

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 attempt to reopen our Post home through the call for volunteers has missed its mark. Your executive committee has been reaching out through the newsletter for members to share some of your valuable time. 6 members reached back.

I am told and read that the American Legion is the largest veteran volunteer group in the World. The "blue hats" are the heart of this volunteer group. The "heart" of Post 34 has slowly lost its beat and is being left for dead. The Department of Washington State commander has even failed in listening to "our" call for help. How to wake the members to the mission of the American Legion has fallen on deaf ears.

One hundred and one years ago started as a Veteran Service Organization, has become a collection plate of member dollars for a "card." It's far past time to get back to the original missions of our American Legion and it depends on you.

Your Post opening depends on volunteers. The Post cellular number is 509-316-8966. Call or text to share your time as a host at your Post.

Christopher Tucker
AL Post 34 Commander



Adjutant's Advisory

A few more 2020 dues payments were received last month, and membership cards have been sent to all paid up members. Dues processing will be completed as quickly as possible and cards then sent by US mail. If you have paid dues and not yet received your card, please let me know immediately and I will follow up to get it covered. You may either call me on my mobile phone 509-539-7197 or email me at pasco.al.post34.adjutant@gmail.com.

Stephen Upson
AL Post 34 Adjutant



Auxiliary News

Dear Members:

Our Auxiliary is unfortunately going through a rough patch right now. We have had two Presidents resign over the last several months and lost two additional officers in February. That leaves only seven members on the Executive Committee out of ten, 4 officers (Treasurer, Secretary, Historian, Sergeant-at-Arms) and 3 members-at-large.

Attendance at our general membership meetings has been dwindling to just Executive Committee members, and we are also lacking volunteers for our steak dinners – hence the March 6th dinner will be the last one for this season!

Our Unit is becoming dysfunctional at this point, and it was therefore suggested at the last membership meeting in February that we take a hard look at whether or not to continue "as is" with limited active members, or if we should contemplate giving up our Charter. In order to disband our Charter, it would require a majority of paid-up members to vote in favor of such action.

To get the ball rolling, one-third of the remaining Executive Committee members (which constitutes a quorum) has voted to authorize the Acting President, Arleen Miller, to mail out a letter to all current members of Unit 34 regarding this issue, at the addresses that are on file. Letters will be mailed out soon so please watch for yours! The letter will reiterate what is stated in this article.

The Membership meeting where voting will take place is scheduled for **Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 7:00pm** at the American Legion Post 34, 1029 W. Sylvester Street, Pasco WA. **We need your input and vote, one way or the other!** Hanny Elston, our 12th District President, will be attending our March 19th meeting to answer any questions that you might have. If you are not physically capable of attending that meeting, please contact Kathy Loveland, Secretary (509-250-0218) or Arleen Miller, Acting President (509-380-1721) to

offer your input and submit your vote PRIOR to the meeting.

If the majority of members vote to NOT disband Unit 34's Charter, members must then be prepared to immediately elect 7 officers and 3 community-at-large positions to fill all 10 seats on the Executive Committee. There may be some current Executive Committee members who would be willing to continue serving should this happen. Additional information can be gained from our District President on March 19th - your attendance is encouraged! Thank you for your loyalty to Unit 34 over the many years!

Arleen Miller
Acting AL Auxiliary Unit 34 President



American Legion Riders News

Hello all,

I hope the new year has been treating you well! January and February sure flew by. Nice weather is among us which brings lots of riding and events. I recommend that all riders do a safety inspection on their bikes and take care of any maintenance concerns. If you need a hand, ask a brother or sister for help. We attended the annual calendar meeting and there are a lot of rides coming up. The list is going to be posted on rumbleglobal.com and an email will be sent out as well.

Our monthly breakfast will be ending in March as usual. Volunteers, your help is greatly appreciated. I am grateful for those that step up over and over again. Thank you to our loyal and new breakfast goers!

If you have not paid your dues, please do so ASAP. Your Legion, SAL and Auxiliary dues must be current as well.

New information for the state ALR rally will be emailed out soon so be on the lookout. We need maximum attendance at the rally in Snohomish to keep our trophy from last year, so mark your calendars for June 25-28! It will be a great weekend!

Be safe out there!

Jeff "Mad Dog" Madsen
ALR Chapter 34 Director



Post 34 American Legion Officers 2019 – 2020

Commander..... Christopher Tucker
 Adjutant Stephen Upson
 1st Vice Commander Bob Trethewey
 2nd Vice Commander Gary Armstrong
 Finance Officer Frank Akerley
 Service Officer (Vacant)
 Chaplain Garth Rettinghouse
 Sergeant at Arms..... (Vacant)
 Historian (Vacant)
 Judge Advocate..... Bob Clark
 Honor Guard Captain..... (Vacant)
 Junior Past Commander (Vacant)
 1st Year Committeeman Dave Cadman
 2nd Year Committeeman Bob Wiggins
 3rd Year Committeeman..... Jeff Madsen

Unit 34 Auxiliary Officers 2019 – 2020

President (Vacant)
 1st Vice President..... (Vacant)
 2nd Vice President..... (Vacant)
 Secretary Kathy Loveland
 Treasurer/Acting President..... Arleen Miller
 Chaplain (Vacant)
 Sergeant at Arms..... Barb Cutrell
 Historian Jessica Wurdeman
 Members-at-Large Ann Tucker
 Carolyn Carpenter
 Sande (Meema) Payne

Squadron 34 S.A.L. Officers 2019 - 2020

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 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 2020

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
 Quartermaster..... Bob “Caveman” Smith
 Chaplain..... Garth “Bebop” Rettinghouse

Bylaws Committee 2019 – 2020

Chris Tucker, Chair
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Any Current or Former Seabees are invited to join us the First Tuesday of the Month
Time: 6 p.m.
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

