



POST 60 NEWS

LEGION OFFICERS

Commander
Mike Keithly

1st Vice Commander
John Pearson

Finance Officer
Tim O'Leary

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Terry O'Keefe

Service officer
Rob Garrison

Sgt at Arms
Ed Bulgin

Chaplin
John Pearson

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John Pearson
Archie Banbury

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Archie Banbury

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President
Donna Rushby

Vice President
Reina Pearson

Secretary
Robin Miller

Treasurer
Sheri Conrad

Chaplain
Louise Peterson

Sergeant at Arms
Sandie LaLone

Historian
Helen Posluszny

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

**Bar opens: 5pm
Dinner: 6:30pm**

POST 60 HOSTS THE PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS

August 18, 2012 the American Legion Post #60 hosted the first State Members Convention of the Patriot Guard Riders of Idaho.

Who are the Patriot Guard Riders? They were formed in 2005 in response to the need to help shelter and protect fallen American heroes families against protestors. Their motto: Standing for Those Who Stood for Us.

They began their Convention by assembling at Kelly's Whitewater Park. They were welcomed by Mark Pickard, the developer of KWP, and heard from other members of their group at this time. They proceeded to place their flag on one of the flag poles and then lowered all other flags to half-staff, except the American Flag. A 21 gun salute and taps were rendered by American Legion Post #60, followed by the lowering of the American flag to half-staff in honor of a soldier killed in Afghanistan and a firefighter killed while fighting a fire in Idaho.



Next up was an assembly at the American Legion before proceeding to ride to Council for a dedication of a Memorial in honor of an American Solider. The convention concluded with a meal provided by Post #60 and a night of camaraderie and fun.



DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES!!!!

Legion Members—\$40

Auxiliary Members—\$25

Sons of American Legion Members—\$7.50

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE NOVEMBER 6th

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Legion—Justin Bettinger, Glenn Brewer, David Hagen, Ronald Penny, Nyle Smith, Hugh Sproat, Ross Vaugh, Ginney Eggleston (Active Duty), C.E. (Ed) Koch

Auxiliary—Barbara "Joyce" Hurst

OBSERVATIONS FROM THE POST COMMANDER

I am deeply indebted to all of you for your words of encouragement and concern during my latest escapade with the hip replacement and subsequent pneumonia. I'm on the mend and moving forward.

Just a reminder, it is that time of year to renew your Legion membership. You should have already gotten your notice. I'd ask you to forward your dues to our Adjutant at our Post address rather than renew online. There is a processing problem with the online method.

I'm starting to see a decrease in our members who are willing to volunteer to help at the Post during our Friday night gatherings. I'm concerned that the same small number of members are doing way more than their fair share. I'm hopeful that by doubling our efforts to contact members and ask them to volunteer this serious problem will resolve itself. If this decrease in volunteers continues, the Executive Committee will have to decide our course of action. More than likely it will mean a reduction in the number of Fridays that we're open. We need to remember that we are a "volunteer organization" and when the number of volunteers decline our operational temp will decline or cease altogether.

— *Mike Keithly, Post Commander*

ABOUT BOYS STATE — by Al Noyes

Boys State was founded in 1935 by two Legionnaires to counter the socialism-inspired Young Pioneer Camps. The first Boys State was held in Illinois State Fairgrounds.

Boys State here in Idaho started in 1943. For many years it was held at Boise State, then Gowen Field, College of Idaho, and presently at Northwest Nazarene University.

At Boys State, participants learn the rights, privilege, and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training is objective and centers on the structure of city, county, and state governments. Boys State activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies, cho-ruses, and recreational programs.

Boys State programs currently exist in all Legion departments except Hawaii. As separate corporations Boys State programs vary in content and method of procedure, but each adheres to the same basic concept teaching government from the city to the state level.

Legion posts select high school juniors to attend the program. Our post selected TJ Hubbard to attend the 2012 Gem Boys State program. A better choice could not have been made. TJ represented our post, school, and community very well. TJ became the mayor of Elk City, which became the Capital City of Gem Boys State for the first time.



WORDS FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

I would like to introduce our new officers for the year of June 2012-May 2013. Continuing will be: Donna Rushby, President; Robin Miller, Secretary; Sheri Conrad, Treasurer. Newly elected are: Reina Pearson, Vice President; Louise Peterson, Chaplain; Sergeant at Arms, Sandie LaLone; Helen Posluszny, Historian. Thank you all for serving.

The Auxiliary is pleased to have already accomplished many of our goals for this year.

-We selected Brittany Born, a Junior at McCall High School, to go to Girls State—her sponsorship was provided by McCall Post 119.

-Memorial Day was celebrated by distributing poppies both in front of the D9 in Cascade and Paul's Market in McCall. This coincided with our spring fundraiser—a very successful Bake Sale, also held at the D9. Thanks go to both locations for their assistance.

-A cash donation was made to the Idaho State Veterans Home in Boise for the Phil Hawkins Haircut Fund in the amount of \$150.

-In June we presented awards to 14 members that have been active with the American Legion Auxiliary for 20+ years. DeLeah Eavenson received recognition for 42 years! Also provided were certificates of recognition to members that actively helped us distribute poppies.

-Auxiliary members proudly marched in the Cascade Thunder Mountain 4th of July Parade. American flags were handed out by the Boy Scouts & Girls Scouts, with the Legion & Auxiliary's assistance. Dwight Jividen provided transportation for the "walking wounded" in his 1957 Cadillac. (The riders enjoyed tossing candy to the kids on the route.) The fly-by by the Mountain Home Air Force jets was inspiring.

-Two of our Auxiliary members—Joan Peele & Reina Pearson attended the American Legion & Auxiliary Department Convention. Thank you for representing our Unit at this statewide convention.

-Many Legion & Auxiliary members put in long hours to prepare for the 4 Summit Challenge Bike Race this year. Members really stepped up to the plate to make this event successful for the community as well as the Post.

Plans are being made for a visit to the Idaho State Veterans Home in Boise. October 23rd is the date—more details will be forthcoming.

This fall the Auxiliary will be making fleece blankets for our Veterans and for children receiving care at MSTI (Mountain State Tumor Institute).

It is unfortunate that we had to cut back on the number of Friday night social dinners. We are hopeful, however, that more members will volunteer to support these events so that in the near future we may restore weekly gatherings. We also hope to encourage more ladies to join our friendly and dedicate Auxiliary group to help with our projects for both our Veterans and our community.

-Donna Marlene Rushby, President-

IN MEMORIAM:

Billy Klas
Howard Kostella



SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER

March 17th—The Legion put on a traditional St. Patty's Day dinner & celebration.

March/April—Tim O'Leary and all his expert assistants installed a new floor at the Post.



May 5th—Our annual Cinco de Mayo fundraiser was held—it was a great success!



May 28th—Memorial Day ceremonies were conducted at Crown Point, Margaret, & Alpha Cemeteries, Kelly's Whitewater Park with Boy/Girl Scouts participation, and ended at the Post.



SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER.....continued

June 13th—New Legion/Auxiliary Officers were installed for the ensuing year



July 4th—The Legion & Auxiliary led off the Cascade Parade with a Color Guard (supported by members from McCall Post 119), 20+ Veteran motorcycle riders, plus a vintage Cadillac with our “walking wounded” members. As an added feature Legionnaires & Auxiliary members provided 2,000 miniature American flags to the crowd with the able assistance of our local Boy & Girl Scout troops.



July 13th—Members supported McCall Post 119 annual “Wounded Warrior Float Trip”

July 28th—Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and members of our community helped support the Annual Cascade 4 Summit Ride

August 25th—The Legion fielded two teams as well as sponsored a hole at the Annual Cascade medical Center Foundaion Golf Tournament



OTHER ACTIVITIES HELD W/LEGION SUPPORT:

Cascade Chamber Fun Run Winter Jamboree; Cascade High School Sober Grad Casino Night; Spring Concert at Cascade School Honoring Veterans; Teacher Appreciation Night; Primary Candidate Forum, sponsored by the Star News; Fundraiser to help with medical bills for Cascade resident; Wedding; Funerals (4); Blood Drives; and Support of Girl/Boy Scout Meetings.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 11th—A ceremony will be conducted at the Legion Hall, along with first responders. The public is invited.

October 6th—The Legion will help support a Casino Night—sponsored by the Cascade Chamber of Commerce.

November 11th—Celebrate Veterans Day

November 22nd—Annual Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner

December—We will be greeting Santa as part of our Annual Santa for Kids event. Date/Time tbd.

