widower or widow.

All residents are responsible for the cost of their care, with costs ranging from about \$300 per day to nearly \$400 per day for veteran and nonveterans, depending on location. The cost can be covered with private insurance, Medicaid or Medicare, Social Security or other forms of income, according to the application for admission.

There is room to provide housing for up to 122 veterans in the Boise home. The new home's capacity is the same.

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The Division of Veterans Services would wait to demolish the old Boise home until all residents move into the new building to prevent displacing residents.

According to Mark Tschampl, the division's director, the existing home has gone past its usable life. The building at 320 Collins Road sits just across from the Boise Veterans Affairs Medical Center off Fort Street just north of downtown.

"It's ... an old building," Tschampl said. "It's had a couple of additions added on to it, so it's a bit of a Frankenstein building."

At some point, he said, the costs to maintain the building's equipment, roof, boilers and air conditioning became more expensive than building a new one.

"Every year you look at the costs, and when the costs exceed the viability of that facility, it's time to build a new one," Tschampl said.



Banners with the emblems and mottos of the branches of the Armed Forces hang inside the front lobby of the home.

Each bedroom in the building is shared by two residents, with two rooms sharing a single bathroom, meaning four people use that one bathroom.

"When you have a group living like that, it's really easy for infectious diseases to spread," Tschampl said.

According to Holloway, the COVID-19 pandemic tore through the home when it first broke out. All staff members, including administrators, spent 2½ years wearing scrubs to reduce the chance of sickness and implemented a check-in process that asks visitors to disclose any recent illnesses or infections.

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Idaho State Veterans Home Administrator Rick Holloway talks about the timeline for construction.

The new home would bring in modern technologies that can't be retrofitted into the old building, such as a new air handling system that would pull air from outside to prevent air recirculation. Tschampl said this would reduce the likelihood of recirculating diseases.

Each resident would receive a private bedroom and an attached private bathroom. The lower level would include amenities such as a movie theater, bistro, chapel and barber shop. The three floors above would be mostly devoted to residential rooms.

Each floor would revolve around a central dining area, with the uppermost floor looking out over nearby buildings toward the Boise Foothills.

"Quality of life will be far far superior to what it is now," Tschampl said. "It's going to be less of a facility and more of a home."

Aaron Thomas, a 24-year veteran of the Air Force who has lived at the home since August 2021, said he has a great roommate, and living in the home has been a good experience — especially playing cards on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"Outside of playing cards with (volunteer Ed Samuel), it's fantastic," Thomas said with a laugh. "He cheats a lot."

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Volunteer Ed Samuel, left, plays pinochle with resident Aaron Thomas, right, in one of the activity centers.

But Thomas is excited about the new home.

"It'd be nice to have my own room, my own bathroom," he said.

Thomas said he's looking forward to a sports bar planned for the ground floor, since he and his roommate both enjoy football and root for opposing teams.

Roger Byrd said he is excited too. Byrd served in the Air Force as a jet mechanic from 1966 to 1970 and spent around 14 years as a cook for the Army National Guard.

"It's nice here, and my roommate is nice, and we get along," Byrd said. "(But) the new rooms will be better."



Resident Roger Byrd sits in his half of a shared bedroom at the Idaho State Veterans Home in Boise. Byrd was deployed to the Philippines, Vietnam, Florida and New Mexico during his four years in the Air Force.

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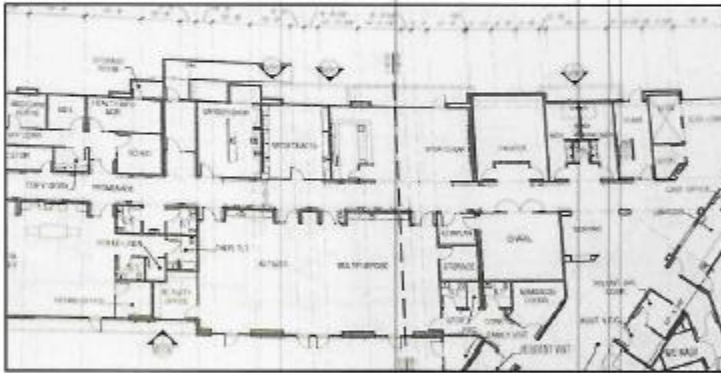
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Byrd spent much of his adulthood driving trucks, working oil rigs and riding bareback broncs at rodeos. Now he often spends his days playing pinochle, cribbage or games on his iPad or taking part in activities the home puts on.

"About everything here is nice," Byrd said.

According to Tschampl, the new home will cost about \$118.5 million. The state plans to break ground around May 2024, with construction to take about three years.

The Division of Veterans Services won a federal Veterans Affairs grant to build the home. That grant will cover 65% of the cost. The state will cover the rest.



Blueprints show that the new Idaho State Veterans Home building will provide more social opportunities for residents with the addition of a theater, sports bar, and other common areas.

The division chose Arizona-based Orcutt Winslow as the architect and Hoffman Construction to lead the construction. Orcutt Winslow also designed a new state veterans home in Post Falls, which opened last November.

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