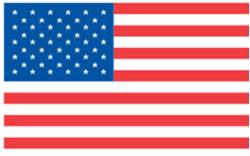


# POST 34 NEWS



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## Commander's Corner

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Glen M. Sickles American Legion Post 34, Kennewick-Pasco Family: Welcome to the 101<sup>st</sup> year of The American Legion.

Somewhere in the last decade our Post has lost the focus of The Mission and become a bunch of good ole boys and girls, arguing and pointing fingers, looking to place blame for the situation we are in today. We, as members past and present, are all responsible. It's time to take the skeletons out of the closet and bury those old bones.

We need to rejuvenate our Post and get back to The Mission: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth. Our Mission at Post 34 particularly needs to concentrate on Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation and Children and Youth. We need to be visible in Our community.

Our Post has been on a side track, able only to just paying the bills - to the point that we had to lock the doors. The Membership has the ability to reverse this action by being active Volunteers in Post programs. Your elected members are reaching out for active volunteers and viable proposals to get back on the 'main line'. It takes more than the elected members of the Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons of The Legion. It's time to rejuvenate Our Legion Family.

I am inviting the ALA President, S.A.L. Commander and ALR Director to attend all

the EBoard meetings to get the lines of communication started. This action is a *must*. Committees formed need active volunteers from each organization.

We all share the same Mission, so let's get rid of the 'round tuit' and get 'back to it'.

Christopher "Fryar Tuck" Tucker  
AL Post 34 Commander



## Adjutant's Advisory

Legion EBoard members Chris Tucker, Steve Upson and member Brian Glasgow represented the Post as delegates to the Department of Washington's 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention in Spokane last month. Brian was elected 12<sup>th</sup> District Commander, so he is to be congratulated!

In a new approach to fundraising, a donation capability is being established on the Post 34 Facebook page - with an initial goal of \$10,000. It will be interesting to learn how effective it will be for the Post. This had been attempted earlier but was declined by Facebook because our "American Legion Post 34" page name did not agree with our documented legal name of "Glenn M. Sickles Post 34 of Kennewick-Pasco, American Legion". The page name was changed, and a request resubmitted for Facebook to validate the Post as a non-profit organization according to their standards.

As a reminder to those who have not already done so, please be sure to pay your 2020 dues as soon as you can. Payment via the Legion's website at [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew) is much preferred to sending a check to the Post because it is much faster and reduces manual data entry effort locally. Many of you have

renewed via the web - and I thank you!  
Now your patience is requested in receiving a 2020 membership card; this is a new responsibility for me, and it takes time to learn and do - and then to deliver. Thank you all.

Steve "Professor" Upson  
AL Post 34 Adjutant



## Auxiliary News

Hello.

The Auxiliary had a busy summer. We had so much fun making our float and being in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

We want to thank the following people for all their help in the parade: David Armstrong, Cost Less Carpet, Jim Evans, Lance Billingsley, David and Michelle Reitz, Richard and Linda DesJarlais, Joe Loveland, and Lee Nelson. We also want to thank all the people who helped decorate and ride the float.

We had lots of fun.

We had 4 delegates attend department convention: Vickie Evans, Dianna Garrison, Jessica Wurdeman, and Ann Tucker. It was a great convention.

We had 2 ladies that were appointed Department chairmanships: Dianna Garrison was appointed the Department chairman for the C.O.R.D. program in Walla Walla. Jessica Wurdeman was appointed Department Poppy Chairman.

We have one Department officer now; Vickie Evans was elected as the American Legion Auxiliary Department Chaplain. Congratulations to these ladies.

Summer will be over soon and as we head into fall, we will begin our monthly meetings again. Our first meeting will be Sept. 19th. We will have our EBoard meeting at 6:00 PM with our general meeting at 7:00 pm. We hope to see everyone there.

We will be having a steak dinner the first Friday in September. It will begin at 5:00

pm. Come out and enjoy dinner at the Post on September 6<sup>th</sup>, if it is still open. Otherwise we will likely have it at the Eagles, and you will be informed of any such change. Cost for dinner will be \$13.00.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

In service not self, for God and Country.

Vickie Evans

AL Auxiliary Unit 34 President



## American Legion Riders

First, I would like to announce there has been a change in the location of the ALR annual BBQ! It has been moved to Doug Corn's place in Finley on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 1:00pm. ALR is providing hamburgers, hot dogs, and soft drinks. Please bring your favorite potluck dish and/or dessert. Overnight camping is an option. Check our Facebook page for additional information. I hope to see you all there!

In July the American Legion Riders participated in the following: Flag Raising Ceremony at Camping World; 4th of July Parade at which ALR received the "Best in Show" award in the automotive club category; Flag Raising Ceremony at Solstice Senior Living Center; American Legion Department of Washington Convention; Pendleton Bike Week's commemoration of Army Air Corp's 17th Bombardment Squadron's take-off from the Pendleton airport for the raid on Tokyo, Japan.

I'm proud to announce that at the June ALR State Rally in Chewelah, WA our group was presented with the "traveling trophy" for 2019 as we had the most patched riders in attendance. Thank you to all those who joined us at the State Rally and participated in the group rides. Also, a big thank you to Post 54 for hosting the 2019 Rally!

Upcoming Meetings: ALR E-Board August 5<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm at Post 34 Pasco; Patriots Day Ride Planning Committee August 19<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm at the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Pasco; and ALR

General Membership August 21<sup>st</sup> - 7:00pm at Post 34 Pasco.

Our Road Captain, Chuck Cutrell, has planned a fun all-day ride for Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> to Mt. Rainier National Park. Meet at 0730 at Exxon on Road 100. Please RSVP. Additional information will be posted on our Facebook page.

President Donald J. Trump signed Senate Bill 504 the "Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service" (LEGION) Act on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 in the Oval Office. Now that the legislation has been signed, The American Legion's eligibility criteria immediately changes from seven war eras to two: April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918, and Dec. 7, 1941 to a time later determined by the federal government. No other restrictions to American Legion membership are changed. The larger pool of veterans will also open their family members to eligibility in the Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary as well. A big win for the American Legion!

**REMINDER:** Mandatory motorcycle insurance went into effect July 28, 2019! All Washington riders will now need to carry proof of motorcycle insurance with you, or face penalties. Minimum limits - \$25,000 Bodily Injury liability (BI); \$25,000 Uninsured/Under-Insured Motorists (UM/UIM); and \$10,000 Property Damage liability (PD). WA Motorcycle Law Tip: Buy as much UM/IUM coverage as you can afford (at least \$100k per person), as this protects riders from drivers who do not carry enough insurance for the rider's injuries.

We still need donations for our September 7<sup>th</sup> Patriots Day silent auction. Please get out there and gather donations!



Note: If you are interested in purchasing JoJo patches, they can be purchased through PayPal - [Paypal.me/poolshark603](https://www.paypal.me/poolshark603).

Suggested donation is per patch - \$10. Be sure to indicate quantity of patches you are ordering, and your shipping address in the notes!

Quote for the day: "A bike on the road is worth two in the shed." - Anonymous

Jeff "Mad Dog" Madsen  
ALR Chapter 34 Director



## Community Outreach

The Auxiliary participated in Live@5 again this year and we just completed our last week. Our volunteers Joe and Kathy Loveland, Scott and Carolyn Carpenter, Bob Wiggins and myself, put in very long days as we have to be set up by 2:30 the afternoon of the event which actually runs from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Thank you for your support and dedication because without YOU none of this would be possible.

A new event was added to the community outreach lineup this summer which was the "American Legion Family" booth at the Water Follies. Although this event was spearheaded by the Auxiliary it truly was a Legion Family effort. The Water Follies booth was a huge success on many levels and I would like to extend special thanks and appreciation to the Sons of the American and the American Legion Riders for providing the meal for the volunteers and our active duty men and women that were on site, and the following volunteers who came together to make this event such a success; Sam Rabideau, Tara Coburn, Scott and Carolyn Carpenter, Jeff and Tammy Madsen, Jeff Coburn, Garth Rettinghouse, Lynn Simons, Luz Medrano, John Wilson, Dan Gottschalk, Kathy and Joe Loveland, and Kevin Krause.

The active duty military on site were the local recruiters who give us most of the items that we give away at our outreach events throughout the summer, as well as some from the west side of the state and the two gentlemen who drive the Army's 18 wheeler and travel all summer for these types of



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*Jack and Shirley Frare*

