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## This Month's Events

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

Nov 1 – Post Pot Luck Dinner @ 1730  
Nov 2 – Veterans Day Parade @ 1000  
Nov 9 – Scholarship Fundraiser Dinner @ 1730  
Nov 10 – Marine Corps Birthday  
Nov 11 – Veterans Day  
Nov 11 – Rock of Honor Ceremony @ 1100  
Nov 12 – SAL Squadron Meeting @ 1800  
Nov 16 – HAM Radio Testing @ 0900  
Nov 19 – Post Dinner (1800) and Meeting @ 1900  
Nov 23 – Lloyd's Koffee Klatch @ 0900  
Nov 23 – Post 113's Oratorical Contest @ 1300  
Nov 27 – HAM Radio Club Meeting @ 1900  
Nov 28 – Legion Riders @ 1730

### National Veterans Day Ceremony

The Veterans Day National Ceremony is held each year on November 11th at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremony commences precisely at 11:00 a.m. with a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns and continues inside the Memorial Amphitheater with a parade of colors by Veterans' organizations and remarks from dignitaries. The ceremony is intended to honor and thank all who served in the United States Armed Forces.

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*In Memoriam - Max Badesheim, Jr.*

On October 26, we lost one of our members, Max Badesheim, Jr. Max was very active in Post 113 and in the American Legion Riders – Treasure Valley. In fact, he was member #3 of the Riders.

Max was born on June 27, 1957, and married Sharman on December 22, 1996.

A former Staff Sergeant in the US Army (1975-1983), Max was a graduate of Kuna High School and studied at Boise State University. Max worked at the Veterans Administration in Boise for many years.

We will miss him from Post 113 and join the family in inviting you to the services to be held on

**Monday, November 4** as follows:

**11:00 AM** – Service at Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, 5400 Fairview Ave, Boise, ID 83706

There will be a procession to the Idaho State Veterans' Cemetery from the Funeral Chapel, led by the American Legion Riders – Treasure Valley.

**1:00 PM** – Military Honors ceremony at the Idaho State Veterans' Cemetery. Honors conducted by American Legion Post 113 Honor Guard and US Army.

**2:00 PM** – Memorial event at Post 113, 22 W Broadway, Meridian, ID.

[Please note you will have to find on-street parking. The adjacent parking lots will NOT be available.]

**Commander's Corner - Ralph Cavalieri**

As we step into November, our calendar is brimming with events that reflect the camaraderie, commitment, and community spirit of American Legion Post 113. This month, we have an array of activities and gatherings that not only honor our veterans but also support our local community and foster strong bonds among our members.

**November Events**

*November 1: Potluck at the Post, 5:30 - 7:30 PM*

Let's kick off the month with our Potluck at the Post on November 1st. This is a fantastic opportunity to share your favorite dishes and enjoy an evening of fellowship. These gatherings are more than just a meal; they are a chance to connect, share stories, and strengthen our Legion family. Bring a dish to share and join us for an evening of good food and great company.

*November 2: Veterans Day Parade, 10:00 AM*

The Veterans Day Parade in downtown Boise is one of the highlights of our November calendar. Scheduled for November 2nd, beginning at 10:00 AM. The parade is a moment for us to honor all veterans who've served our country. Our Honor Guard will perform the rifle salute, a solemn tribute to the bravery and sacrifices of our fellow servicemen and women. Let's show our support and pride by participating and cheering on the parade.

**Commander's Corner (continued)- Ralph Cavalieri**

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November 6, 13, 20, 27: Waffle Wednesdays, 8:30 - 11:30 AM

Every Wednesday throughout November, join us for Waffle Wednesday from 8:30 to 11:30 AM. These mornings are perfect for starting your day with a delicious breakfast and some friendly conversation. Whether you're a regular or a first-timer, Waffle Wednesdays provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere to catch up with friends and enjoy a hearty meal.

November 9: Spaghetti Feed and Raffle, 5:30 - 8:00 PM

On November 9th, we will host a Spaghetti Feed and Raffle at the Post to raise funds for our scholarship fund for Meridian students. This event is critical in supporting the education of our local youth, and your participation makes a significant impact. Come enjoy a delicious meal, participate in the raffle, and contribute to a worthy cause. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of these students.

November 11: Meridian Rock of Honor Ceremony, 11:00 AM

The Meridian Rock of Honor Ceremony on November 11th at 11:00 AM is another poignant event. Our Honor Guard and Chaplain will be participating, paying tribute to the service and sacrifices of our veterans. This ceremony is a meaningful way to remember and honor those who have served our nation with distinction.

November 19: Post 113 Monthly Meeting, 6:00 - 8:30 PM

Our Post 113 Monthly Meeting will be held on November 19th. We'll start with dinner at 6:00 PM, followed by the meeting from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. This is a crucial gathering where we discuss important matters, plan future events, and ensure the smooth running of our Post. Your presence and input are invaluable, so please make every effort to attend.

November 23: Lloyd's Koffee Klatch with Breakfast, 9:00 - 11:30 AM

Join us on November 23rd for Lloyd's Koffee Klatch with Breakfast from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. This relaxed and informal gathering is an excellent way to start your day with coffee, breakfast, and engaging conversations.

### Membership Reminder

As we approach the end of 2024, I'd like to thank all those who have already renewed their membership for the 2025 year. We are currently slightly over 50% in renewals. For those who have not renewed yet, please contact our Adjutant, Rich Dees, who will accept your renewal payment and issue a new membership card for 2025. Last year we achieved national visibility for membership renewal of 100%. I know we can do it again this year.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our upcoming events. Let's make November a month to remember!

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

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### **Christmas Wreaths**

This year people have two choices for Christmas wreaths to be placed on veteran's headstones. At the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery, all wreaths that will be purchased for this December's placement must be from Idaho Veterans Wreaths. These wreaths are synthetic and will be reused in future years. The web site for ordering wreaths is:

<https://www.idahoveteranswreaths.org/>

For all other cemeteries in Idaho, you can order wreaths from Wreaths Across America. These wreaths are natural conifer wreaths and will only be used once. Locally, wreaths for the Fort Boise Cemetery are being sponsored by MOAA, which has invited others to provide sponsorships. The web site for order wreaths is:

<https://wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/183024/Overview/?relatedId=0>

### **Report on the Results of the Fall Meeting of Idaho American Legion District 3**

#### Overview

The Fall meeting of the Idaho American Legion District 3 was held on October 26 at the Star/Middleton Fire District Station and hosted by the Star/Middleton Post.

#### Key Attendees

The meeting was attended by:

- District Commander Ralph Perez and District 3 officers
- Department of Idaho Treasurer and Area B Commander Sandy Castellano
- Post Commanders from five posts
- Adjutants and other key officers
- A few members of the Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion

#### Agenda and Discussions

##### Reports from Posts

Post Commanders provided updates on their respective activities, highlighting successful events and addressing challenges faced. Notable events included:

- Veterans Day parades and ceremonies
- Fundraising events and their outcomes
- Community outreach programs

#### Financial Report

The Finance Officer presented the financial report, detailing the budget, expenditures, and financial health of the district. It was noted that the budget remains balanced.

#### Resolutions and Actions

Two resolutions and a change to the district bylaws were proposed and voted on.

- The first resolution called for the Department of Idaho to create a new Finance Officer position separate from the Adjutant position. It also called for a Finance Commission to be responsible for reviewing and maintaining financial accountability and transparency for the Department. The resolution passed the District 3 assembly unanimously.
- The second resolution called for the Department to set up an independent office of elected Inspector General to whom whistle blowers could express their concerns. The Inspector General would independently investigate and report all issues received. The person elected to this position could not have held a Department of Idaho position during the previous three years. Resolution passed unanimously.
- The Bylaws of the District were updated by a committee. They had been previously distributed. Discussion resulted in one change to the draft document. That change was to

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keep voting at District 3 meetings as one vote per post in attendance rather than on a per capita basis. With this change, the revised document was approved unanimously.

**Closing Remarks**

The meeting concluded with closing remarks from the District Commander, who thanked all attendees for their participation and contributions. The importance of continued collaboration and dedication to the mission of the American Legion was emphasized.

**Chaplains Corner – Dan Pruett**

## **Chaplains Report November 2024**



**Chaplain's Corner: Reflections on Faith in Today's World**



Greetings, Legion Family,

As we gather for another season of service to our veterans, our community, and our nation, it is important to take a moment to reflect on the state of faith in today's world. In a time when our country is facing social, political, and economic uncertainties, many of us may find ourselves questioning how our spiritual lives fit into this ever-changing landscape. Yet, it is during these turbulent times that faith becomes our anchor.

### **Challenges Facing the Church Today**

We are witnessing a time of great change in our places of worship. Church attendance has declined in many areas, and for many people, the idea of religious community is shifting. The digital world offers new ways to connect, but it can also make us feel more isolated from one another. Churches, much like the American Legion, serve as places where people can gather, support one another, and find purpose. But as we adapt to new norms, we must also find ways to reinvigorate our shared mission.

For some, the church remains a physical building—a sacred space to gather, worship, and serve. For others, it has become a virtual experience, connecting through online services, prayer meetings, or Bible studies. Regardless of the form, the essence of faith remains the same: it is about community, compassion, and a sense of higher purpose.

### **A Call to Action for Our Legion Family**

In the American Legion, we know that service to others is central to who we are. This same spirit of service can be found in the teachings of all faith traditions. Whether through volunteering at church, helping our neighbors, or participating in community outreach, we live our faith through our actions. Now, more than ever, we are called to be the hands and feet of God in a world that is in desperate need of healing.

As Chaplain, I encourage you to remain steadfast in your faith, however you choose to express it. Whether you attend a church service in person or tune in online, find a way to stay connected to your spiritual foundation. Faith gives us strength in times of difficulty, hope in times of uncertainty, and compassion for those around us.

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**Faith, Fellowship, and Freedom**

As Legionnaires, we hold dear the values of God and Country. These values remind us that our freedom is tied to our faith—that the freedoms we defend as veterans are the same freedoms that allow us to worship as we choose. In these challenging times, let us continue to protect these freedoms, while also deepening our faith and supporting one another as a Post and as a community.

I encourage each of you to take time this month to reflect on how your faith can guide your actions in service to others. Whether it's checking in on a fellow veteran, offering a prayer for our nation, or getting involved in a local charity, let us live out our values through love and service.

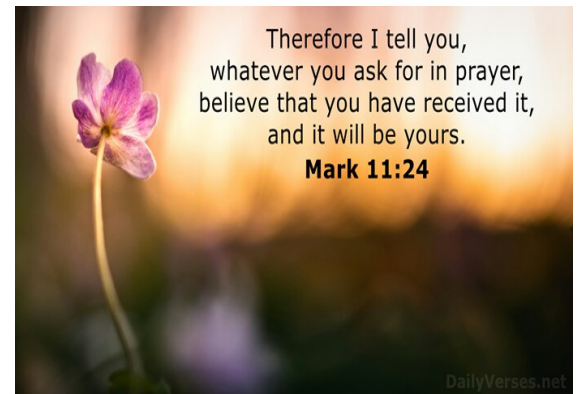
May God bless you and your families, and may He continue to guide Post 113 as we serve with honor and purpose.

Yours in service and faith,  
Chaplain, Dan Pruett American Legion Post 113

**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**



**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**



**November 2024  
Membership  
Report**

**Membership Status as of 11/01/2024**

<b>Legion</b>	<b>(As of This Date)</b>	<b>SAL</b>
<b>Dept = 51.07%</b>		<b>Dept = 30.29%</b>
<b>Area B = 52.97%</b>		<b>Area B = 39.37%</b>
<b>Post 113 = 53.39%</b>		<b>Sqdn 113 = 54.16%</b>
<b>Goal 457 Actual 244</b>		<b>Goal 24 Actual 13</b>

- **Membership Progress Update**

We're at **53.39%** of our membership goal, and with your help, we can push that number to **65%** by Veterans Day! Every new member strengthens our mission of serving veterans, their families, and our communities. Now is the time to reach out to potential members, share the benefits of joining the American Legion, and invite them to be part of something bigger. Let's work together to honor our veterans by growing our Legion family. **Every voice counts, and every member makes a difference! Let's hit 65% by November 11th! Let's make 2024 another banner year for growth at Post 113!**

**And if you know another veteran that wants to join please give him my number to call me: 208-890-3384.**

- **Let's Focus on the Mission**

Let's not forget the American Legion's mission is serving veterans, advocating for their benefits, supporting families, and giving back to the community. We served our time; now it's time to serve one another.

Membership in the American Legion supports a wide range of impactful programs that serve veterans, their families, and the broader community. Here's a breakdown of key programs that are made possible by the strength of our membership:

**1. Scholarships**

The American Legion offers numerous scholarship opportunities for the children and grandchildren of veterans, helping young people achieve their educational dreams.

Programs like the **Legacy Scholarship** assist children of fallen or disabled veterans with college tuition, while the **Samsung American Legion Scholarship** supports high school students who attend Boys or Girls State, rewarding academic excellence and leadership.



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**2. Youth Programs**

**Boys State / Girls State:** These programs teach young men and women the importance of civic duty, leadership, and government by allowing them to run mock governments at the local and state levels.

- **American Legion Baseball:** One of the most recognized youth programs, American Legion Baseball helps build character, discipline, and sportsmanship while providing a healthy, competitive environment for young athletes.
- **Oratorical Contest:** This nationwide speech contest promotes a deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution. High school students compete for scholarships by delivering speeches on constitutional principles, which helps foster leadership and public speaking skills.
- **Junior Shooting Sports:** A marksmanship program that teaches safety, discipline, and responsibility, offering young people the opportunity to compete in shooting competitions.

**3. Legislative Advocacy**

The American Legion plays a vital role in advocating for veteran-friendly legislation at the local, state, and national levels. Membership dues help fund this advocacy work, which includes fighting for better healthcare, education, and benefits for veterans and their families.

**4. Veteran Rehabilitation and Support**

One of the American Legion's core missions is to provide support for veterans transitioning to civilian life, including assistance with employment, housing, and health care.

- **Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R) programs** offer guidance on navigating the VA system, filing claims, and securing benefits like disability compensation and pensions. Legion Service Officers work directly with veterans to ensure they receive the benefits they are entitled to.
- **Mental Health Support**, particularly for those suffering from PTSD, substance abuse, or other mental health challenges. Programs like the **Buddy Check** system encourage veterans to stay connected and support one another.
- **Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)** in times of crisis the program provides direct aid to veterans' families struggling with basic needs like housing, utilities, or medical care.

Please take a moment and reflect on the importance of renewing your membership in the American Legion. Your membership is more than just a renewal—it's a commitment to veterans, their families, and our community.

When you renew, you're ensuring that our programs continue to thrive. You're supporting scholarships for the children of veterans, funding youth leadership programs like Boys and Girls State, advocating for veteran benefits, and providing essential rehabilitation services to those transitioning back into civilian life. Every membership dollar goes directly toward strengthening these efforts and building a better future for all veterans.

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**Your membership makes a difference.** By renewing today, you continue to honor those who served, stand up for those in need, and help us fight for the rights of all veterans. Let's stay united in our mission, because together, we are stronger.

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

- **09/22/24**
  - Gary Henspeter, Ronnie L Ruppert
- **09/26/24**
  - David L Gipson, H. Dean Bunnell
- **10/07/24**
  - Daniel Heying
- **10/10/24**
  - Anthony McNeil
- **10/16/24**
  - Richard W Johnson, Preston Gilliam
- **10/23/24**
  - James L Flecker
- **10/24/24**
  - David J Woodruff (2023 & 2025), Todd R Weathers

**AS A REMINDER: OUR 2025 DUES ARE \$55.00 NOW**

**Members who are Repatriated as of 11/01/24:**

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

- **Mitchell, James S** – Pvt – WWII – US Army – 31<sup>st</sup> Inf Reg – Philippines – 9/30/24
- **Nyberg, Homer C** – Sgt – WWII – US Army Air Forces – 368<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sqdn, 306 Bomb Grp – Germany – 9/30/24
- **O'Brien, Thomas Joseph** – Sgt – Korean War – US Army – Hdq Battery, 90<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery – Batt, 25<sup>th</sup> Inf Div – 9/27/24
- **Hardy, David Eugene** – Sgt – Korean War – US Army – Hdq Battery, 82<sup>nd</sup> Antiaircraft Artillery – Automatic Weapon Batt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Inf Div – 9/27/24
- **Edwards, Willard Hoyt** – Pfc – Korean War – US Army – M Comp, 3/31 Regt 71D – North Korea – 9/26/24
- **Karwacki, Leon R** – Pfc – WWII – US Army – 36<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Div – Germany – 9/26/24
- **Bowman, James Charles** – Pfc – Korean War – US Army – K Comp, 3<sup>rd</sup> Batt, 31<sup>st</sup> Inf Reg 7<sup>th</sup> Inf Div – North Korea – 9/25/24
- **Hodak, Blenn H** – Cpl – WWII – US Army Air Forces – 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Sqdn, 19<sup>th</sup> Bomb Grp – Japan – 9/25/24
- **Kelly Thomas V** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt – WWII – US Army Air Forces – 320<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sqdn, 90<sup>th</sup> Bomb Grp – Papua New Guinea – 9/25/24
- **Murray, James H** – Sgt – WWII – US Army Air Forces – 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Sqdn, 19<sup>th</sup> Bomb Grp – 9/23/24
- **Hasselkus, Howard L** – Sgt – WWII – US Army – 192<sup>nd</sup> Tank Battalion – Philippines – 9/23/24

**Membership (Continued)**

- **Hennessey, Harland J** – Pvt – WWII – US Army – 803<sup>rd</sup> Engineers Batt (Aviation) – Philippines – 9/23/24
- **Loterbaugh, James G** – Pvt – WWII – US Army – 774<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion – Germany – 9/20/24

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- **Darrigan, Eugene J** – SSG – WWII – US Army – 320 Bomb Sqdn 90 Bomb Group (Heavy) - Papua New Guinea – 9/2024
- **Sheppick, Donald W** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt – WWII – US Army Air Forces – 320 Bomb Sqdn 90 Bomb - Group (Heavy) – Papua New Guinea – 9/20/24
- **Schultz, Floyd** – Pvt – Korean war – US Army – E Comp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt, 7<sup>th</sup> Cav Reg, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div – South Korea – 9/18/24
- **Bryant, Robert Lee** – PFC – WWII – US Army – 4<sup>th</sup> Ranger Batt – South Korea – 9/18/24
- **Lord, Loring E** – S Sgt – WWII – US Army Air Forces – 642 Bomb Sqdn 409 Bomb Group Light – Germany – 9/18/24
- **Corvin, Estle E** – PFC – WWII – US Army – 157 Infantry 45<sup>th</sup> Div – France – 9/13/24
- **Drewes, Norman Henry** – Sgt – WWII – US Army – D Comp, 708 Amphib Tank Batt, 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Div (Attached) – Northern Mariana Islands – 9/13/24
- **Burgess, Kenneth D** – PFC – WWII – US Army – 4<sup>th</sup> Ranger Batt – Italy – 9/13/24
- **Trudeau, Albert Raymond** – WO1 – Vietnam War – US Army – 68<sup>th</sup> Aviation Comp 52<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Batt 17<sup>th</sup> Aviation Group – Vietnam – 9/11/24
- **Edwinson, John Edward** – Cpl – WWII – USMC – Marine USMC – Solomon Islands – 9/11/24
- **Webb, Malcolm S** – Cpl – WWII – US Army – Army Infantry – Philippines – 9/11/24
- **Driver, Billie Charles** – Cpl – Korean War – US Army - E Comp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt, 8<sup>th</sup> Cav Reg, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Div – South Korea – 9/9/24
- **Miller, John Brooks** – Cpl – Korean War – US Army – Heavy Mortar Co, 31<sup>st</sup> Infantry Reg, 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Div – North Korea – 9/4/24

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Be You and always Love One Another.**

*Blessings,*

*Dan Pruett, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Post 113*

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**HONOR GUARD** – Doug Hanks



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OCTOBER 2024 HONORS  
By DOUG HANKS**



**Honors October 2024 “13”**

**Total for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 “41”**

Hours Oct. 2024 “173” Fiscal Year Total “549”

Miles Oct. 2024 “1,931” Year “6,784”

Donations Oct. 2024 “\$900.00” Total Year “\$2,150.00”

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.

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WHEN WAS THE VIETNAM WAR?

**North Vietnam Shocks America**

**January 1968:** The Tet Offensive begins, encompassing a combined assault of Viet Minh and North Vietnamese armies. Attacks are carried out in more than 100 cities and outposts across South Vietnam, including Hue and Saigon, and the U.S. Embassy is invaded. The effective, bloody attacks shock U.S. officials and mark a turning point in the war and the beginning of a gradual U.S. withdrawal from the region.

**February 11-17, 1968:** This week records the highest number of U.S. soldier deaths during the war, with 543 American deaths.

**February-March 1968:** Battles at Hue and Saigon end with American and ARVN victory as Viet Cong guerillas are cleared from the cities.

**March 16, 1968:** At the U.S. massacre at Mai Lai, more than 500 civilians are murdered by U.S. forces. The massacre happens amid a campaign of U.S. search and rescue destroy operations that are intended to find enemy territories, destroy them and then retreat.

**March 1968:** President Johnson halts bombing in Vietnam north of the 20<sup>th</sup> parallel. Facing backlash about the war, Johnson announces he will not run for reelection.

**November 1968:** Republican Richard Nixon wins the U.S. presidential elections on the campaign promises to restore “law and order” and to end the draft.

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**HONOR GUARD (Continued)**

**May 1969:** At Ap Bia Mountain, about a mile from the border with Laos, U.S. paratroopers attack entrenched North Vietnamese fighters in an attempt to cut off North Vietnamese infiltration from Laos. U.S. Troops eventually capture the site (temporarily), which would be nicknamed Hamburger Hill by journalists due to the brutal carnage of the 10 day battle.

**September 1969:** Ho Chi Minh dies of a heart attack in Hanoi.

**December 1969:** The U. S. government institutes the first draft lottery since World War II, prompting ever more young American men-later disparaged as “draft dodgers”- to flee to Canada.

**Gradual Withdrawal from Vietnam**

**1969-1972:** The Nixon administration gradually reduces the number of U.S. forces in Soth Vietnam, placing more burden on the ground forces Soth Vietnam’s ARVN as part a strategy known as Vietnamization. U.S. troops in Vietnam are reduced from a peak of 549,000 in 1969 to 69,000 in 1972.

**February 1970:** U.S. National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger begins secret peace negotiations with Hanoi politburo member Le Duc Tho in Paris.

**March 1969-May 1970:** In a series of secret bombings known as “Operation Menu” U.S. B-52 bombers target suspected communist base camps and supply zones in Cambodia. The bombings are kept under wraps by Nixon and his administration since Cambodia is officially neutral in the war, although The New York Times would reveal the operation on May 9, 1969.

**April-June 1970:** U.S. and Soth Vietnamese forces attack communist bases across the Cambodian border in the Cambodian Incursion.

**May 4, 1970:** In a bloody incident known as Kent State Shooting, National Guardsmen fire on anti-war demonstrators at Ohio’s Kent State University, killing four students and wounding nine.

**June 1970:** Congress repeals the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution to reassert control over the president’s ability to use force in the war.

**Vietnamization Falters, America Exits**

**January-March 1971:** In Operation Lam Son 719, ARVN troops, with U.S. support, invade Laos in an attempt to cut off the Ho Chi Minh Trail. They are forced to retreat and suffer heavy losses.

**June 1971:** The New York Times publishes a series of articles detailing leaked Defense Department documents about the war, known as the Pentagon Papers. The report reveals the U.S. Government had repeatedly\_and secretly increased U.S. involvement in the war.

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**March-October 1972:** The People's Army of Vietnam launches the large-scale, three pronged Easter Offensive against the Army of the Republic of Vietnam and U.S. forces. While North Vietnam gains control of more territory in South Viet Nam, the offensive isn't the decisive blow its military leaders had hoped for.

**December 1972:** President Nixon orders the launch of the intense air offense of the war in Operation Linebacker. The attacks, concentrated between Hanoi and Haiphong, drop roughly 20,000 tons of bombs over densely populated regions

**January 22, 1973:** Former President Johnson dies in Texas at age 64.

**January 27, 1973:** The Selective Service announces the end to the draft and institutes an all-volunteer military.

**January 27, 1973:** President Nixon signs the Paris Peace Accords, ending direct U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War. The North Vietnamese accept a cease fire. But as U.S. troops depart Vietnam, North Vietnamese officials continue plotting to overtake South Vietnam.

**HONOR GUARD (Continued)**

**February-April 1973:** North Vietnam returns 591 American prisoners of war (including future U.S. Senator John McCain) in what is known as Operation Homecoming.

**August 1974:** President Nixon resigns in the face of likely impeachment after the Watergate Scandal is revealed, Gerald R. Ford becomes President

**January 1975:** President Ford rules out any further U.S. military involvement in Vietnam.

**Finish of Vietnam war next month**

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

#	Date	For	Location	Req. by	people	Hours	Miles	Donations
1	27-Sep-2024	GARY SEAMON, USARMY	ISVC	FAMILY	3	6	56	
1	27-Sep-2024	QUILTS OF VALOR,	EXPO IDAHO	CONNIE EMMEN	8	18	223	
1	30-Sep-2024	DANIEL DEIREG, USNAVY, RET	ISVC	SUMMERS FUNERAL	9	20	211	
1	1-Oct-2024	DANIEL GARDNER, USARMY	ISVC, BUGLE ONLY	IANG HG	1	2	24	
1	8-Oct-2024	DAVID HALL, USARMY	ISVC	BOWMAN FUNERAL	9	18	216	\$150.00
1	11-Oct-2024	MICHAEL EAKINS, USARMY	ISVC	ZEYER FUNERAL	7	14	164	\$100.00
1	15-Oct-2024	NORMAN NILES, USARMY	BOWMAN FUNERAL	BOWMAN FUNERAL	6	12	124	\$150.00
1	18-Oct-2024	WILLIAM ALLEN, USARMY	ISVC	IANG HG	6	12	129	
1	18-Oct-2024	BRUCE PHILPOTT, USNAVY	ISVC	SON, STEVE	8	16	199	\$200.00
1	21-Oct-2024	ROCKY MTN HS VETS PROGRAM	ROCKY MTN HS	JESSICA HULL	7	21	178	
1	22-Oct-2024	OLIE HILL, USARMY, RET	ISVC	IANG HG	7	14	165	
1	24-Oct-2024	JUAN BIBEROS, USARMY	ISVC	MARIA, MOTHER	5	10	126	\$300.00
1	25-Oct-2024	ROLANDS WOODS, USARMY,RET	ISVC	IANG HG	5	10	116	

	Honors	Hours	Miles	donations
Month total				
accumulated totals to date				
from last month >>>>	28	376	4853	\$1,250.00
	Honors	Hours	Miles	Donations
Honors this month	13	173	1931	\$900.00
Total Honors-fisc year	41	549	6784	\$2,150.00



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**Post Meeting Minutes – Richard Dees**



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 113  
MEETING MINUTES**

October 15, 2024

**NOTE: Motions and actions are in bold print.**

**PRE-MEETING PRESENTATION:** None

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, including invocation, Pow/Mia, Pledge of Allegiance, and preamble.

**GUESTS:** New Member Anthony McNeil was introduced.

**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	Danny Lowber
Sergeant at Arms	Harold Carlson

All were present or accounted for.

**CHAPLAIN –Dan Pruett**

Sick Call:

- Max Badesheim has knee surgery scheduled.
- Danny Lowber bladder infection
- David Breithaupt is having major dental surgery
- Janet Cook is being evaluated for chest pains
- Ellsworth Barrington is still recovering from an accident
- Jonathan Hofmeyer is having surgery
- Steven Loop was diagnosed with colon cancer

**Special Award:** Commander Cavalieri awarded Mark Grothe an award for being our building manager for the last six years.

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**Post Meeting Minutes (Continued)**

**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. **Jay Romelin made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed, and Mark Grothe seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.**

**REPORTS:**

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

- Membership reports: Dan reported that we have 231 members, and our goal is 457. We are at 50.3 % of the goal. The SAL has ten members and 37.5% of their goal. Dan noted that there was more information in the Newsletter.
- Repatriation of Veterans: No report
- Buddy Check: This coming month is buddy check month.

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

- Scouts: Prepared dinner for us before the meeting. Amy Larson provided the Scouting report and noted that the troops had a backpacking trip in July, and many members attended Camp Morrison in July and August. The activity in September features an Order of the Arrow call. October and November include campouts to various places in the state. The scouts will attend a leadership conference in December.
- The three nursing homes still need help with the November 4-8, 2024, event.
- Ernest discussed three new groups using the Post, including a group called Veterans and Patriots, MOAA, and the Ada County Veterans Council.
- Also announced is a blood drive at the Post on October 16.
- Ernest made a note that the monthly potluck will be moved to the first Friday of the month.
- Ernest discussed Veterans Day activities at the Rock of Honor.
- Ernest discussed the spaghetti fundraiser on November 9, 2024. Sign-up is online, and the cost is \$16.00 each. A table with items to be raffled during the event will be set up.

Pillar – Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation

Service Officer—Danny Lowber

Discussed veteran's rights and program availability. Also noted was the Fred Dalton food convoy on November 16, 2024. Special note was an event at the Post to celebrate the Army-Navy game on November 4, 2024.

Honor Guard – Doug Hanks

- The Honor Guard performed 14 honors in September. Doug noted that the Honor Guard provided honors for the USAF as they were a no-show for an event. They received \$300.00 in donations.
- Doug reminded people of the Veterans Day events and the Veterans Parade in Boise.
- Milt Smith noted that a ceremony for veterans whose remains have not been claimed will be held on November 6, 2024.

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- Wreaths.org will be distributing wreaths for veterans' graves this year. To help, people must order online.
- Doug Foote noted he still needs four volunteers to help with the November 4 through 8, 2024, nursing home event.

Pillar – Americanism

Oratorical Program – Milt Smith

The Post contest will be conducted on November 23, 2024, at 1:00 AM at the Post. Milt noted that the secretary for Dr. Bubb of West Ada School District sent out flyers to teachers. Milt received positive responses from teachers about the event. The department contest will be on February 22, 2025. At 10:00 AM at Meridian City Hall. Milt made a call for helpers at the Post contest.

Pillar – National Security

Radio Club – Rich Dees

The newsletter includes a report.

Pillar – Children and Youth

Scouting America –

The Troop had a Court of Honor on September 30, 2024.

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, which will run from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

BIMOC – Ernest Cook:

- The Post received a free sizeable commercial freezer from the Post in Cascade.
- Veterans Plumbing attempted to fix the kitchen odor to no avail. **Rich moved to allow up to \$1,000 to hire a plumber to correct the problem. Katy Owens seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.**
- The BIMOC has over 35 items to address in priority order. The committee is still seeking a quote to resolve the building key situation. The committee is looking to install a key card (badge) system.

**Finance Officer** – John Brekke:

- A report is printed, sent, and provided at the entrance. As of September 30, 2024, the current balance is \$47,463.12, \$818.37 more than last month.
- John reported that someone attempted fraud on our credit card accounts on August 31, 2024. The company has since rectified the deduction.
- John reported that we gave \$100.00 to the Eagle Scout Project discussed last month.
- John explained the membership dues amounts.
- **Doug Foote moved that we accept the report. Milt Smith provided a second. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.**

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**Historian - Doug Foote:**

Doug reported that some historical building artifacts removed from the kitchen remodel have been preserved. With the help of Tom Cockeran, the items are preserved on a wall hanging.

Doug talked again about taking a group to three nursing homes to speak to the vets there as he did last year. The event will be before Veterans Day, likely the first week of November (4 through 6), 2024, at 2:00 PM. Doug is still seeking volunteers to represent the four services that visit the homes.

**Legion Riders – Max Badesheim:**

No report

**Post 113 American Legion Auxiliary – Janet Cook:**

Janet Cook was absent, but Commander Cavalieri reminded people she needed help with poppy sales.

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

Brandon said the SAL suggested a Bingo night as an activity. He also noted they wanted to do a project for homeless veterans and the Veterans Home. Finally, he asked that members participate.

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

- John reported that the “Idaho Veterans' Wreaths” were for the Treasure Valley only. A wreath-laying ceremony will be held at the Veterans Cemetery on December 14, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- The Veterans Administration in Idaho wants to build a new home at its current location. It is number nine on the national building list but is being hampered by a “buy USA only” restrictions, which the Home has applied for a waiver.
- The new bus they received last month needs a “wrap” depicting the use of the van. The estimate to get the wrap is between \$5,000 and \$7,000.
- The Rose Garden landscaping project at the Veterans Home is underway, but cement work is needed. They are seeking licensed and bonded cement companies.
- John noted that the VA center is seeking a bagpiper and someone who plays Taps for the ceremonies on November 11, 2024, at 11:00 AM at the home. The home also seeks someone to present the colors during the ceremony.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**By-Laws Rewrite – Rich Dees**

- 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.

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- **Steve Loop motioned to accept and adopt the amended by-laws, which Doug Foote seconded. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS and CORRESPONDENCE:**

Correspondence: We received a thank you note from Don Zachery for us reaching out to him and offering assistance after surgery.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION:**

- Commander Cavalieri announced that the District 3 meeting would be at the Star Fire Department on October 26, 2024. Registration and snacks are from Noon to 1300, and the meeting begins at 1300.
- Dan Pruett led a discussion about relief for Hurricane Helene's damage recovery. The National organization committed \$500K to hurricane relief. **After the debate, Ernest moved us to donate \$200.00 to each of the three posts in the affected area. Milt Smith seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.** Dan Pruett is leading the search for the three posts to receive our donation, most likely in FL, GA, or NC. He will report his findings to the Executive Committee.
- Dan mentioned that the Legion Insurance Trust (LIT) program is free and open to all members. He is the point of contact for signing up, and individuals may sign up at [thelit.com](http://thelit.com) website.
- The Department owes us \$1,600.00 plus PUFL money.

**DRAWINGS:**

Al Carlson won the 50-50 drawing. He donated the entire \$55.00 back to the Post.

There were no winners of the \$100.00 drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 2045 hrs.

Respectfully submitted by Richard Dees, Post 113 Adjutant.

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**Post Adjutant – Richard Dees**

## From the Adjutant's Messy Desk

By: Yers Trooly



Greetings All,

Our Bylaw changes are now in effect. Please let me know if you would like a copy, and I'll forward it to you. Several changes were enacted, including job descriptions for all the officers and a change in the official distribution of notices to members. Specifically, we will use e-mail to communicate with members rather than the US mail. The reason is that the US mail is expensive!

Membership renewals are lagging. Please consider sending your dues to the Post or online as soon as possible. I will be set up at the Post before each meeting to process membership renewals and give out membership cards immediately after.

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

Please remember that we will be live on Zoom if you can't attend the in-person meeting. Keep an eye out for the Commander's announcement for further details. We want to ensure that all our members, regardless of 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.

YOS

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**Post 113's HAM Radio Club – Richard Dees**

# N7LGN—Post 113 Amateur Radio Club

By: Yers Trooly



We will not be holding a meeting in November because of Thanksgiving. Our next gathering will be for the Christmas party on December 18, 2024. Please look for an email from Alicia to sign up for the potluck

We will host IOEM at our January meeting. At that event, we can hear what the State and other served agencies expect from us in an emergency.

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.

As of now, our new repeater will be on 444.000 Mhz. We will install the antenna soon, but the bulk of the equipment will not arrive until at least mid-January.

73,  
Rich

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**Service Officer – Danny Lowber**

We are all sorry to hear the passing of Max Badesheim this week. We all appreciate his contributions to the Post and to the Legion Riders. He will be greatly missed.

The Veterans Day Parade starts in Downtown Boise at 10:00 am on November 2, 2024. Be sure to take advantage of the “Free Meals” that are available for veterans on this special day honoring our veterans.

The Veterans Coffee at the Warhawk Museum in Nampa is at 9:30 am on November 5th. Mitzi Cheldelin, Idaho Division of Veterans Services, will be the speaker this month. She will be speaking on Veterans Benefits. You don't want to miss this event.

There is Free Dental Care for Veterans in Boise and Meridian on November 9th only. For an appointment, call either:

- Emerald Smiles Dentistry, 675 N. Milwaukee St., Boise at (208) 593-3221
- Meridian Smiles Dentistry, 2274 N. Eagle Rd., Meridian at (208) 839-5440
- Eagle Smiles Dentistry & Orthodontics, 6700 N. Linder Rd. at (208) 895-8555.

There will be free admission to the Warhawk Museum in Nampa on November 12-17. This is a very nice gesture toward all our Veterans from a great military museum.

Be sure to get your free flu shot or Covid-19 Booster shot, if you need it, at your Boise or Caldwell VA doctor or your own private doctor.

Don't forget to purchase your Christmas Wreaths for the Idaho Veterans Cemetery. These wreaths are important in the Holiday Remembrance of our brave veterans. Please donate to: [www.IdahoVeteransWreaths.org](http://www.IdahoVeteransWreaths.org).

God bless all of you veterans.

Danny Lowber, Service Officer, American Legion Post #113



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**Finance Reports – John Brekke**

Balance Sheet	
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As of Sep 30, 2024	
ACCOUNTS	Sep 30, 2024
<b>Assets</b>	
<b>Cash and Bank</b>	
Building Fund (868)	\$19,035.20
Paypal	\$135.68
POST (CAPI) ACCOUNT (108)	\$23,398.86
Post 113 Radio Club (789)	\$2,555.94
SAL (418)	\$775.73
Savings at ICCU (081)	\$1,926.20
<b>Total Cash and Bank</b>	<b>\$47,827.61</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>\$48,827.61</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounting Suspense	-\$40.37
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>-\$40.37</b>
<b>Long-term Liabilities</b>	
<b>Total Long-term Liabilities</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Balance Sheet - American Legion Post 113 As of Sep 30, 2024	
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<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>-\$40.37</b>
<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 Sep 30, 2024	\$6,081.22
Designated Equity	\$10,000.00
<b>Total Retained Earnings</b>	<b>\$16,081.22</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$48,867.98</b>

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**Profit and Loss**

**American Legion Post 113**

Date Range: Sep 01, 2024 to Sep 30, 2024

ACCOUNTS	Sep 01, 2024 to Sep 30, 2024
<b>Income</b>	
Dues Income:Membership Dues	\$470.00
Fundraising: Raffles	\$40.00
Fundraising:Miscellaneous Revenue	\$80.01
Interest Savings, Short-term CD	\$6.73
Program Income:Canteen Donations	\$289.02
Program Income:Ham Radio Club	\$528.00
Program Income:Honor Guard	\$370.00
Rental - building usage	\$800.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,583.76</b>
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	
	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	
As a percentage of Total Income	<b>\$2,583.76</b> 100.00%

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Operating Expenses	
Facilities:Operations and Maintenance	\$337.52
Facilities:Post Equipment	\$76.33
Facilities:Utilities:Gas	\$21.54
Facilities:Utilities:Internet * Phone	\$71.22
Facilities:Utilities:Trash / Sewer and Water	\$367.18
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> <span>Profit and Loss - American Legion Post 113 Date Range: Sep 01, 2024 to Sep 30, 2024</span> <span>Created on Oct 11, 2024 Page 1 / 2</span> </div>	
Operating Expenses	
Post Operations:National Per Capita	\$462.50
Post Operations:Office Miscellaneous	\$166.43
Post Operations:Postage, Mailing Services	\$100.00
Program Expenses:Americanism Programs:Scouts	\$100.00
Program Expenses:Veteran Affairs:Honor Guard	\$157.97
Program Expenses:Veteran Affairs:Post gatherings, net	\$128.61
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,989.30</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>\$594.46</b>
<i>As a percentage of Total Income</i>	<i>23.01%</i>

Scouts Troop 1 is chartered by our Post. Since we are responsible for their financial oversight, in October we had their ICCU account moved so we may monitor their transactions. As of October 30, 2024 they had \$25,230.63 in their account.

Please review the meeting minutes that are included in the pages above to see what additional information was shared during the month of October 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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**Mission Briefing from the 2nd Vice**

I hope this message finds you well. As we continue to honor your service and dedication, we want to ensure that our community remains a vibrant and supportive space for all. One of the best ways to foster this sense of camaraderie is through active participation in our events and activities.

We warmly invite you to join us for our monthly potluck. This gathering is more than just a meal; it's an opportunity to reconnect with old friends, make new ones, and share stories and experiences that only fellow veterans can truly understand. Your presence adds immense value to these events, and we believe that together, we can create lasting memories and a stronger community bond.

In addition to the potluck, we are eager to hear from you about the types of activities you would like to see more of. Your feedback is crucial in helping us tailor our programs to better meet your needs and interests. Whether it's more social gatherings, educational workshops, or recreational outings, we want to know what matters most to you.

Please take a moment to share your thoughts and suggestions with me. My mobile # is 408-858-1995. Your input will help shape the future of our community activities, ensuring they are both enjoyable and meaningful for everyone involved.

Thank you for your continued support and participation. We look forward to seeing you at the next potluck and hearing your valuable feedback.

Ernest Cook  
2nd Vice Commander, events and operations  
208-202-5737 ext 109

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**Post 113 Officers for 2024 – 2025**

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