



American Legion Post 4
PO Box 14
Pocatello, ID 83204

AMERICAN LEGION PREAMBLE

For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: to up hold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrated and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

MEETINGS

Regular monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm and are held at the *Bannock County Veteran's Memorial Building, 300 N. Johnson Ave, Pocatello, Idaho 83204, (208) 232-9960.*

RECENT EVENTS

DISTRICT 6 MEETING, MALAD, MARCH 5, 2011: New officers installed by Idaho State Commander Bill Stevens. Kay Obray will replace Ken Ugaki of Post 23 for the new year. Charles "Chip" Wangelin is the new 1st Vice Commander, Reina M. Avila is the new 2nd Vice Commander and G A "Woody" Woodman is the new Service Officer. Congratulations!

RIDERS ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET February 26, 2011: We welcomed vendors from the area and anyone who wished to sell their motorcycle parts and other miscellaneous items and collectables. Our 1st Vice Commander and membership chairman, Reina Avila was on hand for the entire day to accept new members and renew current memberships who needed their 2011 cards. Our Veteran Service Officer and Financial Officer Woody Woodman was also available all day and was also selling post patches, flags and pins. Many members and officers were present to great and assist as needed. Hotdogs, chips, sodas were available for a small cost and coffee was free for all visitors. Admission was free and open to the public. Great job Frank!

SUPERBOWL PARTY February 6, 2011: A great success and lots of fun. We had a potluck, raffles and door prizes and held a food drive for the Food Bank. Bar was also open to serve beer, wine and mixed drinks for adults, sodas for youth and those who prefer non-alcoholic beverages.

LOOKING AHEAD

FIELD OF HEROS: Held the weekend of Memorial Day in May. The Riders will be volunteering in the communication booth this year. Anyone wishing to help out are asked to call Riders Director Frank Smith at (208) 317-1424. Get involved in this wonderful event to remember our comrades who gave the ultimate price for our freedoms and for those who are POW/MIA. Idaho has 1 POW Army Spc Bowe Bergdahl of Sun Valley. Currently in the captivity of the Taliban since June 2009.

FISHING DERBY: Held twice a year in June and August.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL: Starts up in June and admission to games is free with your current membership card! Come support our Pocatello Runnin' Rebels and Razorbacks! Schedule of games is not yet available but are posted also in the Idaho State Journal sports section or you get it online at www.pocatellolegionbaseball.com.

BINGO: We need about 4 volunteers to run this program. If you'd like to be involved, please come to our next regular meeting. We'd love to get this program going again.

MEMBERSHIPS

DID YOU KNOW? If you don't renew your membership by February of each year you are "delinquent" and if not renewed by June of the current year you will be "dropped" from the roster. Your consecutive year status is then affected and you may need to re-apply as a New Member all over again. Even worse, if you're enrolled in the AL Insurance Trust Fund, you must be in "good standing" with your post to qualify. You're not in good standing if you are in delinquent status. If you don't have your 2011 Membership card in your wallet/purse and you wish to remain a member, please renew ASAP. Send your \$35.00 dues to the address on the first page at the top. If you've been in 50 years or more, you're a Life Member and this will not apply to you.

PAID UP FOR LIFE (PUFL): NEVER BE LATE AGAIN! Become a PUFL and you don't have to worry about renewing your membership every year. Applications available on line and the amount is dependent upon your post dues amount and your age. Once filled out you need to mail//bring it to your post Adjutant for his signature and he will process it for you. More information and applications available at <http://legion.org/membership/management>.

SUPPORT: Can't make it to the meetings but would like to help out? Donations are desperately needed to continue our work of service to our fellow local veterans, Children and Youth programs, Americanism, Troop Support Services, Heros To Hometowns, National Emergency Fund, Boys State/Boys Nation, High School Oratorical Competitions, Scholarship Assistance, Temporary Financial Assistance and more.

POCATELLO VETERANS HONOR GUARD: Volunteers needed for veteran funerals. We're also going to start a special rifle detail for parades and special events. It will be a rifle drill team so you must be able to "spin" a rifle, march at least 1 mile along a parade route. This will be a precision team. Tryouts will soon so we can be ready for summer. If interested, see Reina Avila during a regular meeting or send me your name and phone number to the American Legion PO Box 14, Pocatello, ID 83204.

Come meet your local Post Officers:

Commander, Mario Chacon
1st Vice Commander, Reina Avila
2nd Vice Commander, Mike Ellefson
3rd Vice Commander, Joe Radeck
Adjutant, Charles "Chip" Wangelin
Service Officer, GA "Woody" Woodman
Chaplain, David Degarlais
Riders Director, Frank Smith

Elections for new officers at our next meeting on March 9, 2011. You must be present and in good standing to vote.

Until then...

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace"
Numbers 6:24-26

WE NEED YOU...RENEW TODAY!