

# POST 34 NEWS



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### Commander's Corner

Greetings and Salutations American Legion Family.

This month has come to an end with nothing but another month gone. Due to the snow, we had our first breakfast and our general meeting canceled. Thank you to all that volunteered - and for those of you that came for our breakfast last Sunday. We were very pleased and honored to have Department of Washington Commander Bob Clark and Adjutant Jesse Decesaro-Horton join us for breakfast.

Spring will be soon upon us and that means a yard sale at the Legion, so start looking at what you don't need and would like to donate for that fundraiser.

As of this day the state has received our check for our renewal license for the bar. In a short time, I'll be working with our local liquor inspector. I'll keep you all informed.

A reminder to those that would like to help in the kitchen. You'll need to get your food handlers cards online thru the Ben Franklin Health dept. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or ideas that you might have in regard to our post.

Come enjoy breakfast with us again on the 2nd and 4th Sunday in March!

Also, please note that the positions of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, Service Officer, Historian, and Judge Advocate are vacant, and I am seeking volunteers to fill those roles.

God Bless the American Legion Family and God Bless America.

Garth Rettinghouse  
Post 34 Commander



### The Narrow Gate



Life is but a passing fancy. Thirty days hath September, April, June and November. But Man has more; or less, more or less.

Psalm 90:10: "The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away."

The truth of the matter is that we may have 70 years, or 80 years.....or more.....or less . And then we are gone from this world. No one knows our lifespan except God. Do you know where you will wind up after this life on earth? Jesus claimed to be the Son of the living God.

1 John 5:12: "Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life."

It is speaking of eternal life with God in Heaven. Do you have assurance you will be in Heaven after this life? If you don't, you have NO assurances at all.

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

In John 14:6, Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

God has created a path where there was none before. But time is of the essence for none of us know how long we have left. IF you have doubts or questions about your Salvation in Heaven, contact your American Legion Chaplain for guidance and direction.

Murrel Petry  
Post 34 Chaplain



### The Final Note



It has been another very busy month for our Honor Guard. We have had an average 2 funerals per week; on occasion, an emergency overnight mission. Einan's and Mueller's have been the major clients.

We lost our initial "1st Sargent" last month as Dave Casbarra moved to San Diego to have a J-O-B. Good luck, Dave.

We have been experiencing dwindling numbers but still have almost full complements on occasion. We are exploring ways to increase membership and coverage in this business we are becoming fluent in. When asked why a particular Service was not making an appearance for a funeral, one cemetery replied, "We like when YOU guys do it. " I am very proud of this group of patriots who train and drill very hard to honor these deceased veterans and their families.

We have been cross-training so different people learn the several and varied roles we perform in our presentation. Roles we perform include: A Soldier's

Poem, Final Roll Call, 3 volleys of Rifle Fire, Taps, Flag folding and presentation, polished Shell Presentation.

If you are a vet and are a member of a Veteran Service Organization, you are eligible to join our ranks. If you have what it takes, we want to take what you have.

If you are interested, call me at 509-627-9038.

Murrel Petry  
Post 34 Honor Guard Captain



**American Legion Riders News**

Greetings to everyone! I hope you all made it through Snowmageddon without too much trouble. February sure did fly by. Due to all the snow, our ALR breakfast in February was cancelled. However, it was decided at our last meeting that we would cook another breakfast on March 14th. It will be from 0800-1000. I need all of your help to make this a success.

We are supporting a fundraiser on March 6th. We will be meeting at the Post at 10:45, kickstands up at 11:00. Please see the flyer on our Facebook page for more details. Dress for the weather and arrive fueled up.

Hopefully 2021 will be a better year and we will be able to get together more often as a group and ride. Check your tires and batteries and make sure that your insurance is current so we can all be in compliance with the State laws. For those who are already riding, be on the lookout for loose sand and gravel in intersections leftover from snow removal. Stay safe and I'll see you out there soon.

Jeff "Mad Dog" Madsen  
ALR Chapter 34 Director



**Taps for a Comrade**



Longtime Post 34 Legionnaire **Thomas W. 'Tommy' Ashby**, 93, a US Army veteran of the Korean War era and railroad industry retiree, passed away on February 22, 2021. Tommy had lived in the Tri-Cities for 46 years and was a Legionnaire for 31 years. He was a familiar patron of Post 34, friendly and well liked. His cremains will be put to rest at the Washington State Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake at a time yet to be determined.

**Post 34 American Legion Officers 2020 - 2021**

- Commander..... Garth Rettinghouse
- Adjutant ..... Dwayne Goché
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander..... Bob Smith
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander ..... (Vacant)
- Finance Officer ..... Frank Akerley
- Service Officer ..... (Vacant)
- Chaplain ..... Murrel Petry
- Sergeant at Arms ..... Luz Medrano
- Historian ..... (Vacant)
- Judge Advocate..... (Vacant)
- Honor Guard Captain ..... Murrel Petry
- Junior Past Commander..... Bob Trethewey
- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Committeeman..... Bob Wiggins
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Committeeman ..... Dave Cadman
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Committeeman ..... Edward Houghtaling

**Squadron 34 S.A.L. Officers 2020 - 2021**

- Commander..... Kurt Bautch
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander..... Doug Schmunk
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander ..... Dick McIntyre
- Adjutant ..... Kurt Bautch
- Finance Officer ..... Kurt Bautch
- Sergeant at Arms ..... (Vacant)
- Chaplain ..... Jim Reed (Dual member)
- Legion Advisers..... Bob Wiggins (Dual member)  
Bruce McKee

**Chapter 34 AL Riders Officers 2021**

- Director..... Jeff "Mad Dog" Madsen
- Assistant Director ..... John "Jake Brake" Wilson
- Secretary ..... Tammy "Gingersnap" Madsen
- Treasurer..... Frank Akerley
- Sergeant at Arms ..... Jason Wells
- Road Captain ..... Chuck "Woodchuck" Cutrell
- Quartermaster ..... Bob "Caveman" Smith
- Chaplain ..... Garth "Bebop" Rettinghouse