

POST 60 NEWS

Frank Spicklemire American Legion—Cascade,

LEGION OFFICERS:

- Commander
John Pearson
- 1st Vice Commander
Jim Kirch
- 2nd Vice Commander
Dave Harvey
- Adjutant
Terry O'Keefe
- Finance Officer
Tim O'Leary
- Service Officer
Rob Garrison
- Chaplain
Rod Miller
- Sgt. At Arms
Ed Bulgin
- Members at Large
Mike Keithly
Joe Posluszny

AUXILIARY OFFICERS:

- President
Robin Miller
- Vice President
Sandie LaLone
- Secretary
Helen Posluszny
- Treasurer
Sheri Conrad
- Chaplain
Reina Pearson
- Sergeant at Arms
Louise Peterson

HONORING VALLEY COUNTY VETERANS

At the request of the KWP Board, this year's KWP Gallery Committee went to work digging up photos and memorabilia from Valley County Veterans for the display that was entitled: Honoring Valley County Veterans Past and Present. The display will be available to the public throughout the summer, ending around Labor Day 2013. No knowing exactly where to start, the committee contacted American Legion Post #60 Commander Mike Keithly and Past Commander Jack Knoblock for some ideas and help. Their suggestions and contacts were invaluable. The display got a huge start from Jack Creason, a Navy reconnaissance photographer in World War II and Legion member. Not only was he able to provide some wonderful pictures, he also had some remarkable stories to tell. Ron wise rediscovered his Viet Nam pictures and liberally shared them. Steve Abernathy, another Navy photographer provide flight deck operations pictures from the USS Coral Sea. Command Sgt. Major Henry Chin, Idaho National Guard and Legion member was more than generous with both pictures and memorabilia from his two tours in Iraq.



Then, as community members heard about the display, usually the generation removed from the part or loved one who served, additional pictures and memorabilia began to pour in. Each picture, each piece of memorabilia had a story to tell and the committee attempted to share that story through the narratives. Japanese swords from Archie Banbury and Dick Carter; uniforms worn by Cynda Herrick's and Chris Davis's father; the remarkable and tragic story of the Kerby brothers from Marilyn Whitson; on the Ramadi front in Iraq with Dan Brown; John Borbonus's uniform graciously loaned for display by his family; and so much more. Each item and each photo a memory and testament to the sacrifices made.

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Message from the Commander

For those that do not know me, I'm John Pearson, your new Post 60 Commander. My plan is to continue what the past Commanders' have started. These will be large shoes to fill, but I will give it my best.



I transferred from Post 282 La Mesa, California in March of 2008. The transfer was from a much larger Post to a smaller one—in size only—not in the commitment of the members that I've seen and worked with here. In 2009 I became your 2nd Vice Commander and soon found that my old body wasn't up to a lot of hard physical work. I kept on trying and learned more each week. In 2011 I picked up the large load of not only being your 1st Vice Commander, but also took over Chaplain duties from Jack Creason. And, if that was not enough, I also became Bar Manager. I guess I didn't make too many enemies since you elected me to be your Post Commander.

My goals for the next two years are: 1) increased members; 2) more active membership; 3) to be at or 100% paid membership by June 30th each year; 4) closer working relationship with our beloved Auxiliary—that will be hard to improve on—but we can always try; 5) be at the point that we do not have to call for volunteers, because you have already filled up all positions for the month without being called. All of this can be achieved by a paraphrase from one of our past U.S. Presidents: "Ask not what the Post can do for me, but what I can do for the Post."

We all want to know a little about what service each of us were in and what we did. I could say that I was a SEAL, and what I did was sealed and not in my records. I don't know how many times we have heard that or variations of it—all I can say is that he or she is a fake!

I joined the Naval Reserve in January 1958 while still a junior in high school, went reserve two weeks after graduation for a two year tour. I liked it, and after one year and re-enlisted regular Nay. Started in the Fire Room (didn't like it), transferred to the IC rating (liked telephones, indicating equipment, and gyro compass). After a West Pac tour to Vietnam in 1962 I volunteered for submarine duty. After qualifying on my first submarine (a diesel boat) I knew that to stay on submarines in my rating I would have to go to Nuclear Power School. (Got married to Reina during this time!) After a tour on a fast attack boat, putting a missile boat through new construction and commissioning and 5 patrols I was back at the Nuclear Training Unit in Windsor, Connecticut, this time as an instructor. Then, the Navy thought they

could make me smarter by sending me to Junior College for my AA degree (didn't work). It was back to another fast attack sub, then on to the surface Nuclear fleet at my request. Three years and 2 West Pacs later my next duty station was where it all started—NRTC San Diego—this time as the Company Commander, not the recruit. After retirement, 2 weeks short of 24 years, I worked at San Diego Gas & Electric for 21 years.

-John G. Pearson, USN Retired, Commander Post 60

We look forward to seeing you at the Legion Dinners held on Fridays at the Legion Hall. The bar opens @ 5pm / Dinner is served buffet-style @ 6:30pm.

The price varies from week-to-week. Please check out the menu and the volunteer schedule @ www.post60news.com.

Message from the Auxiliary President



Hi, I'm Robin Miller, the newly elected Auxiliary President. I'm Post Chaplain Rod Miller's wife (of 33 years!). Auxiliary membership has been my only exposure to any kind of military life as Rod and I were married well after his U.S. Marine service was over. I'm also the Volunteer Coordinator for Friday night dinners—cashier, raffle, set-up, & clean-up. Oh, and I'm on the Communications

Committee (I type this newsletter). You may know me as the person banned from whistling for your attention at the Legion (I know, I know, it hurts my ears too.)

A little background: Rod and I came to Cascade, Idaho in 2009, moving in with my brother, Dwight Jividen. Previously we had lived in Reno, Nevada for 21 years, coming originally from Southern California. I was elected Auxiliary Secretary in 2010 and served in that position until elected as President this year.

My personal goal is to change the perception of the Auxiliary in the community by trying to get our younger members more involved in our various activities. I look forward to seeing our members and friends and getting to know them better at silverware wrapping, Friday night dinners, special events at the Legion, the Santa Party, etc., etc., etc.!

-Robin Miller, Auxiliary President

HONORING VALLEY COUNTY VETERANS continued



Then there was the partnership with Cascade Schools regarding the Veteran's Story Project. Led by sophomore Maelyn Leis, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students had the wonderful opportunity to interview some local veterans and turn their interviews into stories. While some of the information in the stories was a bit skewed, the opportunity for those children to sit down with a veterans was invaluable.

This year's KWP Gallery Committee was chaired by Wayne Brown. Members included Glen Blickenstaff, Robin Miller, Susan Sieben, Maelyn Leis, Dan Gallagher, and Chris Davis. Should any of you wish to be involved in next year's display, please contact Wayne Brown.

QUILTS OF VALOR

"To cover all combat service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor." This is the mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation. To date, the foundation has awarded over 87,600 quilts to combat persons and veterans nationwide.

When the regional Quilts of Valor headquarters in Lewiston contacted Katie Granger and Lisa Murrant who own Huckleberry Patches in McCall and asked if they would like to get involved, there was no hesitation on their part. Many women take part in the sewing and quilting of the beautiful patriotic themed quilts. Huckleberry Patches has presented over 150 quilts to veterans in Valley County.

Recently, during the monthly American Legion meeting in Cascade, the following veterans were presented with their quilts: Bill Leaf, U.S. Air Force, Vietnam ; Christian Zimmerman, U.S. Air Force, Vietnam; Terry O'Keeffe, U.S. Navy, Vietnam; Patrick Call, U.S. Air Force, Vietnam; Al Gailey, U.S. Air Force, Vietnam; Ron Peterson (accepted by his wife Louise), U.S. Air Force, Vietnam; Chris Cimbalik, Navy National Guard; Ed Cimbalik, U.S. Navy, Afghanistan.

If you would like to get involved either by helping to sew a quilt or just make a donation toward the purchase of material for a quilt, please contact Huckleberry Patches @ 634-4933 for details.



Were you at any of our many events, dinners, or ceremonies?



Memorial Day 2013



Auxiliary Initiation



We supported Boys/Girls State & McCall Post 119 Wounded Warriors Program.



We also catered meals for several private events, such as Cascade Chamber's Winter Jamboree, PTO, Pearsons' 50th Anniversary.

More Fun at & with the Legion!!!



Dancing to Braveheart



Really tall leprechaun!



4th of July Parade



CINCO DE MAYO THANK YOU/READERBOARD

To all members and the community who generously supported our Annual Cinco de Mayo, I want to thank you. There were over 80 donated items, as well as cash donations that made this event one of our most successful Cinco de Mayo fundraisers. We netted over \$12,000. I would be remiss if I didn't say thanks to all those who volunteered—including our local Girl Scouts. Once again Joe P. and the crew provided a meal to fit the occasion.

As most of our members know this event has been our main fundraiser for Post 60 improvements, dating back to 2007 when it was decided that our post needed a facelift, and along with Cinco and a commitment of other funds we carried that out. As in past years, with kitchen improvements and last year's goal to put in a new floor in, there has always been a concern regarding funding of these projects by some of our members. I believe the Post leadership has taken these concerns seriously. Yes, much of these improvements were helped along because of a very generous donor and supporter. The goal of the leadership has always been to evaluate how we can make our post a place to be proud of—both for the members and the public. There should be no mistake that these undertakings have benefitted our post financially, but at the same time have brought on new challenges as well.

This brings me to this year's Cinco fundraising goal—the need to improve our outside signage. There were several reasons to purpose this as our goal: 1) an outdated sign, not in keeping with the nice building we have; 2) no other business or group in our community is asked to provide the level of community information on a reader board; 3) the task of changing the individual letters to meet the demand has become far too difficult and often falls on just a couple of members in bad weather conditions; 4) the space provided by our lettering system is limited, we often must decide what and when we put something up; 5) the location of our sign does not provide a line of sight, especially for those traveling south; 6) night readability .

I hopes that that have email have taken the time to read the excellent article written by Mike Keithly, one of the members assigned to evaluate and seek whatever permits and other provisions needed for this project.

If should also be stated that at no time while undertaking these projects has the post ever jeopardized the funding to meet our three pillars: Veterans, Children & Youth, and Community

-Jack Knoblock, Cinco Event Coordinator

MEMBERS PROFILE PROJECT



At our last membership meeting our new 1st Vice Commander Jim Kirch presented an idea to get to know your fellow legionnaires. Although he talked about doing a story on each legionnaire in our newsletter, considering there are nearly 170 members that might prove difficult. The other idea he put forth was to ask members to contact him to help develop a short story about each legionnaire to include an early picture of their service days in addition to a recent photo. (There were a few chuckles about an early pic!)

This information would be placed in an attractive binder at the Legion, to be displayed along with our history binders already on display. The information would be kept at the Legion and would not be released for publication or otherwise with the express permission of the individual.

So — hop on board and contact Jim Kirch at 208-382-6509 (home), 206-276-3946 (cell), or email him at jimsclicaauto@gmail.com and let's get to know each other better!

WELCOME NEW LEGION MEMBERS

New:

Gary Wonacott, Boise, ID—February 2013
Owen Mink, Cascade, ID—February 2013
Sadie Kennedy, Cascade, ID—March 2013
William Froberg, Cascade, ID—May 2013
Thomas Bacon, Cascade, ID—May 2013
James Gridely, Cascade, ID—May 2013
James Campbell, Chamberlain, SD—June 2013

Transfer:

Robert Irwin, White City, OR—April 2013
Bert Baker, Donnelly, ID—May 2013
Timothy Tomaszewski, Nampa, ID—June 2013

Sons of the American Legion:

Virgil Boss, Cascade, ID—March 2013
Elting Hasbrouck, Cascade, ID—April 2013

In Memoriam:

Services were held for: Fred Gleason, Carmen M. Irwin



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 27th—4 Summit Challenge

August 12-16th—Picnic in the Park / Feeding Cascade's local youth



August 24th—Cascade Medical Center Foundation Golf Tournament

September 11th—Legion Picnic



November 11th—Veterans Day



November 28th—Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner



December—Santa Comes to Town!



We want to welcome our two newest Active Duty members to our post. OS Sadie Kennedy, USCG, stationed at USCG Station, Anchorage, AK, parents Joe & Tracey Kennedy of Cascade AND SA Jim Gridley, USN, stationed at Naval Station, Beaverton, WA, parents Tim & Linda Gridley of Cascade. Both Sadie & Jim are graduates of Cascade High School.



WELCOME NEW AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Sharon Asdell (Jim), Cascade, ID

Patricia Cowles (Pat), Cascade, ID

Barbara "Joyce" Hurst (Brent), Cascade, ID

Sharon Slater, Cascade, ID

Pamela Mann, Cascade, ID

S. Dyann Denby, Boise, ID

Vreny Middleton, Cascade, ID

Sharon Froberg (William), Cascade, ID

Rhonda Roy, Cascade, ID

Lucretia (Trish) Rhea Adams, Boise, ID

Friend of the Auxiliary: Marie Leaf (Bill), Cascade, ID

REFLECTIONS FROM IMMEDIATE PAST POST COMMANDER

I want to take the time to thank the men and women of our great Post for their support and encouragement these past two years while I served as your Post Commander. There were many great times and a few sad times when we paid our last respects to members and other friends within the Cascade community. And, as usual, this Post rose to meet each challenge with energy and steadfastness. It has become our trademark within Cascade and folks just expect us to make our endeavors successful. The primary explanation for our well-being and respect is derived directly from all those men and women who selflessly give of their time and sweat as volunteers to make this Post and our community better.

I would also like to officially thank the officers of this Post who continuously kept their shoulders against the wheel to ensure we were making forward progress. Please tell these fellas how much you appreciate their efforts: John Pearson, Terry O'Keefe, Tim O'Leary, Jack Knoblock, Archie Banbury, and Joe Posluszny. And, we would have had a hard time achieving much of anything if we hadn't had such a great bunch of ladies in our Auxiliary. Ladies, I deeply appreciate all that you do to make Post 60 a warm and inviting place, with wonderful chow and a welcoming atmosphere. Thank you!

Finally, I ask that all of us do everything within our abilities to support John Pearson, our new Post Commander; Jim Kirch, our new First Vice Commander; and Dave Harvey, our new Second Vice Commander. They're fortunate that Terry O'Keefe and Tim O'Leary have agreed to serve an additional year as Adjutant and Finance Officer. Joe Posluszny and I will serve as your "Members-at-Large" and ensure that the Executive Committee meetings are lively and spirited. They're going to be asking for volunteers in the months to come for various activities—you need to get your hands in the air and be "contributing" members of Post 60. Let's keep moving forward and maintain our commitment to Veterans, youth, and children, and this great community of Cascade.

Semper Fidelis —Mike Keithly



A NOTE FROM DONNA RUSHBY

Being Auxiliary President for the past two years, I've had the pleasure of working with super Auxiliary Executive Board and responsive Auxiliary members. We have made a lot of progress in our programs—both to Veterans and the Community. We had three Bake Sales this past year and have made several visits to the Veterans Home, helped with WICAP, made donations for children's backpacks and shoes at Cascade School.



I've had a wonderful time as Auxiliary President and wish the new Auxiliary President much incentive and a wonderful term.

In Honor of our Veterans — Donna Rushby

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Life Flight—Legion members and veterans are eligible for a *Special Rate* for membership. Applications are available on our website @ www.post60news.com or at the post.

Golf—Are you a golfer and would like to golf in the upcoming Cascade Medical Center Foundation Annual Tournament, August 24th. Contact Jack Knoblock @ 382-3771 or email him at knoblockjack@hotmail.com. The Legion is sponsoring two teams—this is a 5 person scramble. Tee times will be 8am and 1pm. The Tournament will be held at the Cascade Golf Course.

Note from the Newsletter Committee—Those who have been receiving the newsletter via email will now receive it by regular (snail) mail. This decision was made due to members having difficulty opening the file format. We'd also like you to have this information "at your fingertips." It should be noted that the cost will be the same as we will be sending the newsletter via "bulk mail." As we are a member of the Cascade Chamber of Commerce, we are able to use their bulk mailing permit.

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