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Commander's Comments:

Hello Legionnaire Family, I wanted to bring us back to our beginnings with this month's comment. March is the American Legion Birthday month. So let's all say "HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICAN LEGION!! The Legion was founded on March 15th, 1919. If you did not know this it's a great time to take the Legion Extension Institute online classes. It's a wonderful way to learn about the Legion and what we do. The following is an excerpt from a book about the American Legion for you to enjoy and I just wanted to remind us why we belong to such a great organization and work hard to keep it going. Have a great month and see you at the membership meeting. God Bless you and our Country. – Dee Sasse, Commander

The Story of the American Legion By George Seay Wheat

The Birth of the Legion

FOREWORD

The American Legion was conceived by practically the entire personnel of the army, navy, and Marine Corps! Every man in the military and naval establishment did not think of it in just such terms, but most of them knew that there would be a veterans' organization of some tremendous import, and here it is!

"A veterans' organization of some kind will be formed." I heard that identical remark not once, but a dozen times on board a transport en-route to France as early as September, 1918. In fact, one night in the war zone a group of officers were huddled around a small piano trying to make the best of a lightless evening, and, having sung every song from *Keep the Home Fires Burning* to *You're in the Army Now* paused, longingly toyed cigarettes which were taboo by ship's order, and then began to spin yarns. "Reminds me of a G.A.R. reunion", one second lieutenant from Maine remarked, after a particularly daring training camp adventure had been recounted. "Just think of the lying we'll all do at our reunions when this war is over," chirped a youngster from South Carolina. And then spoke a tall major from Illinois: "The organization which you young fellows will join won't be any lie-fest, at least not for forty years. Don't forget there's some saving to do for the United States when this European mess is over. Us fellows won't ever get out of Uncle Sam's service."

How well the Illinois major hit the nail on the head! The incident on the transport seems worth recording not only because of the major but because it shows the general anticipation of what is now The American Legion. Perhaps it was this general anticipation which is responsible for the cordial reception that the Legion has had ever since its very inception in Paris. (cont. below)

No one can lay claim to originating the idea of a veterans' association, because it was a consensus among the men of the armed forces of our nation. A certain group of men can take unto themselves the credit for starting it, for getting the ball rolling, aiding its momentum, and, what is more important, for guiding it in the right direction, but no one man or group of men "thought up" the American Legion. It was the result of what might be called the "spontaneous opinion" of the army, navy, and marine corps caused by a fusing together in a common bond of the various elements of the service, just as spontaneous combustion is brought about by the joint action of certain chemical elements.

Spontaneous opinion, like spontaneous combustion, is dangerous when improperly handled and beneficent when rightly directed. That's what the organizers of the Legion have been and will be mostly concerned with. They have their elements-- these men of the army, navy, and marine corps, and the organizers mean to direct this united and organized patriotism into such channels as will make for the welfare of the United States of America primarily, and, secondarily, for the welfare of the service men themselves.

Just how much attention this Legion with four million potential members intends to pay to the United States of America, and just how much to themselves is basically important and pertinent as a question, nowadays when the Legion is being tried and is on the witness stand before public opinion. The answer is most clearly indicated by the preamble to the proposed constitution printed elsewhere.

This preamble stresses Americanism, individual obligation to the community, state, and nation; battling with autocracy both of the classes and masses; right the master of might; peace and good will on earth; justice, freedom, and democracy! Only in the last two words of the preamble is mention made of the welfare of the men themselves. These two words are mutual helpfulness. But be sure and understand the connection in which they are used. "We associate ourselves together ... to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness"

This is the way the last purpose of the preamble reads.

The men who framed this constitution certainly did not believe that comradeship would be consecrated and sanctified by anything of a selfish character under the guise of mutual helpfulness. Certainly not the comradeship that made bearable the zero hour in the trenches or the watch in a submarine infested sea.

To go a little in advance of the story and speak practically, mutual helpfulness has meant so far voting down a pay grab from Congress; a get-together spirit to foster the growth of the Legion; a purpose to aid in the work of getting jobs for returning soldiers, and the establishment of legal departments throughout the country to help service men get back pay and allotments. Mutual helpfulness in this case would seem to make Uncle Sam as much a partner in it as are the Legion members. Because, for every job the Legion gets an unemployed man, and for every dollar Legion lawyers help collect for back pay and allotments, a better citizen is made. And better citizenship is what the Legion most wants.

So here seems to be the place to make the patent observation that mutual helpfulness will in future years mean just what it means to-day- -doing something for the United States of America.

At the present time the Legion might be compared to a two-headed American eagle-- one looking towards France and the A.E.F., and the other homewards to the service men here. The two are a single body borne on the same wings and nourished of the same strength. They are the same in ideal and purpose but directed for the moment by two different committees working together. One committee is the result of the caucus at Paris in March, when the A.E.F. started the organization, while the other was born this month in St. Louis, Mo., for the men here.

GEORGE S. WHEAT
NEW YORK May, 1919.

Adjutant:

There was an article in the Spokesman this week that was about a home for thoroughbred horses that has been opened up to veterans. I first learned about it at the VA when I met one of the guys mentioned in the article. A friend of mine as it turns out lives next to the ranch and is a veteran had great things to say about the people that own and run it. I spoke with the owner/manager Boone McCann and he told me that they don't have any formalized program but are pleased to meet with every veteran show them what they have and introduce them to horses on whatever level they are comfortable with. He has invited me to come out and see what they have. If this is something any of you are interested in doing I could set something up for us to go out to Creston, Wa. Here is the story. <https://goo.gl/Wgd9jT> - Bryan Bledsoe, Adjutant

Annual elections are fast approaching. They will be held during the April 26th membership meeting. To that end, and in accordance with the Post 154 by-laws, a nominating committee was formed at the membership meeting on February 22nd. The committee consists of Jean Bledsoe, Larry Carstensen, Lew Allert, and Leroy Kronvall.

All offices are up for election, however, all but 2 incumbents have expressed their desire to run again for their office. The 2 remaining offices are Judge Advocate and the 1 Year Committeeperson. As many of the elected officers have held their positions since the post was formed in 2015, this will be the last year they can hold their current position due to the 3-year consecutive term limit set forth in the by-laws. This rule does not apply to the Finance Officer, Adjutant, and Service Officer, whose offices have no term limit.

Anyone wishing to run for *any* office can express their desire to run by contacting the nominating committee at rathdrum154@gmail.com before the April general membership meeting. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the March or April membership meetings. To read the by-laws regarding post elections, go here: <https://goo.gl/Oq4VRt>

Duties of all officers can be found page 9 of this newsletter.

Chaplain's Pew

It's March everyone.... surely almost Spring (ok, maybe you have to look really hard). But you don't have to look too hard to see things that we all can be thankful for...our country, our state, our community, our families, our lives. Take a few minutes each day to really look and see the beauty around you.

And, after you see the beauty and bounty, try and see how best you can you can participate in a Post project...assist, contribute, help, share...there's a whole lot of words that indicate action on our part to get into the game. Each and every one of us have talents and ideas that have value. Get your ideas off the shelf, find out the details, and say them out loud. We have work to do if we want to truly be 'veterans helping veterans' in our American Legion and our community.

Harold Markiewicz has been under the weather lately. Please remember him in your thoughts and prayers. And if you know of a American Legion member who could use a card, a visit, a prayer, or cheerful phone call, please let me know. That's what a Chaplain does behind the scenes. Waiting in the pews,
Paula Atwood, Chaplain

Service Officer:

This from the website: archives.gov/veterans - handy information right at your fingertips.

Request Military Service Records

Request Service Records Online

[Check the Status of a Request](#)

[More ways to get service records](#)

[Learn about military service records \(e.g. DD Form 214\)](#)

[Recently separated veteran?](#)



Research Using Military Records

[What's available online?](#)

[Locate older \(pre-WW I\) military service records](#)

[Using military records for genealogical research](#)

[Other military and veterans records](#)



Replace Lost Medals and Awards

[Learn how to replace lost medals and awards.](#)



Browse WWII Photos

[View a sample of our extensive collection of photographs from World War II.](#)



- Ruth Aresvik, Service Officer

Mark Your Calendar:

March 5th – Seabees birthday, formed in 1942

March 8th – Post 154 Executive Committee Meeting – 6PM Lions Clubs, Rathdrum

March 11th – Fundraising ideas meeting – see details page 12

March 11th – Fundraiser for Newby-ginnings at Chipotle in CDA from 11AM – 9PM

March 12th – Daylight Savings Time

March 15th – Birthday of The American Legion

March 17th – 98th Legion Birthday Celebration at Post 143 beginning at 5PM, dinner \$20/person
call 208-773-9054 before March 10th

March 17th – St. Patrick's Day

March 18th – District Meeting in Clark Fork, call Bryan Bledsoe at 509-990-6739 for details

March 22nd – Post 154 General Membership Meeting – 6PM Lions Club, Rathdrum

Bits & Pieces

- We have 2 new members. Bob Granger is a transfer from Post 143. He is a Legion Life Member. He was also commander of the previous Rathdrum AL Post in the 80's. And Gary Suko transferred from Post 85. He is the retired dry land farmer from Ritzville who moved to Rathdrum because of family. Let's make these members feel welcome.

A member of Post 154 was just diagnosed with prostate cancer and his only car broke down and needs a new transmission but is not worth the cost of repair. We are looking for a car that someone might be willing to donate to this veteran. Contact Bryan Bledsoe at rathdrum154@gmail.com if you know of something.

A Healthier You:

Article taken from The Peoples' Pharmacy



[Can PPI Heartburn Drugs Harm Kidneys Without Early Symptoms?](#)

Millions of people take prescription-strength acid-suppressing medications daily. Millions more take over-the-counter versions. A new study suggests that such PPI heartburn drugs may trigger serious kidney disease without a lot of advance warning. When kidneys fail it can rapidly become a life-threatening situation. What Drugs Are Under Scrutiny: PPIs or proton pump inhibitors are sold [...] [> Read Article](#)

IN REMEMBRANCE...OF ALL MILITARY CHAPLAINS

February, besides Valentine's Day and President's Day, is also a special time when we remember military chaplains....and usually focus on the Four Brave Chaplains who went down together in WW2.

Today, I would like to share something different ...a short history of the many duties that Chaplains have provided.

Since the Continental Army in 1775, chaplains have served in all of America's major wars and combat engagements. Chaplain duty, whether in war or in peace, of course included worship services ...conducted in tents, outdoors, or around campfires. But, it involved more than just sermons of encouragement or against 'evil' behavior (swearing, gambling, drunkenness, and so forth), and the usual presence at weddings, baptisms, burials and parades.

It was to Chaplains that soldiers went when needing counsel, comfort, or guidance when weary...that is the general guideline of chaplain duty as we know it.

But, did you know they also formed temperance societies; opened informal schools to teach illiterate soldiers to read and write; provided postmaster duty; always a willing writer of letters for wounded and dying soldiers; an ever-tearful writer of letters to family members after a soldier's death; a person of trust, whether with banking duty or last wishes; an ambulance driver whenever needed. A Chaplain stands ready to provide advice to defense counselors and even assist military recruiters.

They truly have filled many historical roles and a multitude of duties. As we remember our military Chaplains today, I leave you with their motto:

"I am here to nurture the living, support the wounded, and to honor the dead."

Editor's note: This was written and presented at the February general membership meeting by Post Chaplain Paula Atwood

Here are the new co-pay changes beginning February 27, 2017. Thank you to Post member Charlie Till for providing this important information.

Department of Veterans Affairs Medication Copayments

VA charges a copayment for each 30 day or less supply of medication provided on an outpatient basis for the treatment of a non-service connected condition.

These changes apply to:

- Veterans without a service-connected condition, or
- Veterans with a disability rated less than 50%
 - » who are receiving outpatient treatment for a non-service connected condition, and
 - » whose annual income exceeds the limit set by law.

Effective early 2017, copay amounts are:

Priority Group	Outpatient Medication Tier	Copayment amount		
		1-30 day supply	31-60 day supply	61-90 day supply
2-8	Tier 1 (Preferred Generics)	\$5	\$10	\$15
	Tier 2 (Non-Preferred Generics and some OTCs)	\$8	\$16	\$24
	Tier 3 (Brand Name)	\$11	\$22	\$33
	\$700 Medication Copayment Cap			

Note: Medication copayments do not apply to former Prisoners of War, catastrophically disabled Veterans, or those covered by other exceptions as set by law.

Copayments stop each calendar year for Priority Groups 2-8 once a \$700 cap is reached.

For more information call us at: 1-877-222-VETS (8387), or visit our website at: <http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits>

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration

Member Jeff Broadhead and his wife Susan made the news in February.



Post Falls resident Susan Broadhead holds her adopted English bulldog Abby at their home on Friday. Abby has recently been diagnosed with pulmonary stenosis and is need of surgery.

CdA dog lovers pitch in for pet's heart surgery

FROM THEIR HEART TO HERS

By Nina Culver

THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

Abby the English bulldog wore a red tutu as she happily greeted her supporters at GoodDog in Coeur d'Alene on Saturday, trotting over for a head scratch and a pet as she snuffled and snorted, as bulldogs do.

Her eagerness belied the fact she needs surgery for pulmonary stenosis and was at the pet store for a fundraiser to help

her adopted owners pay for her \$3,000 operation. "She's got a heart valve that hasn't opened up all the way," said Susan Broadhead.

She and her husband, Jeffrey, are failed foster parents, she said. Abby, who is about a year old, had been surrendered to River City Pet Rescue last fall and her intake veterinary exam revealed her heart problem. The rescue asked the couple to foster Abby while a permanent home was found for her, but they fell in love and decided to keep her.

Abby is the third bulldog the couple have fostered. "We haven't given one back yet," said Jeffrey Broadhead.

She will join the couple's other pets: Dexter, a 10-year-old English bulldog, and Yeager, a 7-year-old American bulldog. Dexter was a foster dog that the couple kept. They also fostered and kept another English bulldog, Noodles, who died of an ailment similar to Abby's.

"She is our resident princess at our house," Susan Broadhead said of Abby. "She fit right in. They absolutely love her."

Bulldogs are prone to health issues, particularly breathing problems. But they also have great personalities and are very loving, she said.

"They're just such characters," she said.

The owner of GoodDog, Pam Nordby, suggested the Broadheads as foster parents when the owner of River City Pet Rescue called looking for a temporary home for Abby. She knew they had the experience needed to care for her.

"Bulldogs are a different breed," Nordby said. "You've got to know what you're doing with them."

Once Nordby learned about Abby's heart condition and the need for surgery, she organized a fundraiser. "This is a big cost," Nordby said. "Our customers are so generous and such animal lovers."

The shop has been collecting donations and selling raffle tickets for nearly a dozen different gift baskets for nearly two weeks. Several local businesses contributed items to create baskets of wine and chocolate, Gonzaga basketball merchandise, Buck Knives, beer and dog treats. The raffle winners will be selected Sunday.

Abby and her owners came to the shop Saturday to greet people who have been donating to the cause. As of Friday the shop had collected about \$1,100 toward the surgery.

"Many hands make light work," Nordby said.

The surgery will be performed at the Washington State University veterinary hospital in Pullman, where Abby has already been examined.

Susan Broadhead said she is in awe of the people who stepped up to help and didn't expect the fundraiser to be so successful.

"Everybody has just been absolutely phenomenal," she said. "It's kind of overwhelming how much everybody has come together for this."

Legion leads memorial inventory effort

National commander calls on members to document, photograph and upload into database all local military, veteran and war monuments and memorials.

American Legion National Commander Charles E. Schmidt is calling on all posts, districts, counties, areas, zones, departments and affiliates of the organization to help build an unparalleled database of memorials and monuments that honor U.S. military service and sacrifice. The database and uploading instructions can be found at www.legion.org/memorials on the Legion's national website.

"As The American Legion nears its centennial year, one aspect of our organization's rich legacy is universal – 'to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars,'" Schmidt said, quoting from the Preamble to The American Legion Constitution. "We know that in virtually every corner of the country, and beyond our shores, American Legion Family members have paid tribute to military service, honor and remembrance by carving out sacred spaces in their communities to ensure that the price paid for freedom is not lost on future generations."

Schmidt said the Legion's memorials database project is a great opportunity to involve the entire American Legion Family, youth groups such as Boy Scouts, local civic organizations, schools and others. "It is especially important to assess the conditions of these memorials – whether it's a plaque in the park listing a county's war dead or a well-known community statue or plaza. What better way to commemorate the Legion's centennial than to spruce up, repair and revive awareness to those who served before us, whose memorials and monuments may be showing the effects of age and weather? It's also the perfect time for communities to reacquaint themselves with the meaning of their memorials."

The American Legion Memorial Inventory Project is not focused on any one war era. "We know that American Legion posts care for memorials ranging from the Revolution to the Global War on Terrorism, all around the world," Schmidt said. "We also are well aware that some of them have come under attack because they may contain some religious symbolism or language, and The American Legion steadfastly opposes removal or revision of such monuments. In order to ensure their continued respect and protection, we have a responsibility to index them and bring attention to their original and intended meaning."

The web platform – easily accessed and used from a smartphone or electronic tablet – asks for the location of the memorial, a description of it, date of installation if known and a rating of its condition. Uploaders are also strongly encouraged to take photos of the memorial and post them onto the database. Once a submission has been made, it may take a couple of days before it appears, following review.

The American Legion is also working with the United States World War One Centennial Commission and the Pritzker Military Museum and Library to document monuments and memorials dedicated specifically to World War I, thousands of which were erected by the early American Legion. The 100 Cities/100 Memorials program includes a matching-money grant opportunity for applicants. More can be learned about that project at www.worldwar1centennial.org/100-cities-100-memorials-home online.

The American Legion National Executive Committee passed Resolution 10 during the Oct. 12-13 meetings in Indianapolis to encourage all American Legion posts, American Legion Riders chapters, American Legion Auxiliary units and affiliated groups to participate in the Veterans Memorial Identification Project and build the national database.

"This is who we are in The American Legion," said American Legion 100th Anniversary Observance Committee Chairman Robert W. Spanogle, a past national commander and past national adjutant of the organization. "This memorial identification project will be a major benefit for researchers, students, educators, the media and travelers who need to understand the story of our nation as told through the military experience and immortalized in every community. We have a sacred obligation to keep these memories alive, recorded and in the best possible condition."

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Article IV - Duties of Officers

Section 1. General. The following is a list of the post officers: Commander, First Vice-Commander, Second Vice-Commander, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, Service Officer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Historian, Adjutant and Chaplain. The Post Adjutant shall serve as secretary of the Executive Committee. The term of office of members of the Executive Committee shall be for one (1) year. The Post, by its Bylaws may provide for such standing committees as the business of the organization may require. All pertinent proceedings of the Executive Committee must be submitted to the Post membership for approval at the next regular meeting. The officers of the Post shall focus on assisting the Post Commander in executing the Post mission and it's supporting plans and programs.

Section 2. Duties of Post Commander. The Post Commander shall be elected to serve for a period of one year and shall be limited to no more than three consecutive terms in office. It shall be the duty of the Post Commander to serve as the chief executive officer of the Post, as ex officio member of all appointed committees, to preside over all executive, general and special membership meetings of the Post, coordinate and publish an agenda for all regular and special Post meetings, and to have general supervision over the business and affairs of the Post. The Post Commander shall approve all orders directing the day-to-day disbursement of budgeted and authorized funds and shall make an annual report covering the business of the Post for the preceding year, and recommendations for the ensuing year. The Post Commander shall also review the recommended/updated Post Three Year Plan at the annual meeting and direct that the Adjutant forward copies of all annual reports thereof immediately to the Department Adjutant. The Post Commander shall perform such other duties as directed by the membership.

Section 3. Duties of First Vice Commander. The First Vice-Commander shall be elected to serve for a period of one year and shall be limited to no more than three consecutive terms in office. The First Vice-Commander shall assume and discharge the duties of the office of Post Commander in the absence or disability of, or when called upon by the Post Commander. In doing so, the First Vice-Commander shall be knowledgeable in all ceremonial protocol of regular and special Post meetings. The First Vice-Commander shall expressly interest themselves in the membership of the Post and shall be a chairperson member of the Post Membership Committee. Because no single factor has so important an influence on the Post's success as membership, the First Vice-Commander shall be assisted by the most active and devoted members of the Post. The First Vice-Commander shall also be the exponent of means of safeguarding the honor of the Flag of our Country. The First Vice-Commander is the teacher of democracy and shall therefore be committed to these endeavors and shall fulfill each and every one of them. The First Vice-Commander shall be the chairperson for the Flag Committee.

Section 4. Duties of Second Vice-Commander. The Second Vice-Commander shall be elected to serve for a period of one year and shall be limited to no more than three consecutive terms in office. The Second Vice-Commander shall also be responsible for assisting the Post Commander with all duties. Particularly, the Second Vice-Commander shall be vested with responsibility in developing Post activities, in developing entertainment features which mark all meetings, and in patriotic observances of all kinds including those requiring an Honor Guard observance. The Second Vice-Commander will be the chairperson of the Welcoming Committee, and will perform such duties at all membership meetings. The Second Vice-Commander shall be the chairperson of the Ceremonials Committee.

Section 5. Duties of Post Adjutant. The Post Adjutant shall be elected to serve for a period of one year and shall not be limited to terms in office. The Post Adjutant's duties are primarily administrative in nature. The Adjutant is the personnel officer and thus maintains intimate contact with individual Post members. The Post Adjutant maintains membership records, minutes of meetings, coordinates with and assists with the work of the other officers and committees, and publishes official orders, announcements, and instructions. The Post Adjutant, in all matters relating to finance, shall furnish such surety bonds (at the expense of the Post) in such sum as shall be fixed by the Post Executive Committee, and shall carry on the work in close correlation with the Post Finance Officer. The Adjutant shall be secretary to the Post Executive Committee and shall prepare and keep all records and minutes of proceedings of said Post Executive Committee. The Post Adjutant shall be authorized in the event of death or resignation of the Post Commander, to summon the Post Executive Committee for the election of a successor. In the event the Adjutant shall fail, refuse or neglect to summon the Post Executive committee, within fifteen days after said death or resignation, then said meeting for the purpose of electing a successor may be held upon the written demand therefore signed by the majority of Executive Committee members, giving fifteen days' notice thereof. The Post Adjutant shall be responsible for the administrative conduct of all special and regular elections for the Post.

Section 6. Duties of the Post Finance Officer. The Post Finance Officer shall be elected to serve for a period of one year and shall not be limited to terms in office. The Post Finance Officer shall have charge of all finances and see that they are safely deposited in a designated local bank or banks and shall report once a month to the Post Executive Committee, as well as the general membership of the Post, the condition of the finances of the Post, with such recommendations as may deem expedient or necessary for raising funds with which to carry on the activities of the Post. The Finance Officer shall sign all checks disbursing the monies of the Post. All checks issued by the Finance Officer shall be countersigned by the Post Commander or First Vice-Commander. The Post Finance Officer shall be the chairperson of the Post Finance Committee and shall provide the general membership of the Post a report on the state of Post finances at each regular business meeting.

Section 7. Duties of Post Historian. The Post Historian shall be elected to serve for a period of one year and shall be limited to no more than three consecutive terms in office. The Post Historian shall be charged with the preservation of all records and incidents of the Post and Post members, and shall perform such other duties as may properly pertain to the office as may be determined by the Post or the Post Executive Committee. Also, the Post Historian shall create an annual Post Historian Book to be displayed at every general membership meeting and sent to the Department Historian to coincide with the Department Convention. They will be responsible for displaying the current photos of events and providing up to date information for the newsletter and webpage. The Post Historian shall be the custodian of any and all awards, decorations and/or memorabilia received by the Post.

Section 8. Duties of Post Chaplain. The Post Chaplain shall be elected to serve for a period of one year and shall be limited to no more than three consecutive terms in office. The Post Chaplain shall be charged with the spiritual welfare of the Post's comrades and when requested, will offer divine, but nonsectarian service in the event of dedications, funerals, public functions, etc., and shall adhere to such ceremonial rituals as are included in the Manual of Ceremonies, or recommended by the National or Department headquarters from time to time. The Post Chaplain shall be the chairperson of the graves Registration and Memorial Committee.

Section 9. Duties of Post Sergeant-at-Arms. The Post Sergeant-at-Arms shall be elected to serve for a period of one year and shall be limited to no more than three consecutive terms in office. As the outer guard of the Post, the Sergeant-at-Arms shall preserve order at meetings, identify and introduce to the Post Commander all visiting comrades and guests of the Post, shall assume charge (cont. below)

of the stand of colors which will be properly displayed at all Post meetings and ceremonial occasions, and shall perform such other duties as may be from time to time assigned by the Post Executive Committee, the Post Commander, or delineated in the Manual of Ceremonies.

Section 10. Duties of Post Service Officer. The Post Service Officer shall be elected to serve for a period of one year and shall not be limited to terms in office. The Post Service Officer shall conduct all matters pertaining to service to and the welfare of comrades through educational efforts/programs concerning the rights and benefits for all veterans, and their dependents as granted them by law, and in the prosecution of all just claims against the United States or state government, employment, relief, etc. The Post Service Officer shall be the chairperson of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee.

Section 11. Duties of Post Judge Advocate. The Post Judge Advocate shall be elected to serve for a period of one year and shall be limited to no more than three consecutive terms in office. The primary duty of the Judge Advocate is to supply advice in the conduct of the post business or to procure proper counsel and is the guardian of constitutional form of post government.

Section 12. Responsibilities: All Post Officers and Committeepersons.

Establish policies and guidelines for the operation of the Post.

Regularly attend scheduled monthly meetings of the Executive Committee and the Post.

Be actively involved in at least one committee.

Assist the Post in appropriate fund raising efforts.

Assist the Post in the recruiting of new members.

Represent the Post in the community.

DBQ - A Great Way to Support a Claim

Disability Benefits Questionnaires (DBQs) are downloadable forms for Veterans to use in the disability evaluation process. DBQs can help speed the processing of compensation and pension claims.

DBQs allow Veterans and Service members to have more control over their disability claims process by giving them the option of completing an examination with their own healthcare provider instead of at a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facility.

DBQs enable private healthcare providers to capture important information needed by VA to accurately evaluate and promptly decide Veterans' claims for benefits.

More than 70 DBQs are available that use check boxes and standardized language to streamline the process. DBQs average about five pages in length. Veterans are responsible for any fees their private provider may charge for completing a DBQ.

http://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/dbq_overview.asp

What Is a Fully Developed Claim?

The Fully Developed Claims (FDC) program is an optional initiative that offers Veterans and survivors faster decisions from VA on compensation, pension, and survivor benefit claims.

Veterans and survivors simply submit all relevant records in their possession, and those records which are easily obtainable, such as private medical records, at the time they make their claim and certify that they have no further evidence to submit. VA can then review and process the claim more quickly.

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/fdc/> - Submitted by Post member Charlie Till



YOU ARE
INVITED
to our
IDEA FACTORY



Who: All Post Members, Spouses
& Significant Others

What: Fundraising Planning Meeting

When: SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017
1:00 p.m. (1300 Military time)

Where: John & Sue Fevold's House
26993 N. Harrier Ln.
Athol, Idaho 83801

Purpose: Brainstorm fundraising ideas &
come up with a game plan

John & Sue will provide cold cuts & cheeses for "Make Your Own Sandwich", coffee, water and tea. Anyone who would like, can bring a salad, dessert or other dish to share.

Need more info: Call 1st Vice-Commander John Fevold
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