

# POST 34 NEWS



Glenn M. Sickels Post 34 of Kennewick-Pasco

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## Commander's Corner

Ladies and gentlemen of Glenn M. Sickels Post 34. The end of the old year is behind us and where we go in the future as a Post Family is really hard to say. We remember the friends and members that have passed and preceded us to the Post Everlasting. We thank the few members that give their precious time rendering honors for these families. To the members of the executive committees and the handful of active committeemen and women, thanks for the blood, sweat and tears spent in attempting to reopen the post home. The load has become increasingly heavy as members and mentors have stepped away from responsibility of the American Legion.

As we open the door to a new year and decade, how will our Post standup and standout in the community? Or shall we continue to be a name on a card for veteran bragging rights? No more ranting and raving. The Post is what YOU make it. The future is bleak as the membership sleeps.

Christopher Tucker  
AL Post 34 Commander



## Adjutant's Advisory

Many thanks to those of you who already took care of paying your dues for the 2020 calendar year! Although some unfortunate administrative issues – both nationally and locally - impacted timely dues processing, all members who have paid for 2020 should have received their membership cards by now.

Legionnaires still wishing to keep their membership current are encouraged to submit dues payment as soon as possible either by US mail or online.

Stephen Upson  
AL Post 34 Adjutant



## Auxiliary News

Happy New Year to our Legion family members! After much deliberation, we have decided to cancel our January 5<sup>th</sup> Steak Dinner due to the date being so close to New Year's Day. If all goes well, we should be back on track for the February 7<sup>th</sup> dinner – watch for announcements on the "American Legion Auxiliary Unit 34 Pasco, WA" Facebook page!

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day was December 7<sup>th</sup>; a day which will live in infamy.

Our National Auxiliary President-Elect, Nicole Clapp, visited the American Legion Department of Washington in Bellingham, WA in late November. Nicole was making her way around all 52 states to visit the various ALR State Departments. Her visit included a Mr. & Miss Poppy Contest at Unit 7. Our State Department had a busy schedule for Nicole during her 3-day visit.

A draping ceremony (an expression of sorrow and remembrance) was held at our December membership meeting in honor of the members we recently lost way too soon – Evelyn Wolvert and Kelly Howell. They may be gone but will never be forgotten. Heartfelt condolences to their families.

Unfortunately, more sad news fell upon our legion family in December. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Pat Knick as her husband Jim recently passed away; and our condolences to Janet Ward as well who lost her husband Herb. Jim was a member of the Sons of American Legion, and Herb was a Legionnaire and a Life member of the American Legion Riders. Our brothers will be sorely missed.

We joined the "Washington Operation Thank You" group and other American Legion Post 34 family members at the Pasco Airport to help welcome home Corporal Adam Baker, USMC. Adam was home for a two-week leave during the holidays. It is always an honor and an emotional experience to welcome home our military service members.

Our Unit sponsored a Christmas Party for the residents at the Walla Walla Veteran’s Home. It was a joy to spend time with the residents who were very thankful for our visit. We joined in their Bingo session and had pizza delivered for lunch. Always a humbling experience. Members of the Legion / Riders joined us for the day – thank you! Thanks to donations to the Auxiliary from the SALs and the Legion Riders, we were able to purchase a Nintendo Wii game console for the Home, which was on their Christmas wish list!

As in previous years, we contributed funds to the Walla Wall Gift Shop, where patients of the Walla Walla V.A. Hospital can shop for their families. The presents are then wrapped and mailed to the patients’ families. Thank you to the volunteers in the Gift Shop who offer this great opportunity to the patients!

Dues are due! If you have not paid your American Legion Auxiliary Unit 34 dues for 2020, now is the time to get them sent in. If you have not recruited a new member – why not? Our Veterans need our support, don’t let them down – they never let us down!

Cathy Rossi  
AL Auxiliary Unit 34 President



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### American Legion Riders News

Happy New Year, Riders!

With the closing of 2019, I would like to reflect on some of the events that the American Legion Riders took part in throughout the year, which included -- our annual ALR Patriot Day Run/Poker Ride, Honor Run & Interment at Medical Lake V.A. Cemetery, Chip ‘n Dale Kill Revue, Casino Night, Ride for 22 “Suicide Awareness,” Wreaths Across America, Cruisin’ for a Cause, WA State ALR Rally, Ride to Mt Rainier National Park, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Veterans Day Parade, Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Gold Star Family Memorial Monument in Walla Walla, Pendleton Bike Week’s “Ride with the Raiders,” 50 Calibers Poker Run/Cancer Benefit Ride, Nation of Patriots Ride, Flag Raising Ceremonies at Camping World and at the Senior Living Center, Flag Retirement/Raising for a local Veteran, Flag Line at the Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Celebration, Coats for Kids, Boys & Girls Club dinner to honor veterans, Highland Hills Middle School’s Military Appreciation Day, Posting

of Colors at Curie STEM Elementary School’s Veterans Day Assembly, Presentation of Colors at Yakima Speedway, WA State ALR Department Convention, Walla Walla V.A. Home’s Christmas party, and last but not least participation with Post 34’s Rifle Squad for funeral services and celebration of life events. Thank you to all the riders who took part in the various events and for representing ALR Chapter 34!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> for our ALR breakfast 8-10:00am, followed by our general membership meeting at 11:00am. Volunteers are always needed and welcome in the kitchen, starting at 6:00am! Don’t forget to check our Facebook page regularly for upcoming events. We plan to continue holding our meetings at the Legion in Pasco, until further notice.

Dues reminder – If you haven’t paid your 2020 ALR Dues, it’s time to do so! \$20.00 per rider.

Mark your calendars! The 2020 ALR State Rally is being hosted by Post 96 in Snohomish, WA on June 25 – 27. If you plan to attend, I recommend looking into overnight accommodations soon, as options are limited. We need to make a good showing this year, in order to keep the traveling trophy that we brought home in 2019!

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the loss of one of our ALR Life Members, Herb Ward. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife, Janet, who is a Life Member as well. May Herb now rest in peace.

Your continued support would be greatly appreciated, as we move into a new year with new adventures!

Jeff “Mad Dog” Madsen  
ALR Chapter 34 Director



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**Chapter 34 AL Riders Officers 2020**

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Where: American Legion Post 34



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

*Jack and Shirley Frare*

