



Frank Spicklemire American Legion

# POST 60 NEWS

## LEGION OFFICERS

Commander  
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Mike Keithly

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander  
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Service officer  
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Sgt at Arms  
Ed Bulgin

Chaplin  
Jack Creason

Members at Large  
John Ernsberger  
Mike Waite

## AUXILIARY

President  
Jan West

Vice President  
Donna Rushby

Secretary  
Robin Miller

Treasurer  
Sheri Conrad

Sgt at Arms  
Emily Sullivan

Chaplain  
Reina Pearson

We look forward to seeing you at the Legion Dinner is held on Fridays at the Legion Hall:

Bar opens: 5pm  
Dinner: 6:30pm

## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER:

I must apologize as it has been some time since our last communication to the members - it has been a busy five months! With the continued support of several Legionnaires/Auxiliary members your post continues to play a very active role in the community. (Please see Page 2 for details.) In addition, we are continuing to grow. We are now over 155 members from 139 members less than one year ago. We now rank second in District 9 for membership. We could become number one if our membership renewal continues! (There are 12 posts in District 9.) We will be hosting the Spring District 9 meeting in April of 2011.

We are often asked to host various catered events and public forums in addition to our continued successful Friday Night Socials. It has become apparent that our kitchen has become inadequate for these functions, so the remodel has begun. We have been blessed to have financial support from Mark and Kristine Pickard (developers of Kelly's Whitewater Park). Although the Pickards have been very generous in their donations, there will be a continued need for the post to raise funds to complete the kitchen remodel in addition to other improvements to our facility.

Your post will be closed until November 20th in order to complete the present phase of the kitchen construction. We will be open for our Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on November 25th. We encourage those in the community that may be less fortunate, especially in these tough economic times, to join us for a good home-cooked Thanksgiving meal.

I would like to encourage our members to submit articles or let us know what you would like the Communication Committee to include in the newsletter.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:

First I'd like to thank Sandi Knoblock for her organizational skills and help in my transition to try to fill her shoes as President. Under Sandy's leadership our Auxiliary set many high goals. We met all of them and want to continue with our "Adopt a Vet" program at the VA Home in Boise (3 adoptees); our blankets from Santa (last year 27 blankets, our goal this year is 20); our comfort shawls for mothers and spouses of vets currently on active duty; and our "Pie Fund" which is generated by the generous donation of pie per week from Mrs. G for us to raffle at Friday night dinners. The Pie Fund is split between our "Kids Project" providing coats, boots, mittens, etc. for children in our community and our decoration/Legion support.

We want to welcome our new members, all of whom have jumped right in volunteering this time and talents. It is only through volunteering that we are able to provide the support to Vets, their families, and our community. Volunteering helps build a sense of group and individual pride. Volunteering does not mean wearing people out or taking advantage of individuals. My goal this year is to honor each member's skills, talents, and time!! Please communicate directly to me or a member of the Executive Committee your interests in volunteering and/or any concerns you may have in this area.

Thanks for your commitment to helping our Vets and our community.

## NEW LEGION MEMBERS

Dee Adams, Mike Gallagher, Heidi Gallagher, Jerry Welch, Vern Pecht, Marvin Allen, Robert Lindsey, Bud Lansing, Phillip Katsis, Travis Hyde (active duty), Wayne Franklin, Terry Tipton, Tim O'Leary, Greg Cowper, Jack Harp, Ronald Thacker, Ron Stewart, Mike Stewart

## NEW AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Diana Lannom, Jeanne Machado, Julie O'Leary, Valerie Stewart-Rice, Claire Weiber-Saveland, Jean Warwick

## FROM OUR WEBMASTER:

Remember to visit our website often to learn about the latest news on upcoming events. At our website you can also see the post's monthly calendar, review previous general meeting minutes, download our newsletter electronically in Adobe PDF format, read our annual report, and much more. There is a section for pictures that is under construction that will show many of the pictures taken at our major events when it is completed. The links section contains several useful links to other military, veteran, and government websites. You can also contact our Commander and Adjutant via email directly from our website. If you haven't checked out our website—do it NOW! Go to [www.post60news.com](http://www.post60news.com) and spend some time seeing what is available.

If you have an email address, please notify our Commander or Adjutant to provide them with your email address so that we may send you our newsletter electronically. Email is not only a very efficient way for us to communicate with our membership, it is also the fastest way to get the word out to fellow members regarding important events and information updates regarding our post.

If you have suggestions or would like to see something changed on our website, contact me at [webmaster@post60news.com](mailto:webmaster@post60news.com). Thanks for checking us out online!

## SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER.....

**May** – 8<sup>th</sup> – Held Annual Cinco de Mayo fundraiser; 12<sup>th</sup> Swearing in of New Officers; 22<sup>nd</sup> Catered event; 25<sup>th</sup> Presentation of (3) Citizenship Awards to students Cascade School; 29<sup>th</sup> Cascade School held their Annual Sober Grad event; Memorial Day Celebration, Cemeteries and Post.

**June** – (2) KWP (Kelly's Whitewater Park) Kayak Safety Classes; 6<sup>th</sup>, SAL Member John Hennings funeral; 12<sup>th</sup>, Northwest Coast Guard Auxiliary held their Annual Conference/Catered; 13<sup>th</sup> Funeral Crown Point Cemetery; 14<sup>th</sup> KWP Grand Opening, we provided all the parking attendants for over 1000 in attendance; 19<sup>th</sup> Held a Joint Legion/Chamber Community Mixer; 26<sup>th</sup> Girl Scout Fundraiser.

**July** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Marched in Annual Cascade July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade, with Post 119 participating; 7<sup>th</sup> members attended Post 119's Float Trip in Riggins for disabled Vets; 10<sup>th</sup> Funeral; 30/31<sup>st</sup> Catered for The Three Summit Bike Ride (over 600)

**August** – 1<sup>st</sup> Pioneer Day; 3rd Idaho National Honor Guard provided training for the Post members; 6<sup>th</sup> We held a surprise going way party for SGTMAJ Chin (member) who was deploying to Iraq; 11<sup>th</sup> held our annual Picnic; 13<sup>th</sup> Held Flag Raising Ceremony at KWP along with members of Post 119 and Idaho National Guard – after we catered a meal for over 200 in attendance.; 14<sup>th</sup> Catered Anniversary Party; 21<sup>st</sup> Catered KWP Family Party after the dedication of Kelly's Statue at KWP; 28<sup>th</sup> Co-hosted Mountain Home's Family retreat at Pine Lakes Ranch Beach, Fielded (2) teams for Cascade Medical Foundation Annual Golf Tournament.

**September** – 4<sup>th</sup> Held a Casino Night jointly with Cascade Chamber; 11<sup>th</sup> Held a 9/11 Celebration, with Cascade Fire/Rescue and EMS in attendance; 13<sup>th</sup> Catered Valley County Commissioners Meeting.

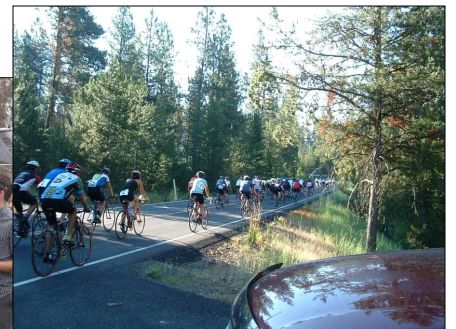
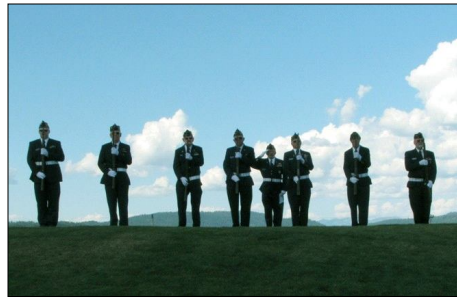
**In addition to the above:** (1) Every Friday Night we are open for the membership, Vets and their guests for dinner/favorite beverage; (2) The American Red Cross blood drives; (3) Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts meetings and events are held at the post. There is no charge for these organizations; (3) Our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Continues to serve as the Valley County Veterans Service Officer; (4) During this time the post made over \$2500 in donations, which included meals to WICAP and for other community requests. This does not include in-kind donations.

**DUES:** Recently National American Legion sent out dues notices, reminding members about their dues – please disregard this if you have received your 2011 Legion ID Card. The problem stems from delayed communication from State to National.



**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Mike Cranston, a long time member of our post, is fighting a serious health problem and needs our prayers and support.

**IN MEMORIAM:** Tim Tucker, Marvin Vigue



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\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*\*

The November General Meetings for both the Legion and the Auxiliary has been cancelled due to kitchen construction.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**November 11th**—Veterans Day: We will be holding a Flag Ceremony at 11:00 a.m. in front of the American Legion, followed by a Flag Retirement. Several members will address students at Cascade School about their service to the country and the importance of this day.

**November 25th**—Community Thanksgiving Dinner: Our annual free dinner for the Cascade community.

**December**—Santa Comes to Town: Every child will be able to visit with Santa, have their photo taken, and receive a special gift. There will be hot chocolate, goodies for all, and Santa's helpers will read stories. (date to be determined)

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