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This Month's Events

**** WAFFLES every Wednesday @ 0900!**

Oct 9 – Post Pot Luck Dinner @1730
Oct 8 – SAL Squadron Meeting @ 1800
Oct 15 – Post Dinner (1800) and Meeting @ 1900
Oct 13 – U.S. Navy Birthday
Oct 16 – Red Cross Blood Drive @ 0730
Oct 19 – HAM Radio Testing @ 0900
Oct 23 – HAM Radio Club Meeting @ 1730
Oct 24 – Legion Riders
Oct 26 – Lloyd's Koffee Klatch @ 0900
Oct 26 – District 3 Fall Meeting @ 1200
Star's Fire District Station 51
Nov 1 – Post Pot Luck Dinner @1730

It's interesting that the U.S. Constitution refers to the election of members of Congress and of the President. But that document adopted in 1787 does not define who may cast a vote. Amendments to the Constitution were necessary to extend the right to vote in the 19th and 20th centuries. The 15th Amendment (1870) extended voting rights to men of all races. The 19th Amendment (1920) prohibited the states from denying the vote on the basis of sex. The 24th Amendment (1964) sought to remove barriers to voting by prohibiting a poll tax. The 26th Amendment, ratified in 1971, lowered the voting age for all elections to 18.

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Commander's Corner - Ralph Cavalieri

Hi Fellow Legionnaires,

As we welcome the crisp autumn air and the vibrant colors of October, it's a great time for reflection, camaraderie, and unity. This month, I've got a couple of important things to share with you.

First off, we're gearing up for a fundraising dinner on November 9th, and we need some volunteers to be part of an ad hoc committee. This dinner is super important for raising funds to support our programs for veterans, their families, and the youth of our community. We need a few folks to help plan, coordinate, and sort out the details. Your help will be key to making this event a success and will deepen your connection to our mission and the community.

Volunteering for this committee is a fantastic way to put your skills and time to good use. Whether you've got experience in event planning or just a passion for helping, we need you. This is a chance to team up with other members, share ideas, and make a real impact. If you're interested, please get in touch with our Post Second Vice-Commander, Ernest Cook, by October 5th so we can start planning.

Last week I participated in a great event hosted by Post 201 at the Idaho State Correctional Center. Later in this newsletter there is a flyer that describes the Frederick Douglass Project. The meeting last Monday was the first of a set of ongoing meetings that are part of this project. It was an eye-opening couple of hours as we sat in small groups and visited with those inside the ISCC. Post 113 has a special relationship with Post 201, and I encourage each of you to contact Mark Person, a member of our Post and the leader of the efforts at Post 201 (208-598-2819). This is a very worthwhile project, and I am certain you will find value in participating in it.

Also, I want to highlight the American Legion District 3 Fall Meeting on October 26. Registration & snacks 12pm-1pm with Joint Opening at 1pm. It will be hosted by the Middleton/Star Post, whose contact is Commander Frederic Webb, 208.850.3679, email:playacting2@yahoo.com. The meeting will be held at the Star Fire District Station, 11665 W. State Street, Ste. B. Star, Idaho

To wrap things up, I want to say thank you for your continued support and dedication to American Legion Post 113. Each of you represents the spirit of service and commitment that defines our organization. Together, we can achieve great things and make a huge difference in the lives of our fellow veterans and community members.

Yours in Service,
Ralph Cavalieri
Commander, American Legion Post 113

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IDAHO SITE
Idaho State Correctional Center

THE FREDERICK
**DOUGLASS
PROJECT**
FOR JUSTICE



The Douglass Project offers a multi-state Prison Visitation Program that enables community members around the country to visit local correctional facilities and engage in open, face-to-face conversations with incarcerated people. We believe that these unique encounters will spur understanding and empathy—for both visitors and incarcerated individuals—that will, in turn, drive meaningful personal and systemic change.

Cohorts of approximately 10-20 outsiders per visit will visit correctional facilities and engage in face-to-face conversations with a same sized group of incarcerated adults. The conversations are facilitated by Douglass Project staff using proven tools and techniques that encourage respectful sharing and honest and dignified discussion. Cohorts of outside participants can join individually or as an affiliated group.

DETAILS

GENERAL VISIT DETAILS

- 3 hour program
- Prison tour
(depending on the facility)
- Large group introductions
- Small group conversations
- Large group reflections

ID SPECIFIC DETAILS

- 3 hour program
- Prison tour
- **Location:**
 - 14601 S Pleasant Vly Rd,
Kuna, ID 83634 (about 25
minutes outside Boise)

Please note that the Douglass Project does not provide transportation or funding to/from any in-person visit site.

Before the visit, outside participants are required to watch a 30 minute orientation video (in advance of the visit) and complete paperwork for a security clearance; paperwork requirements differ by facility.

UPCOMING DATES IN IDAHO:

- Mon. September 23rd, 11am-2pm
- Mon. November 18th, 11am-2pm
- Mon. January 13th, 11am-2pm
- Mon. March 17th, 11am-2pm
- Mon. April 21st, 11am-2pm
- Mon. June 16th, 11am-2pm



The Douglass Project is expanding its operations, so stay tuned for the upcoming addition of new locations around the country. If an in-person visit is not convenient for you, a virtual visit could provide a good alternative.

**REGISTER FOR A
SESSION BY SCANNING
THE QR CODE**



or visit <https://www.douglassproject.org/visitation-participation>

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Dear Legionnaires,

As we move into the autumn season, we are reminded of the beauty of change. The turning leaves signal a shift, a time to reflect on our journey, and a moment to gather strength for the road ahead. In the Legion, our mission never changes, but how we approach it may evolve, just as the seasons do.

October brings us closer to Veterans Day, a time when we pause to honor those who have served and sacrificed for our freedoms. It is also a time for us to reflect on the importance of community, unity, and service. Let us remember that each of us plays a role in strengthening this great nation, not only through our words but through our actions.

In Ecclesiastes 3:1, we are reminded that "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." This month, I encourage you to find your purpose, embrace the season of change, and continue serving our community with the same dedication that has always defined our Post.

May we keep in our prayers those who are facing personal struggles, illness, or loss. Let us also pray for the safety of our active-duty military, our veterans, and their families.

As we head into the fall, let's remain united in our commitment to each other and our mission. Together, we can continue to build a legacy of service that will carry forward for generations to come.

As chaplain of American Legion Post 113 in Meridian, Idaho, I emphasize the importance of spiritual growth and community. The chaplaincy aims to support individuals in their relationship with God and each other, regardless of their religious affiliation.

In a recent message, I encouraged members to engage with a church or faith community that feels like home. Being part of such a community can strengthen one's spiritual life and connect them with others who share similar values and dedication to service.

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Chaplains Corner (Continued)

A Message of Hope and Unity

I am reminded of the beauty of change and the strength we find in unity. Our community has faced many challenges, but together, we have shown resilience and compassion.

This month, I encourage each of you to take a moment to reflect on the blessings in your life and the support we offer one another. Whether it's through our shared stories, our acts of service, or our moments of fellowship, we continue to build a legacy of hope and solidarity.



Let us also remember those who are struggling and extend a hand of kindness. A simple gesture can make a significant difference in someone's life. As your chaplain, I am here to support you in any way I can. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need someone to talk to or if you know of a member who could use some extra support.

Together, we can continue to uphold the values of the American Legion and make a positive impact in our community.

Blessings to you all,

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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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



October 2024
Membership
Report

Membership Status as of 10/01/2024

Legion	(As of This Date)	SAL
Dept = 50.39%		Dept = 26.98%
Area B = 52.13%		Area B = 34.60%
Post 113 = 48.58%		Sqdn 113 = 37.50%
Goal 457 Actual 222		Goal 756 Actual 204

October Membership Drive: Let's Hit 100%

We're nearing the end of 2024, and our goal of achieving 100% membership renewal is within reach! October is the perfect time to remind our fellow Legionnaires to renew their membership or join for the first time. Whether it's reaching o/t to a veteran you know, sending a friendly reminder, or helping with online/ sign-ups, every effort counts. **And if you know another veteran that wants to join please give him my number to call me: 208-890-3384.**

Let's make 2024 another banner year for growth at Post 113!

These are some key events happening this month.

- Be The One Day**
Date: October 1, 2024
On the first day of every month, Legion Family members are encouraged to wear a "Be the One" item to show their commitment to reducing the stigma around mental health issues among veterans and servicemembers. This is a great opportunity to start conversations about mental health and support fellow veterans.
- Navy Birthday**
Date: October 13, 2024
Celebrate the U.S. Navy's birthday, which marks the establishment of a naval force by the Continental Congress in 1775. This is a great time to honor the contributions of Navy veterans and share interesting historical facts about the Navy.
- Notification of 2024 Child Welfare Foundation Grant Recipients**
Date: October 21, 2024
The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation will announce the recipients of grants for 2024. These grants support projects that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children.
- Training Tuesday: Final Readiness**
Date: October 29, 2024
This virtual training session, presented by American Legion partner USAA, will focus on financial readiness. It's an excellent opportunity for members to gain valuable financial knowledge and skills. The session will be held at 7 p.m. EST. You can join in on this training subject at this MyLegion.org <https://www.legion.org/search?s=training+tuesday>

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Membership (Continued)

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

- **8/30/24**
 - **David Ladiness**
- **09/05/24**
 - **David D Lambert, Randol Jeb**
- **09/11/24**
 - **Shane Curry**
- **09/16/24**
 - **David Conley**
- **09/18/24**
 - **Tom Ressler**
- **09/22/24**
 - **Gary L. Henspeter, Ronnie L Ruppert**

AS A REMINDER: OUR 2025 DUES ARE \$55.00

Members who have been repatriated as of 10/01/24:

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

- Slayton, Waymon – CPL – Korean – US Army – B Comp, 1st Bat,9 Inf, Reg, 2nd Inf Div – 8/15/24.
- Darrigan, Eugene J – SSG – WWII – US Army – 320 Bombardment Squadron
90 Bombardment Group (Heavy) – Adriatic Sea – 9/20/24.
- Schultz, Floyd – PVT – Korean War – US Army - E Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment,
1st Cavalry Division – South Korea – 9/18/24.
- Bryant, Robert Lee – PFC – WWII – US Army – 4 Ranger Battalion – Italy – 9/18/24.
- Drewes, Norman Henry – SGT – WWII - D Company, 708 Amphibian Tank Battalion,
4 Marine Division (Attached) – Northern Mariana Islands – 9/13/24.
- Trudeau, Albert Raymond – WO1 – Vietnam – US Army – 68 AVN CO, 52 AVN BN 17GP – Vietnam – 9/11/24
- Edwinson, John Edward – CPL – WWII – USMC – MARINE- USMC – Solomon Islands – 9/11/24
- Web, Malcom S – CPL – WWII – US Army – Army Infantry – Philippines – 9/11/24
- Driver, Billie Charles – CPL – Korean War – US Army – E Company, 2nd Batt, 8th Calvary Regiment,
1st Cavalry Division – South Korea – 9/9/24.

That is all for this month but remember to always:

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Be You and always Love One Another.**

Blessings,

Dan Pruett, 1st Vice Commander Post 113

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Mission Briefing from the 2nd Vice – Ernest Cook

Hello, fellow veterans!

Life's serious moments often demand our attention. As I am sure you know, our post has a monthly business meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. We hope you will engage with us then to help us run the organization and also do some of the other business of the post - participation in the honor guard, helping with buddy checks and participation in some of the committees we form to get stuff done, but don't forget the importance of joy and laughter.

Engaging in lighthearted activities with friends and family can greatly enhance our well-being. Think about those times when you've shared a hearty laugh or enjoyed a spontaneous adventure. These moments help us bond and create cherished memories. By participating in fun, casual activities, we not only boost our spirits but also strengthen our community. What are the programs / activities we have to help with that? Here's a quick peek:

* **Weekly we host Waffle Wednesday** - a time when those available during "working hours" have an opportunity to gather around once a week in the morning, enjoy each other's company and perhaps pick up a joke or two. We sweeten the deal by offering waffles and occasionally eggs etc. The real deal here is giving people an opportunity to connect on a routine basis. Starting Nov 2nd, this time promises to be especially lively as the Ada County Veterans council starts meeting at our facility once a month Wednesday morning

* **Monthly we host a potluck** - a time to get together as a legion family at night to allow even our members that work days a chance to connect outside of our business meeting. While together, we celebrate the birthdays of the month and of course share important milestones. Food is a big part of people's culture so we choose to offer this as a pot-luck not just so everyone has an opportunity to participate but also so recipes can be shared and enjoyed. Our next potluck is October 9th but in November we're shifting this to the 1st Friday of every month which lands on November 1st. Since this is a family event, all are encouraged to bring food and beverages of your choice

* **Semi-Annual Gala** - we're going to be holding fundraisers twice a year to give us a chance to share time together but also bring friends and neighbors into our experience. The first one of these is November 9th. We are still looking for volunteers to help shape this experience but like the commander's dinner we held in August, it promises to be a fun evening.

I encourage all of our members to make a conscious effort to embrace humor and camaraderie. Step away from the daily grind, find something enjoyable to do, and share some laughs. Remember, the joy we share is just as vital as the duties we fulfill.

In other news, we've hit a speed bump with our facebook account being unpublished so if you think we've been quiet lately it's not you, it's us. We are working to get back online but also have been actively working to improve our website and establishing alternate ways to communicate.

Stay connected, stay active, and most importantly, stay happy. We've earned it!

Ernest Cook
2nd Vice Commander, American Legion Post 113

Ada County Veterans Memorial Building
22 W Broadway, Meridian ID 83642

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HONOR GUARD – Doug Hanks



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



Honors September 2024 “14”

Total for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 “28”

Hours September 2024 “194” Fiscal Year Total “376”

Donations September 2024 “\$500.00” Total Year “\$1250.00”

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?**

June 1950: The United States, identifying the Viet Minh as a Communist threat, steps up military assistance to France for their operations against the Viet Minh.

March-May 1954: French troops are humiliated in defeat by Viet Minh forces at Dien Bien Phu. The defeat solidifies the end of French rule in Indochina.

February 1962: Ngo Dinh Diem survives a bombing of the presidential palace in South Vietnam as Diem's extreme favoritism toward South Vietnam's Catholic minority alienates him from most of the South Vietnamese population, including Vietnamese Buddhists.

January 1963: At Ap Bac, a village in the Mekong Delta southwest of Saigon, South Vietnamese troops are defeated by a much smaller unit of Viet Cong fighters. The South Vietnamese are overcome despite their four-to-one advantage and the technical planning assistance of U.S. advisers.

May 1963: In a major incident of what becomes known as the “Buddhist Crisis,” the government of Ngo Dinh opens fire on a crowd of Buddhist protestors in the central Vietnam city of Hue. Eight people, including children are killed.

June 1963: A 73-year-old monk immolates himself while sitting at a major city intersection in protest, leading other Buddhists to follow suit in coming weeks. The United States' already declining confidence in Diem's leadership continues to slide.

November 1963: President Kennedy is assassinated in Dallas, Texas. Lyndon B Johnson becomes president.

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America Enters the Vietnam War

August 1964: USS Maddox on an espionage mission is attacked by North Vietnamese patrol torpedo boats in the Gulf of Tonkin. A second attack on the Maddox and another ship in the Gulf is alleged, but likely never occurred, according to National Security Agency documents declassified in 2005. The incidents lead President Johnson to call for air strikes on North Vietnamese patrol boat bases. Two U.S. aircraft are shot down and one U.S. pilot, Everett Alvarez Jr., becomes the first U.S. airman to be taken prisoner by North Vietnam.

August 1964: The attacks in the Gulf of Tonkin spur Congress to pass the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, which authorizes the president to "take all necessary measures."

1966: U.S. troop numbers in Vietnam rise to 400,000.

June 1966: American aircraft attack targets in Hanoi and Haiphong in raid. That are among the first such attacks on cities in North Vietnam.

1967: U.S. troop numbers stationed in Vietnam increase to 500,000.

February 1967: U.S. aircraft bomb Haiphong Harbor and North Vietnamese airfields.

April 1967: Huge Vietnam War protests occur in Washington, D.C., New York City and San Francisco.

September 1967: Nguyen Van Thieu wins the presidential election of South Vietnam under a newly enacted Constitution.

November 1967: In the Battle of Dak To, U.S. and South Vietnamese forces resist an offensive by communist forces in the Central Highlands. The United States forces suffer some 1,800 casualties.

January-April 1968: A U.S. Marine garrison at Khe Sanh in South Vietnam is bombarded with massive artillery by communist forces from the (PAVN). For 77 days, the marines and South Vietnamese forces fend off the siege.

Coming next month

North Vietnam Shocks America

I will continue this series next month

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HONOR GUARD (Continued)

HONOR GUARD REPORT SEPTEMBER FIS YEAR 2024-2025

#	Date	For	Location	Req. by	people	Hours	Miles	Donations
1	30-Aug-2024	WILLIAM LAMM, USNAVY	ISVC	RELYEA FUNERAL	5	10	135	
1	5-Sep-2024	DONALD RHODES, USNAVY	ISVC	ACCENT FUNERAL	9	15	211	
1	6-Sep-2024	JOHN STAVE, USNAVY	ISVC	ACCENT FUNERAL	6	12	126	
1	12-Sep-2024	MARION MARCINKOWSKI, USAR	MOUNT CAV CEMETERY	IANG HG	7	21	336	
1	12-Sep-2024	DONALD WELCH, USARMY, RET	ISVC	IANG HG	9	18	211	
1	13-Sep-2024	ROBERT BURMIESTER, USNAVY	ISVC	TONY BURMEISTER	6	12	153	
1	13-Sep-2024	KENNETH SELLERS, USARMY	ISVC	SHANNON OZUNA	7	14	177	\$200.00
1	17-Sep-2024	GEORGE MAIER, USAF	ISVC	ZEYER FUNERAL	7	14	176	\$100.00
1	18-Sep-2024	FLAG, VETS ASSOC OF REALTORS	SHADOW VALLEY GOLF	208-423-8754	7	21	360	\$200.00
1	19-Sep-2024	CECIL PARTELEY, USSARMY	ISVC	IANG HG	5	10	121	
1	19-Sep-2024	FLAG, US CONSTETU WEEK	MERIDIAN CITY HALL	TERRYDELAO7193320642	6	13	145	
1	21-Sep-2024	DAVID CASCIO, USNAVY	CH OF NAZERENE, CALDWELL	ANDREA VOGT	4	12	200	
1	23-Sep-2024	CHUCK GANG, USMC	ISVC	MIKE HUBBARD	5	10	81	
1	24-Sep-2024	PATRICK McCAUCHEY, USARMY	ISVC	NAMPA FUNERAL	6	12	122	

	Honors	Hours	Miles	donations
Month total				
accumulated totals to date				
from last month >>>>	14	182	2299	\$750.00
	Honors	Hours	Miles	Donations
Honors this month	14	194	2554	\$500.00
Total Honors-fisc year	28	376	4853	\$1,250.00

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Doug Foote

NURSING HOME VETERANS APPRECIATION EVENT

I am needing a Post 113 volunteer from each branch of service for a special event. You will be giving out recognition certificates and lapel pins to veteran residents of your branch of service at the nursing homes listed below. As this is a public Legion event you should be in Legion uniform (i.e., hat, shirt, tie, jacket, slacks or rider) or optional military uniform, if possible, but not required. Just look nice. If you don't have a Legion hat, a branch of service cap will work instead. I will represent Air Force so I need a Marine, Army, and Navy veteran. If you can't make all 5 events, then I can work with additional folks to cover all the dates.

Each program will last between 30 and 60 minutes depending on the number of veterans at each home. You will get a quick briefing prior to the start of each program, so arrive by 1:45. Refreshments will be available after the ceremonies and you are encouraged to visit with the residents.

Some residents will have family present, so this is a good way to promote the American Legion and Post 113.

The schedule and location for each of the Veterans Appreciation Events is the following:

- Nov 4th @ 2:00 pm Autumn Winds in Caldwell- 200 W. Beech Street Caldwell Idaho
- Nov 5th @ 2:00 pm Life Care of Treasure Valley in Boise - 502 N Kimball Place Boise Idaho
- Nov 6th @ 2:00 pm Brookdale in Boise - 739 E. Parkcenter Blvd. Boise Idaho
- Nov 7th @ 2:00 pm Truwood in Meridian- 2600 N. Milwaukee Street Boise Idaho
- Nov 8th @ 2:00 pm Karcher Estates in Nampa - 1127 Caldwell Blvd Nampa Idaho

This is becoming an annual event for these five nursing homes. Last year the veterans were really impressed and thankful that we came. Some residents have no family except other veterans. This is why it is important to recognize them around Veterans Day.

Please contact me directly to sign up and for any questions. My phone is 208-890-2907 or email to doug.foote@eagleid.com. I need a response by October 25 so that the programs can be printed.

Thanks for your help with this event.

Doug Foote

Past District 3 Commander, Post 113 Historian

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Post Meeting Minutes – Rich Dees



AMERICAN LEGION POST 113
MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2024

NOTE: Motions and actions are in bold print.

PRE-MEETING PRESENTATION: None

Commander Cavalieri called the meeting to order at 1901 hours. Twenty-seven members were present.

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:

Tim Hall
Jonathan Hoffmeyer
Mark Person

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commander	Ralph Cavalieri
1 st Vice	Dan Pruett – Excused
2 nd Vice	Ernest Cook
Adjutant	Richard Dees
Chaplain	Dan Pruett - Excused
Finance Officer	John Brekke
Service Officer	Danny Lowber - Excused
Sergeant at Arms	Harold Carlson

All were present or accounted for.

CHAPLAIN –Thom Juul: (Via Zoom)

Sick Call:

- Dan Marler, with a cabin in Grandjean, ID, dealing with the Wapiti Fire
- Chuck Crooks's wife is in the hospital for digestive issues
- Janet Cook with shoulder surgery issues.

The Commander asked that people consider participating in the Duty Officer program and help with the buddy checks.

ADJUTANT – Rich Dees:

The minutes of our last meeting were included in the Newsletter, and the financial report was distributed at the door and emailed to members. **Doug Hanks made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed, and Ernest Cook seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.**

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Post Meeting Minutes (Continued)

REPORTS:

1st Vice Commander – Dan Pruett was unavailable to present membership, repatriation of Veterans, and buddy check information. Commander announced that we were close to 50% renewal of members and reminded people to pay their dues.

2nd Vice Commander—Ernest Cook:

Ernest discussed the "Chrome at the Home" event posted in the downstairs lobby and announced a "Pitch Competition" for businesses by the Veterans Entrepreneur Alliances on October 2, 2024. Ernest also noted that we will host a Red Cross blood drive at the Post on October 16, 2024. Ernest asked for a few volunteers to assist with administrative duties. More information is coming.

November 16, 2024, is the annual Frank Dalton food drive. The convoy will proceed to deliver the food on Saturday morning.

The Scouts Crew 1 (Venture Crew) will conduct a yard sale on the front lawn of the Post on October 5, 2024.

Pillar – Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation

Honor Guard – Doug Hanks

Seven honors were conducted last month. The Honor Guard received a couple of thank-you cards and \$300.00 in donations this month. They recently performed honors in the rain because the Air Force canceled at the last minute. The full report is in the Newsletter.

Service Officer—Danny Lowber

Danny was absent because of illness.

Pillar – Americanism

Boys State: Doug Hanks.

No report given

Oratorical Program – Milt Smith

Milt Smith is seeking help with the local contest. There is no Department direction yet, so dates are not available.

Pillar – National Security

Radio Club – Rich Dees

The newsletter includes a report. The club sent 12 radios to Puerto Rico and will host an Elmer in the House event on September 29, 2024.

Radio Club will also help the Boise ATV/UTV Trail Riders Club with communications where cell phone service is not available.

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Post Meeting Minutes (Continued)

Pillar – Children and Youth

Scouting America –

- There will be a Venture Crew 1 garage sale on the front lawn of the Post on October 5, 2024. Also, the troop's Scout Master position has changed.
- Troops have had many camp-out events as well as high-adventure activities.
- The Troop has a Court of Honor scheduled for September 30, 2024, as well as many merit badges and rank advancements.
- The new Scout Master will take over on October 1, 2024.
- Camp Morrison has been sold.

Trunk or Treat –

- This year's event is on October 24, 2024. You may sign up by speaking to Ernest or Dan. Participants should meet at the Post at 5:15 PM. Dan Pruett is running Trunk or Treat.

BIMOC – Ernest Cook:

Ernest introduced the BIMOC (Building Infrastructure, Maintenance, and Operations Committee), which consists of four people. The committee identified 32 projects that should be completed and prioritized them based on cost and size. One of the first projects was a building key audit, revealing seven missing keys. The committee recommended re-keying the building, creating a new tumbler for the front door, obtaining 50 replacement keys, and rekeying the office door.

Mark Grothe moved to rekey the building not to exceed \$1,000. David Breithaupt provided the second. Discussion:

The number of keys needed is not immediately known. Ernest said they need to be spread across all the different groups in the building. Rather than making new keys, an electronic access system was suggested. Mark Grothe received a four- to five-thousand-dollar quote for a front-door cyber package.

A suggestion was made to install a cipher lock on the back door, not the front door. Jay Romelin agreed and offered to obtain some price quotes. Various viewpoints were shared. **Doug Hanks proposed that we postpone the decision until more information is available. Doug Foot supported the proposal. It was unanimously agreed to table the motion.**

Some other issues that need to be addressed include replacing the stair carpet, purchasing landscape materials, and painting and asphaltting parking spaces. The kitchen floor also needs a better finish, and the odor in the kitchen needs to be addressed. Ernest asked for members' help with a "cleaning party" to clean the chairs at the Post.

Hall donation rates are being adjusted. For example, Ernest got a group to donate \$600.00 for one day for the downstairs area.

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Finance Officer – John Brekke:

- A report is printed, sent, and provided at the entrance.
- The current balance is \$46,644.75 as of August 31, 2024. There was an increase of \$1,847.33 from the last Post meeting.
- We now have a line item for the scholarship fund.
- We received \$10,000 from Ada County.
- The Army will no longer send funds for the Honor Guard participation.
- **Doug Hanks moved that we accept the report. Max Badesheim provided a second. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Historian - Doug Foote:

- Doug reported that he is still creating the binder with event pictures. He will also put pictures up on the board.
- Doug talked again about taking a group to three nursing homes to speak to the vets in those homes as he did last year. The event will be before Veterans Day, likely the first week of November (4 through 6), 2024. Doug is seeking volunteers to represent the four services that visit the homes.

Legion Riders – Max Badesheim:

No report

Post 113 American Legion Auxiliary – Janet Cook:

They are still getting organized. They will help with Trunk or Treat and contribute \$50.00 for candy. Janet asked that on November 11, 2024, we support the Auxiliary with Poppie distribution at Walmart and D&B Supply.

Post 113 Sons of the American Legion – Brandon Owens:

No report

Ada County Veterans Council – Doug Foote:

- The Ada County Veterans Council awarded Zach Magoon's Eagle Scout project \$250.00 for the Vets Cemetery. The project is to install a walkway and other facilities at the cemetery.
- 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. Five thousand wreaths have been ordered. Since the new wreaths are not live, they will be stored at the Cemetery for reuse each year.
- Group Honors at the Cemetery will be held on November 6, 2024, at 1300. This will be the last year group honors will be held. In the following year and beyond, individuals will receive honors as needed.
- The cemetery is developing new rules for spousal interment and crypt placement. The goal is for spouses to no longer have to pay fees for interment at the cemetery.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

By-Laws Rewrite – Rich Dees

The by-laws were sent out via email and also mailed to those without email or with incorrect email addresses. We received three positive comments regarding the revised by-laws. During the last Post Executive board meeting on Monday, September 9, 2024, the board unanimously approved the by-laws. **Steve Loop made a motion to accept and adopt the by-laws, which was seconded by Doug Foote. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.**

The new bylaws omit the duties of the Service Officer, which were not listed in any previous edition. Thus, the modified bylaws with the language for the service officer duties will be emailed to members. Moreover, since the new by-laws note that the official way to provide notice and changes to bylaws may be circulated via e-mail only, we will not send a copy of the changes to those with no e-mail address or wrong e-mail address. Next month, we will vote on the amendment.

NEW BUSINESS and CORRESPONDENCE:

- Correspondence: None
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FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION:

Activity at Post 201, 202, 203 – Mark Person

The Posts take great pride in what they do. Post 201 has some great activities, such as the bicycle project in concert with the Boise Bicycle Project, the Nampa Bicycle Project, and Republic Services, where bikes are removed from the landfill and refurbished by the Post 201 people. This year, they completed over 350 bicycles. The bikes are donated to the school districts for kids in need. Additionally, the Post has made over 80,000 poppies for our Auxiliary. The flag destruction program started in Post 113 has processed over 10,000 flags. The Post in Orofino (Post 203) made and sold “Honor Pops,” frozen popsicles to raise over \$10,000 for project funds.

A new project the posts have taken on is the “Fredrick Douglas Project for Justice,” where community members can come to the prison and engage with the residents to create empathy and understanding of what the incarcerated and their families experience. The people at Post 201 wanted the veterans to take on the project, and the post members gave a resounding “yes” when asked. If you are interested in helping Post 201 with the project, the dates and instructions for engaging will be in the newsletter. Contact Mark Person if people want to go to a Post 201 meeting.

Boy Scout Eagle Project – Tom Ressler

The Scout performing the Eagle Scout Project at the Veterans Cemetery needs money to buy gravel, wood, and other supplies. **Tom Ressler moved that we give Zach McGoon \$100.00 toward completing his project. Steve Loop seconded it. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.**

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ISVH Bus – Tom Ressler

The ID State Veterans Home received their new bus last week. It is all white, and they want to add a wrap to identify what the bus is and who it represents. **Tom Ressler moved that we donate \$200.00 to the Idaho Veterans Assistance League (IVAL) for the wrap. Milt Smith provided the second. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Commander Cavalieri notes:

The District Three Fall Meeting is on October 26, 2024. Registration and snacks are from Noon to 1300, and the meeting begins at 1300. The Middleton Star Post will host the meeting at the Star Fire District Station 51 building.

DRAWINGS:

Tim Hall won the 50-50 drawing and received \$40.00. We collected \$80.00; thus, \$40.00 went to the scholarship fund.

Jay Romelin won an Army "T" shirt.

There were no winners of the \$100.00 drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 2035 hrs.

Respectfully submitted by Richard Dees, Post 113 Adjutant.

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N7LGN—Post 113 Amateur Radio Club

By: Yers Trooly



We will discuss what we can do for the Boise ATV/UAV Trail Club, as they often travel to areas without cell phone service. It might be fun for us to do one-day activities occasionally.

Again, please remember Winter Field Day on January 25, 2025. We'll be in a heated garage with our goodies. Plan on operating a few stations using either your radio (if you bring it) or a radio available, which will be, at the very least, a Flex radio and an IC 7610 operating remotely. Since there will not be a meeting in November due to Thanksgiving, we will discuss Winter Field Day at the October meeting.

Remember our nets, which meet on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:00 PM. The repeater is on 146.94 MHz, and the simplex net, which meets at 7:30 PM, is on 147.42 MHz.

If you are an ARRL member, you will soon get a ballot to vote on the Director for the NW Division. One of our members, Dan Marler, K7REX, is running for the office. Please vote when you get the ballot.

We successfully mailed eleven HT-1000 radios to Puerto Rico for use in the emergency communications effort. As you remember, the country was devastated by a hurricane a few years ago and has not recovered. The radios were mailed to the Department of Puerto Rico in San Juan. They were programmed with the repeaters in the area and a few simplex channels.

We are now the proud owners of a new Yeasu DR-2X repeater. Salesman extraordinaire David Hunter, N7MKY, completed a deal with an individual who bought the donated amplifier, which yielded enough to buy the repeater with money left over for the duplexer. In the coming weeks, we will visit the repeater's site and finish the installation. The idea is that we will have a VHF machine that is Echo Link compatible and a machine that will pass analog FM.

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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Finance Report – John Brekke

Balance Sheet

American Legion Post 113

As of Aug 31, 2024



ACCOUNTS	Aug 31, 2024
Assets	
Cash and Bank	
Building Fund (868)	\$19,421.46
Paypal	\$120.00
POST (CAPI) ACCOUNT (108)	\$22,979.69
Post 113 Radio Club (789)	\$2,327.94
SAL (418)	\$498.23
Savings at ICCU (081)	\$1,926.20
Total Cash and Bank	\$47,273.52
Other Current Assets	
Total Other Current Assets	\$0.00
Long-term Assets	
Land	\$1,000.00
Total Long-term Assets	\$1,000.00
Total Assets	\$48,273.52
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Total Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Long-term Liabilities	
Total Long-term Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	
Designated Assets:Building maintenance	-\$10,000.00
Opening Balance Equity	\$42,786.76
Retained Earnings	
Profit between Jul 1, 2024 and Aug 31, 2024	\$5,486.76
Designated Equity	\$10,000.00
Total Retained Earnings	\$15,486.76
Total Equity	\$48,273.52

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Profit and Loss

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



ACCOUNTS	Aug 01, 2024 to Aug 31, 2024
Income	
Ada County Contribution	\$10,000.00
Dues Income:Membership Dues	\$2,197.00
Fundraising: Raffles	\$53.50
Fundraising:Miscellaneous Revenue	\$1,068.71
Interest Savings, Short-term CD	\$6.24
Program Income:Canteen Donations	\$137.00
Program Income:Ham Radio Club	\$42.00
Program Income:Honor Guard	\$200.00
Program Income:Scholarship Fund	\$53.50
Total Income	\$13,757.95
Total Cost of Goods Sold	
	\$0.00
Gross Profit	
As a percentage of Total Income	100.00%
Operating Expenses	
Facilities:Building Insurance	\$2,870.75
Facilities:Building MGR	\$150.00
Facilities:Operations and Maintenance	\$1,270.17
Facilities:Remodel and Repairs	\$482.53

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Operating Expenses	
Facilities:Remodel and Repairs:Landscaping	\$241.71
Facilities:Utilities:Electricity	\$296.13
Facilities:Utilities:Gas	\$22.21
Facilities:Utilities:Internet * Phone	\$71.24
Facilities:Utilities:Trash / Sewer and Water	\$234.24
Post Operations:National Per Capita	\$1,700.00
Post Operations:Office Miscellaneous	\$5.23
Post Operations:Postage, Mailing Services	\$289.33
Post Operations:Web site	\$99.00
Program Expenses:Veteran Affairs:National Commander Dinner	\$872.61
Program Expenses:Veteran Affairs:Post gatherings, net	\$39.32
Total Operating Expenses	\$8,644.47
Net Profit	\$5,113.48
<i>As a percentage of Total Income</i>	<i>37.17%</i>

Please review the meeting minutes that are included in the pages above to see what additional information was shared during the month of August in regards to your Post 113 finances.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the Post 113 finances please contact me or the Post Commander.

John Brekke

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Post Adjutant – No update this month

Service Officer's Report – No update this month

American Legion Auxiliary – No update this month

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