

POST 34 NEWS



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Commander's Corner

Ladies and gentlemen of Glen M. Sickles Post 34 welcome to Fall.

In last month's newsletter a request went out to the Membership for volunteers to reopen the Post, and to breathe life back into American Legion programs. It is very disturbing to share with you that the phone did not ring. When answering calls by patrons or guests about why our Post is closed, it pains my heart to explain that there are no volunteers willing to put in the time and effort to rejuvenate Our American Legion.

Our Post home has great potential for the 21st century Veteran and their families by repurposing the current floor plan to accommodate members from Junior Auxiliary, SAL, college veterans and senior members. A friendly place for friends and family to meet and visit. A place for our senior members to learn the ways of the World Wide Web (Internet). A place where today's returning service women and men can communicate with members stationed around the world.

I continue to urge the Membership to go to www.legion.org/alei and take the American Legion College Basic Training. It is free. It does not matter how many years you've been a member. Our Membership needs a "brush up" on American Legion purpose and programs.

Volunteers, volunteers. Reaching out to more volunteers. Your Executive Committee cannot perform all of the duties that we ALL signed up for. If you have suggestions to help move your Post forward, contact your Legion committeemen or Auxiliary committeewomen.

There can be no New Beginnings if we continue with the past's old ways.

Christopher Tucker
AL Post 34 Commander



Adjutant's Advisory

From 13th District Commander Don Parchen:

Members of your legion post are invited to attend

the 12th District Fall Conference at Post 115 in Benton City, 908 Dale Ave. on the 5th of October 2019. Our folks in Lacey spend a lot of time attending fall conferences so the least we can do is honor them with our presence.

There will be some good info on the new eased requirements for membership in the American Legion. PLEASE, make every effort to attend.

- 11:00-12:00-Social Hour
- 12:00-12:45 Lunch will be served by Unit 115 Auxiliary. The menu is a variety of sandwiches, coleslaw, potato salad, three bean salad, dessert cookies, watermelon, punch and coffee. The cost is \$7.00.
- The Fall Conference meeting will begin after lunch, about 12:45

Stephen Upson
AL Post 34 Adjutant



Auxiliary News

I would like to extend a sincere welcome to all of you as we venture into another year of serving our veterans, military and their family members. I am excited to delve into the year ahead and see what we can accomplish when we come together in the spirit of "Service Not Self."

The resignation of President, Vickie Evans, led to several changes in the Executive Officers with myself being elected as President, Dianna Garrison is still First Vice and Stephanie Allen Clark is the newly elected Second Vice. Kathy Loveland and Arleen Miller are still the Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. With the resignation of Sherri Hein and Mary Lewis, Barb "Stitch" Cutrell is now the Sergeant-at-Arms, Ann Tucker is our new Member-at-Large and the position of Historian is still held by Jessica Wurdeman.

Our American Legion Family has experienced much uncertainty in the last seven months with the decision to close the post and put the building up for sale.

While the building is still for sale, we are

conducting business at the post by hosting our monthly meetings and events and planning on a month to month basis. Does this make planning events difficult; you ask? Very much so but, I feel we can work through this adversity. When I think of the sacrifices made by our veterans and active duty military, I am humbled. What a small obstacle we must overcome to help those who gave so much for our freedom.

STEAK DINNERS

The steak dinners will continue as they have in the past. I apologize for the conflicting messages regarding whether the dinners would continue but, we are on track and looking forward to seeing all of you on Friday, October 4th and November 1st. The steak dinner will increase slightly from \$13.00 to \$15.00 starting on November 1st, 2019.

FALL MEET AND GREET SOCIAL AND BAKED POTATO BAR

Auxiliary Members, please join us for an evening of fellowship and fun, hosted by the Executive Board, on October 17th as we showcase the different programs of the American Legion Auxiliary using an interactive platform where you will learn about each program, initiate discussion, ask questions and share your ideas and insights! Also, this is a great opportunity to meet the new officers of the Auxiliary, The American Legion, and our District President, Hanny Elston, who will be stopping in for a visit. Look for your invitation in the mail!

COMMITTEE CHAIR NOMINATIONS

Every year the President is to appoint committee chairs and I want to hear from you, first. Please attend the general membership meeting following the Meet and Greet when the voting for which programs we want to support (what are you passionate about?) and committee chair appointments will take place. As stated in the vision of the ALA our goal is to become “the premier service organization and foundation of every community.” LET’S DO THIS!

KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY

In lieu of a kid’s Halloween Party this year, members voted to participate in “Safe Treat Street” in Columbia Park. We are looking for volunteers to help set up and staff the booth.

HOLIDAY DINNERS

The Thanksgiving and Christmas events are in the discussion phase of development. It will take

commitment from more than the Executive Board members to make these events happen so, please attend the meetings and become involved in YOUR American Legion Auxiliary. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Meet and Greet Social on Oct 17th.

In Spirit of Service, Not for Self, For Veteran, God and Country.

Cathy Rossi
AL Auxiliary Unit 34 President



American Legion Riders News

Thank you to the ALR members who helped make our Patriot Day Ride/Poker Run a success and thank you to the 70+ riders who came out and supported our events throughout the day! Winner of the RadRover Fat Tire Electric Bike was Kevin Myers - Congratulations!

General membership meetings during winter months will be held on the third Sundays at 11:00am at the Post as voted on at the September meeting.

October will start off our seasonal Sunday breakfasts, with the first one on October 20th, 8:00 to 10:00am, with the ALR general membership meeting following at 11:00am. Volunteers to help prepare breakfast would be appreciated – with arrival time 6:00am. Bring your family and friends! Only \$8.00 for a full breakfast – Pancakes, Eggs, Biscuits & Gravy, Hash browns, and Fruit.

Nominations for ALR Executive Board positions will also take place at the October 20th meeting so it is important for members to be in attendance and come prepared with nominations! We have two positions open for 2020 – Assistant Director and Secretary. Nominees must be present to accept or deny a nomination.

Voting will take place at the November 17th meeting. If you are unable to attend the November meeting, absentee ballots can be obtained from the ALR Secretary. The policy on this subject will be sent to members through Email.

New member, Murrel Petry, was presented his American Legion Riders’ patches.

Congratulations Murrel and welcome to the ALR!



November 9th is the Veterans Day Parade in West Richland – SAVE THE DATE! Watch for ride details on our Facebook page.

Jeff “Mad Dog” Madsen
ALR Chapter 34 Director



Community Outreach

The American Legion sponsored a hole at the first “OORAH GOLF CLASSIC” held at Canyon Lakes Golf Course on the 28th of September. The proceeds from the event benefit the Local MCL Detachment #337 and the Marine Rose Program. The history and purpose of the program are explained in the following paragraphs.

History of the Marine Corps Rose

In 1778 during the War of Independence the Marine Corps Rose was dedicated to those Marines who made the Ultimate Sacrifice for their country. This tradition was continued by the French during World War One when the Marines attacked the Germans in the trenches at Belleau Wood. Roses were planted by the grateful French people at the graves of the Fallen Marines. When you see members of the Marine Corps League distributing these remembrances, take one and wear it proudly.

MCL Rose Program

IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO SERVED
FOREVER REMEMBERED

Started by Marine Eddie Gallagher from New York, designed to parallel the VFW “Poppy” program to provide funds for detachments to assist veterans and youth and provide other services to the community. Support programs such as bingo or holiday parties for hospitalized or retired veterans in retirement homes:

- Assist Wounded Veterans
- Scholarships
- Humanitarian Aid
- Health and Comfort items for Hospitalized Veterans
- Assist Local Youth Programs

<http://semperfidelis204.com/community-programs/rose-program/>

Despite the cool and windy weather, the event was a success and I am hoping that next year we will be able to have some golfers partake as well as contributing as a hole sponsor again.

There was a prime rib and salmon dinner for those who participated, and the food was wonderful. Also, there was a silent auction with loads of good stuff and some wonderful artwork for sale by local artist Cathi Lacoti, with some of the proceeds benefiting the cause. Thank you to Sergeant at Arms Luz Medrano, for paying the sponsorship fee and enrolling Post 34 as a sponsor, Commander and Mrs. Tucker for volunteering and supplying the “goodies” for the golfers (although, honestly, I think we ate more cookies than the golfers did) and to Scott Carpenter for spending the day volunteering with us for this cause. All that participated had a great time. Thank you to my American Legion Family for making this all possible.

Cathy Rossi
AL Auxiliary Unit 34 President
and Riders Member



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Go to www.legion.org/dispatch/mylegion and click on **LEARN MORE >** to join *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* at www.legion.org/alei to complete the ~3-hour **Basic Training** course.

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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
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**Thanks to all who served
and are still serving
in the U.S. Armed Services.**

Jack and Shirley Frare

