

# POST 34 NEWS



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## Commander's Corner

Greetings & Salutations –

I hope this letter finds everyone doing well. July is upon us.

With a 2<sup>nd</sup> newsletter being mailed out, I'd like to give a big THANK YOU to Shannel & her office staff at Tax-Medics in Kennewick for doing this for us. If you are in need of tax advice, or have a tax problem, go see Shannel, tell her you're a legion member & tell them thank you!

Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> we'll be serving burgers & dogs from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at Post 34 after the Riders (ALR) complete their All-City Cruise.

Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup> we'll have Pulled Pork night with coleslaw & beans, \$15 per plate, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

If anyone would like to help with serving and/or cooking at the Post, give me a call or stop by and talk to me. We can use anyone with food handlers' cards, as we have more dinners and breakfast planned for the coming months.

Thank you to everyone that came down for flag day.

The third Thursday of the month is the Riders (ALR) meeting beginning at 6:00pm, followed by the Legion General meeting which begins at 7:00pm.

The Lounge is open for members and family from 2:00pm to 9:00pm, Tuesday thru Saturday.

God Bless America & God Bless the American Legion family.

Garth Rettinghouse  
Post 34 Commander



## The Narrow Gate



The following contains excerpts from "*Focus on Changes You Should Make*" by Doug Bitton.

The Bible mentions it twice in reports from Luke and Matthew on The Sermon on the Mount....so it MUST be important... Matthew 7:5 and Luke 6:42: "Take the Plank out of your own eye first."

Question: How do we get so involved with finding fault within someone else that we don't see our own faults? But believe me, people FAR removed DO see, DO make note, and DO make their own judgments, whether warranted or unwarranted.

The Bible advises us to "not cast our pearls among swine" which means don't involve others that don't have a buy-in, either intentionally or unwittingly. It could wind up contributing to your own demise.

It is more beneficial to examine, recognize, admit, and then focus your efforts on cleaning up your own yard, invest in yourselves, and make yourselves the strongest cohesive unit possible.

As a hypothetical example, each month some clubs ask at their meetings, "Is there anything further for the 'good' of the group?"

Question: are those clubs "clickish"? Do they hang with and conduct business in small "special" circles and keep certain topics hidden that otherwise may be brought out to be exposed to the world around them?

Are they participating in activities that are hamstringing their ability to attract new members or keep existing members? Are they doing everything they can to work together FOR the "good of the group" or are they actually enabling themselves and others to work toward dividing the club?

Are they perpetuating and actually promoting those things that continue to divide and tear themselves apart from the inside, so much that they don't even SEE or are in denial about what's taking place? Definitely a time to reflect....

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

Murrel Petry  
Post 34 Chaplain



- B. Raise it to Half-staff at sunrise; then raise it to Full-staff just before you retire it at sunset.
  - C. Raise it to Full-staff and then lower it to Half-staff at sunrise; then Full-staff at noon.
- (Answer revealed in August edition of “The Final Note”)

**The Final Note**



Last Monday I had the opportunity to observe the VFW Honor Guard in double-urn memoriam to honor two WWII veterans, husband and wife. My reasoning was to see how they conducted their presentation versus how we conduct ours. As it turns out we use the same rifles, although theirs are newer and appear in better shape. They all wore a similar type uniform consisting of dress shirts with patches and insignia designating “Honor Guard.”

They wore Air Cavalry-style (Stetsons) black hats with braids and we wear black berets. They were dressed exactly the same, man to man, as are we. They are all former military members where we are at least related to military members. I am actually friends with a couple of them and work closely on other veteran projects with them. But the MAIN common denominator I noticed between us is the MISSION: we all come together to honor and respect veterans and their families during their time of grief. We come to honor the service of Veterans to their country as well as to their families. Though we may wear a different uniform, we serve the same Country with the same Duty and Honor as the VFW.

Though inside I suspected, physically observing confirmed in me the same pride I feel when our own Honor Guard is privileged with honoring Veterans and their families.

God bless all Vets and God bless America!

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.

**“Know OUR Flag” Question for July:**

On Memorial Day, when and how is the flag to be (most) properly displayed?

- A. Raise it to Full-staff at sunrise; then lower it to Half-staff just before you retire it at sunset.

Murrel Petry  
Post 34 Chaplain



**American Legion Riders News**

Happy Summer ALR! –

I hope this finds all of you well. Thank you for those who supported the flag raising at Columba River cemetery (formerly known as Columbia Memorial Gardens).

Thank you to Marc and Kerry Dehart for donating an American Flag as well. I missed the last group ride but I heard it was a great time!

Our Road Captain, Chuck has some rides planned for this summer. Keep an eye out for the calendar and Facebook page with upcoming ride details.

Pasco’s 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade is cancelled again this year. As we did last year, we plan to do an all-city cruise on the 4<sup>th</sup> that will start and end at Post 34. Please arrive at the Post at 11:30am, kick stands up at noon. All are welcome! Decorate your bikes/cages and show your American pride!

The Legionnaires will be hosting a BBQ at the Post starting at 1:00pm.

Please be safe on the roads and stay hydrated! I hope to see more of you at meetings as maximum participation is helpful when planning events and fundraisers. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Jeff “Mad Dog” Madsen  
ALR Chapter 34 Director



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

Commander..... Garth Rettinghouse  
 Adjutant ..... Dwayne Goche  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander ..... Bob Smith  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
 1<sup>st</sup> Year Committeeman ..... Dave Cadman  
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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 2020 - 2021**

Director ..... Jeff “Mad Dog” Madsen  
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