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Lloyd E Hutcheson

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## This Month's Events

\*\* WAFFLES every Wednesday @ 0900!  
except August 28th

- Aug 4 – Coast Guard Birthday
- Aug 6 – National Commanders Event @ 1730
- Aug 7 – Purple Heart Day
- Aug 13 – SAL Squadron Meeting @ 1800
- Aug 17 – HAM Radio Testing @ 0900
- Aug 20 – Post Dinner (1800) and Meeting @ 1700
- Aug 24 – Lloyd's Koffee Klatch @ 0900  
– downstairs
- Aug 24 – American Legion Auxiliary @ 1900  
– upstairs
- Aug 28 – HAM Radio Club Meeting @ 1900
- Aug 23-29 - Legion National Convention

## Coast Guard Day – August 4

The United States Coast Guard, one of our country's five armed services, is a unique agency of the federal government. Its history is traced to 4 August 1790, when the first Congress authorized the construction of ten vessels to enforce tariff and trade laws and to prevent smuggling.

The Coast Guard is one of the oldest organizations of the federal government and, until the Navy Department was established in 1798, it served as the nation's only armed force afloat. The Coast Guard has continued to protect the nation throughout its long history and has served proudly during our nation's conflicts. It's national defense responsibilities remain one of its most important functions even today. In times of peace it operates as part of the Department of Homeland Security. In times of war, or at the direction of the President, it will serve under the Navy Department.

<https://www.history.uscg.mil/home/history-program/>

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**Commander's Corner** - Ralph Cavalieri

## **August 2024 Newsletter**

Hello, fellow Legionnaires and friends of Post 113. I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and spirits. As we enter the last month of summer, I would like to share some news and updates from our Post.

## **August in Military History**

August is a month that has witnessed many significant events in the history of our armed forces. One of them is the Battle of Guadalcanal, which began on August 7, 1942 and lasted for six months. It was the first major offensive by the Allies against the Japanese in the Pacific theater of World War II. The battle was fierce and costly, but it resulted in a strategic victory for the Allies and a turning point in the war. The Marines who fought there earned the nickname "The Old Breed" for their courage and resilience. We honor their sacrifice and legacy as we remember this important chapter in our military history.

## **American Legion National Commander's Visit**

We are honored and excited to announce that the American Legion National Commander, Daniel J. Seehafer, will visit our Post on August 6 from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. This is a rare and special opportunity to meet and greet our organization's leader and show him our hospitality and appreciation. Commander Seehafer is a member of American Legion Post 157 in Horicon, Wis. Commander Seehafer likes to say, "It's personal," when it comes to the American Legion's mission of serving veterans and their families. He is continuing the theme of "Be the One," to prevent veteran suicide.

An ordained minister from Wisconsin, he earned his American Legion eligibility through service in the U.S. Navy and Navy Reserve, where he served as a military chaplain. Commander Seehafer served in several American Legion offices at every level, including national chaplain and commander of the Department of Wisconsin.

Please join us in welcoming Commander Seehafer and making his visit a memorable one.

## **Thank You to Our Volunteers**

Last but not least, I would like to thank the many volunteers who have worked hard to finish some needed maintenance items at our Post. Thanks to your efforts, we have finished painting the walls, improved the landscaping, cleaned the entrance flooring, and re-arranged many displays. Our Post looks better than ever and we are ready to host more events and activities for our members and guests. Your dedication and service are greatly appreciated and make our Post a better place for all. Thank you for your time and talent.

That's all for this month. I hope to see you all at our next meeting on August 20 at 7:00 PM.

Ralph Cavalieri, Commander, Post 113

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The Department of Idaho will be hosting a visit by American Legion National Commander Daniel J. Seehafer on August 5 and 6. It is the privilege of Lloyd E. Hutcheson Post 113 in Meridian, ID to host a dinner at our post on August 6, at which one of Post 113's members will receive a national award.



The purpose of this email is to provide details for those who may wish to participate in the events on August 6.

Date / time            August 6th at 5:30

Location              22 W. Broadway, Meridian, ID 83642

Schedule:

- |         |   |
|---------|---|
| 5:30 PM | Social Hour   |
| 6:30 PM | Dinner. We are having your choice of tri-tip beef or roast turkey buffet style. Two types of salad, bread, and dessert. Cost is \$10.00 |
| 7:30 PM | Introductions and Comments by National Commander Seehafer with award presentation.  |
| 8:30 PM | Adjourn   |

We have been told that the dress for the evening is Legion Casual (Legion golf shirts, etc.). Since we are serving food and adult beverages, children and pets cannot be accommodated.

We have limited space for hosting, our maximum seating for dinner is 75. Reservations, on a first come basis, should be confirmed by clicking on [This link](#).

Please contact the 2nd Vice Commander, Ernest D. Cook for event related questions on email: [Post113.2ndVice@Gmail.com](mailto:Post113.2ndVice@Gmail.com)

Ralph Cavaleri, Commander Post 113

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**Chaplains Corner - Dan Pruett**

**Chaplains Report**  
**August 2024**



**Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. ~ from Isaiah 43**

Dear Legionnaires,

God is both the judge and the savior. This means that God has a plan to make all things right in the end, and that a necessary part of that process is declaring what is not yet right. This is the message of Isaiah the prophet. The judgment of God declares what is broken; the promise of God is to heal.



There are a lot of things I cannot do, but God can do all things.

He even says that if I try to pass through the waters, he is with me. If I try to swim across the deepest depths, he is with me. If I walk through the fires of life, I do not go alone. Whatever fear or despair I might carry, whatever griefs or burdens I carry, whatever pain or guilt I carry, I carry that in vain, for if death cannot keep God's mercies and grace from me, then there is nothing I can't face. We believe that the saints keep singing on the other side, and that we will someday join them. And by the grace of God, who redeems us all, we are alive forevermore.

In service and faith,

Dan Pruett, Chaplain

Meridian American Legion Post 113

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Attending church can offer a variety of spiritual, emotional, and social benefits.



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**Chaplains Corner (Continued)**



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## The Power Of Positivity

The power of positivity refers to the impact that maintaining a positive attitude can have on your overall well-being and success. Here are some ways positivity can be powerful:

1. **Improved Mental Health:** Positive thinking can reduce stress, lower rates of depression, and increase overall psychological well-being.
2. **Better Physical Health:** Studies have shown that a positive outlook can boost your immune system, reduce the risk of chronic diseases, and lead to a longer life.
3. **Increased Resilience:** Positivity helps you bounce back from setbacks more quickly and effectively. It fosters a problem-solving mindset and encourages perseverance.
4. **Enhanced Relationships:** Positive individuals tend to attract others with similar outlooks, fostering supportive and healthy relationships. Positivity also improves communication and conflict resolution skills.
5. **Greater Success:** A positive attitude can enhance performance in various areas, including work and personal goals. It encourages creativity, productivity, and motivation.
6. **Improved Self-Esteem:** Positivity boosts your self-confidence and helps you appreciate your strengths and achievements.
7. **Increased Happiness:** Positive thinking leads to greater satisfaction and happiness in life. It helps you focus on the good things, even in difficult times.

Practicing positivity involves focusing on solutions rather than problems, expressing gratitude, surrounding yourself with positive influences, and taking care of your mental and physical health.

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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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208-202-5737 X103

**PRAYER FOR TODAY**  
**Help Me Overcome Any Hurdles**

Dear God,  
Thank you for the opportunity to see this new day.  
I pray for your love and your strength today.  
Please help me overcome any hurdles that may come my way.  
Please give me wisdom and guidance in everything that I do today so that my words and my actions will honor your holy name.  
In Jesus' name, I pray,

*Amen*

THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER

**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**



**August 2024**  
**Membership**  
**Report**

<b>Membership Status as of 08/01/2024</b>		
<b>Legion</b>	<b>(As of This Date)</b>	<b>SAL</b>
<b>Dept = 0.0%</b>		<b>Dept = 0.0%</b>
<b>Area B = 0.0%</b>		<b>Area B = 0.0%</b>
<b>Post 113 = 0.0%</b>		<b>Sqdn 113 = 0.0%</b>
<b>Goal 0 Actual 0</b>		<b>Goal 0 Actual 0</b>

**NOTE: The reports didn't arrive in time for posting. Tune in next month for the numbers.**

- It was voted on and passed at the Post 113 October 2023 Meeting to raise our dues by \$5.00. This is in addition to the \$5.00 increase made by National. Dues now are **\$55.00 per year**.
- 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.
- American Legion Post 113'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 would have suffered tremendously if we hadn't raised 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!**

**Members who renewed in July.**

- **7/1/24**
  - Eulalie B Delgado
- **7/3/24**
  - Brant Bishop
- **7/10/24**
  - Ernest D Cook
- **7/12/24**
  - Timothy R Blodgett, John L Brekke
- **7/15/24**
  - Donald Fredericksen
- **7/16/24**
  - Nathaniel A Spofford, Dick D Frost, Michael Levine, Herbert D Killam, Danny L Lowber, Pete Amaya, Thomas E Cochern ,
- **7/27/24**
  - Max V Badesheim Jr

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- **7/28/24**
  - **Tom A Carroll, Fred A Becker, Claton Hollister, David A Hulsey, Eric R Minschmidt, Harry Koehler, Dennis R Kindrick, George W Jolley II 4, Joseph L Glaisyer, Frank R Daley, John W Eames III, Mel E Morford, Paul D Makela, Thomas L Allen, Mike Ennis, Dennis N Bausch, John S Earl, Robert W Vertrees, Rudolph Zuberbuhler, Steven G Luz, David W Skyberg, Steve Palmer, Charles V Stella, Frank R Kenny, Ronald G Moritz, Richard F Gardner, David C Querry, Larry A Plum, Dan Wesley, John D Wakefield, James R Tisdale, Ronald Bischoff Robert L Casper Sr, Peter Beckman, Barbara S Levy, Carlos S Alvarez, Walter J Johnson**

**Members who are Repatriated as of 08/01/24:**

***Heavenly Father hold them in your hands and give them peace for entirny!***

- **Riser, Charles** – PFC – WWII – US Army– D Company - 6/25/24
- **Callahan, Francis E** – 2<sup>nd</sup> LT – WWII – US Army – 732 Bombardment Germany – 6/24/24
- **Dejarnette, Joe A** – 1<sup>st</sup> LT – WWII – US Army – 732 Bombardment – Germany – 6/24/24
- **Mourer, Ralph L** – S SGT – WWII – US Army – 732 Bombardment – Germany -6/24/24
- **Sundstad, Herman J** – 1<sup>st</sup> LT – WWII – US Army – 5307 Composite Unit – Kachin Burma – 6/24/24
- **Yeary, Hubert** – S SGT – WWII – 732 Bombardment – Germany – 6/24/24
- **McKee, Robert D** – 2<sup>nd</sup> LT – WWII – 732 Bombardment – Germany – 6/24/24
- **Price, David Stanley** – SGT – Viet Nam – USAF – Det 1, 1043 Rad Eval – Laos 6/21/24
- **Travers, Joseph Raymond** – PFC – Korean War – US Army – D Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Bat – North Korea – 6/20/24
- **Harris, John H** – 2<sup>nd</sup> LT – WWII – 732 Bombardment – Germany – 6/20/24
- **Simmons, Wallace** – MSGT – Korean War – US Army – North Korea – 6/20/24
- **Boyer, Fred Hunter** – F1C – WWII – USN – USS West Virginia - Hawaii – 6/11/24
- **Pierce, Clayton Millard** – SGT – Korean War – US Army – D Company, 1<sup>st</sup> BAT – North Korea – 6/7/24
- **Skaar, Robert L** – PVT – WWII – US Army – 222 Infantry, 42 DIV – France – 6/7/24
- **Barrett, Arlie Paul** – PFC – Korean War – US Army – E Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> BAT – South Korea 6/7/24

**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,*

*Dan Pruett*

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander**

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## **Mission Briefing from the 2nd Vice – Ernest Cook**

In previous issues I gave an overview of the many ways you can get involved. Over the coming months I will highlight in more detail a few of the many ways you can get more involved. This month, I want to talk about a special group within our ranks, the Honor Guard.

The Honor Guard is not just a ceremonial unit. It is the embodiment of our respect and gratitude towards those who have served. They are the ones who stand tall at funerals, parades, and memorials, representing every one of us in paying homage to our fallen heroes. Their role is not easy, but it is one of the highest honors within our organization.

The Honor Guard is in need of our support. Their ranks are thinning, and they need more members to continue their important work. Some honors only have 3 participants and in some cases, we have had to say we could not do a service. This is not just about filling a spot; it's about continuing a tradition of honor and respect that dates back to the founding of our great nation.

I understand that we all have our commitments and responsibilities. But I ask you to consider this: What if it was your friend, your comrade, your family member who had made the ultimate sacrifice? Wouldn't you want someone to stand for them, to honor them, to remember them?

Joining the Honor Guard is not about guilt or obligation. It's about respect. It's about honoring those who have given so much for us. It's about standing up and saying, "I remember. I honor. I respect." The Honor Guard captain (Doug Hanks [dandghanks@q.com](mailto:dandghanks@q.com) (208) 809-7519) only requires members to respond to events that fit their schedule

So, I appeal to you, my fellow members of the American Legion. Consider joining the Honor Guard. Stand with us as we honor our fallen heroes. Let us carry on this tradition of respect and gratitude together.



Ernest Cook

2nd Vice Commander, events and operations

208-202-5737 ext 109

Make an appointment to chat with me at <https://calendly.com/ernestcook>

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**HONOR GUARD – Doug Hanks**



**“LLOYD E HUTCHESON”  
POST 113 HONOR GUARD  
JULY 2024 HONORS  
By DOUG HANKS**



**Honors July 2024 “7”  
Total for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 “7”  
Hours July 2024 “92” Fiscal Year Total “92”  
Donations July 2024 “\$550.00” Total Year “\$550.00 “**

Starting a little history of the Vietnam War

The Vietnam War started in 1950s, according to most historians, though the conflict in Southeast Asia had its roots in the French colonial period of the 1800s. The United States, France, China, the Soviet Union, Cambodia, Laos and other countries would over time become involved in the lengthy war, which finally ended in 1975 when North and South Vietnam were reunited as one country. The following Vietnam War timeline is a guide to the complex political and military issues involved in a war that would ultimately claim millions of lives.

### Vietnam Background: Uneasy French Rule

**1887:** France imposes a colonial system over Vietnam, calling it French Indochina. The system includes Tonkin, Annam, Cochin China and Cambodia. Laos is added in 1893.

**1923-25:** Vietnamese nationalist Ho Chi Minh is trained in the Soviet Union as an agent of the Communist International (Comintern).

**February 1930:** Ho Chi Minh founds the Indochinese Communist Party at a meeting in Hong Kong.

**June 1940:** Nazi Germany takes control of France.

**September 1940:** Japanese troops invade French Indochina and occupy Vietnam with little French resistance.

**May 1941:** Ho Chi Minh and communist colleagues establish the League for the Independence of Vietnam.

**March 1945:** Japanese Troops occupying Indochina carry out a coup against French authorities and announce an end to the colonial era, declaring Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia independent.

**August 1945:** Japan is defeated by the Allies in World War II, leaving a power vacuum in Indochina. France begins to reassert its authority over Vietnam.

**September 1945,** Ho Chi Minh declares an independent North Viet Nam and models his declaration on the American Declaration of Independence on 1776 in an (unsuccessful) effort to win the support of the United States.

**July 1946:** Ho Chi Minh rejects a French proposal granting Vietnam limited self-government and the Viet Minh begins a guerrilla war against the French.

**I will continue this series next month**



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**Post Meeting Minutes – Rich Dees**



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 113**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
July 16, 2024

**PRE-MEETING PRESENTATION:** Dinner was provided by Scout Troop 1 with our thanks. The Troop outlined their past and present activities. There were many extended hikes and at least three summer camps contemplated.

Commander Cavalieri called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Tickets for a 50-50 raffle were sold.

**OPENING CEREMONIES:**

The Commander led the opening ceremonies, which included the invocation, Pow/Mia, Pledge of Allegiance, and preamble.

**GUESTS:** There were no guests.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:**

Commander	Ralph Cavalieri
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Dan Pruett
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Ernest Cook
Adjutant	Richard Dees
Chaplain	Dan Pruett
Finance Officer	John Brekke
Service Officer	Doug Hanks
Sergeant at Arms	Harold Carlson

All except Harold Carlson were present.

**CHAPLAIN** –Dan Pruett:

Sick Call:

Herb Kilham is still in Hospice

Walt Thorton update: Doing fine

**ADJUTANT** – Rich Dees:

Minutes of our last meeting, the Newsletter, and the financial report were provided at the door and e-mailed to members.

Doug Hanks moved to accept the minutes as distributed, and Mark Grothe provided a second. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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**Post Meeting Minutes (Continued)**

**REPORTS:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander** – Dan Pruett:

- Membership reports have been written and published in the Newsletter.
- Repatriation of Veterans: None
- Buddy Check: Beginning to start back up.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander** – Ernest Cook:

Ernest passed out cards with upcoming events.

Events: July 26<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Zoo Day; July 27<sup>th</sup> is breakfast at the Post; and August 6<sup>th</sup> is the National Commander's visit to our Post. Ernest is planning a meal for that evening. A fee will be charged for the meal. The potluck is canceled. At the end of August, the National Convention is in New Orleans, and Ernest will be an Idaho Delegate.

**Finance Officer** – John Brekke:

- A report is printed, sent, and provided at the entrance. Budget vs actual spending was discussed. Both a summary and a detailed report were sent and presented. We made more money than we planned and spent more than planned. Our account balance is \$41,354.06.
- Max Baddeshiem moved that we accept the Finance report. Doug Foote provided a second.

There was no discussion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

**Building Manager** – Mark Grothe:

- Mark pleaded for help. It would be helpful if the person had some experience in electrical and plumbing.
- The kitchen is finished.
- We have added our building to the list of cool-down stations in Meridian during the heat wave.

**Service Officer** – Doug Hanks:

Events: Report in News Letter.

Wreaths for Veterans has replaced Wreaths Across America. The new program provides wreaths for Idaho cemeteries. Wreaths for Veterans is an Idaho program. It is being used because all the funds stay in Idaho, which was not the case for the Wreaths Across America program. The wreaths are reusable. The money collected will be used for veterans' needs. Other events will be reported in the Newsletter.

**Radio Club** - Richard Dees:

There is a report in the Newsletter. We will discuss RF hazards and have a presentation from A Gem Supply.

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**Post Meeting Minutes (Continued)**

**Honor Guard – Doug Hanks:**

Report in the Newsletter.

Eleven honors were presented in June. There were 132 hours of effort expended through June. For the FY, there were 94 honors. For the FY, there were 1216 Hours contributed and over \$4,000 in donations.

Doug made a presentation and talked about the outstanding performance of the Honor Guard. Those seeking to get on the Honor Guard need to contact Doug Hanks.

**Boys State – Doug Hanks:**

It was held in June. New officers for the Boys State Board were elected. Because of donations, Boys State will be funded next year.

**Legion Riders – Max Badesheim:**

Two events took place last week, including an escort for a Medal of Honor winner and the Eagle Fun Days parade where again the Medal of Honor recipient was escorted.

**Boy Scouts - Mark Grothe:**

Presented before opening

**Historian - Doug Foote:**

- Doug reported that he is putting together a plan for the historian activities.
- Idaho National Guard is sponsoring a Zoo Boise Family night on July 26, 2024, from 4:30 to 8:30. Doug is looking for volunteers. Contact Doug Foote to help.

**Post 113 American Legion Auxiliary:**

No report

**Post 113 Sons of the American Legion – Brandon Owens:**

The commander made a plea for member participation. The commander noted that family members are typically eligible for SAL.

**Ada County Veterans Council – John Brekke:**

Boise Vets Home now has no COVID. There is no building update, but they plan a groundbreaking sometime next year. They received a donation of a model train set for the veterans. They need help from a group to “adopt” a veteran at The Home, especially if there is no family. They also need help with the canteen. The bus is on order and set to arrive by year-end. It will be wrapped. USS Idaho is in the water now, and the sea trial will begin soon. USS Boise is undergoing dry dock refitting. Blue Star Mothers are sponsoring Veterans’ Appreciation Day on August 9 at Hawks Stadium.

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**Post Meeting Minutes (Continued)**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- By-Laws Rewrite – Rich Dees  
Al Arnold has the documents and has indicated he will review them and get them to us now that the Department elections are complete.

**NEW BUSINESS and CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Correspondence:
  - Received \$250.00 from Veterans for Idaho Voters for services rendered by our Honor Guard on July 3, 2024.
  - Don Carlock, from Gem State Boys State, sent a thank you letter to us for donating to Boys State.
- The commander reported on the Department Convention in Mtn Home. The newly elected officers of the Department were announced. Doug Huffman was elected for a second term. The Department outlined how they were going to straighten out their finances. The Department got a check for \$25,000 from LID contributions. A program is in place where posts will get the money owed to them by the Department. The investigation from ISP is ongoing. A bylaw rewrite committee has been formed, and they are looking for input.
- Post 113 was presented with a plaque for 100% or greater member renewal. We had 110%. We also received two ribbons for our flag.
- We received a 90% or greater retention award.
- Dan Pruett received Idaho Department Recruiter of the Year.
- Dan also received a Gold Brigade award for membership for 50 or more new members of the American Legion.
- The Commander reported from NEC Bob Skinner that the National Commander would visit our Post to present awards. This is not open to other Posts...just us. We may invite spouses. The date is August 6, 2024. We will host ten people plus folks from our post. Dan Pruett will receive a National Award. The proposed time is 6:00 PM dinner. The dress will be Legion Casual.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION:**

Membership payment for 2025 is now being accepted. There is a \$5.00 discount if you renew prior to the end of the month to the Post. Since we have received no money from the Department because of the financial mess at the Department, please pay the Post.

**DRAWINGS:**

Steve Loop won the 50-50 drawing and returned it to the Post. We collected \$77.00. An ammo can was given away. The \$100.00 drawing was also made, and the member was not present.

The meeting was adjourned at 2020 hrs.

Respectfully submitted by Richard Dees, Post 113 Adjutant.

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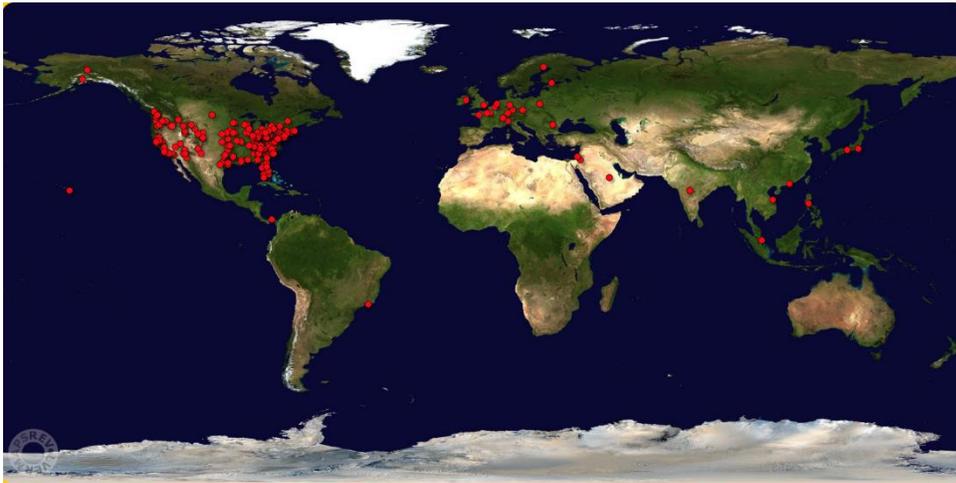
# N7LGN—Post 113 Amateur Radio Club

By: Yers Trooly

We had a great meeting with Alan from A-Gem Supply in Caldwell. Hearing about the family-run business with parts we can use was interesting.

Winter field day! We decided to participate on the first day again at David and Annette Hunter's home. It will be in their heated garage. This time, we can actually use some radios. David will have his Flex, and I will have my IC 7610. We won't be doing it for points but to get on the air during a busy time. The event starts on January 25, 2025. This will be a first for our club...Winter Field Day!

We also decided to get a new Yeasu repeater for ECHO LINK. The plan is to set it up as an ECHO LINK machine that can also be a regular analog repeater on two meters. We can link into the American Legion Amateur Radio Club (TALARC) system nationwide using our repeater. Also, it will be (we think) the only ECHO LINK machine in Southern Idaho. The map, with all the red



bits, shows where TALARC stations are located. We are one of the clusters in the Pacific Northwest. The motto: "Global resources for when all else fails" aptly applies. As you can see, TALARC is worldwide.

Next month, our meeting will feature David Hunter discussing installing a mobile radio in your vehicle. That may seem like an intuitive process, but with vehicles made of something other than metal and the reluctance to punch holes in new machines, it will be great to hear his suggestions and how he installed his equipment in his...new...truck.

We talked about the Christmas party; December is right around the corner. We will do another white elephant exchange, and the meal will be potluck like last year. I don't know about you, but I still have my treasure. I have picked out another "choice" piece for this year.

73 Rich



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**Post Adjutant – Rich Dees**

## From the Adjutant's Messy Desk

By: Yers Trooly



Greetings All,

I've mentioned it before, but we are collecting 2025 dues. Pay now, and your membership is good until December 31, 2025. Paying now makes you an official "early bird" member. That doesn't get you much, except for the satisfaction you don't need to mess with dues for almost a year and a half. It also makes 1st Vice Commander Dan Pruitt and Commander Ralph Cavalari really happy. Remember, the dues are \$55.00 annually.

I will bring 2025 membership cards to the Post each meeting night if you wish to pay dues at the meeting. As a reminder, paying through the Post allows the money to flow to us immediately without waiting an extended period for payment from the Department.

If you need to update your address or phone number, please let me know. Having your correct contact information is crucial for us to keep you informed about our activities. Your updates to our roster are not just adjustments, they are a way of showing that you are an integral part of our organization. You can reach me at 208 870 7928 or email me at [post113.adj@gmail.com](mailto:post113.adj@gmail.com).

Coming to the meetings or attending on Zoom has member advantages. At every meeting, we give stuff away, including money. We did a 50/50 raffle at the last meeting and had a drawing for \$100.00. The catch is that you must be present or on Zoom to win.

If you can't attend the meeting in person, please remember that we will be live on Zoom. Keep an eye out for the Commander's announcement for further details. We want to ensure that all our members, regardless of their location or circumstances, can participate and feel part of our community.

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**Finance Report – John Brekke**

In the July issue I included the approved 2024-2025 budget for our post. Below is how well we did last year (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024). More details about this topic can be provided upon request.

On the next page is Post 113's balance sheet as of June 30, 2024.

John Brekke

Finance Officer, Post 113

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Cash Basis

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 113**  
**Budget vs Actual**  
**July 2023 through June 2025**

	<u>Jul '23 - Ju...</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Bud...</u>	<u>Jul '24 - Ju...</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Bud...</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense						
Income						
Unknown Deposit slips						
Dues Income	4,790	1,800	2,990	125		
Ada County Contribution	20,000	20,000				
Rental - building useage	11,150	7,000	4,150			
Fundraising	2,853		2,853			
Program Income	5,154	3,000	2,154			
Total Income	43,947	31,800	12,147	125		125
Expense						
Facilities	35,167	39,250	(4,083)			
Post Operations	3,571	2,085	1,486			
Program Expenses	5,363	6,275	(912)			
Total Expense	44,101	47,610	(3,509)			
Net Ordinary Income	(154)	(15,810)	15,656	125		125
Net Income	(154)	(15,810)	15,656	125		125

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**Finance Report (Continued)**

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Accrual Basis

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 113**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of June 30, 2024**

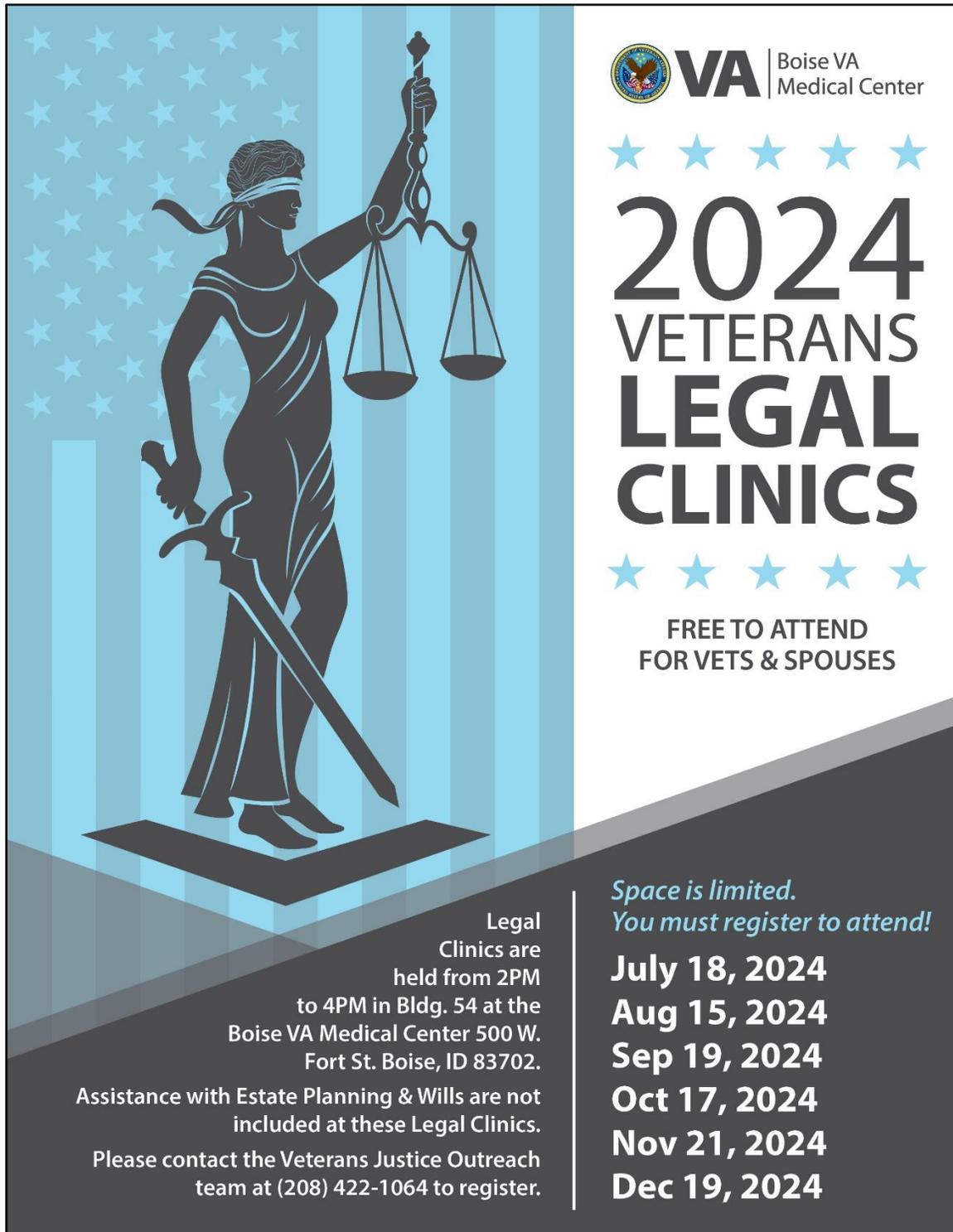
	Jun 30, 24
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
PayPal	100.00
BLDG ACCT at ICCU	11,503.57
Ham Radio	2,259.01
POST ACCT at ICCU	25,134.33
SAL	558.23
SAVINGS at ICCU	1,925.48
Total Checking/Savings	41,480.62
Total Current Assets	41,480.62
Fixed Assets	
Furniture and Equipment	0.00
Land	1,000.00
Total Fixed Assets	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>42,480.62</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
Designated Assets	
Building Maintenance	10,000.00
Total Designated Assets	10,000.00
Unrestricted Net Assets	31,528.84
Net Income	951.78
Total Equity	42,480.62
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>42,480.62</b>

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**Service Officer's Report – Doug Hanks**



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# 2024 VETERANS LEGAL CLINICS

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**FREE TO ATTEND  
FOR VETS & SPOUSES**

*Space is limited.  
You must register to attend!*

**July 18, 2024**  
**Aug 15, 2024**  
**Sep 19, 2024**  
**Oct 17, 2024**  
**Nov 21, 2024**  
**Dec 19, 2024**

Legal Clinics are held from 2PM to 4PM in Bldg. 54 at the Boise VA Medical Center 500 W. Fort St. Boise, ID 83702.

Assistance with Estate Planning & Wills are not included at these Legal Clinics.

Please contact the Veterans Justice Outreach team at (208) 422-1064 to register.

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**Scouts – Mark Grothe**

Please see the July 16, 2024 Post 113 Meeting Minutes that are included in the pages above.

**American Legion Auxiliary – No update this month**

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