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Chaplain's Pew

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Most gracious God, by whose appointment the seasons come and go, and who makes the fruits of the earth for the needs of men and women, we offer You our thanksgiving that according to Your promise seed time and harvest have not failed. We give You most humble and hearty thanks for Your servants who came across wintry seas of peril of life to establish a free nation with fidelity to justice, freedom, and democracy. We pray that we who have entered into the heritage of their heroism and sacrifice may so honor their memory that Your blessings may continue to fall upon our beloved land. Protect us from outward dangers and deliver us from inward strife. Keep our country in Your care, and guide the state according to Your will. Yours shall be the glory and the praise and the thanksgiving from generation to generation. Amen.

- Submitted by Helen Kinder, Post chaplain.

Adjutant:

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^ IT GIVES ME MUCH PLEASURE TO EXTEND TO THE AMERICAN LEGION My HEARTY GOOD WISHES FOR SUCCESS ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE OFFICIAL PAPER OF THS SOCIETY OF VETERANS OF THE GREAT WAR PERIOD ^ THE LEGION IS DESTINED TO BE OF TREMENDOUS VALUE IN FOSTERING THE ^ IDEALS AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH WE FOUGHT [COMMA] AND IN SPREADING AMONG OUR PEOPLE THE LESSONS LEARNED IN THE WAR PERIOD THE AMERICAN LEGION WEEKLY AS THE MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY WILL MORE CLOSELY UNITE THE ALREADY STRONG BONDS OF COMRADESHIP AMONG THE MEMBERS [PERIOD] I PREDICT A MOST USEFUL FUTURE FOR THE LEGION AND THE LOYAL SUPPORT OF ALL FOR THE NEW WEEKLY. PERSHING,

This telegraphed message was sent and published in the first issue of the American Legion's weekly magazine to its members. Our Adjutant found every issue from 1919 to 2015 available on line. If you'd like to see what the Legion was involved in over the ensuing years, follow this link: <https://archive.legion.org/handle/20.500.12203/4695>

In addition, here is a link to a short video on the history of the American Legion:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sdzepsv-tU&list=PLSkVWQTxysFCyvWkXqhm1DV5ZzMke0Bhv&t=0s&index=6>

- Bryan Bledsoe, Adjutant



Finance Officer:

As we near the end of October, the Post has a bank balance of \$4,051.00. As noted in last month's newsletter, of that total, \$3,638 is restricted funds for specific programs or events.

The Post donated \$75 to the Lewiston Veterans Home during the "Fun Convoy".

The Veterans Recognition Event has been extremely successful in raising money and in reducing their expenses. To date, they have raised more than \$1,850 for the event thanks to the wonderful efforts of the overall Committee and our representatives including Bill and Helen Kinder and the Commander. Great Job!! They have also reduced their expenses this year due to the help we received from the State Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, who arranged all the pins and certificates for the Vietnam Veterans. We have made a considerable investment in "Connie" the Conex Box and the shelving. Before the weather gets bad, we need a Committee to go through our internal storage area and decide what stuff should be moved into the Conex and what should be stored inside. We should have some limited funds for the purchase of additional containers, if needed, and these should be well labeled to facilitate finding stuff both inside and outside. Would some of you "WELL ORGANIZED" folks volunteer to get that done before the snow comes? – Len Crosby, Finance Officer



Legislative Chairman:

Not much happening in Washington D.C. as everyone is busy getting the vote out for Tuesday, November 6. **REMEMBER TO VOTE. If you don't vote, you can't complain about your elected officials or the result of the election.**

The Commission on Military, National, and Public Service Seeks Input: On Wednesday, the VFW attended a roundtable discussion with the Commission on Military, National, and Public Service to discuss whether women should register for the selected service and other proposals to increase the number of Americans in military and public service. The commission is charged with making recommendations to Congress on how to "inspire more Americans — specifically young people — to participate in military, national, and public service and to review the military selective service process." Before making such recommendations, the commission is soliciting feedback from service members, veterans, and their families. Visit the commission's website <https://www.inspire2serve.gov> to share your thoughts or learn more.

Holiday Overseas Mail Deadlines Approaching: Military and U.S. Postal Service officials have issued suggested mailing deadlines for holiday packages and letters to military locations overseas in time for Christmas. To get them there in time for Hanukkah, which starts on Dec. 2 this year, subtract 23 days from the deadlines. According to Military Times, the deadlines for various methods of shipping are the same for most APO/FPO/DPO (diplomatic post office) ZIP codes, with the exception of some mail going to APO/FPO/DPO Zip Code 093, which covers overseas contingency areas. – Len Crosby, legislative Chairman

Service Officer:

N is for NOVEMBER! Greetings and Happy Veterans Day to all post members. The holidays are right around the corner and we all know what that means...all things pumpkin spice! It's everywhere. Do not be surprised if one day you have the option for pumpkin spice motor oil or toilet paper. It could happen. At any rate, the holiday can bring on stress and crazy sounds. Many veterans have issues with tinnitus. This month, N is for...

Noise Exposure



Veterans may have been exposed to harmful noise during military service in combat, training, and general job duties.

Noise can come from gunfire, explosives, rockets, heavy weapons, jets and aircraft, and machinery.

Health problems related to noise

High-intensity noise and vibration can cause or contribute to hearing loss and tinnitus (ringing in the ears).

The Health and Medicine Division (HMD) (formally known as the Institute of Medicine) of the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine published a 2005 report, [Noise and Military Service: Implications for Hearing Loss and Tinnitus](#).

Health concerns?

If you are concerned about health problems associated with noise exposure during your military service, talk to your health care provider or contact your local [VA Environmental Health Coordinator](#) to help you get more information from a health care provider.

VA offers a variety of [health care benefits](#) to eligible Veterans. Not enrolled in the VA health care system? [Find out if you qualify for VA health care](#).

Compensation benefits for health problems

Veterans may file a claim for disability compensation for health problems they believe are related to noise exposure during military service. VA decides these claims on a case-by-case basis.

- Ruth Aresvik, Service Officer



CONVENTION SCHEDULES

American Legion		Marine Corps League	
Mid-winter	January 11-14, 2019, Boise, ID	National	August 4-9, 2019, Billings, MT
State	July 11-14, 2019, Worley, ID	Military Order of the Purple Heart	
National	August 23-29, 2019, Indianapolis, IN	National	July 8-12, 2019, Branson, MO
AMVETS		National Association of Atomic & Nuclear	
National	August 21-25, 2019, Louisville, KY	Veterans	
Catholic War Veterans of the United States		National	To be determined
National	Dates to be determined, San Antonio, TX	Veterans of Foreign Wars	
Disabled American Veterans		Mid-winter	January 10-13, 2019, Boise, ID
National	August 3-6, 2019, Orlando, FL	State	June 16-19, 2019, Lewiston, ID
Fleet Reserve Association		National	July 20-24, 2019, Orlando, FL
National	To be determined	Vietnam Veterans of America	
		National	July 16-20, 2019, Spokane, WA



VA UPDATES THE DISABILITY RATING SCHEDULE RELATED TO SKIN CONDITIONS

News Release, August 15, 2018

Effective August 13th, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) updated portions of the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities (VASRD, or Rating Schedule) that evaluate conditions related to the skin. The VASRD is the collection of federal regulations used by Veterans Benefits Administration claims processors to evaluate the severity of disabilities and assign disability ratings. VA is in the process of updating all 15 body systems of the VASRD to reflect modern medicine more accurately and provide clearer rating decisions. "VA remains committed to providing veterans the benefits they have earned at the highest quality," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "With modern medicine advancing at a rapid rate, it's important to ensure VA's disability rating schedule and rating decisions reflect these advancements." No conditions were removed from the new skin rating schedule. However, SEVERAL DIAGNOSTIC CODES WERE RESTRUCTURED OR REVISED. The complete list of updates to the rating schedule for skin conditions is now available online. Claims pending prior to August 13th will be considered under both the old and new rating criteria, and whichever criteria are more favorable to the veteran will be applied. Claims filed on or after August 13th will be rated under the new rating schedule. By updating the rating schedule for skin conditions, the VA claims processors can make more consistent decisions with greater ease and ensure veterans understand these decisions. The VA has issued several VASRD updates since September 2017, including updates for dental and oral conditions, conditions related to the endocrine system, gynecological conditions, and disorders of the breast and eye conditions. – Ruth Aresvik, Service Officer

Mark Your Calendar:

November 4	Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 6	Election Day – Your vote matters!!
November 8	Post 154 Executive Committee Meeting
November 10	Marine Corps Birthday
November 10	Post 154 Veterans Recognition Ceremony – Lakeland High School Doors open 1 pm – event starts at 2 pm
November 11	Veterans Day & National Education Week & Spokesman Review Veterans Day section - 24 half pages
November 18	National Family Week
November 22	Thanksgiving
November 22	Holiday Blood Donor Drive
November 29	Lions Backpack Program from 9 am to 10:30 – volunteers needed

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

This is a reminder to get your membership renewed before December 31st, while the dues are still only \$40.00. On January 1st, dues will be raised to \$45.00 for 2019.

Thank You
Bill Kinder
Membership Comm.

Please make checks payable to:
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A Healthier You: from *The People's Pharmacy*



Can You protect yourself from the flu?

Strengthen your immune system and stay away from sick people as much as you can if you want to protect yourself from the flu this winter.

[Read Article →](#)



Please Join the Rathdrum Community

2018 Veterans Recognition Ceremony

Saturday November 10th at 2PM

Special Recognition For all Vietnam War Era Veterans

- **Event will be at the Lakeland High School**
- **All Veterans Are Welcome to Attend**
 - **Doors Open at 1PM**
 - **Opening Ceremonies Start at 2PM**
 - **Live Music & Entertainment**
- **Special Prizes for Kootenai County's
Youngest & Oldest Veteran's**

Everyone is invited to this free celebration to meet, honor, & thank our Veterans. All Veterans wishing to be considered for the oldest and youngest please call Barbara Williams at 208-691-7964 by November 2nd. Event is Sponsored by the American Legion Post 154, The N.W. Guardian Riders, Military Order Purple Heart and the City of Rathdrum.



**Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Are Strictly Prohibited
on School Property**

For more information please call Barbara Williams at 208-691-7964

England's Stonehenge or Egypt's Karnak or Abu Simbel has nothing on us. Our memorial even has a plaque pedestal to explain it all. Archeologists of the future won't have to guess what the site is all about. Why is it so under publicized?



Once a year at 11:11 A.M., the sun shines perfectly on this Memorial. At precisely 11:11 A.M., each Veterans Day (Nov. 11), the sun's rays pass through the ellipses of the five Armed Services pillars to form a perfect solar spotlight over a mosaic of The Great Seal of the United States.



Photograph by Mike Spinelli

The Anthem Veterans Memorial, located in Anthem, Arizona, is a monument dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of the United States armed forces.

The pillar provides a place of honor and reflection for veterans, their family and friends, and those who want to show their respects to those service men and women who have and continue to courageously serve the United States.

The memorial was designed by Anthem resident Renee Palmer-Jones.

The five marble pillars represent the five branches of the United States military.



They are staggered in size (from 17 feet to 6 feet) and ordered in accordance with the Department of Defense prescribed precedence, ranging from the United States Army, the United States Marine Corps, the United States Navy, the United States Air Force and the United States Coast Guard.

Photograph via Anthem Community Council



Additionally, the brick pavers within the Circle of Honor are inscribed with the names of over 750 U.S. servicemen and women, symbolizing the 'support' for the Armed Forces.

The pavers are red, the pillars are white, and the sky is blue to represent America's flag.

The circle represents an unbreakable border.

Anthem resident and chief engineer, Jim Martin was responsible for aligning the

memorial accurately with the sun.



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brave!



The Roswell Vietnam War Monument is fourteen feet in height and twenty feet across, highlighted by Georgia marble cap stones and old colonial bricks. The plaza and walkways contain hundreds of memorial bricks purchased by supporters of the project.

Fifty faces, cast in bronze, depict an array of emotions, including fear, grief, and courage. They represent American serviceman and women, medical personnel, and Vietnamese civilians. One figure in the sculpture is that of a soldier reaching out to clasp the hand of a little girl. A sheer waterfall cascades over the backdrop faces. Viewers will be able to see a reflection of their own faces and at that instant become a part of the memorial. As you visit the Memorial, remember those who served to protect the sovereignty of our country, not only in the Vietnam War but in all wars, and their families.

Inscription

The Faces of War-heroic and tragic

Faces of the past held present in our memories
 Faces of soldiers and civilians – men, women, children all ages, all colors
 And our own Faces – observes who can never know the entire story
 The whole concealed and reflected by a thin veil of water – water representing tears separation of past
 and present a cleaning
 And emerging from the Faces, one soldier stepping toward the future into a garden – *Stepping toward
 the next generation a child – His legacy and ours.* - Submitted by Paula Atwood

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**American Legion Post 154
Christmas Party 2018**

You and your family are cordially invited to attend the Third Annual Manuel Schneidmiller Post 154 Pot Luck Christmas Party to be held Friday, December 14, 2018, from 6:00-8:00 P.M. at the Rathdrum Lions Club, 16114 N. Meyer Road. (corner of Hwy 53 and Meyer Road)

Please come and enjoy an evening to celebrate the holidays with friends and family.

Again this year we will have a visit from Santa and he will be reading *The Night Before Christmas to the youngsters and oldsters*. Please bring a wrapped, labeled gift, if you wish to have your children or grandchildren receive a present from Santa.

We will have a Toys for Tots box available for donated toys this year. Please help by bringing *unwrapped* toys to help make this a great Christmas for the youngsters.

The Post will provide coffee, tea, water, plates, napkins, and eating utensils. Please bring your favorite holiday dish to share. (suggestions might include: hot dishes, , vegetables, salads or desserts.

Please RSVP by December 11th, with the number attending and what you are bringing. Direct questions to Sue Fevold at 208-916-5149 or email; schoolmarm66@hotmail.com