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From: Post Commander, Post 60

To: District Nine Commander

Subj: Post 60's Activity Report for the period of 30 Sept, 2012 to 20 April, 2013

Encl (1): Valley County Veterans Service Officer Report dated 11 February, 2013

(2): Letter to the Director, VARO and Supervisor, Office of Veterans Advocacy dated 25 March, 2012

(3): American Legion, Post 60 Year-in-Review for 2012

Dear Sir,

The following is a summary of this Post's activities since the last District meeting on 29 September, 2012.

**Membership:** As of 20 April, 2013 we have 173 members, 14 of whom are serving on active duty, and 154 (to include 21 PUFL members) who have paid their current dues. Within our Squadron 60 of the SAL we have 12 members, 9 of which have paid their current dues. Unit 60 of the Auxiliary has 57 members, 46 have renewed their current dues and there are 11 new members.

**Scholarships:** We are in the process of collaborating with the Cascade School District to award \$50 cash awards to three students for being recognized as this year's "Good Citizenship" recipients; these will be awarded next month. We will also award one Senior a \$500 college scholarship once school personnel nominate their choice. We have selected two High School students to attend this year's Boys State convention. Their fees and appropriate paperwork have been forwarded.

**Veterans Assistance:** During last year's hunting season we provided funds to a local outfitter associated with Idaho's Wounded Warrior Project to guide two disabled Veterans on big game hunts. We contributed funds to McCall's Post 119 to support their guided Salmon River float trip for Veterans with a disability. The Valley County Veterans Service Officer (Mike Keithly) assisted Jacques Chung Hee of the Idaho Department of Veterans Affairs in meeting with 13 local Veterans to help them prepare and submit their requests for service-connected disability claims. See Encl (1) for details on the most recent activities of the county service officer. I submitted a letter to the Director of the VARO and the Supervisor of the Office of Veterans Advocacy, see Encl (2), highlighting a growing problem for Idaho's Veterans when they try to contact VA representatives or advocates to seek information regarding their health benefits or eligibility for VA services.

Ceremonial Details: The Post conducted our Veterans Day Ceremony at the Hall and we had a large turnout of local citizens to observe. We conducted our flag retirement ceremony immediately afterward. Members of Post 60 marched with members of McCall's Post 119 in the McCall Winter Carnival Parade. We provided a Color Guard for two public functions.

Community Involvement: Please refer to Enclosure (3) for our 2012 endeavors to support the Cascade community. We continue as a sponsor for our local Boy and Girl Scout Troops, and provide our Hall for their use free of charge for their weekly meetings and functions. During this period we have donated over 400 frozen meals to WICAP and the Donnelly Food Bank to assist those in need. We have been open and served dinners for over 21 Friday Night Socials where members and guests from the community have gathered for a great meal and fellowship. This year the Post is a proud "Gold Sponsor" for a local T-Ball youth baseball team. Besides providing the catered meal for this year's upcoming Four Summits Bike Challenge, we are also a financial sponsor of this great event. Numerous donations were made by Post 60 to benefit community and youth projects in support of varied events and fundraisers. We continue to be a popular venue to lease for private and community events, to include activities where we charge no leasing fee such as Red Cross Blood Drives, the Sober Graduation Party and the local polling place for all elections. There were three major fundraising events to benefit the community held at the Post during this period. We also conducted our annual free Thanksgiving Dinner for members of the community. We had a great visit from Santa Claus where over 130 children got to have their photo taken in Santa's lap and receive a free wrapped gift and candy. Due to the generosity of local residents we were able to also donate over 200 new toys to WICAP, the Pediatrics Ward at St. Luke's, the Pediatric Ward at MSTI and to the Boise Marine Toys for Tots Program. The Post coordinated with the Cascade Chamber of Commerce to replace burned out Christmas lights on the trees lining Main Street, to create a cheerful holiday mood.

This Post's Officer Report was submitted on 25 February, 2013 and our Consolidated Post Report was submitted on 30 March, 2013. We held our annual elections for new Post Officers at our last membership meeting on 10 April, 2013. Our new officers, who will be installed in June, are: John Pearson, Post Commander; Jim Kirch, First Vice Commander; Dave Harvey, Second Vice Commander; Terry O'Keeffe, Adjutant; Tim O'Leary, Finance Officer; Joe Posluszny and Mike Keithly as Members at Large. Upon assuming his position as Post Commander, John Pearson will make his appointments to fill remaining billets.

Thanks to the efforts of Paul Meyers and John Ernsberger, we have revived and improved our Post's Web Page. Please log on at <http://www.post60news.com> to view all the latest information concerning Post 60.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Keithly, Post Commander

