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Lloyd E Hutcheson

## Post 113 Bugle Gazette

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Congratulations to our 1st Vice Commander, Dan Pruett, who received the National Recruiter of the Year Award from the American Legion's National Commander, Daniel J. Seehafer, on August 7 as well as Gold Brigade Award. This month he also was selected to attend the American Legion National College.

## This Month's Events

\*\* WAFFLES every Wednesday @ 0900!

- Sept 4 – Post Pot Luck Dinner
- Sept 10 – SAL Squadron Meeting @ 1800
- Sept 17 – Post Dinner (1800) and Meeting @ 1700
- Sept 20 – National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- Sept 21 – HAM Radio Testing @ 0900
- Sept 25 – HAM Radio Club Meeting @ 1900
- Sept 26 – Legion Riders
- Sept 28 – Lloyd's Koffee Klatch @ 0900

**National POW/MIA Recognition Day** was established in 1979 through a proclamation signed by President Jimmy Carter. Since then, each subsequent president has issued an annual proclamation commemorating the third Friday in September (the 20th) as National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

A national-level ceremony is held on every National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Traditionally held at the Pentagon, it features members from each branch of military service and participation from high-ranking officials.

In addition to the national-level ceremony, observances of National POW/MIA Recognition Day are held across the country on military installations, ships at sea, state capitols, schools and veterans' facilities.

No matter where they are held, these National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies share the common purpose of honoring those who were held captive and returned, as well as those who remain missing.

<https://www.legion.org/events/2024/09/20/powmia-recognition-day>

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**Commander's Corner - Ralph Cavalieri**

It is my pleasure to welcome James LaCoursiere as our new [National Commander](#). With a distinguished background in service and a fervent commitment to our values, National Commander LaCoursiere is poised to lead us with integrity and vision. We are excited for the journey ahead and look forward to supporting him in during his year of leadership.

I am pleased to announce the creation of an important committee that will play a crucial role in our operations: the Building Infrastructure, Maintenance, and Operations Committee (BIMOC). The BIMOC will be responsible for the oversight, planning, and execution of all matters related to the Post's building and infrastructure, ensuring that our facilities remain in top condition to serve our members and others who use the facility. The initial members of BIMOC are: Ernest Cook, chair, plus Mark Grothe, Jonathan Hoffmeier, Dan Kujawski, and Jay Romlein. Thank you to these dedicated individuals. Please address any concerns or suggestions about our building or facilities to Ernest or the committee members.

September is a month rich in military history, and we take this moment to remember a significant date: September 2, 1945. On this day, 79 years ago, World War II officially ended with the signing of the Japanese Instrument of Surrender aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. This event marked a profound moment of peace and reconciliation, reminding us of the sacrifices made and the enduring pursuit of global harmony. Let us honor the memory of those who served and reflect on the lessons of history as we continue to strive for a better future.

Lastly, I'd like to extend an invitation to all our members to consider serving as Staff Duty Officers for one day a month or more. This role is essential to the smooth operation of our organization, ensuring that our daily activities are managed effectively and that veterans receive the support they need. Serving as a Staff Duty Officer offers a unique opportunity to contribute to our mission, develop leadership skills, and build lasting connections within our community. If you are interested in this rewarding role, please see the article within this newsletter written by First Vice-Commander Cook.

Thank you for your continued dedication and support.

Ralph Cavalieri, Commander, Post 113

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**Chaplains Corner - Dan Pruett**

**Dear Legionnaires,**

As we enter September, a month of reflection and remembrance, let us take a moment to honor those who have sacrificed for our freedom, particularly our POW/MIA brothers and sisters. Their courage and devotion to duty inspire us to remain steadfast in our own commitments.

This month, as we remember their sacrifices, let us also focus on supporting their families, offering prayers for peace, and finding strength in our shared values. May we continue to serve with compassion and integrity, always mindful of those who have given so much for our nation.

Wishing you all peace and strength,  
In service and faith,

Chaplain, Dan

**A Message from your chaplain: What about church?**

As we journey through life, finding a place of worship that resonates with our beliefs and values can provide a strong foundation of support and spiritual growth. I encourage each of you to seek out and engage with a church or faith community that feels like home—a place where you can both receive and offer support, serve others, and deepen your faith.

Being part of a church community not only strengthens our spiritual life but also connects us with others who share our values and dedication to service. Whether you are new to a community or have been here for years, take the time to explore and find a church where you can actively participate and grow.

Remember, faith is not just about receiving but also about giving back. Let us all strive to serve where we are needed, making a positive impact both within our churches and in the broader community.

Blessings to you on your journey,

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**Chaplains Corner (Continued)**

What is wrong with a little negativity in life?

Last month I posted about the power of “positivity” well, a little negativity isn't necessarily a bad thing—it can be a natural and even helpful part of life. Here are a few ways in which negativity can be beneficial:

- **Reality Check:** Negative emotions can help us recognize when something isn't right or when we need to make a change. They serve as signals that something requires attention.
- **Motivation for Improvement:** Sometimes, dissatisfaction or frustration can push us to strive for better outcomes, leading to growth and progress.
- **Building Resilience:** Facing and processing negative experiences can strengthen resilience, making it easier to handle future challenges.
- **Critical Thinking:** A bit of skepticism or critical thinking, which can be seen as negative, helps us evaluate situations more thoroughly and make better decisions.

HOWEVER, IT'S IMPORTANT TO BALANCE NEGATIVITY WITH POSITIVITY. TOO MUCH NEGATIVITY CAN LEAD TO A PESSIMISTIC OUTLOOK, REDUCE MOTIVATION, AND IMPACT MENTAL HEALTH. THE KEY IS TO ALLOW NEGATIVITY TO GUIDE AND INFORM US WITHOUT LETTING IT TAKE OVER.

IT'S ABOUT FINDING A BALANCE BETWEEN ACKNOWLEDGING THE NEGATIVE AND US

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](mailto:dan@anywhereusa.org)



208-202-5737 X103

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**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**



**September 2024**  
**Membership**  
**Report**

**Membership Status as of 09/01/2024**

<u>Legion</u>	<u>(As of This Date)</u>	<u>SAL</u>
Dept = 37.89%		Dept = 0.0%
Area B = 41.68%		Area B = 0.0%
Post 113 = 44.20%		Sqdn 113 = 0.0%
Goal 457 Actual 202		Goal 0 Actual 0

**NOTE: The SAL reports didn't arrive in time for posting. Tune in for the numbers after the National Convention.**

**Did you know** that the National League of POW/MIA Families is a prominent organization dedicated to the resolution of the fate of America's unaccounted-for servicemen and women from the Vietnam War. Their mission includes advocating for the return of remains, promoting public awareness, and supporting the families of those still missing. The organization is vital in ensuring that the government remains committed to the fullest possible accounting of POW/MIA personnel.

There are two websites that you can find out more at the following websites.

1. [www.pow-miafamilies.org](http://www.pow-miafamilies.org) - This is the official site for the National League of POW/MIA Families. It provides resources, news updates, and ways to get involved in their mission.
2. [www.pownetwork.org](http://www.pownetwork.org) - This site is another resource dedicated to sharing information about POW/MIAs. The POW Network provides a wealth of details on missing personnel, as well as educational materials to raise awareness of the issue.

Both sites are valuable for those interested in supporting POW/MIA initiatives or learning more about this important cause.

**Major US Conflicts Since 1941 POW / MIAs Still Missing:**

- WWII – 72,137
- Korea – 7,485
- Vietnam - 1,578
- Cold War – 126
- GWOT - 6

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

- **8/1/24**
  - Edwin K Jenkins III, William T Jones II, Johnathan R Hoffmeier, Ralph Gentry, Danny L Phelps, Lionel D Stanger, Martin O Wuollet, Floyd R Sager, Joseph J Falcone, Lynn Brown, Raymond David Moore, Samuel R McAnulty, Tim Groome, Gaylord Lake.
- **8/4/24**
  - Gary Peevy, Patrick G Lucas, Glenn Lake, James M Maltbie, Robert Woodhead, Frank L Boguslawski, Ed J Buoncore, Stephen Mahoney, Michael E Weber.
- **8/5/24**
  - Robert Divine, Gerald N Schurdell.
- **8/7/24**
  - Victor S Muglia.
- **8/9/24**
  - Stephen A Holler, Jack B Smith, William E Curt.
- **8/15/24**
  - Larita Miranda, John C Hill
- **8/18/24**
  - Walter F Hartje III, Jerry D Moore, Margaret M Vega, Diane E Kisabeth.

**AS A REMINDER: OUR 2025 DUES ARE \$55.00 NOW; THE JULY DISCOUNT HAS PASSED.**

**Members who have been repatriated as of 09/01/24:**

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

- **Slayton, Waymon** – CPL – Korean – US Army – B Comp, 1<sup>st</sup> Bat,9 Inf, Reg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Inf Div – 8/15/24
- **Campbell, John Judson** – CEMP – WWII – US Navy – USS CANOPUS (AS-9 )Philippines – 8/12/24
- **Moss, Thomas O** – TSgt – WWII – US Army – 112 Infantry, 28 Div – Germany – 8/15/24
- **Curran, Bernard J** – Pvt – WWII – US Air Force – 17 Pursuit Sqn, 28 Pursuit Group – Philippines – 8/8/24
- **Ross, Walter Archie** – SFC – Korean – US Army – L Comp,3<sup>rd</sup> Bat, 9<sup>th</sup> Inf Reg – 2<sup>nd</sup> Inf Div – 8/1/24
- **McMurtrey, Aaron Lloyd** – Sea 1 – WWII – US Navy – USS California – 8/5/24
- **MacDonald, Joseph C** – PFC – WWII – US Army – Army – 60 Coast Artillery Reg – 7/24/24

**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 Post 113***

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

In last month's mission briefing I wrote about our honor guard; we're still looking for new volunteers. One point I want to add to last month's text is that we provide the uniform. Since we recently celebrated the 1 year anniversary of our Staff Duty program I wanted to devote this month to that program.

When we started the Staff Duty program the building was not open unless a planned meeting was happening and we suspected just holding the doors open would give more veterans an opportunity to find us. While we haven't been flooded with hundreds of new members, there is no doubt that we have added new members in the last year as a result of the program.

In the last year since post membership has rallied, we have used that time in the building to complete buddy checks with every member not just one but multiple times! Working together, we completed a huge number of maintenance and updates to the building. If you've read the newsletter since January you've seen the transformation to our kitchen from 60+ year old plumbing to modern clean plumbing and a complete renovation to the interior that moves us close to commercial kitchen standards. You've seen the remodel of the entryway to emphasize that we are open to

all Americans, not just American Legionnaires.

More important than membership numbers or building improvements though are the personal stories of veterans that have walked in and found a connection. The veterans that wanted more purpose and found it in helping make the community a better place. THOSE are the stories that make the staff duty program worthwhile!

To be sure, devoting time to be in a building by yourself hoping someone comes by can try the patience of many. Maintenance, phone calls and other chores aren't for everyone but if you're blessed to see just 1 veteran find a connection, if you're ever able to "Be The One", that my friends will stay with you and comfort you as you wait for the next sole looking for a connection. Fortunately, the word is starting to get out so even if you're "on duty" it's not often you are alone.

We do offer an orientation to the duty desk. We try to find ways to help pass the time that are engaging for each individual.

Will you join us in our mission?

Will you join our Staff Duty officers?

Will you dedicate some time ?

Reach out to me personally to get involved and scheduled in this program.

Ernest Cook

2nd Vice Commander, events and operations

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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  
AUGUST 2024 HONORS  
By DOUG HANKS**



**Honors August 2024 “7”**

**Total for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 “14”**

Hours August 2024 “90” Fiscal Year Total “182”

Donations August 2024 “\$250.00” Total Year “\$800.00 “

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.

**CONTINUING SERIES ABOUT VIET NAM TIME-LINE  
WHEN WAS THE VIETNAM WAR?**

**March 1947:** In an address to congress, President Harry Truman states that the foreign policy of the United States is to assist any country whose stability is threatened by communism, The policy becomes known as the Truman Doctrine.

**June 1949:** The French install former emperor Bao Dai as head of State in Vietnam.

**August 1949:** The Soviet Union explodes its first atom bomb in a remote area of Kazakhstan, marking a tense turning point in the [Cold War](#) with the United States.

**October 1949:** Following a civil war, Chinese Communist leader Mao Zedong declares the creation of the People’s Republic of China.

**January 1950:** The People’s Republic of China and the Soviet Union formally recognize the communist Democratic Republic of Vietnam and both begin to supply economic and military aid to communist resistance fighter within the country.

**February 1950:** Assisted by the Soviet Union and the newly Communist China, the Viet Minh step up their offensive against French outposts in Vietnam.

**I will continue this series next month**

**The next page is fyi and to ask you to attend if you can.**



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HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE!!!  
CALLING ALL PATRIOTS TO CONVENE AND JOIN US FOR THE CELEBRATION OF "WE THE PEOPLE"

# U.S. CONSTITUTION WEEK

**1st Annual**  
**Meridian, Idaho**

★☆☆★  
**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**  
**September 17 - 21, 2024**

All events are free and open to the public.

**Tuesday, September 17th**

Meridian City Hall—Front Steps  
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm  
Mayor Simison to read Proclamation  
and Bell Ringing @ 2:00 pm  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
Meridian Chapter—Helen Ditto

**Thursday, September 19th**

Meridian City Hall  
Meeting Rooms A & B  
Doors Open at 5:30 pm  
6:00 pm - John Runft  
"Chief Justice Robert's Strategic  
Objective for the Supreme Court:  
How Recent Decisions Manifest  
This Strategy"

**Friday, September 20th**

Meridian City Hall  
Meeting Rooms A & B  
Doors Open at 5:30 pm  
6:00 pm - Steve Lambert  
"Roots of American Order:  
The Philosophies of the  
American Founding"

**Saturday, September 21st**

Meridian City Hall, Rooms A & B  
Doors Open from 10 am to 3 pm  
11:00 am - History of the Constitution  
Dr. Daniel Bobinski  
1:00 pm - Theo Wold, Keynote Speaker  
"Radical Stability:  
The Constitution in a Time of Political Turbulence"  
\*\*Additional parking west of City Hall across Meridian Rd.\*\*

START A CONSTITUTION WEEK CELEBRATION IN YOUR HOME TOWN!  
Contact Terry Dennington @ [terry@terrydennington.com](mailto:terry@terrydennington.com)

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**HONOR GUARD (Continued)**

**HONOR GUARD REPORT AUGUST FIS YEAR 2024-2025**

#	Date	For	Location	Req. by	people	Hours	Miles	Donations
1	30-Jul-2024	SALLY SHELTON, USAF	KUNA CEMETERY	DON CARLOCK	6	12	180	\$100.00
1	1-Aug-2024	JAX BEATIE, USARMY	ISVC	STACEY SPICER	7	14	146	\$50.00
1	8-Aug-2024	JAMES LAWRENCE, USNAVY	ISVC	RELYEA FUNERAL	6	12	102	
1	12-Aug-2024	DENNIS MERRILL, USMC	ISVC	ALSIP FUNERAL	7	14	141	
1	19-Aug-2024	ARMOND GARNER, USARMY	ISVC	FAMILY & IANG	8	24	295	\$50.00
1	22-Aug-2024	CORWIN PETERSON, USMC	ISVC	WIFE	1	2	24	
1	23-Aug-2024	DAVE KLOCK, USARMY	ISVC	MOTHER	6	12	149	\$100.00

	Honors	Hours	Miles	donations
Month total				
accumulated totals to date				
from last month >>>>	7	92	1262	\$550.00
	Honors	Hours	Miles	Donations
Honors this month	7	90	1037	\$300.00
Total Honors-fisc year	14	182	2299	\$850.00

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**Post Meeting Minutes – Rich Dees**



AMERICAN LEGION POST 113  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 20, 2024

**PRE-MEETING PRESENTATION:** None

Commander Cavalieri called the meeting to order at 1904 hours. 28 members were present. Tickets for a 50-50 raffle were sold.

**OPENING CEREMONIES:**

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

**GUESTS:**

John Gordon USAF  
Livat Miranda USAF  
David Ladines USA

**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 were present.

**CHAPLAIN –Dan Pruett:**

Sick Call:

- Herb Kilham is still in Hospice
- Ellsworth Barrington (Rider) is recovering after an accident. He is asking for visitors.

**ADJUTANT – Rich Dees:**

The minutes of our last meeting were in the Newsletter, and the financial report was provided at the door and e-mailed to members. **Doug Hanks moved to accept the minutes as distributed, and Max Badesheim 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. The department added seven more people, making our membership goal 457. We are presently at 49% of our goal.
- Repatriation of Veterans: In the Newsletter
- Buddy Check: There were 1,400 checks in October, 1,000 in November, and 500 in December. Buddy checks will be completed quarterly in the future.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Ernest Cook:** Noted that the Staff Duty Officer anniversary is one year old. As a result, our membership has rallied. The buddy checks are active, as we have called every member more than once yearly. Since the inception of the Staff Duty Officer, many people have been participating in improvements around the Post, such as the custom manufacture of cabinets by Dan Pruett. Ernest requested more people become involved in this program, which is reaping large member benefits.

**Pillar – Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation**

Honor Guard and other veterans' programs – Doug Hanks

The FY starts in July. The full report is in the Newsletter. There have been seven honors performed so far. Donations were \$550.00.

Received letters of thanks from family members.

Service Officer—Doug Hanks

Doug is stepping down as our Service Officer. He has also received several illegitimate requests and asked that we observe caution when people ask for assistance.

**Pillar – Americanism**

Boys State: Doug Hanks.

He is still on the Department Board, and activity will begin activity after the first of the year.

Oratorical Program – Rich Dees

Milt Smith will be taking over as the Oratorical Chairman.

**Pillar – National Security**

Radio Club – Rich Dees

With over 55 members, the club has events scheduled for September through January. For example, the club is hosting an Elmer in the House session at the Post in September. The full report is in the Newsletter.

**Pillar – Children and Youth**

Trunk or Treat –

We will participate in the City of Meridian “Trunk or Treat” event, where the city hosts a few thousand children throughout the community in a Halloween event. The event this year is October 24, 2024. You may sign up by speaking to Ernest or Dan.

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**Post Meeting Minutes (Continued)**

Scouting Program – Mark Grothe

Now called Scouting USA, the Troop is involved with several summer camps. Also, there are several campouts proposed. The first girl to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout came from Troop 1.

Mark noted that we are the charting organization for Scout Troop1, meaning they are our troop.

Building Manager – Mark Grothe:

- Building usage is down due to some cancellations.
- A variety of organizations still use the building.
- The kitchen remodel is complete.
- Jay Romlein has completed the landscaping.
- We now have a battery-operated lawnmowers for people (including scouts) to use on our property. A storage shed for the lawnmower is proposed for the back of the building.

Activities – Ernest

- Ernest is going to New Orleans for the National Convention. If you have questions, concerns, or comments, please give them to Ernest so he can relay them to the National Organization.
- Koffee Klatch moved from August 24 to August 31 so Ernest can return info from the National Conference.
- Waffle Wednesday happens every Wednesday, and everyone is invited.

**Finance Officer – John Brekke:**

- A report is printed, sent, and provided at the entrance.
- We approved \$2,460 for insurance, but it actually costs \$2,798.00. John requested approval for the additional \$330.00 to cover the cost. Thom Juul moved for budget approval for the extra costs, and Max Badesheim provided a second. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- The reporting looks slightly different now that we have acquired a different accounting package. The current balance is \$44,797.42, and we had an increase of \$3,443.36.
- **Thom Juul moved that we accept the report. Doug Foote provided a second. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Historian - Doug Foote:**

- Doug reported that he is putting together a scrapbook with event pictures, including pictures from the National Commander visit.
- Doug talked about taking a group that went to two nursing homes to speak to the vets in those homes last year. He received a call from the homes asking that the visits happen again, this time to three nursing homes. The proposed dates are the first week in November before Veterans Day. Doug is seeking volunteers to represent the four services that visit the homes.

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**Post Meeting Minutes (Continued)**

**Legion Riders – Max Badesheim:**

Two rides are scheduled for next month after our meeting. The first is on September 21, 2024, called the Night Glow Night Ride, supporting suicide prevention starting in Caldwell. The second ride is called Comb at the Home at the ID Vets home on September 22, 2024.

**Post 113 American Legion Auxiliary:**

No report

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

There was a meeting last week, and there were no attendees. Brandon Owens, the Commander, requests our help reinvigorating the SAL program. Members asked why daughters were omitted. Ernest said he would take that back to National. The SAL meeting is on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Post.

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

- Wreaths Across America has been replaced by an Idaho organization called Idaho Veterans Wreaths. They do the same thing Wreaths Across America did but for less money, and all the funds stay in Idaho. The Idaho Veterans Wreaths is a Boise-only group, but plans are to expand throughout the state. The new organization uses artificial wreaths that can be reused each year.
- Beware of road construction around the Idaho Vets cemetery, which will impede access.
- John reported an accident at the cemetery where a volunteer was struck.
- The VA has a drive-through pantry for veterans. They need donations. If you would like to help, talk to John Brekke.
- The Sub Vets are hosting a golf scramble to benefit the USS Boise, which is now in dry dock. It will be at Quail Hollow on September 6, 2024, and the registration fees are \$125.00 solo or \$500.00 for a group. See John Brekke if interested.
- There is a food drive for the Vets Home pantry. The container is in the hall by the entryway here at the Post.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**By-Laws Rewrite – Rich Dees**

- Al Arnold reviewed our draft and provided a few comments, which have been incorporated. Copies were e-mailed and are available at the back of the room. Those with no or wrong e-mail address will have copies mailed. Comments are due back by September 16, 2024.
- Many changes were reviewed. One of the changes was made by Ernest Cook, who recommended that bank cards be distributed to all members of the Building and Infrastructure Management and Operations Committee (BIMOC). After an initial discussion, **Al Carlson made a motion to prohibit the distribution of cards to all BIMOC members, which Kevin Evenson seconded. Many people noted that more than one card for the BIMOC was unwise. The motion to Not give cards to all BIMOC members passed unanimously.**

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**Post Meeting Minutes (Continued)**

**NEW BUSINESS and CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Correspondence: None
- Election of new Service Officer.

The commander opened up nominations for new service officers. **Rich nominated Danny Lowbar. Al Carlson provided a second. There were no other nominations. Jay Romlein moved that the nominations be closed. Doug Foote provided a second. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously. Ernest Cook moved that the Adjutant cast one unanimous vote for Danny Lowber. Doug Foote provided a second. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.**
- After Action Report on Commander Visit – Ernest Cook  
Report elements were sent out to members. The food was excellent. The Tri Tip was catered for \$10.00 a plate. Also, Max Badesheim provided turkey. Beer and wine were included. We had 58 people in attendance. Pay Pal reservation did not work well. Ernest talked about two events per year. November 9, 2024, is the first. It's called "walk a mile with a veteran." Ernest is looking to partner with the War Hawk Museum. There are people on the committee, but more are needed. Ernest noted that we had an emergency at the front entrance with a civilian. A member asked about the age of people for walking. The member talked about doing an on-line event. Ernest noted that the money was going toward our scholarship fund. Some members opined that we should hold the event inside, like in the mall. One member noted it might be better to have a food vendor. He did not see it as a fundraiser. The committee meets on Waffle Wednesday.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION:**

- Doug Foote discussed a successful concealed weapons course held at the Post. Mark Grothe won the free range time prize awarded during the course.
- Jay Romlein noted that the Idaho Veterans Parade committee seeks new members. See Jay for details.

**DRAWINGS:**

Steve Loop won the 50-50 drawing, returned it to the Post, and dedicated it to the scholarship fund. We collected \$107.00; thus, \$53.50 went to the fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 2048 hrs.

Respectfully submitted by Richard Dees, Post 113 Adjutant.

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# N7LGN—Post 113 Amateur Radio Club

By: Yers Trooly



Hey everyone, just a friendly reminder about our upcoming Winter Field Day. We'll gather at David and Annett Hunter's home, in their heated garage, on January 25, 2025. We have plenty of time to get the radios ready, so feel free to bring your rig or use one that is available. David will set up his Flex, and I'll have a remote IC 7610 ready.

At our last meeting, David was the featured speaker, and he shared some tips on installing a mobile radio in a newer vehicle without drilling any holes. I'm a fan of using the drill, but my XYL usually talks me out of it. With the prices of cars these days, it's probably a good call.

We've also scheduled an Elmer in the House event for September 22, 2024, and we've decided to make this a quarterly event. Bart Hill will lead a session showcasing his "Go Box" and discussing emergency preparedness. I've seen his presentation, and it's really impressive. He'll be talking about his go kit and contingency kit, which includes several preprogrammed radios for use in the field.

Our nets have been getting more interesting lately, especially the general discussions about emergency communication and ham radio. You can tune in on Thursdays at 7:00 PM on the 146.94 MHz machine to join the conversation. We're also discussing issues on the N7LGN Simplex net at 7:30 PM on Thursdays. The frequency is 147.42 MHz.

There's been a lot of buzz in the ham community about emergency preparedness. I've been asking people why they got their licenses at the last two test sessions, and they all said it was for emergencies. Maybe you caught my recent message about the Doughnut Hole, where I discussed what we should be prepared to do in an emergency. We'll dive into the topic again and see what everyone thinks.

One of our members, Dan Marler K7REX, is running for the Northwest Division Director in the ARRL. This is one of those "big deal" offices as he runs for the post that oversees Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and Montana and represents us to ARRL. Our support is needed for him to win this coveted office.

Lastly, please mark your calendars for our Christmas party. Like last year, it will be a potluck with a white elephant exchange. More details will be coming soon.

73 Rich



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**Post Adjutant – Rich Dees**

## From the Adjutant's Messy Desk

By: Yers Trooly



Greetings All,

Lately, we've been sending things to members by mail. We use what is known as "marketing mail," an inexpensive way to mail things to many people. We have about 100 people with no e-mail addresses or bad email addresses. However, to use marketing mail, at least 200 copies must be sent, so I have added members from our roster to bring the total to 200 mailers. We will not be mailing the entire newsletter using the marketing mail system as it is much too expensive. Instead, we will mail an abbreviated newsletter since it's easier and cheaper.

A change in our Bylaws was sent to members for review. Please review the revised set of Bylaws, and if you have comments, let me know no later than September 16, 2024. We will be taking a vote at the Post meeting on September 17, 2024, to approve those new Bylaws

I noted last month that 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 attend the meeting, you can sign up for FREE accidental death insurance from the American Legion Insurance Trust (LIT) program. See Dan Pruet or me, and we will get you signed up. Did I mention that it is FREE?

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 typically have 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. Your presence, whether in person or on Zoom, is what makes our community strong and vibrant.

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**Finance Report – John Brekke**

Below are Post 113's balance sheet and P&L as of July 31, 2024.

John Brekke

Finance Officer, Post 113

Balance Sheet	
American Legion Post 113	
As of Jul 31, 2024	
ACCOUNTS	Jul 31, 2024
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and Bank	
Building Fund ( 6 )	\$11,246.37
Paypal	\$649.71
POST (CAPI) ACCOUNT (10 )	\$26,468.23
Post 113 Radio Club (7 9)	\$2,301.01
SAL (41 )	\$499.23
Savings at ICCU (0 1)	\$1,926.20
<b>Total Cash and Bank</b>	<b>\$43,089.75</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Long-term Assets</b>	
Land	\$1,000.00
<b>Total Long-term Assets</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$44,089.75</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Long-term Liabilities</b>	
<b>Total Long-term Liabilities</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<small>Balance Sheet - American Legion Post 113  As of Jul 31, 2024</small>	
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<b>Equity</b>	
Designated Assets:Building maintenance	-\$10,000.00
Opening Balance Equity	\$42,786.76
<b>Retained Earnings</b>	
Profit between Jul 1, 2024 and Jul 31, 2024	\$1,302.99
Designated Equity	\$10,000.00
<b>Total Retained Earnings</b>	<b>\$11,302.99</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$44,089.75</b>

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**Finance Report (Continued)**

**Profit and Loss**

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Date Range: Jul 01, 2024 to Jul 31, 2024

**ACCOUNTS**

Jul 01, 2024  
to Jul 31, 2024

**Income**

Dues Income:Membership Dues	\$2,855.01
Dues Income:National Per Capita	\$292.50
Fundraising:Miscellaneous Revenue	\$454.90
Interest Savings, Short-term CD	\$6.91
Program Income:Canteen Donations	\$177.00
Program Income:Ham Radio Club	\$42.00
Program Income:Honor Guard	\$744.81
Rental - building usage	\$1,200.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$5,773.13</b>

<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$5,773.13</b>
As a percentage of Total Income	100.00

**Operating Expenses**

Facilities:Building MGR	\$300.00
Facilities:Operations and Maintenance	\$161.39
Facilities:Utilities:Electricity	\$375.45
Facilities:Utilities:Gas	\$20.86
Facilities:Utilities:Internet * Phone	\$66.27

**Operating Expenses**

Facilities:Utilities:Trash / Sewer and Water	\$202.96
Post Operations:Accounting Costs	\$170.00
Post Operations:National Per Capita	\$2,242.50
Post Operations:Office Miscellaneous	\$207.46
Post Operations:Postage, Mailing Services	\$640.00
Program Expenses:Veteran Affairs:Post gatherings, net	\$56.68
Program Expenses:Veteran Affairs:Post gatherings, net:Koffee klatch	\$26.57
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,470.14</b>

<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>\$1,302.99</b>
As a percentage of Total Income	22.57

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**Service Officer's Report – None this month**

At this month's Post 113 meeting Danny Lowbar was nominated and unanimously approved to be Post 113's new Service Officer.

**Scouts – Mark Grothe**

Please see the August 20, 2024 Post 113 Meeting Minutes that are included in the pages above.

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

**Post 113 Officers for 2024 – 2025**

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