

POST 34 NEWS



Glenn M. Sickles Post 34 of Kennewick-Pasco

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Commander's Corner

Ladies and Gentlemen of Glen M. Sickles American Legion Post 34, Kennewick-Pasco Family. Summer is nearly gone, and the colors of Fall will soon surround us.

For Our Post to experience New Beginnings it is going to take the entire membership, not just the EBoard. To the members that have multiple years of life experience, be a mentor to those of us with lesser experience. Be welcoming to new faces. To the newer members, reach out for knowledge of the fading generations. We need to share in the rejuvenation of Our Post.

It is going to take Volunteers in committees for this to happen. In the last general meeting of Legionnaires, a request went out. Two members stepped up to be part of the Bylaws Committee. And to commend the membership, the hall was packed. But back to volunteers. The doors cannot open (to a Veterans Community Center or the Lounge) without dedicated volunteers, and 6 volunteers per day is a minimum. It is going to take donations - to forgive the past and to build on the future - from the membership to re-open and rejuvenate Our Post. Please contact me or one of the committeemen if there is someplace where you can share your enthusiasm. Calling the Post telephone number will connect you with me.

There are 2 positions on the EBoard that need to be filled: 2nd Year Committeeman and Historian.

Reach out to your friends and neighbors about membership in The American Legion. If they served honorably from December 7, 1941 to the present day, they are eligible.

The Life and Longevity of Glen M. Sickles American Legion Post 34 is up to The Post Family.

Christopher Tucker
AL Post 34 Commander



Adjutant's Advisory

Dues and Don'ts: Dues - Please be sure to pay your 2020 dues via the Legion's website at

www.legion.org/renew or by returning your remittance in the envelope provided with your National reminder letter. Don't - forget or wait until the end of the year when finances usually become strained during the holiday seasons.

Thank you to everyone who has already taken care of this! Membership cards are still being processed and those who've paid should get theirs soon.

Stephen Upson
AL Post 34 Adjutant



Auxiliary News

Hello all,

I hope you have enjoyed your summer. The Auxiliary did keep busy all summer. It was fun for all of us.

We will have our meeting on Sept. 19th. The EBoard will meet at 6:00 pm and the General Auxiliary will meet at 7:00 pm. I would like to invite all Auxiliary members to come out to the meeting. Just a reminder to all: YOUR AUXILIARY CARDS WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31st. We are now taking dues for 2020. Please get your dues in soon. Let's set a goal of having all our 2020 dues paid by the first week in January. Your Auxiliary cards go from January 1st to December 31st. There is also a contest for membership. Let's try to get the prize this year for all members to be paid in full by January!

We will be having a steak dinner on September 6th. It will start at 5:00 pm. Andy and Garth will return as our award-winning chefs!! We are happy to have them back. We need volunteers to help with the dinner. Please let us know if you can help. We have many things planned for the coming year and are very excited about it. Come and be a part of our Auxiliary Unit #34.

For God and Country, in service, not self.

Vickie Evans
AL Auxiliary Unit 34 President



Sons of the American Legion News

New 2020 S.A.L. membership cards are in, so you may mail your renewals to Kurt Bautch - S.A.L. Adjutant, 205 S. 26th Ave Pasco, WA. 99301.

Remember with your renewal you can keep your years of service and your new card will also allow you to go into other Posts if you are doing some traveling.

Kurt Bautch
S.A.L. Squadron 34 Commander,
Adjutant & Finance Officer



American Legion Riders News

Our main event and fundraiser for 2019 is quickly approaching, which is our annual Patriot Day Ride & Poker Run being held on September 7th. The event will start and end at the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in Pasco. ALR members have been busy planning the event, gathering donations for the silent auction, and selling raffle tickets for the RadRover Electric Bicycle. The Planning Committee has confirmed the food vendor for that afternoon, which is Texas Roadhouse, and has also hired a DJ to provide music. If there are any bicycle raffle tickets left, they will be sold at the event. Our three event sponsors this year are West Richland Golf Course, Bombing Range Brewing Company, and Desert Valley Powersports. Join the American Legion Riders for a day of entertainment and fun! For more details, a flyer is posted on our Facebook page.

A big thank you to Doug and Rosemary Corn for hosting our annual BBQ on August 3rd. The venue was perfect and made for another successful event! Thank you to those who brought potluck dishes and to John "Tinman" Fish for helping me cook the hamburgers and hot dogs. I look forward to next year's gathering!

August was another busy month for the Riders, with participation in a graveside service for Legionnaire Tim Keaton, as well as attending a funeral service and celebration of life for SAL (Sons of The American Legion) member Ralph Grohs. A trip to Mt. Rainier National Park was planned and led by our Road Captain, Chuck Cutrell for a fun day out of town!

Upcoming Rides – See posts on our Facebook page for more details:

- Sept. 4 – Forgotten Heroes Honor Ride – Escort of Cremains to Veterans National

Cemetery in Medical Lake, WA

- Sept. 7 – Annual ALR Patriot Day Ride/Poker Run
- Sept. 10 – Forgotten Heroes Final Commitment Ceremony, Medical Lake
- Sept. 11 – 9/11 Memorial Program at Southridge Memorial in Kennewick, sponsored by "Never Forget USA"

ALR will be riding in the Veterans Day Parade again this year, in downtown West Richland on November 9th. Mark your calendars and come out and support this event! Another event I encourage Riders to support is the American Legion Auxiliary's steak dinner on Friday, September 6th starting at 5:00 pm at the Legion, only \$13.00 for a full steak dinner!

I am proud to announce that due to the recent passing of Senate Bill 504 that opened membership eligibility for the American Legion, our Road Captain - Chuck Cutrell - is now eligible for "Veteran" status membership of American Legion Post 34. Chuck was previously a member of the Legion through the Sons of The American Legion (SALs). Congratulations Chuck! He will now be wearing a Veteran patch on his ALR vest. The passing of this Bill also gives us an opportunity to get out there and recruit new members who were previously not eligible, who were those that served during the Cold War, Libyan Conflict, and Persian Gulf Conflicts. The government is finally recognizing these as a period of war and those who served during these timeframes are now eligible for membership in The American Legion!

Jeff "Mad Dog" Madsen
ALR Chapter 34 Director



Online Tools and Education



Go to www.legion.org/dispatch/mylegion and click on **LEARN MORE >** to join [mylegion](http://www.legion.org/dispatch/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.

You are also encouraged to visit [The American Legion Education Institute](http://www.legion.org/alei) at www.legion.org/alei to complete the ~3-hour **Basic Training** course.

Post 34 American Legion Officers 2019 – 2020

Commander	Chris Tucker
Adjutant	Steve Upson
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	(Vacant)
3 rd Year Committeeman	Jeff Madsen

Unit 34 Auxiliary Officers 2019 – 2020

President	Vickie Evans
1 st Vice President	Dianna Garrison
2 nd Vice President	Cathy Rossi
Secretary	Kathy Loveland
Treasurer	Arleen Miller
Chaplain	(Vacant)
Sergeant at Arms	Sherry Hein
Historian	Jessica Wurdeman
EBoard Members	Mary Lewis
	Carolyn Carpenter
	Cheyenne Bell

Squadron 34 S.A.L. Officers 2019 - 2020

Commander	Kurt Bautch
1 st Vice Commander	Doug Schmunk
2 nd Vice Commander	Dick McIntyre
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, Chairman	
Bob Clark	Steve Upson
John Fish	Bob Wiggins

House/Building Committee 2019 – 2020

Wayne Hein, Chairman	
Kurt Bautch	Jay Kloehn
Dave Cadman	Steve Upson
Vickie Evans	Bill Whitehead

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>
- Auxiliary – <https://www.alaforveterans.org/join/>
- S.A.L.s – <https://www.legion.org/sons/join>

Joining and paying dues online is highly encouraged because it expedites processing and places data directly into the National databases.

Membership points of contact at our Post are:

- Legion – Steve Upson, Post Adjutant
- Auxiliary – Arleen Miller, Membership Chair
- S.A.L.s – Kurt Bautch, Squadron Adjutant
- Riders – Ed Houghtaling, Chapter Sergeant at Arms

**Taps for Comrades**

Faul, Donald E., Dept. of Washington, Post 34, Legionnaire, 2012 – 2019, US Army, Vietnam.

Grohs, Ralph Edward, Dept. of Washington, Squadron 34, S.A.L., 1998 – 2019.

Keaton, Joseph (Tim), Dept. of Washington, Post 34, Legionnaire, 2004 – 2019, US Army, Korea.

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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

