

POST 34 NEWS



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Commander's Corner

Greetings and salutations!

August is upon us and I hope all members are staying cool and are in good health. As you may have heard, the Post Newsletter and Calendar is being delivered by U.S. Mail as well as email and posting on the website. We are seeing many members that didn't know that we were open.

Please help me get the word out that we'll be having a pulled pork night on August 27 which is a Friday from 5:00PM to 7:00PM. Cost will be \$10 a plate, served with coleslaw and beans, first come first serve.

September is right behind that, which is the Legion yard sale on Friday the 3rd and Saturday the 4th from 10:00AM until 4:00PM. So, if you have anything that you would like to donate to the yard sale, bring it to the Post!

September also starts dinners and breakfasts, and I would love to have those who would help please get their food handler cards and let me know who you are.

With Football starting at the end of the month, the Post hours will be changing and will be open 7 days a week with soon-to-be gambling;

- Monday 2:00PM to 10:00PM (NFL football),
- Tuesday and Wednesday 2:00PM to 9:00PM,
- Thursday 2:00PM to 10:00PM (NFL football),
- Friday 2:00PM to 9:00PM,
- Saturday 10:00AM to 9:00PM (college football),
- Sunday 9:00AM to 9:00PM (NFL football).

Also, I'd like to put out call to all SAL members to get ahold of me or Kurt to determine if you all would be interested in getting together for your meetings.

God Bless America & God Bless the American Legion family.

Garth Rettinghouse
Post 34 Commander



The Narrow Gate



"My word is my bond." "Really, I'm not lying."
"Honest, I swear!" or the ultimate, "I swear on my Mother's eyes." Some pretty powerful arguments. But is this all necessary?

In the Bible, in the book of Matthew, Jesus was instructing His Disciples in how to lead and live their lives to be viewed well in God's eyes. He talked about murder, He talked about love for their enemies, He talked about an eye for an eye, and He talked about telling the truth. All were items leading up to the Sermon on the Mount. In Matthew 5:37, New King James Version, Jesus said, "But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one."

In a practical application it means all you need to do is tell someone straight forward, "Yes" or "No". You and I are not going to change ANY of the circumstances about our situation. It is either the way we told the story or it isn't. We don't need to make up excuses or supplement the facts to make it more interesting. Adding all the other evidence of fact (or fiction) is truly unnecessary and is actually evidence of Satan tempting us to venture into his territory by stretching the truth or plain outright lying.

The Bible also instructs us to either be hot or cold in our decisions but not lukewarm. In Revelation 3:15-16 Jesus said, "I wish you were cold or hot, but because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will vomit you out of my mouth."

In other words, we are not to be fence-sitters; take one position or another but don't sit on the fence. And by practicing good, sound position, we will also help build and earn support for our "yes" or our "no" which contributes to our integrity as well as our dependability as American Legion members.

If anyone has a question about this month's topic or anything else, please contact your Post Chaplain.

Murrel Petry
Post 34 Chaplain



The Final Note



How do we conduct Military Honors for our Veterans' services?

Typically, we have an opening "Welcome" to those in attendance. We then have one of our members recite a Veteran's Poem. Next, we personalize a Final Roll Call per the branch of the service the deceased was a member of. We progress into a Moment of Silence for the deceased after which a bell is sounded 3 times. As the Flag Detail "pops" the Ensign open, our Rifle Squad opens fire with 3 volleys of Rifle Fire. Most of the time a live Bugler plays Taps immediately after. When this is not available, we have a recorded version that has been described as "hauntingly eerie". The flag is then folded and presented to the next of kin. A set of polished brass is also presented to the next of kin in a satin sachet bag along with a custom card making a wonderful memento by which to remember the occasion. Finally, a short prayer is delivered. Afterwards, our members march off the burial grounds and are dismissed. The spent shells are picked up and occasionally distributed to grandkids as requested. Our Military Honors presentation is then complete and preparations are begun for the next one.

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

If you "HAVE what it TAKES" to be an Honor Guard member, we will "TAKE what you HAVE". Contact: Murrel Petry, Honor Guard Captain, Post 34.

"Know OUR Flag" answer for July:
On Memorial Day, when and how is the flag to be (most) properly displayed?

- C. Raise it to Full-staff and then lower it to Half-staff at sunrise; then Full-staff at noon.

"Know OUR Flag" question for August:

Can any rule or custom pertaining to the display of the flag be modified, altered, or repealed by the Commander in Chief whenever he deems it appropriate or desirable by order of a proclamation, Yes, or No?

(Answer revealed in September edition of "The Final Note")

Murrel Petry
Post 34 Chaplain



American Legion Riders News

Happy Summer ALR! –

I hope this finds all of you well. Summer is flying by! I hope you are all beating the heat and making the best of it!

Thank you to everyone that came out to support the All-City Cruise on 4th of July. It was an awesome turnout!

The BBQ was great and much appreciated. Thank you to the Legionnaires for grilling!

Our annual Patriot Day ride is coming up quickly. We need support from all members to make this successful, so please come to our meetings so we can get information to you and get the planning underway.

We are also in need of donations. Please reach out to your friends, family and community to try to get items, gift certificates, etc. for our auction. All proceeds will be going towards our Veteran's relief fund to assist those in need.

Our annual BBQ is going to be held on August 21st at 1:00PM at the Umatilla Marina and RV Park in Umatilla, just over the river. We need volunteers to help set up and tear down and a couple of trucks to haul tables and chairs. Please contact Tammy if you can assist us with this. There is a boat launch area and a swimming area. Please bring a side dish to share, chairs, coolers with your beverages and canopies if you have them! ALR 34 will be providing the meat. Bring your family and join us for a fun day!

Keep in mind that nominations are coming up this fall. It is time for new members to step up and

volunteer to be on the Executive board as most of us have been doing this for several years now and it's time for new leadership. As always, we are all available to answer any questions you may have so feel free to reach out. Ride safe and enjoy your summer.

Jeff "Mad Dog" Madsen
ALR Chapter 34 Director



Post 34 American Legion Officers 2020 - 2021

Commander..... Garth Rettinghouse
Adjutant Dwayne Goche
1st Vice Commander Bob Smith
2nd Vice Commander Brian Pacsuta
Finance Officer Juan Celedon
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
1st Year Committeeman Dave Cadman
2nd Year Committeeman Edward Houghtaling
3rd Year Committeeman..... Bob Wiggins

Squadron 34 S.A.L. Officers 2020 – 2021

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 (Dual member)
Legion Advisers Bob Wiggins (Dual member)
Bruce McKee

Chapter 34 AL Riders Officers 2020 - 2021

Director Jeff "Mad Dog" Madsen
Assistant Director..... John "Jake Brake" Wilson
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Treasurer Frank Akerley
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