



BUGLE CALL



July/August, 2020

POST 2136

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

UP COMING EVENTS

- July 1st Post Lunch 11AM
- July 21st Post Meeting
1900Hrs
- August 5th Post Lunch
- Each Wednesday of Month
Post Open for visit 1000 to
1400.

POST COMMANDER'S REPORT

The Post has inaugurated a program to improve attendance with a monetary drawing which can give a selected member up to \$100 for attendance. We started with \$25 and it increases by \$5 per month until a member is present to win. All you have to do is be there. Also, we are in need of members to join the Honor Guard which has provided over 15 services this year.

These last few months have been very disheartening. Yet, we persevere through our faith and love of country. As members of the finest veteran organization in the world, we stand up for the flag and renew our pledge to support all lawful activities. We are engaged in a time of turmoil and an unknown future. Remember to hold tight to your faith, love your family and keep all of us in your prayers.

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT

This spring has been certainly been one that none of us will soon forget. It has affected everyone and hopefully it has been more of an inconvenience in your schedule and routine than it has been a medical problem. We all hope that Idaho and the rest of the country are on a return to normalcy. We can only hope!!

We have just held our first Post meeting since February and the eleven members in attendance seemed to have weathered the worst of the pandemic in good health and spirits. The shutdowns resulted in the VFW cancelling their National and State Conventions. Our Post election of officers was supposed to be held at the April meeting. With the exception of two changes, all officers agreed to fill their positions for another year. At our June meeting, District 6 Commander Eric Bolich was present to swear in the officers.

The new National Cemetery is now open in Buhl. Anyone interested in reserving a plot there, or in any National Cemetery should do so now. Don't wait and hope your wife and kids can take care of it after something happens to you. Apply through the VA, or contact our State Service Officer and Post member Bob Smith at 208-736-0719

The PTSD Seminar scheduled for earlier this year has been rescheduled for October 16th at 1830 hours at the Post. For questions, contact the Post at 208-316-7000

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June 14th was Flag Day and the 245th Anniversary of the United States Army. The First Commander in Chief was appointed a few days later, his name was George Washington. Congratulations to an outstanding force in readiness and thank you for your service.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Three combat ready Marines were called into the Commandant's office to receive compensation for wounds received in combat. The Commandant told the marines it was impossible to decorate them, but that they would receive gold instead. "measure any part of your body," the Commandant stated, "and you will receive the amount in ounces of gold."

The first Marine outstretched his arms, and the Commandant replied, "Well, young man, that is worth 72 ounces of gold." The second Marine, wearing a smug smile stated, "Sir, measure me from the top of my head to the tip of my spit shined toes." The Commandant responded, "Well, that will be 80 ounces."

The third Marine, after a long pause stated, "Sir, measure the length of my penis to my testicles." The Commandant was aghast, but told the Marine to drop his trousers and after a long examination asked, "Where are your balls?" The Marine, not missing a beat, responded, "Sir, the last time I saw them they were ten miles west of Da Nang!"

POST OPENS FOR FREE LUNCH

Post 2136 will be open for lunch on the first Wednesday of each month from 1100 hours to 1300. Reservations are necessary due to Covid 19 restrictions. Please RSVP to Connie at myraggy@yahoo.com or 208 410 2481.

Additionally, the Post will have the rec room open each Wednesday from 1000 hours to 1400 (for you Army guys that's when Mickey's big hand is on the 12 and his little hand is on the 2). If you are interested in volunteering a few hours, please call Connie at 208 410 2061

AMERICAN VETERANS CEREMONIAL URN COVERS

John Sword, an artist in Idaho, has designed a Ceremonial Urn Cover for veteran ceremonies. He has donated two urns to our Post which are available upon request by families of veterans.

The urn cover is hand made with a leaf on the lid replicated in broze and are cast in Joseph, Oregon. The replica bronze work from the World War II Memorial and frames that hold the Declaration of



Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights in Washington, DC.

Soils or sand from battlefields throughout the world are incorporated into the base to symbolize the battlefield locations where veterans fought and so many were injured or lost their lives.

If you are interested in using an urn cover, please contact Quartermaster Greg Bryant. More information about the urn cover can be found at www.everlastingtree.com.

TWIN FALLS GETS NEW SERVICE OFFICER

In addition to Bob Smith, the current VFW Service Officer, Twin Falls will be adding an additional position. The new Service Officer still to be named, will also share new offices. Stay tuned for up-coming information on the location.

SNAKE RIVER NATIONAL CEMETERY

The newest national cemetery has opened. The Snake River National Cemetery in Buhl is now available for veteran funeral services. Any veteran may contact the Service Officer for information on burial services for him/herself and spouse. Currently, the cemetery is allowing two services per day due to the Covid virus.

In order to reserve a flag for the coffin, the Service Officer should be notified upon death. Most funeral homes will assist in this matter. For more information, please contact the Tein Falls Veteran Service Officer listed in this publication.

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO DISTRICT COMMANDER ERIC BOLICH FOR THE OFFICER SWEARING CEREMONY HE CONDUCTED AT THE JUNE POST MEETING. ALL OFFICERS WERE DULY SWORN TO PROVIDE OUR POST WITH EXCELLENT EFFORTS DURING THIS COMING YEAR. CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OFFICERS.

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