

POST 60 NEWS

Frank Spicklemire American Legion/Cascade, Idaho

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(appointed)
2nd Vice Commander
Mike Keithly
(appointed)
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Terry O'Keefe
Finance Officer
Tim O'Leary
Service Officer
Rob Garrison
Chaplain
Gordon Conrad
(appointed)
Sgt. At Arms
Ed Bulgin
Members at Large
Archie Banbury
(appointed)
Joe Posluszny

AUXILIARY OFFICERS:

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

VETERANS DAY—NOVEMBER 11, 2013

On the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, in the eleventh month of 1918, the death and destruction finally ended in Europe to mark the end of World War I.

America's leaders established this day as a day for all Americans to pause and give thanks to her Veterans for their terrible sacrifices in this so-called "War to end all wars". Sadly, it did not end the concept of war and today we are witness to the crisis in the Middle East. America's sons and daughters still stand and serve in harm's way to defend our cherished values of freedom and democracy in far away countries.

At 11:00 a.m. on Monday the 11th of November 2013, members of the American Legion paid respect and humble reverence to mark this day in front of the American Legion Hall. All of us should take a moment as we did that day to reflect what it means to see our Flag at Half-Mast.

Prior to our ceremony at the legion, members and veterans assembled at the Cascade School for a student assembly in remembrance of Veterans Day. Later that afternoon members of the Legion/Auxiliary and community members witnessed the disposal, by burning, of un-serviceable and worn American Flags.



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Message from the Commander “The State of the Post”



This has been a great and exciting year for Post 60, and a growing year for me as your new Post Commander. With the help of our past Commanders it has almost been a smooth transition. On Memorial Day, we again gave military honors at each of our cemeteries around Cascade and ending at our Post. The Auxiliary had placed flags at each of the veterans gravesites. Again this year as the first volley was fired, the nesting bald eagles above Crown Point Cemetery took to the air—it was an awe inspiring sight. We again hosted the 4 Summit Bike Challenge with about 700 riders. Each year this event just keeps getting bigger. In July we once again had the honor of being the Color Guard for the best small town 4th of July Parade in the state of Idaho.

On September 11th, we had our Patriot Day ceremony at the Post, honoring those first responders who gave their lives that day. On November 11th at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month we gave honors to all veterans. As we have done in the past (after a short reception) we had our Flag retirement ceremony in the east parking lot.

November 28th our hall was once again full, as the community Thanksgiving Day dinner was presented to 305 happy residents of Cascade. A great big thank you to all of the Legion and Auxiliary members that make this annual event a highlight in our community. December 22nd we had Santa make his stop at the Legion and over 150 kids left with a smile and a gift.

This past year we lost three of our members: Doris Waite in September, Rod Miller in November, and Jack Creason in January 2014. Each of them meant a lot to many of our members will be missed.

Our legion can only exist by what we put into it. We have givers and takers, and if the takers continue to take, the givers will stop giving. What this means is that it takes a lot of man hours to keep our doors open. We need our volunteers, please consider becoming one of them.

The progress on our electronic reader board has been a long process, meeting with the P&Z board, many meetings with the City council, and we have a public hearing on March 10th. We should start the work on the sign in the spring. Many thanks to Mike Keithly for his many hours of work on this process.

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

Since our last newsletter.....

The American Legion/Auxiliary has helped with the kids Luncheons at Armstrong park; Legion members fielded two teams in support of Cascade Medical Center Foundation’s Annual Golf Tournament in addition to providing food the event; celebrated Patriot’s Day (9/11); held our Annual Legion Picnic; Legion/Auxiliary members attended the Legion District Meeting in Payette;



helped support the Cascade Chamber of Commerce Casino Night with dealers and food; provided a venue for a local Politician Forum; Auxiliary held their Annual Bake Sale at D-9; and held our Annual Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner with over 300 in attendance.

In addition, the Legion catered five events and conducted 4 funerals.



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

Legion Members—\$40.00

Auxiliary Members—\$30.00

Sons of American Legion Members—\$7.50

A Word from the Auxiliary President



I'd like to first of all thank everyone for their kind words, prayers, hugs, and support these past couple of months. Special thanks to the board members for stepping up to the plate in my absence.

The Auxiliary has been busy as usual—silverware wrapping, assisting w/Friday night dinners as well as catered events, supporting Girls State, visiting our veterans in both Boise & McCall, cookie baking for the Santa Party, supporting the Legion at 9/11 and Veteran's Day recognitions.



Since we do spend a lot of time doing volunteer work we are going to incorporate some fun into our Auxiliary lives. February 22nd will be a fun day of Bunco at the Legion—12 noon, bring finger food and a friend! White elephants will be available for prizes—there is no cost to play.

And, since I've mentioned volunteering—please, please, please consider volunteering at a Friday night dinner. Log on to our Legion website at post60news.com and check out the volunteer calendar—if there is a blank space for cashier, raffle, decorate, clean-up, please e-mail me (robinjoymiller@gmail.com) or call me (382-0011) and let me know that YOU can fill that slot. Remember, without YOUR help we wouldn't have our lovely Friday night socials.

IN MEMORIAM

Doris Waite



Rod Miller



Jack Creason



Santa's Visit to Cascade



Jolly old Saint Nick and his able assistant Mrs. Claus had their hands full the afternoon of December 22nd at the American Legion Hall in Cascade. Santa had 144 youngsters tell him what they wanted for Christmas and he checked twice to make sure that they had been nice! Each child received a new wrapped gift, a bag of candy, and had their photo taken in Santa's lap. Santa's helpers provided plenty of hot chocolate and delicious cookies for the children while the spirit and joy of the season was heavy in the air. The members of our Auxiliary visited their "adopted" Veterans at the Veterans Home in Boise and gave them the Christmas gifts that they had requested. The men and women of Post 60 extend our grateful appreciation to the generous folks of the Cascade area who donated gifts at our drop boxes and made cash donations that helped make this possible. Thank you!



Update on Post 60's Electronic Reader Board

We began this process last May when we appeared before the City Planning and Zoning Committee (P&Z) to request approval for a Conditional use Permit (CUP) to place a new sign alongside Highway 55 to replace our old manually changed marquee sign. The City P&Z approved our CUP request and forwarded it to the Cascade City Council. We initially wanted to enter into a "joint ownership" deal where the City and the Legion had shared ownership of this small parcel of land. Much discussion and over ten appearances before the City Council has resulted in the Legion and the City agreeing to conduct a "land exchange". Simply put, the Legion will exchange with the City .13 acres on the eastern portion of our east parking lot for .13 acres on the western side of our west parking lot. This allows the Legion to be sole owners of the land where we intend to place the sign, and satisfies ITD's requirements. The City will have a public hearing on this land exchange on March 10, 2014; hopefully they will finally vote to approve this and also vote to approve the CUP. Once approved we apply for Title and legal ownership.

Upcoming Events:

March 1st—Public information meeting regarding Payette River Games
(sponsored by the Pickards)

March 14th—St. Patty's Day Dinner & Celebration

April 9th—Election of Legion Officers

April 19th—Catered event

May 3rd— Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser—tbd

May 26th—Memorial Day Recognition

June 20-22nd—Payette River Games

July 4th—Annual Parade and Fireworks

July 19th—Catered event

July 26th—Four Summit Bike Ride



Legion Items available for Sale:

Legion Ball Cap—\$10

Legion Polo Shirts (blue) w/pocket short sleeve \$14 (2X & larger, \$2 more)

Legion Polo Shirts (blue) w/pocket long sleeve \$20 (2X & larger, \$2 more)

Legion T-Shirts (red) short sleeve \$7-\$9

Legion Long Sleeve (red) \$10-\$12

**Note: Some items above may not be in stock—allow 2 weeks for ordering

Check It Out

Make sure you go to our website @ www.post60news.com for additional information and means to connect to other website of interest, such as Veterans and Military Organizations and sites; local interest sites; Cascade Medical Center; Chamber; cities; and more.

Have You Volunteered?

The continued success of Post 60 depends on its members stepping up to volunteer for Friday Night Socials and other events supported by the Legion. At our last Regular Meeting several members stepped up to help with such things as table/chair set-up & tear-down & dishwashing. Friday nights continue to be a challenge especially for dishwashers and clean-up.

PLEASE support your Post by contacting:

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Finance Officer Tim O'Leary, 208-859-0431, idahoinspector@frontier.com

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Bar Commander Archie Banbury, 208-382-3138, abanbury@frontiernet.net

Thank you for your support!

NOTICE

Starting March 1st, as an experiment, the Legion will be accepting VISA/ MasterCard as payment for meals and drinks on Friday Nights for those that wish to pay by this method. If you wish to take advantage of this, a payment slip will be filled out at dinner check-in and given to the bar, and a tab will be kept and paid at the end of the evening at the bar.

New Legion Members:

Burl S. Bailey, Boise ID, 11/2013; Bill Coughlin, Cascade, ID, 10/2013; Donald Dickerson, Cascade, ID, 7/2013; Jimmie Marriner, Cascade, ID, 7/2013; Tim McCoy, Prattville, AL, 10/2013; Breet Rosner, Cascade, ID, 10/2013; Shane Rupe, Cascade, ID, 8/2013. Transferred In: Russell Haskins, Cascade, ID, 11/2013; Robert Everett, McCall, ID, 8/2013; Michael Best, Eagle, ID, 8/2013

New Auxiliary Members:

Margaret Chaltraw, Cascade, ID, 7/2013; Mickey Sweeten, Boise, ID, 7/2013; Cathryn Gafner-Dickerson, Cascade, ID, 8/2013; Kathy Chapin, Cascade, ID, 8/2013; Anisha Rupe, Cascade, ID, 9/2013; Judy Santo, Cascade, ID, 10/2013;