

POST 34 NEWS



Glenn M. Sickels Post 34 of Kennewick-Pasco

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Commander's Corner

To the men, women and family members of Glenn M. Sickels Post 34, welcome to November. This is the month our nation celebrates its veterans and gives its thanks for the blessings of the past year.

There are a lot of schools in our community that are celebrating the veteran. Take some time from your busy day to celebrate with the youngest of our nation's citizens.

The calendar for November 7th through 11th has an activity for everybody to be involved in. School assemblies, Veterans Day parade, and the Boy Scouts of America Retirement of the Colors, among others.

Your Post is also planning its annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 28th for our Legion Family and entire veteran community. Donations and volunteers are being requested to make this Thanksgiving Day dinner a success. Additional dinner information is included elsewhere in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there.

Your Executive Committee is working to get the doors of your Post reopened. To accomplish this will take dedicated volunteers. There is a niche for every member.

Here are some cheers to hardworking volunteers. From the day it was noticed that the Blue Bridge flag was frayed, and the day Mother Nature blew it down, the efforts of the Flag Committee have been incredible. And the support received from our neighbors, businesses and the media has been overwhelming. This is a glowing example of Americanism throughout our community at its finest.

Ladies and gentlemen, we could and should be the leading veterans' organization of the Columbia Basin. Member volunteers are needed for everything from Honor Guard to Children and Youth. The EBoard cannot fulfill all the duties, responsibilities, and labor needs of your Post 34, and I urge each member to take the online

American Legion Extension Institute course offered to Legionnaires, Auxiliary and S.A.L.s at www.legion.org/alei. The training is free and will give you grassroots knowledge of what being an American Legion member is. To the members who have completed the course, thank you.

Volunteers, volunteers, volunteers. Give your Post a call at (509) 545-1200, be involved.

"For God and Country, we associate together..."

Christopher Tucker
AL Post 34 Commander



Adjutant's Advisory

Membership cards should be coming to you in the mail soon if you have paid your 2020 dues either online or by US mail. Thank you to all who have renewed. Several members recently responded to their second annual reminder from the Legion's national office. However, due to National's processing practices, those reminders were also sent to members who had already paid. Our apologies to the people who were so affected.

Your attention is directed to the MAST licensing course mentioned by the Riders and described in the training section of this newsletter which covers the Washington state certification required for people who want to help extend Post operating hours by volunteering as servers in bar and lounge areas. Involvement by Post member volunteers will be very important in providing services desired for Post revitalization.

Stephen Upson
AL Post 34 Adjutant



Auxiliary News

Hello Everyone,

Great things are happening at the Post on all levels. The Legionnaires and Auxiliary have teamed up on several endeavors to revitalize our post and the programs of the TLA and ALA. A huge

thank you goes out to all who have and are helping to save our Post. Together, we can accomplish anything.

Auxiliary Bake Sale

Our annual bake sale will be held on Saturday, November 23rd from 2 to 6 pm. Stop in for a visit and pick up some delectable delights for your holiday dinners. Volunteers are needed to provide home baked goodies and they should be dropped off at the Post no later than noon on the 23rd.

Steak Dinners

Our next steak Dinner will be this Friday, November 1st and on December 6th next month. I would like to thank everyone for your continued support. It takes everyone to make the dinners successful and this includes our guests so, please, invite your friends and family to all Post events.

Fall Meet and Greet

I would like to thank all the volunteers who participated in the meet and greet. The potato bar was wonderful, and it was nice to see the new faces and meet members that I previously had not met. We all received quite an education as we studied our respective programs of the ALA so that we could teach what we learned to others. There is so much to learn about this organization and I am excited to see what the future holds for the Unit and for The American Legion Family of Post 34.

National President's Visit

Nicole Clapp will be visiting the beautiful state of Washington November 21st-24th. She will be at Post 7 in Bellingham where a Mr. and Miss Poppy Contest and Fall Tea will be held on November 24th. If you are interested in attending the cost is \$8.00. Please RSVP to Lora Shanahan loraevrsn@icloud.com or call 360-306-0070.

National Poppy Day / Stand Down

The American Legion Auxiliary will have a booth a stand down this year and will be distributing Poppies. We will also have a "Poppy Booth" at Umpqua Bank in Pasco from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and are still in need of one volunteer for that mission.

Thank you, again, for your support and determination as we get things figured out and going in a new direction.

In Spirit of Service, Not for Self, For Veteran, God and Country.

Cathy Rossi
AL Auxiliary Unit 34 President



American Legion Riders News

Annual nominations for the American Legion Riders' Executive Board were held at the October 29th general membership meeting. Members nominated for the six EBoard positions are as follows:

- Director – Jeff Madsen
- Assistant Director – John Wilson and Dave Hawthorne
- Secretary – Deb Hawthorne
- Treasurer – Frank Akerley
- Sergeant-at-Arms – Bob Smith, Kevin Krause, and Mario Martinez
- Road Captain – Chuck Cutrell

Elections will take place at the November 17th Membership meeting at 11:00am at Post 34, Pasco, WA, following our ALR Breakfast. Positions will be effective January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Riders participated in a couple events in October, first being a flag retirement/raising on the 12th at a veteran's home in Kennewick in conjunction with the Auxiliary. The family was very appreciative, and the veteran commented that this was the first time he had been thanked for his service since returning from Vietnam. On October 25th we stood a flag line for the Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Celebration at the Three Rivers Convention Center, with General Mattis being the keynote speaker. It was a sell-out crowd who thanked us as they walked by, with some even saluting our flags. It was an honor to participate in the event, and riders with the Patriot Guard joined us.

November is going to be a busy month. Events will be posted on our Facebook page, as well as emailed to members. Your participation and support at our events will be appreciated!

Members need to check their food worker cards and make sure they are up to date if you plan to volunteer at any of the food serving events, and a copy must be placed in the kitchen.

It was approved at the October membership meeting, to sponsor one attendee to the Young Marines in the amount of \$250. The Young Marines is a national youth program for boys and girls, ages eight through completion of high school. They focus on leadership, citizenship through community service, self-discipline, and living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. Members also voted to support the efforts of the Auxiliary with a \$200 contribution

toward the Walla Walla VA home's Christmas party.

November 9th is the Veterans Day Parade in West Richland – let's make a good showing from our Chapter! You can either meet Chuck Cutrell at 0730 at Exxon on Road 100 or meet David Reitz at 0800 at Ty's Bar & Grill in West Richland. We will then proceed together to the parade line-up area.



There will be a chili feed at the park after the parade, sponsored by Combat Veterans International. Please RSVP to Chuck at (509) 545-1983 if you plan to ride. Cages are not part of the parade, but all Legion members and families are welcome to attend and watch from the sidelines.

Also mark your calendars for December 15th at 3:00pm for our annual ALR Christmas potluck and gift exchange (\$25 limit). Hope to see you there!

I encourage members to support the breakfasts sponsored by the Legionnaires every first Sunday of the month from 8-10am \$8; Steak Dinners sponsored by the Auxiliary every first Friday from 5-7pm \$15; Game Days at the Post on Sundays to watch Seattle Seahawk's games; as well as the breakfasts sponsored by Riders on the third Sunday of the month from 8-10am \$8. Our Legion family needs your support!

Commander Chris Tucker has been working with Legionnaire committees to try to re-open the Post three days a week, including the bar and lounge. In order to make this happen, they need volunteers to work the bar. If you are interested and can spare some time, contact Chris at 509-545-1200 (Post cell phone) and find out how to obtain a MAST (Mandatory Alcohol Server Training) license in the Online Tools and Education section below.

Jeff "Mad Dog" Madsen
ALR Chapter 34 Director



The American Legion Family's Community Outreach

Walla Walla Gift Shop

The Veteran's Gift Shop will be held at the Veteran's home this year instead of the theatre as it has been in years past. It always falls the week after Thanksgiving and this year's dates are December 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Volunteers are still needed to help set up on Monday and to work at the shop on Tuesday and Wednesday. We are also in need of gifts and/or donations to purchase items for the gift shop. The gift shop is a place where the

residents of the VA hospital and homes get to shop, for free, for their loved ones. All gifts are wrapped and mailed to the recipient at no cost to the veteran. Due to the high cost of shipping we are looking for gifts that are lightweight, other than that, there are no rules. We need items for boy/girls and men/women of all ages. If you are attending the Thanksgiving dinner please bring a gift at that time or drop them off at the post Wed – Sat, 2-6 pm.

Thanksgiving Dinner

We are still in the preparation and planning stage of the annual Thanksgiving dinner, but we will be having a meal on Thanksgiving Day. There will be a committee meeting on Sunday, November 3rd at 11:00 am after breakfast. We would really like to serve some homeless veteran and are looking for ways to reach out to these people as well as those that have nowhere else to go for the holidays. If you have any ideas or information about how to reach these individuals, please attend the meeting and share them with us.

Americanism

Way to go AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY! Sandee (Meema) Payne has agreed to take the lead on our Flag Fund Project to raise fund to replace the American Flag that sits atop the blue bridge and to also replace other flags around our community that are tattered and worn out. She has contacted local media outlets and her and several other members of The American Legion Family have conducted interviews to get the word out. The community response has been amazing!

Christmas Parties

This year's Area Four Christmas Party will be held on December 8th and, historically, is always on the first Saturday of December. Items needed by the residents are **BRAND NEW** socks, underwear, jeans, coffee creamer and sugar.

The Auxiliary is once again heading up a time of celebration for Christmas with the residents of the VA home in Walla Walla. The date is December 14th from 1:30 to 4:00 pm. Both the ALA and the ALR have committed to donating \$200 each to purchase gifts and a meal to share with the residents. This is a wonderful event as we get personal interaction with our veterans and it includes a day of games, Christmas caroling, socializing and FOOD, always food with us, right? We are not allowed to bring any home baked goodies but purchased goodies are always

welcome if you would like to bring something for the snack table. This is an American Legion Family event, and everyone is welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Cathy Rossi at pres.alaunit34@gmail.com or call 832-851-6454.

Cathy Rossi
AL Auxiliary Unit 34 President
and Riders Chapter 34 Member



Online Tools and Education



Members wishing to support reopening the Post lounge and bar by becoming volunteer alcohol servers need to obtain their Mandatory Alcohol Server Training (MAST) license. A three-hour online course is offered for this at a cost of only \$8.95 by Responsible Serving® at <https://rserveing.com/web/rserveing.php?siteid=251>.

So please log in, sign up, complete the course and help the Post expand its operation.



Go to www.legion.org/dispatch/mylegion and click on **LEARN MORE >** to join mylegion. Once a member, select **My Profile** to review your data or print your membership card. Select **Membership** to request future automatic dues payments or to opt in for future notices to be delivered to your email address instead of by regular USPS mail address.

Visit [The American Legion Education Institute](http://www.legion.org/alei) at www.legion.org/alei to complete the course.

Post 34 American Legion Officers 2019 – 2020

Commander	Chris Tucker
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1 st Vice Commander	Bob Trethewey
2 nd Vice Commander	Gary Armstrong
Finance Officer	Frank Akerley
Service Officer	Paul Lamm
Chaplain	Garth Rettinghouse
Sergeant at Arms	Luz Medrano
Historian	(Vacant)
Judge Advocate	Bob Clark
Honor Guard Captain	Luz Medrano
Junior Past Commander	Wayne Hein
1 st Year Committeeman	Dave Cadman
2 nd Year Committeeman	Bob Wiggins
3 rd Year Committeeman	Jeff Madsen

Unit 34 Auxiliary Officers 2019 – 2020

President	Cathy Rossi
1 st Vice President	Dianna Garrison
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Secretary	Kathy Loveland
Treasurer	Arleen Miller
Chaplain	(Vacant)
Sergeant at Arms	Barb Cutrell
Historian	Jessica Wurdeman
Members-at-Large	Ann Tucker
	Carolyn Carpenter
	Sande (Meema) Payne

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1 st Vice Commander	Doug Schmunk
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Adjutant	Kurt Bautch
Finance Officer	Kurt Bautch
Sergeant at Arms	Ralph Grohs
Chaplain	Jim Reed (Dual member)
Legion Advisers	Bob Wiggins (Dual member)
	Bruce McKee

Chapter 34 AL Riders Officers 2019 – 2020

Director	Jeff "Mad Dog" Madsen
Assistant Director	David "Flopper" Reitz
Secretary	Kathy Loveland
Treasurer	Frank Akerley
Sergeant at Arms	Ed Houghtaling
Road Captain	Chuck "Woodchuck" Cutrell
Quartermaster	Bob "Caveman" Smith
Chaplain	Garth Rettinghouse

Bylaws Committee 2019 – 2020

Chris Tucker, Chair	
Bob Clark	Steve Upson
John Fish	Bob Wiggins

House/Building Committee 2019 – 2020

Wayne Hein, Chair	
Kurt Bautch	Steve Upson
Dave Cadman	Bill Whitehead
Jay Kloehn	Bob Wiggins

Flag Committee 2019 – 2020

Sande (Meema) Payne, Chair	
John Fish	Steve Upson
Cathy Rossi	Bob Wiggins
Bob Trethewey	



Please contact committee chairpersons or the individual spearheading any event mentioned in meetings or listed in this newsletter that you are willing and able to take part in - or call the Commander on the Post telephone (509) 545-1200 for additional information. Thank you!

Membership Information

Online renewals for Legion members are at www.legion.org/renew, for Auxiliary members at <https://www.alaforveterans.org/renew/>, and S.A.L. members should contact their Adjutant.

If you know of a prospective new member, please direct them to apply at:

- Legion - <https://www.legion.org/join>
Legion POC – Steve Upson, Post Adjutant
Riders POC – Ed Houghtaling, Chapter Sergeant at Arms
- Auxiliary – <https://www.alaforveterans.org/join/>
Auxiliary POC – Arleen Miller, Membership Chair
- S.A.L.s – <https://www.legion.org/sons/join>
S.A.L.s POC – Kurt Bautch, Squadron Adjutant

November Events and Meetings Posted on Facebook

Visit the following pages for current information.

- Legion: www.facebook.com/pg/post34/posts/
- Auxiliary: www.facebook.com/pg/americanlegionauxiliary34/posts/
- Riders: www.facebook.com/pg/riderspasco/posts/

Friday, November 1



STEAK DINNER!
Friday, Nov. 1, 2019
5:00pm-7:00pm

Cooks Andy & Garth *Bring your family & friends to a yummy dinner!*

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Sunday, November 3

American Legion Family Breakfast



Offered to all members, families, and the public for only \$8.00 on
Sunday, November 3rd from 8:00 am to 10:00 am
at The American Legion Post 34, 1029 West Sylvester St., Pasco, WA.

- Eggs made to order
- Biscuits with gravy
- Regular or blueberry pancakes
- Fried potatoes with or without bell pepper and onions
- Bacon and/or sausage
- Fruit
- Coffee
- Juice
- Milk

Hosted by American Legion Post 34 Legionnaires
A Legion Family Event

Note: After breakfast, our Post Thanksgiving Dinner planning meeting will be held at 11:00 AM.

Sunday, November 3

GAME DAY!
American Legion Post 34
1029 W. Sylvester St, Pasco WA

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers


SUNDAY, Nov. 3, 2019
GAME TIME: 1300 hrs (PST)

BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS & GROG

FAMILY

Monday, November 4

ALR E-BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, NOV 4, 2019
7:00PM @ LEGION



Thursday, November 7

Veterans Day
Military Appreciation Day
WE SALUTE YOU

Our day will be featuring YOU.
Please join us on **Thursday, November 7, 2019** beginning at 9:00 a.m. because we value YOU and your service.

Highlands Middle School and its student body is proud to welcome Veterans Day Salutes as our keynote speaker. Mr. Saliers, along with the Department of Education, the History Channel, and various local veterans' chapters, will participate in our annual celebration to honor all men and women who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. Highlands celebration will include:

- Sign in, Meet and Greet, and Socialize at 9:00-9:30 a.m. in the school's library
- School-wide Assembly at 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. in the school's gymnasium
- Classroom Visit #1: 10:45 - 11:45 a.m.
- Buffet Luncheon 12:00 - 12:35 p.m. in the school's library

Thursday, November 7

American Legion
Glenn M. Sickels Post 34
of Kennewick-Pasco
House/Building Committee Mtg.

1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm
1029 West Sylvester Street
Pasco, Washington

Friday, November 8

Columbia Basin Veteran Stand Down & Expo

SOUTHRIDGE SPORTS PAVILION
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2019
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Services offered to veterans with proof of service:

Medical Screenings	Employment Services
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Haircuts	Workshops
VA Medical	Entertainment
VA Claims Processing	Much more!

Saturday, November 9

Happy Veterans Day

VETERANS DAY PARADE
W. RICHLAND WA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019
0800 Meet at Ty's Bar & Grill, West Richland
Or
0730 Meet at Exxon, Road 100, Pasco
PARADE STARTS AT 0930 AT CORNER OF GROSSCUP & PROCEED DOWN VAN GIESEN. ENDS AT FLAT TOP PARK
CHILI FEED SPONSORED BY COMBAT VETERANS INTERN'L



Sunday, November 10

VETERANS DAY
*** HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ***

SUN. NOV 10 AT 10 AM
A Salute to Veterans
Red Rail Espresso (The Little Red Caboose) -...


★ Interested

Wednesday, November 13

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF BENTON AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES

Boys & Girls Club Honor Veterans
November 13, 2019
Dinner at 6:30pm
801 N. 18th Ave.
Pasco, WA

RSVP: Chuck Cutrell 509-545-1983



Thursday, November 14

American Legion
Glenn M. Sickels Post 34
of Kennewick-Pasco
Executive Board Meeting

2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm
1029 West Sylvester Street
Pasco, Washington

Thursday, November 21

American Legion
Glenn M. Sickels Post 34
of Kennewick-Pasco
Legion Membership Meeting

3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm
1029 West Sylvester Street
Pasco, Washington

Thursday, November 28


Thanksgiving Day Dinner at Post 34

Thursday, November 28th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

A delicious meal is offered free of charge to Legion members, their families and guests - as well as all veterans in our community.

The full traditional dinner with all the fixings will be expertly prepared and served by our talented and dedicated Post 34 culinary and hospitality team for your dining pleasure.

Please mark your calendars and join us!



Thursday, November 28

American Legion
Glenn M. Sickels Post 34
of Kennewick-Pasco
Bylaws Committee Meeting

4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm
1029 West Sylvester Street
Pasco, Washington

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Seabee Veterans of America
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Any Current or Former Seabees are invited to join us the First Tuesday of the Month
Time: 6 p.m.
Where: American Legion Post 34

Thanks to all who served and are still serving in the U.S. Armed Services.

Jack and Shirley Frare

