

POST 34 NEWS



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Commander's Corner

Greetings & salutations American Legion Family. I hope this finds everyone in good health. Spring is upon us. Looking forward to our lounge opening this month. Due to a few small details, I foresee middle of April.

Looking for those that would like to be a part of a committee for the betterment of the legion.

Reminder general meeting 3rd Thursday the 15th of April. We'll be having nominations for officers for the next year.

Also, we'll be having a memorial for Tom Ashby at 8am, Friday, April 9th. in the parking lot. Honor Guard, then 9am KSU to escort his remains the Medical Lake Washington State Veterans Cemetery. Look forward to seeing everyone.

God Bless America & God Bless the American Legion post & family.

Garth Rettinghouse
Post 34 Commander



The Narrow Gate



Temptation.....what a word we live with every day; tempted to do the wrong thing because we aren't able to resist. Yet it is a common trait to man.

I remember in Boot Camp several "good" guys took the easy way out and left the service the 1st couple days because they "couldn't cut it; it was just too hard". The pressures were just much to bear, and they felt they had no other choice. I thought, "if 10 million guys before me can get through it, what's so different about me?" The answer simply was: NOTHING!

It's the same in our personal lives. God wants us to succeed; to overcome obstacles; to always make the right decisions.

1 Corinthians 10:13: "No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."

In other words, God will NEVER put more on your shoulders than He knows YOU can bear. He will not allow us to be pressured and tempted more than we are capable of standing; of resisting.

The problem is you and I are often not LOOKING for a way out; not looking for the answer to our dilemma. We get so caught up in the lure; the draw; the pain; the irony; and sometimes the DRAMA of it all. We say things we shouldn't. We DO things we shouldn't. And find ourselves in certain situations because we didn't SEEK a way out of our misery; out of our capsizing seas. We didn't SEEK calmer waters.

If you find yourself in issues yet feel you are tempted to do what you know to be the wrong thing, take a moment to pray for the RIGHT answer. Find someone you can trust and ask THEM to pray for the right answer in your dilemma. Seek your Pastor, Priest, or a Post Chaplain and ASK for that which God promises He is always standing by waiting and wanting to provide. He loves us all; He cares about us all and WANTS us all to live full, rich lives, together in harmony with others.

If you are struggling with ANYthing.....reach out.....to SOMEone.....TODAY, my friend.

Murrel Petry
Post 34 Chaplain



The Final Note



March continued to require our services on a somewhat regular basis. In fact, we had 4 funerals in 4 days over one long weekend.

Our Honor Guard continues to make a favorable impression on not only the families but the funeral homes as well. Now it is NOT our goal or desire to be a "featured participant" at funerals, but it is heart-warming to hear that a family has "requested" our presence and has given us exclusive "license" to conduct the Military Honors portion of their veteran loved one's service. Indeed, it is an honor to be in a position in our lives where we can "give back" to a family for what their Veteran gave for our Nation. Our Nation is ALWAYS in need of its service members....so we will always stand by at the ready during the family's time of need.

Services our Honor Guard renders include: Soldier's Poem, Final Roll Call, Moment of Silence, 3 Volleys of Rifle Fire, Taps, Flag Folding/presentation, Shell presentation, Final Prayer.

If you "have what it takes" to be an Honor Guard member, we will "take what you have". Contact Honor Guard Cap'n Petry at: 509-627-9038.

Murrel Petry
Post 34 Honor Guard Captain



American Legion Riders News

Greetings Riders!

Thanks to everyone who helped out with our breakfast for the month of March. There was a great turnout, as we served over 60 meals! We won't be serving breakfast again until October since we are moving into summer. Thank you to all of supporters.

We are saddened for the passing of long-time member of Post 34, Tommy Ashby. April 9th at 8am, there will be a Memorial for Tommy at Post 34. Afterwards, everyone is welcome to help us escort Tommy to the Washington State Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake, where his urn will be placed in a niche.

As more things are opening up, I expect there to be more opportunities to ride as a group. Keep your eyes on our Facebook page for upcoming events. Also, we have decided to continue our Patriot Day ride this year. We will be planning the ride as if business will be as usual. Take this time now to start collecting raffle and silent auction items. In addition, I need your help deciding on who we want to work with this year and a ride route. I would like to keep bar stops to minimum, so please keep that in mind.

Let's make a conscious effort to keep this group tight and get together as often as we can. Last year was a tough one, let's keep the camaraderie and brother and sisterhood strong!

Ride safe, keep your head on a swivel and I'll be seeing all of you 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.

An honors service will be conducted at the post at 8am on Friday, April 9th and at 9am his cremains will be carried from the post by a Riders detail to the Washington State Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake for his final rest.

Post 34 American Legion Officers 2020 - 2021

- Commander..... Garth Rettinghouse
- Adjutant Dwayne Goché
- 1st Vice Commander Bob Smith
- 2nd 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
- 1st Year Committeeman..... Bob Wiggins
- 2nd Year Committeeman Dave Cadman
- 3rd Year Committeeman Edward Houghtaling

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 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