

POST 34 NEWS



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Commander's Corner

Greetings & Salutations American Legion Family. As you can all see this is our first letter and calendar sent out to all our members by U.S. Mail. I'd like to give a big THANK YOU & love to Shannel and her office staff at Tax - Medic for volunteering to print up and send out our newsletter.

What a blessing it is to now be able to reach each and every member as to be involved in the going on of our American Legion Post. Things are a little slow going as summer is upon us, but the lounge will continue to be open Tuesday through Saturday 2pm to 9pm (or later if business is strong).

Would love to see more members come to our Legion monthly meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 00pm. We have the State convention this July, so we will nominate delegates, and we will hold election for Post officers, so please plan to attend the meeting and vote for delegates and officers.

With a few more volunteers we could start having monthly dinners again to enjoy with our lounge for socializing.

Please feel free to contact me or even stop by as most days I am at the Post. We also have a new legion phone number which is 509 412 1362.

Till we meet God Bless the American Legion Family & Post 34.

Garth Rettinghouse
Post 34 Commander



The Narrow Gate



The below passage is from a good friend of mine recently. My friend is not the author but the passage posed a question of me: Have we as a Nation

forgotten this?? We have progressed past "Be ALL you CAN be" to "Be EVEN what you CAN'T be". Our genders seem to have lost their identities.

"Our generation is so busy trying to prove that women can do everything men can do, women are losing the unique qualities that set us apart. The God-given femininity & unique way our Creator designed us. Women weren't created to do everything a man can do.... Women were created to do everything a man can't do."

The lioness does not try to be the lion. She embraces her role as the lioness. She is powerful, strong, and nurturing. She does not mistake her meekness for weakness. The world needs more kind, compassionate, humble, faithful, persevering, confident, fierce, bold, pure, and tender-hearted women. Be one of them 🙏"

If anyone has a question about this month's topic or any other matter of the heart, please contact the Post Chaplain.

Murrel Petry
Post 34 Chaplain



The Final Note



Yesterday I had the supreme privilege of serving as an Honor Guardsman for a good Army friend of mine I rode with in CMA (Christian Motorcyclists Association) for a good many years. He passed in February. He was a Viet Nam Purple Heart recipient. The ceremony took place at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Wa, just off Tiger Mountain. I joined forces with the Honor Guard from American Legion Post 99 out of Kent. These guys are sharp in their appearance, polished in their deliveries, and very personable, sincere, compassionate individuals; no less than what you

would hope for and expect at the last rites for your Military loved one.

I was concerned, as the guests began coming in on motorcycles and I recognized and had served with a good number of them, that I may become flustered with my own presentation. But after a short prayer for support, I assumed my role and my friend's presentation came off without a hitch.

His urn was a beautiful red and white striped blown glass with a vivid blue lid. However, carrying it out, the soldier stumbled and the lid fell off and broke. After consoling the apologizing soldier, his wife said, " Tom was always a jokester...right up to the end".

God bless your journey, Thomas Mott.

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

As veterans or current Service members, most of us realize at any point in time we are only a heartbeat away from being "formally" eligible for the services of a Military Honor Guard.

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Murrel Petry
Post 34 Honor Guard Captain 

American Legion Riders News

Greetings fellow riders!

Another month has come and gone. I will keep this newsletter fairly short and sweet as unfortunately I don't have much to report. For anyone that isn't aware, the bar is finally open! Please get the word out.

I know there are some members out there that are aware of the progress that's been made and we are proud of the Commander's hard work at getting it reopened. The Lounge hours are Tues-Sat, 2pm-9pm. Please come down and support your Post.

On Monday 5/24 at 12pm, there will be a flag raising ceremony at Columbia Memorial Gardens in Pasco. The Madsen's and the Dehart's donated two American flags to be flown in the Veteran section and the main flag pole in the center of the cemetery. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Businesses are relaxing social distancing regulations and mask requirements, let's plan some rides and get back out on the road.!

Be safe out there and let's buddy up if possible in case you have an emergency.

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 (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

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- 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