



# POST 60 NEWS

### LEGION OFFICERS

Commander  
Mike Keithly

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander  
John Pearson

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander  
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Finance Officer  
Tim O'Leary

Adjutant  
Terry O'Keefe

Service officer  
Rob Garrison

Sgt at Arms  
Ed Bulgin

Chaplin  
John Pearson

Co-Bar Commanders:  
John Pearson  
Archie Banbury

Ex Officio Officers:  
Jack Knoblock  
Archie Banbury

### AUXILIARY

President  
Donna Rushby

Vice President  
DeLeah Eavenson

Secretary  
Robin Miller

Treasurer  
Sheri Conrad

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

Bar opens: 5pm  
Dinner: 6:30pm

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## 2011 Santa Visit a Big Success



Madelyn & Ava Dunn  
Granddaughters of Jim & Jacquelyn Zemlicka



Once again the American Legion Post 60 hosted Santa for a visit just before Christmas. More than 140 local kids of all ages enjoyed personalized gifts, hot cocoa, cookies, live music, and a chance to tell Santa what they wanted this year.

Mark your calendars now for the next big Legion event ...Cinco de Mayo on May 5<sup>th</sup>!

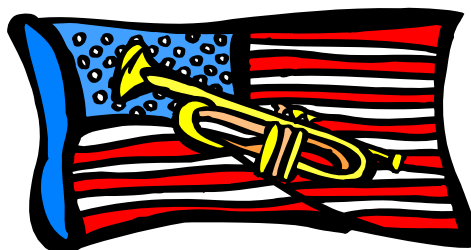


### \*\*\*Breaking News\*\*\*

We were saddened to receive the news that Howard and Ethel Koskella died in a single car accident on Highway 55. Howard was a past Commander of Post 60, serving in 1997.

Our prayers and thoughts go out to the Koskella family.

Post 60 and the Idaho Honor Guard will be providing Military Honors.



## “GET TO KNOW HENRY”

Story by George Greenfield, SAL Member

When you first meet Henry Chin you are struck by his close cropped hair, square chin, broad shoulders, strong build, and youngish appearance. He looks “military.” You also notice his quick smile and easy demeanor. You get the feeling this guy has been around; he is comfortable and confident.

Henry grew up in a tough interracial neighborhood in New York City. Fighting was a way of life...necessary to survive. By 13 he had joined a gang and by 16 he had been shot three times. He left for Canada to escape the gangs but soon found that they were after him. So, he headed for the West Coast and San Francisco. There he washed dishes but couldn't make a living so he hit the streets again. As a “new kid” in San Francisco he was forced to start at the bottom of the totem pole so he figured he'd head back to NY where he knew how the system worked and could get ahead.

On his way through Idaho he ran out of gas in Twin Falls. He asked for work but there was none available. He did get a meal and a tip that sent him to Boise to look up a Mr. Fong at the Peacock Restaurant. Henry asked for work for two weeks to earn enough to make it to NY. He ended up working for 3 weeks, earned \$1000 and a permanent job offer of \$1500/mo plus room and board. For the next year and a half he worked for Mr. Fong at the Peacock Restaurant.

In 1978 Henry joined the Army. After Basic Training he was assigned to Gowan Field training soldiers on armored vehicles and working in the kitchen. His enjoyment for cooking was appreciated by his leaders and soon he was running the dining facility.

After several work assignments (Trp F 2d Sqdn116<sup>th</sup> Armd Cav, RCTCC HQ STARC ID, 116th Maintenance company, 09 Feb 91 had orders to active for Desert Storm, 183 Aviation Battalion, 116 Cavalry Brigade, 145 Headquarter and Headquarters Support Battalion, 2-116 Tank Battalion, Sergeant Majors Academy) and advancements to Staff Sergeant Major in Nov 2000 Henry was promoted in 2003 to be the Command Sergeant Major for 2/116 CAV Battalion. Henry headed for Iraq in Iraqi Freedom 3 in 2004. He operated out of Camp Warrior in Iraq near the city of Kirkuk – north of Baghdad. The job included foot patrols, armored hummer patrols to clear the roads of IEDs and look for insurgents. They were there to provide security and clean up and rebuild the city.

Henry returned to Idaho at the end of 2005 and worked at staff for a couple more years. In 2010 Henry took command of the 116 Brigade Special Troop Battalion based in Camp Taji, Iraq leading 2700 soldiers and 3300 civilian contractors. Their job was to rebuild the city, the infrastructure, rework the schools, etc. It was just like being mayor of a town and for Henry it was a real “eye opener!” This was learning about government and seeing the “city hall” side of life.

In September 2011, Henry returned to Tanya, his wife of 21 years, and his two daughters Lindsey, 19 and Jackie, 18. They live in Boise but purchased a lot on West Mountain in 2000 and built a cabin in 2007. Henry also joined the American Legion – Post 60 in 2007. They love Cascade. Lindsey attends BSU and Jackie has just enlisted into the National Guard.

This is a story of a young man making some good choices and the good luck of bumping into some good people who gave him a hand early in his life. Henry and his family continue to make good choices. As a nation, we are blessed to have men of Henry's caliber fighting for our freedoms!

And by the way...Henry says that “growing up in NYC was more dangerous than Iraq!”



## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

First I want to express my deep appreciation to the men and women of Post 60. your efforts to support the activities of our Post are remarkable and reflect highly on our growing reputation as a leader in this community. Santa's visit was a huge success again this past Christmas. Over 300 new wrapped toys were gifted at the Hall, to WICAP, and the MSTI Pediatrics Ward. Well done everyone!

We are now in the process of planning and soliciting donations to replace our aging tile floors; and I ask each of you to consider donating whatever you can to help us in this endeavor. We plan to start laying the new composite wood grain flooring on March 21st and will be seeking volunteers to assist in this project soon.

I would like to thank the folks who have been coordinating our volunteer sign-up program. It is not yet perfect, but is has improved. Again I ask that you look at the sign-up sheets in the entryway and put down your name where you can help; and then log in your volunteer hours in the binder so we can track who is participating. We all need to pitch in and help wherever we can. Friday night dinners require a lot of work to prepare, serve, and then clean-up. We need bartenders, folks to man the front door, and the setting up of tables and decorations all demand many hands to help. Thanks to each of you and let's keep moving forward! — Mike Keithly, Post Commander

## WORDS FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

We have been very busy this past year and plan to continue our efforts in this coming year as well. We visited the Veterans Home in Boise October 5, 2011. We donated postage for the vets in the amount of \$100. In November we held a bake sale and conducted poppy distribution—we sold out of baked good and distributed all of our poppies! (700 poppies have already been purchased for distribution in 2012.) We were involved with our Legion members in the Veterans Day Flag Ceremony—both at the Legion and at Kelly's Whitewater Park.

December was really busy. We spent time again at the Veteran's Home—while there we donated twenty \$10 gift cards for Vets with needs. In addition, we gave our "adopted" Vets gift cards in the amount of \$20. We gave \$200 for the gift table and the Boise Veterans Food Convoy. December 15th we had a "wrapping party" to prepare for Santa's visit to the Legion. We had two of our members donate 60 hats that they knitted for the children! Santa's party included hot chocolate, cookies, free pictures with Santa, and presents for all children in attendance. The gifts that were left went to our community (WICAP) and to MSTI (Mountain States Tumor Institute) at St. Luke's Pediatric Oncology/Hematology program. The Auxiliary ladies also enjoyed a Christmas lunch/party at the Whistle Stop.

Joan Peele and DeLeah Eavenson attended the Auxiliary State Convention in Boise in this past January. Girls State program is upcoming. Last year due to our "pie raffles" at our Friday night dinners we were able to send 3 deserving young women to this program. (Thanks to one special lady who provides us with the pies!!!!) In addition, our fund-raising money from bake sales, etc. goes to a fund for our community children for warm coats, hats, gloves, shoes, etc.

We couldn't have accomplished all of this without the support of our Auxiliary Ladies and the community. Thank you!  
—Donna Rushby, Auxiliary President

**NEW LEGION MEMBERS:** Dan Conner, Thomas Krenik  
**NEW SAL MEMBERS:** Jon Bear



## SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER

**October**—Held a joint Hoedown Casino Night with the Cascade Chamber of Commerce; held a fundraiser for a member in need.

**November**—Conducted Veterans Day Ceremony; members attended Cascade School for a Veterans presentation; attended a WWII recognition ceremony in McCall, hosted by Post 119 where our own **Jack Creason** was honored; held our Annual Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner, with over 250 attending.

**December**—Held our Annual Santa Party (see front page story)

During this period we provided full Military Honors for two funerals; members of the Auxiliary visited veterans at the Veterans Home and presented gifts for Christmas. Plus, the Auxiliary continues to support the needs of the children of the community (please see page 3). In addition, our Friday night social continues to be a place for members, guests, and community to engage in friendly conversation and a great meal!



John Grove/Post 119, Jack Creason/Post 60, Ken Davis/Commander Post 119, Bill Stephan, ID State Commander



## ADJUTANT'S CORNER

You may have wondered why you receive so many renewal notices each year. Normally, during each membership year, National sends five renewal notices: July, October, January, March, and May.

Sometimes, at the request of a department, a special notice in February may be mailed to boost a department's renewals. The 2011 membership year renewal schedules for transmitting membership dues to arrive at national by the established dates are outlined below. This schedule will be followed in order to remove the names of paid members prior to a specific mailing. Using the renewal schedule, national extracts unpaid member records, then prints and mails the renewal notices.

### REGULAR LEGION MEMBERSHIP—2012 RENEWAL NOTICE SCHEDULES

CUT-OFF DATES	RENEWAL DATES
May 2, 2011	July 1, 2011
*September 14, 2011	October 3, 2011
*December 14, 2011	**January 2, 2012
*February 8, 2012	**March 1, 2012
*April 14, 2012	**May 1, 2012

\*Cut-off date is also a membership target date. Transmittals received after this date will not prevent a subsequent notice from being delivered at or around the renewal date.      \*\*Mandatory renewal notice—all delinquent members.

It is possible to receive a renewal notice after you have already paid your dues. If you have doubts or questions about your membership status or whether or not your dues are current, contact the Adjutant.

## EVEN WASHING DISHES CAN BE FUN

All of our activities, in one form or another support our mission—and we can't do it without you. From marching in the 4th of July parade, washing dishes on a Friday night, or greeting our member and guests while collecting for our great meal—the more members that help, the less work and the more fun will be had by all. Couples often volunteer for cashier/raffle duty since it is a great way to meet new folks. Some of our ladies love to decorate the tables to make the evening of dining one to remember. And yes, even washing dishes can be fun—just ask John.

Members who volunteer for these tasks help make the activities you enjoy a success, to fulfill our obligations to our members and veterans and their families in the community and to the community that supports us.

Since developing a volunteer tracking system this past July over 2400 hours have been recorded by 69 members and a few non-members. This likely is very low as we were just getting started and a lot of hours did not get recorded.

So, join your friends and receive the appreciation of those who are enjoying the activity, yes even washing dishes. Because of your efforts you will appreciate other members efforts while you are enjoying one of our activities. You will gain the satisfaction of participating in a job well done and supporting the mission of the American Legion.

Post 60 Legionnaires and the Auxiliary developed the Volunteer program to help the Post coordinate volunteer activities and to provide a scheduling mechanism to make it easy for members to schedule their time and select the activities and tasks they would like to participate in.

For your convenience, volunteer sign-up sheets are located in the entryway. If you are unable to access the sign-up sheets at the legion and want to volunteer please call John Pearson at 382-5287 for the latest needs.

At the end of your "gig," please fill out the "hours report" that is on the wall near the thermostat in the bar area. It will help us to recognize your participation and to be selective in asking for your help in the future.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**March 17th**—St. Patrick's Day Dinner  
(no Friday dinner on March 16th)  
**May 5th**—Cinco de Mayo Dinner/Fundraiser

## IN MEMORIAM:

James Hankins  
Jack Hart

