

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 beginning month of the new decade has flown by. I would like to thank the members that have developed teams to generate funds to reestablish our veteran family home. These teams consist of Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members of the Legionnaire breakfast team, ALR breakfast team and Legionnaire Taco Tuesday. Breakfast is popular as always. Taco Tuesday has had some Mother Nature issues and is generating more interest. Thank you to the members, friends and neighbors for coming out.

The Post home is no longer listed for sale. Due to some misinformation and countertop hearsay the interested party has stepped away. I attended this year's first City of Pasco council meeting and addressed the members regarding our concerns about the city's constant change in upgrade policy. This initiated a meeting with the city manager and engineer. They requested a letter of past and current building usage which has been delivered, and I am waiting further feedback.

Your executive committee is seeking members to be active in committees. Building post membership (1st Vice Commander), activities and events (2nd Vice Commander), fundraising (Finance Officer), official record keeping (Adjutant), law and order (Sergeant-at-Arms), and health and welfare (Chaplin). The committeemen are the voice and representatives of the membership.

Please, members, reach out to your elected and appointed volunteers and assist in the health and growth of your Post.

Christopher Tucker
AL Post 34 Commander



Adjutant's Advisory

Dues payments for 2020 continue to slowly be sent in. Membership processing will be completed

as quickly as possible and cards will then be sent by US mail.

We have gained some new members and have had transfers into the post as well as some transfers out, in about equal measure. Our total membership remains about the same.

Our biggest, however, challenge continues to be member involvement and volunteerism.

A membership rejuvenation effort spearheaded by national, state and district officers is taking place this month with goals of assisting veterans with VA claims and revitalizing posts by calling members who are currently unassigned to an active post (such as the Department of Washington's "ghost post", Post 0110, Evergreen, Inc.) to invite them to transfer to one locally and become involved with our mission and activities. A two-day session for this is to be hosted at Benton City/Richland Post 115 on February 3rd and 4th and similar sessions are being held during that week in Yakima and Othello. Refer to our Facebook page for details.

To improve Post 34 health Commander Tucker and I also plan to contact all current Post 34 members with unpaid 2020 dues by way of US mail and phone calls to encourage them to bring their membership current.

Legionnaires wishing to keep their membership up to date are asked to submit dues payment as soon as possible either by US mail to the Post at the address in this newsletter's heading or online.

Stephen Upson
AL Post 34 Adjutant



Auxiliary News

Upcoming social events at Post 34 need ALL Legion Family members' support. They include:

- **STEAK DINNERS**, hosted by Unit 34 Auxiliary, are "back on" and expected to continue being offered on the first Fridays of each month through April, with the next one being planned for Friday, February 7, 2020. Dinner is from 5:00pm to 7:00pm

at American Legion Post 34, 1029 Sylvester Street in Pasco. Members – please bring your family and friends and enjoy a great steak dinner for only \$15.00 each that includes a baked potato, vegetable, salad, roll, dessert and beverages. Steaks are cooked to order by Andy & Garth! Hope to see you there!

• **BREAKFASTS** on the first Sunday of each month hosted by the Legionnaires, as well as on the third Sundays of the month hosted by the Legion Riders. Both breakfasts are served from 8:00am to 10:00am at Post 34 – full meals for only \$8.00.

• **SUPER BOWL PARTY** - The Legion Riders have scheduled a party to celebrate Super Bowl Sunday on February 2nd from 3:30pm-8:30pm at Post 34. Pizza is being provided by the Riders, and everyone encouraged to bring a snack to share, as well as your own beverage of choice. All are welcome - join your fellow members in a day of fun and comradery!

• **TACOS** on Tuesdays every week at the Post are hosted by Chris & Ann Tucker from 4:00pm to 7:00pm – 5 tacos with all the extras plus a beverage for only \$7.00.

AUXILIARY MEETINGS - As a reminder to Unit 34 members, our meetings are as follows: 2nd Thursdays of the month, Executive Committee; and 3rd Thursdays of the month, General Membership. Both meetings are at 7:00pm at Post 34, Pasco. Members are encouraged to attend!!

FUNERAL SERVICE AND RECEPTION for James Knick, 18-year Legionnaire and husband of Auxiliary member Pat Knick, is being held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 12:00 to 2:00 pm at the Finley Community Church, 201512 E Finley Rd. in Kennewick. A Legion Rifle Squad composed of Brian Glasgow, Murrel Petry, Lynn Simons, Luke Sowieralski (Post 4), Chris Tucker, Steve Upson and Bob Wiggins will perform the rifle salute, followed by the flag presentation conducted by a military detail. Watch for more information on the Auxiliary and/or Legion's Facebook pages.

DUES ARE DUE! Auxiliary dues are the same as last year - \$40.00. Please remember if you are a member of the Legion Riders Chapter 34, you are also responsible for paying yearly dues with either the Auxiliary, Legion, or SALs. In accordance with the Auxiliary "Unit Guidebook," those members who did not pay their dues by January 31st are now classified as delinquent and suspended from

membership privileges. Payment of back dues, after suspension, shall reinstate such member to active membership. Any member delinquent throughout the entire year to December 31st shall automatically be dropped from the rolls and may only be reinstated by paying all back dues or by re-establishing eligibility and making application as a new member. In this instance your years of service would start over. Dues can be paid online at www.alaforveterans.org or by sending a check to Arleen Miller, Auxiliary Unit 34 Treasurer, PO Box 3021, Pasco WA 99301. We look forward to hearing from you!

Kathy Loveland for
Cathy Rossi
AL Auxiliary Unit 34 President



American Legion Riders News

I would like to give a huge *THANK YOU* to the outgoing EBoard members Flopper, Kathy, and Dirty Ho. All of you made my job easier by knowing I could rely on you to keep our group going strong. Also, thank you to the new EBoard members for volunteering to step up and take on a new challenge. I am looking forward to new adventures with you! For those of you unaware, the following are the new ALR 2020 EBoard members:

- Director – Jeff "Mad Dog" Madsen
- Assistant Director – John "Jake Brake" Wilson
- Secretary – Tammy "Gingersnap" Madsen
- Treasurer – Frank Akerley
- Sergeant-at-Arms – Mario "Road Rash" Martinez
- Road Captain – Chuck "Woodchuck" Cutrell
- Chaplain – Garth "Bebop" Rettinghouse
- Quartermaster – Bob "Caveman" Smith
- Historian – Michelle Reitz

The turnout for the New Year's Day ride was amazing! I want us to continue to keep meeting up and riding together in larger numbers for the sake of camaraderie and the shared love of having our knees in the breeze. Thank you to Chuck for putting that together!

Breakfast will be held on February 16th from 8:00am - 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 - If you have not paid your 2020 dues, please do so as soon as possible. Dues are \$20.00 per Rider member and you must have already renewed your Legion, Auxiliary or S.A.L. dues before Rider membership is valid.

Reminder: The 2020 ALR State Rally is being hosted by Post 96 in Snohomish, WA on June 25th - 28th. If you plan to attend, I recommend looking into overnight accommodations soon. We need to make an awesome showing again so we can keep the traveling trophy that we brought home in 2019!

Thanks for everyone's continued support and participation.

Jeff "Mad Dog" Madsen
ALR Chapter 34 Director



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

Jack and Shirley Frare

