

POST 34 NEWS



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Commander's Corner

2019 is the year of our Centennial Celebration which marks the 100th year of the American Legion.

Many of our Posts around the country have already celebrated this occasion. Due to the status of our home Post we have elected to postpone this event until later in the year. We have selected the Clover Island Inn to host a Centennial Banquet to be held on September 13th. This month new officers will be elected, and committee's will be reformed, one specifically for the Centennial Banquet. The venue will seat 150 attendees. This will be a high profile event with local business leaders and politicians being invited with the majority of veterans. This is your chance (turn) to step up and be a part of a great event that will help resolve our need for another Post home building. So, hop on board the Centennial Committee.

The month of May saw our last events at the Post building. If you ladies didn't get to attend the Chip & Dales Road Kill Revue you missed an excellent opportunity to see just how far our Legionnaires will go to have a good time with fund raising... and I'll leave it at that! Casino Night, although not a huge success, turned out to be very good and worth trying again in the future. Even Bunco night turned out to be a hoot.

Once again, I want to thank all the volunteers who have given their time to make these events so successful.

On April 7th we officially closed the Lounge

Operation and closed the Post. Meetings will continue to be held there until we officially sell the building.

Thirteen Legion Riders made a trip to Meridian, Idaho for the Ride for 22 fundraiser. The event memorialized the veterans who committed suicide last year. Over a thousand participants registered for the event which was held on April 27th.

We want to wish our Post lounge staff, as we say in the Navy, "fair winds and calm seas" as they seek new adventures in employment. They were a great staff and will be sorely missed in our everyday lives.

This quote is for all those who have volunteered their time in our great organization, "When I give you my time, I'm giving you a portion of my life that I can never get back. Please don't make me regret it".
- Unknown.

Joe Winters

AL Post 34 Commander



Auxiliary News

Hello all, we wrapped up another great year with our Auxiliary.

Our new officers are as follows:

- President: Vickie Evans
- 1st vice: Dianna Garrison
- 2nd vice: Cathy Rossi
- Secretary: Kathy Loveland
- Treasurer: Arleen Miller
- Sgt. at Arms: Sherry Hein
- Historian: Jessica Wurdeman
- E-Board members: Mary Lewis, Carolyn Carpenter, Cheyenne Bell

The delegates to Department Convention are Vickie Evans, Dianna Garrison, Jessica Wurdeman, and Ann Tucker.

I want to personally thank all the wonderful ladies who volunteered their time for all our activities throughout the year. Also, a special thanks to Andy Johnson and Garth Rettinghouse for the wonderful dinners they cooked throughout the year.

We are planning to set up an Auxiliary Unit #34 booth at the fair and also at one of the Dust Devil's games this summer.

We are working on a float so we can also be a part of the 4th of July parade.

At this time, we have 11 girls signed up to attend Evergreen Girls State! We are very excited about this.

Enjoy your summer and our meetings will begin again in September. Time and place are yet to be determined but watch the newsletter for the information.

For God and Country, service not self.

Vickie Evans

Auxiliary Unit #34 President



American Legion Riders

ALR general membership meetings will now be held monthly on the third Wednesdays, 7:00pm at the Roundtable Pizza in Pasco starting in May until further notice. If you intend to have dinner at the Roundtable, we encourage you to arrive early and get your food ordered, as they close promptly at 9:00pm. The ALR Executive Board meetings will continue to be held monthly on the first Mondays at 7:00pm; location to be determined.

The month of April was a busy one for Riders. April 12 – Funeral procession for Jim Ezell, a member of 50 Calibers; April 18 – Honor Ride to escort the remains of our forgotten military heroes to Medical Lake, WA; April 25 – Forgotten Heroes Interment at the WA State Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake, WA; April 26 thru 28 – Ride for

22 “Veterans Suicide Awareness” in Meridian, Idaho; and April 27 – Cruisin’ for a Cause Poker Ride to Touchet, WA for “Wreaths Across America.” It’s an honor to be invited to these events, and we appreciate the American Legion Riders for volunteering their time to participate and represent our group. A special “thank you” to Jeff Larson and Marie Penavs for being our gracious hosts at the Ride for 22 in Idaho!

The annual Washington State ALR Rally will be held June 28-30 in Chewelah, WA at post 54. Registration fee is \$50. If you plan to attend, we encouraged you to register soon at www.americanlegionriderspost54.com/upcoming-events.

Our local U.S. Coast Guard is holding an Open House on May 4th, 10am-2pm at 434 Clover Island Drive. The event will include tours of their vessels and facilities, demonstrations, games, hot dogs and refreshments. It will be a good opportunity for the public to interact with our local law enforcement agencies, fire departments, emergency services, and military branches. Also, on May 4th ALR Chapter 36 in Yakima is having a Motorcycle Show & Shine / Hogs n Dogs 11am to 2pm at Owens Harley Davidson, N. 1st Street, Yakima.

Pendleton Bike Week is scheduled for July 17-21. This year’s venue includes a special event at the Pendleton Airport. They will be closing the runway on the 17th for a “Ride with the Raiders” in commemoration of the 1942 Doolittle Raid which featured pilots who trained in Pendleton in advance of their raid mission. It will honor the WWII operation which boosted morale following Pearl Harbor. At 3:20pm, the approximate time the pilots took off on their mission, bikers will ride down the runway in waves, simulating the soldiers’ take-offs in 1942!

The SE Washington Chapter of Heroes on the Water has invited the public to attend their “Welcome Home Veterans Celebration” on July 19-21. They have invited Post 34 to participate in this event, and it was suggested

at our last meeting that ALR set up a shooting gallery booth using air guns. We will be discussing this further at our May meetings and make a final decision on whether to participate. For additional information on this event, go to www.facebook.com/events/1709441652534961/.

Sam Horn with Heroes on the Water also noted that his Chapter will be trying to schedule an event in August, specifically designed for American Legion Post 34. If this opportunity comes to fruition, we are contemplating holding our annual ALR BBQ in conjunction with their event in August. Stay tuned for further information.

Our ALR Assistant Director, David Reitz, has been working diligently on the arrangements for our annual Patriot Day Run being held on September 7, 2019. A flyer for this event has been posted on our Facebook page and copies will be distributed at our upcoming

meetings. Your assistance in obtaining donations/sponsors for our major event this year will be greatly appreciated! Texas Roadhouse has graciously offered to provide food for the day, as well as sponsor a 1-day event at their restaurant whereby 10% of their profits would be donated to the American Legion Riders. We will coordinate a date with them for this to take place. We appreciate the support we continue to receive from the Texas Roadhouse management for the American Legion family!

Positive thoughts and prayers for Herb Ward, ALR 34 Life Member, who has been moved to a care unit in Othello.

Quote for the day: "Never ride faster than your guardian angel can fly."

- Anonymous

Jeff Madsen
ALR Chapter 34 Director



You can renew your membership online at www.legion.org/renew.

American Legion members wishing to join Pasco Eagles Aerie 2241 may obtain an application on Monday or Thursday from 4–8pm from Secretary Jocelyn Langlois at the Aerie located at 2829 Sylvester Street in Pasco. Prorated fees available through May 28th include a one-year free membership for veterans and first responders.



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Immediate Past Commander Wayne Hein
1 Year Committeeman (Vacant)
2 Year Committeeman (Vacant)
3 Year Committeeman George Warner

Election of our 2019 - 2020 officers takes place at the May 15th general membership meeting.

Unit 34 Auxiliary Officers 2019 – 2020

President Vickie Evans
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Secretary Kathy Loveland
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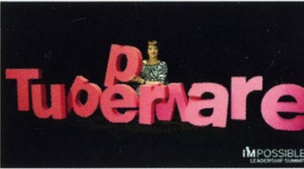
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Thanks to all who served and are still serving in the U.S. Armed Services.

Jack and Shirley Frare

