

POST 34 NEWS



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Commander's Corner

Greetings and salutations.

Another month has passed and the new one is upon us, and it looks like spring is sooner and winter is beginning to pass. So now if you haven't been in here lately, you should drop by. We have a new paint job in the lounge. God bless those that worked and gave up their two weeks to give of their time. Thank you.

The other events coming up are a first come first served steak dinner on Saturday, March 12th from 5 pm to 7, and we'll have two breakfasts, one on Sunday the 6th from 9 am to 11 and another on the 20th at the same time.

Our EBoard meeting will be on the 10th at 6 pm and our general meeting will be on Thursday, the 17th at 7 pm. The 17th is St. Patrick's Day so we will serve a corned beef and cabbage meal for \$6 from 2 to 4 pm that day.

A double elimination cribbage tournament with a \$10.00 entry fee will be held beginning at 2pm on Saturday the 26th.

We are also coming up on nominations for new officers and we have quite a few that are vacant.

Feel free to contact me anytime for anything in regard to the Legion and concerns you might have.

God Bless America & God bless the American family.

Garth Rettinghouse
Post 34 Commander



Adjutant Advisory

I have been appointed Post 34 Adjutant for the remainder of the year. Doing so I would like to let everybody know that all membership cards were mailed out during November 2021 and if you still haven't got your card, I will send you a duplicate card. You need to contact me either by text or email. Phone number is 509-572-5862 and email is tretheweyrobert@gmail.com.

Let's remember that in March we will be nominating officers for the new year. We nominate in March, April and May and elect in May.

We also need to appoint Convention delegates for the Department of Washington Convention, which is scheduled for July 22-24, 2022, at the Red Lion in Pasco. If you are interested in being a delegate, please let me know. I will try and do the best I can for Post 34.

Thank You and God Bless.

Bob Trethewey
Post 34 Adjutant



The Narrow Gate



What do you say to a Legion member's spouse to console them, in a Chaplain's role, when they have lost a loved one? What do you say when you didn't know them or their spouse at all? Sometimes you simply introduce yourself, say why you are calling, and allow them to do the talking. The main thing is to just let them know you cared enough to call and make the connection. Not everybody was an active member. Many were just supportive members sharing a common interest: involvement with an organization of former Military personnel.

Most people don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. That becomes known when you "show" it. And that only takes a moment sometimes. Don't miss that opportunity.

If anyone has a question about this month's topic or any other matter of the heart, please contact the Post Chaplain.

Murrel Petry
Post 34 Chaplain



The Final Note



I spoke with a lady this week who lost her husband 2 weeks ago. He was a Viet Nam veteran. He never spoke much about the war or his role in it. His funeral is scheduled for this weekend. When I asked her if he was going to have Military Honors she easily replied, "No, I don't think he was into that sort of thing; he never spoke about the war during our marriage."

I mentioned that he had been given that right by Congress in 1999 if a request is made. Her reply remained that "no, it would be a simple funeral" instead.

Now, she is entitled to her opinion and her desire will be honored but my opinion is that many Viet Nam veterans came back from the war disrespected by the public and have "chosen" not to speak of the war. Most are proud to have stepped forward and accepted their nation's call to duty; and would be honored to know their place in history has had appreciation shown as their last act upon this earth.

It is a true honor to serve in our nation's Armed Forces and as such it is OUR privilege to show them the proper respect due for defending it against foes, both foreign and domestic.

As Veterans or current Service Members, most of us realize at any one moment we are each only a heartbeat away from being "formally" eligible for the services of a Military Honor Guard ourselves.

If you "HAVE what it TAKES" to be an Honor Guard member, we will "TAKE what you HAVE". Please contact me: mspetry07@aol.com or 509-627-9038.

Murrel Petry
Post 34 Honor Guard Captain



Auxiliary Unit 34 News

Hello ladies.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 34 will be receiving our new charter in March (depending on national and the COVID restrictions). We are very excited to get back on board. If you haven't paid your dues, do so, then we will transfer you to our Post 34 Unit when we get the Charter.

With the Washington Department Convention

coming to Pasco this summer, we need ideas and volunteers. Everyone has an idea. Let's get this Auxiliary off on a positive note.

We would like and need a couple of ladies to step up and volunteer for the EBoard. We need a Vice President, Historian and Members at Large.

It will be great to have our chapter back doing the great things, following the tradition of prior chapters.

Although regular meeting nights have not yet been set, we would like to have a meeting after the Legion breakfast on March 6th, at 11:30 am. Come have breakfast from 9-11, then join the meeting.

Thank you all and we look forward to seeing your bright and smiley faces.

Sande Payne- Interim President

Cathy Rossi - Secretary

Elizabeth Lacy - Treasurer

Christie Lawler - Sergeant at Arms

Sandee Payne

Auxiliary Unit 34 President



American Legion Riders Chapter 34 News

Greetings Riders!

This is the third time I've written an article for the newsletter this year, hopefully this one gets published.

We began 2022 with some new faces on the Executive Committee, including myself. Our former Director Jeff Madsen, Secretary Tammy Madsen, and Assistant Director John Wilson have stepped down. Let's thank them for their many hours of hard work and dedication. As I write this submission for the March newsletter, the positions of Director, Secretary, and Sergeant at Arms are ALL vacant. If you have an interest in serving in any of these positions, please let me know. The only way this organization can continue to exist is with volunteers willing to perform the tasks necessary to fulfill the mission.

We're beginning to see organized rides being announced by local groups, please take advantage of these as well as the breakfasts, dinners and other happenings at our Post and other Eastern Washington posts.

The annual Ride Calendar meeting for our area will be held on March 11th. I will be attending along with our Road Captain Chuck Cutrell, and we'll get a copy to distribute once it's published. At this point

we already have a few dates to consider marking on your calendars:

- 🏍️ Pipe Hitters Union ride - March 12
- 🏍️ Undertakers memorial poker run - April 16
- 🏍️ "Ride for 22" event in Boise, ID - April 16
- 🏍️ Iron Blood ride - April 23
- 🏍️ 50 Calibers ride - May 7
- 🏍️ Legion Legacy Fund ride in Centralia - June 18
- 🏍️ ALR State Rally in Spokane - July 29-30
- 🏍️ Our annual Patriot Day Ride - September 10

PLEASE remember: If you have not yet paid your ALR dues for 2022 it is \$20 and can be paid to our Treasurer, Frank Akerley either in person or via mail to: 3620 W Wernett Rd, Pasco, WA 99301-2556.

Also, remember to keep your American Legion, Sons of the American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary membership paid up and active as it's a requirement of being an American Legion Rider. Please feel free to contact me with any comments, suggestions, or ideas – you can reach me via Facebook Messenger, text, or email. My email address is cavemanlegionrider@gmail.com, and my phone number is 509-554-7605.

Bob "Caveman" Smith

ALR Chapter 34 Assistant Director



"When I'm riding my motorcycle, I'm glad to be alive. When I stop riding my motorcycle, I'm glad to be alive."

– Neil Peart

Post 34 Legion Officers 2021 - 2022

Commander Garth Rettinghouse
 Adjutant Bob Trethewey
 1st Vice Commander Bob Smith
 2nd Vice Commander Brian Pacsuta
 Finance Officer Juan Celedon
 Service Officer (Vacant)
 Chaplain Murrel Petry
 Sergeant at Arms Murrel Petry
 Historian (Vacant)
 Judge Advocate (Vacant)
 Honor Guard Captain Murrel Petry
 Junior Past Commander Bob Trethewey
 1st Year Committeeman Dave Cadman
 2nd Year Committeeman Edward Houghtaling
 3rd Year Committeeman Bob Wiggins

Unit 34 Auxiliary Officers 2022 - 2023

President Sandee Payne
 Vice President (Vacant)
 Secretary Cathy Rossi
 Treasurer Elizabeth Lacy
 Sergeant at Arms Christie Lawler
 Historian (Vacant)
 Members at Large (Vacant)
 (Vacant)

Squadron 34 S.A.L. Officers 2021 – 2022

Commander Kurt Bautch
 1st Vice Commander Doug Schmunk
 2nd Vice Commander Dick McIntyre
 Adjutant Kurt Bautch
 Finance Officer Kurt Bautch
 Sergeant at Arms (Vacant)
 Chaplain Jim Reed*
 Legion Advisers Bob Wiggins*
 Bruce McKee

*Dual member of Legion & S.A.L.

Chapter 34 AL Riders Officers 2021 - 2022

Director (Vacant)
 Assistant Director Bob “Caveman” Smith
 Secretary (Vacant)
 Treasurer Frank Akerley
 Sergeant at Arms (Vacant)
 Road Captain Chuck “Woodchuck” Cutrell
 Quartermaster Bob “Caveman” Smith
 Chaplain Garth “Bebop” Rettinghouse

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