Montanans Honor Veterans Across Montana

Hundreds of Legionnaires, Veterans and Montanans throughout the State gathered to honor and lay wreaths at the entrances and graves of many, many veterans in cemeteries around the state. Pictured here are wreaths at Montana State Veterans Cemetery in Helena. See page 8 and 9 for more tributes from across the State.

Montana Legionnaires Join Canadians to Celebrate Remembrance Day

Wayne Shoe Beliveau Branch #190; Larry Webb Hamilton Post #35; Janice Webb Hamilton Post #35 Gary White Helena Post 92; Richard Kleine Laurel Post 625; Roger Hagen Helena Post 62; Elmer Palmer Lolo Post #915; Jeff Nelson Polson Post #912; Colton Lamb Helena SAL Squadron 62; Gary Littlefield Coleman Branch 99; Ray Stolp Helena Post 92.

A record nine members of the American Legion Department of Montana traveled to Crow Nest Pass, Alberta to participate with the Royal Canadian Legion in their Remembrance Day (Veterans Day) activities on 11 Nov 2019. The Dept. of MT has sent a delegation every year for the past seventeen years.

Remembrance Day is a big production with a ceremony in Crow Nest Pass High School gym attended by 800-1200 people with speeches by local politicians, the MT Rep etc., march in of veterans with a formal posting of everyone's flags followed by wreath laying ceremonies at two local Branches (Posts), followed by free food, beer, music and dancing. Everyone is involved from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), local police, fire department (the firing details are all made up of fire department personnel), cadets, school kids, Girl Guides (scouts) and many other guests.

Headstone Found in Rubble Pile in Missoula

The Department of Montana is looking for any and all help in locating next of kin for Montana Veteran World War I Army Sgt Ralph G. Griswold, May 17, 1893 - Sept 22, 1953, who served with the 20 Engineers. His headstone was recovered from a rubble pile in Missoula, Montana early this year. Anyone with any information is asked to contact Historian Ray Read at myfun51@msn.com or the Department Headquarters at amlqenmt29@mtlegion.org.
I want to congratulate all the Posts that made it 100 percent. It gives the rest of us something to strive for. I have no doubt in my mind that if we put our minds to achieving our goals, we can have a 100 percent for the Department this next year.

I hope everyone was able to have some special time with their families during the Christmas season. Whether you had to travel or had family visiting it is always a blessing to come together to celebrate during this time of year.

One thing that has always been on my mind is, why do we belong to The American Legion? Is it the comradery, is it the benefits, or maybe just the pride in belonging to The American Legion? In any case, everyone has a reason for joining their ranks. As I can attest myself, it was belonging to an organization that stood for God and Country and helping those veterans and their families in need at times.

And this brings up the question of who is going to replace us when we are unable to do the flag ceremonies on Flag Day, or march in the Memorial Day parade, or maintain the white fatality markers, or do the hundreds of other programs that you take responsibility for at your Post? My point is to get the younger members involved in the activities without scaring them off. Without their help, many programs will be in jeopardy of falling by the wayside. This passing the torch to the next generation of members has really taken on a personal mission. I remember when the WWII and Korean members did everything taken on a personal mission. I remember when to the next generation of members has really made it fun and accomplished so the WWII and Korean members did everything.

What’s your role? A common problem in many Posts is that the people serving as Post officers do not know or possibly understand what their role as a Post officer actually is. Don’t get me wrong, it’s not limited to the officers, in an organization NOBODY knows what the true role is of a Post officer.

It is very important to step up and assume the very important role of a Post officer, you must know what that role is, what you are expected to do and have at least an idea of how to do it. The National organization prints new officer guides every year and the Department has been distributing them at district meetings and other events for years. Now it is even easier to get your hands on the information because you can download it in PDF format from legion.org/publications by scrolling down to the area labeled Internal Affairs and clicking on the picture of the latest version of the 2019 Officer’s Guide.
2020 Chaplain Training

Are you currently serving or soon-to-be serving as a Legion Family Chaplain? (This includes American Legion, Auxiliaries, American Legion Riders, Sons of The American Legion and The American Legion.) Do you have an interest in becoming a chaplain in the future? If you actively serve by personally helping our veterans and Legion Family Members? If the answer is yes to any of these questions, this training is for you!

One aspect of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) that often goes mis-diagnosed or misunderstood is Moral Injury. This is especially true for many of our older veterans and also affects many of our newest veterans. Many suffering with moral injury do not always have PTSD.

What is moral injury? In a nutshell, it’s when a person’s deeply held moral values are violated which can happen in a variety of ways: they participated in something that violated their values, the Post Commander or a Post leader did something that violated their values, they were unable to stop something they were pressured to do or failed to do. They are all today’s culture is seldom addressed let alone recognized as such. Combat actions can result in moral injury. Moreover, Moral Injury is just trauma can result in moral injury. So can losing an acquaintance, close friend or family member to suicide. The list is quite long.

This year at Department Convention in Billings on July 27 from 1-5 pm we are privileged to have Mike Kelle, Northern Rockies Moral Injury Coordinator with Volunteers of America, who will introduce us to moral injury, opening our hearts and minds in the process, as well as providing some concrete ways we can come alongside and be of true assistance to a Legion Family member struggling with a wound to their soul.

To attend, please register NLT MAY 30th by sending the form below with a check for $10 made out to American Legion of Montana. The money will cover materials and any excess will go into the Chaplain’s Fund. Mail registration and payment to: Chaplain Karen Sempie, 34 Mergenthaler Rd., Montana City, Montana 59634

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE CHAPLAIN CONFERENCE REGISTRATION WITH DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION. ALL CHAPLAIN MEMBERS: PLEASE DO NOT SEND TO AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT. (Last year several attendees did those things and even though there were extra were still short on both materials and seats because we were completely unaware they were coming.)

2020 Chaplain Training Registration

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Once you have read through the Officer’s Guide, you just have to take a look at the Trophies, Awards and Ceremonies Manual as it has a lot of very useful information that when followed will make you look like a rock star within your Post. The information is out there, all you have to do is get it and read it. In a nutshell, as a Post officer, you are a leader not a ruler. Your job is to help see to it that meetings run smoothly and that the Post can conduct business. It’s to ensure that the Post is working programs and that everyone has the tools and resources available to them to make them and the Post as a whole, a success. Your job is to share your knowledge with other Post members and help them be the best Legionnaires that they can be. It is important to know that this doesn’t just apply to the Post level, it applies to officers at every level all the way up to National. If you are a success, your Post will be a success, if your Post is a success, the District will be and then Department and then National.

There are no rules within our organization and if you are using your gavel or your title or your “time in grade” to push people to do what YOU want, you should probably go back and reflect on the preamble for a while. Be helpful, be kind, be courteous, give the Master of Might his due, and treat all of your comrades as equals and you will be as successful as you want or need to be. Work membership!

In Memory of Past Department Chaplain Ronald Dean Moccasin

Ronald Dean Moccasin, 83, of Frazer, MT
April 5, 1936 – October 13, 2019

The Department of Montana has lost a good Comrade in Rev. Ronald Dean “Ronn” Moccasin Sr. Winta J’age (Growing Eagle) from Frazer, MT. Ronn was a deep loving heart, true wisdom, endless patience, tireless quest for knowledge and a true warrior who served others with everything he had. Rest in peace Comrade Ronn, until we meet again.

Karen Sempie, Dept. Chaplain

2020 Chaplain Training

October/November/December 2019

| BEGGS, KENNETH, 11/14/2019 – Vietnam – US Army – 2-year member of Post 17, Red Lodge, Interred with Military Honors |
| BLACKWELL, KURT, 10/24/2019 – Vietnam – US Navy – 26-year member of Post 9, Lewistown, Interred with Military Honors |
| CLINTON, LARRY E., 10/17/2019 – Vietnam – US Navy – 6-year member of Post 16, Lewistown, Interred with Military Honors |
| FORTNEY, FRANK, 10/16/19 – Vietnam – US Marine – 3-year member of Post 138, Ronan, Interred with Military Honors |
| GARY, GARY, 12/5/19 – Korea – US Army – 9-year member of Post 341, Great Falls, Interred with Military Honors |
| GUNDLACH, LEELAND, 10/20/2019 – WWII – US Navy – 69-year member of Post 35, Bailey, Interred with Military Honors |
| MOCASSIN, RONALD, 10/13/2019 – Korea – US Navy – Army – 15-year member of Post 61, Brockton, Interred with Military Honors |
| MOEN, WILLIAM F., 10/16/2019 – Korea – US Army – 66-year member of Post 119, Billings, Interred with Military Honors |
| NORDHAGEN, DARRELL, 8/21/2019 – Korea – US Air Force – 52-year member of Post 122, Ophir, Interred with Military Honors |
| REYNOLDS, HUGH, 10/5/2019 – WWII – US Army – 21-year member of Post 15, Harlowton, Interred with Military Honors |
| THOMAS, JOE, 10/8/2019 – Korea – US Army – 2-year member of Post 20, Dillon, Interred with Military Honors |

Post Everlasting

For our days
Napth the sun
Nearth the star
As we go
This we know
God is high.

American Legion Boys State

Post cards will be mailed to this year’s Post Chairman that the Department has on file. If your Post does not receive an American Legion Boys State packet it was sent to the high school in your community. The fee for this year remains the same at $300.00 and the registrations and fees are due by 15 May. Please advise any interested boys to obtain a copy of their parent’s or grandparent’s discharge so they will have time to complete the American Legion Boys State packet. They must have a copy of the discharge document through the Post Adjutants or individuals. We also receive numerous notices of members who are deceased. Without this program we would have additional mailing costs to those who are deceased or who have moved. When you receive your address labels please send in a copy with your address and member number back to Department, whether you donate or not. If you do not send this portion back and don’t donate, you’ll receive a second mailing, so please send it back so we don’t have to pay for additional mailings. Additionally, if you do not want to receive certain kinds of mail, notify Department Headquarters (toll free 866-793-1257) and we can stop the mail you don’t want.
The Story of The Four Chaplains

An enemy submarine stalking the ship undetected fired a torpedo toward the ship’s aging flanks. The missile exploded in the boiler room, destroying the electric supply and releasing suffocating clouds of steam and ammonia gas. Many on board died instantly; some were trapped below deck. Others, jolted from their bunks, groaned and stumbled their way to the decks of the stricken vessel. Taking on water rapidly, the ship began listing to starboard. (For readers not familiar with maritime terminology, that is the right side of the ship when looking forward.)

Because security reasons prevented the use of distress flares, escort vessels still close enough to assist, pushed on into the darkness completely unaware the DORCHESTER was sinking. Overcrowded lifeboats capsized; rafts drifted away before anyone could reach them. Men cling to the rails, frozen with fear, unable to let go and plunge into the icy, dark, churning water far below. The Four Chaplains calmed frightened men, got them spare life jackets, and urged them over the side. The supply of extra jackets ran out with men still waiting. Having decided to remain with the sinking ship, the Four Chaplains either gave to or forced upon frightened servicemen their outer life jackets. Much too quickly, no more lifeboats could be launched and many men were left aboard, yet there was more for the Chaplains to do.

When last seen, the Four Chaplains were standing together on the deck leading the men with them in prayer. With arms linked in friendship and heads bowed, they sank beneath the waves. Two of those chaplains were Protestant, one was a Catholic, and one was a Jewish. Monsignor John McNamara, former Chief of Chaplains of the U.S. Navy, said at a Four Chaplains Award Service, “No casting director in Hollywood could have selected a better cast of characters than these four to portray the basic unity of the American people.”

The self-sacrifice of the Four Chaplains was a heroic act. It was not the only heroic act aboard the DORCHESTER that night; however, it was the identity of these four young men, representing three great faiths of the American people that magnifies the symbolism of their sacrifice.

It is our charge and our duty to ensure that this brief, yet very significant portion of American history is not lost, and that the lessons of cooperation and selfless service are proclaimed in our communities throughout Montana.

Four Chaplains Sunday this year, February 2nd, falls on the day before the sinking; however, it is now also Super Bowl Sunday. Because of that conflict, the Department of Montana will be holding a Four Chaplains Service on Monday, February 3rd at 2 pm at Touchmark in Helena.

If you wish to conduct a Four Chaplains Service this year, please contact the Department for your nearest ALR membership chairman.

Columbia Falls Freedom Post 72 gives veterans new TVs

Pictured with his Christmas western hat, Past Commander Michael Shepard of Columbia Falls Freedom Post 72, along with Past Adjutant Ric Huston and member Jeff Harker, present to Bonnie Stutsman, 24 new televisions. Shepard negotiated with Best Buy and was able to purchase 22 new 32-inch and two new 60-inch TVs, replacing 20-inch TVs in the rooms, and two new 60-inch. The televisions were sorely needed by the Veterans’ Home.

Funds were raised by the local Post’s Spaghetti Feed and Car Show BBQ.

Forming Montana Department American Legion Riders

On October 12, 2019, a group of 18 American Legion Riders (ALR) from across Montana representing eight different Posts (listed below) had the first formal meeting hosted by Butte Post 1 to organize a Department level ALR.

They established a constitution and elected officers to begin the Department of Montana American Legion Riders (MTALR). The official status is pending final approval and reporting of The American Legion of Montana committee constituted at Fall Conference. As a group of motorcycle enthusiasts, their goal is to help new ALR programs across the state as they grow in their Post level programs.

Two Legion members in Michigan started the first American Legion Riders program in 1993 because they desired an environment where Legion members could come together to share a common love for motorcycles. The ALR was voted in as a national Legion program in 2011 and there are currently over 110,000 members representing over 2,000 Posts in every domestic Department and in three foreign countries. Many Riders organize annual Legacy Runs to support The American Legion, scholarship programs of Operation Comfort Warriors, supporting wounded soldiers across the nation; they ride to raise money to support their local American Legion Posts; they ride to raise money for VA hospitals, women and children centers, schools, and numerous charities; they ride to honor our fallen military and protect the sanctity of their funerals; they escort military units overseas departures and welcome them home upon their return.

Each ALR Chapter manages its own programs from the Post level. ALR groups are not motorcycle or biker “clubs” and strive to maintain the image of The American Legion at all times. To become a Rider, one must be a current member of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion.

If you desire a presentation about the ALR at your Post or District meeting, please contact the Department for your nearest ALR membership chairman.

American Legion Posts Represented By This Article: Belgrade, Post 30; Billings, Post 4; Butte, Post 1; Corvallis, Post 91; Glendale, Post 28; Havre, Post 11; Helena, Post 2; and Livingston, Post 23

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Department of Montana Service Officer

KATE HAHN, DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER


The Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act 2019 was signed into law on June 25, 2019 and took effect January 1, 2020. The law extends a presumption of herbicide exposure to Blue Water Navy Veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam and its offshore waters or who had service in the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), may be entitled to disability compensation for conditions that are considered presumptive to herbicide exposure. To qualify for disability compensation, the veteran must have served between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975 and have one or more of the following conditions: Amyloid Light-Chain (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi’s sarcoma, or mesothelioma).

To file a claim for disability compensation or, for surviving spouses, Dependency Indemnity Compensation, please contact your local Veteran Service Officer (VSO) to schedule an appointment. Your local VSO has received extensive training to assist you with your claims and the claims process.

Listed below are the MVAD/AL offices throughout the state:

MVAD/AL offices throughout the state:
Belgrade ............... (406) 388-4601
Billings .................. (406) 248-8579
Butte ......................... (406) 533-0910
Great Falls ............... (406) 452-2265
Havre ...................... (406) 265-4225
Helena .................. (406) 495-2080/2081/2082
Kalispell ................. (406) 755-3795
Lewistown ............... (406) 559-3174
Miles City ............... (406) 232-1203
Missoula ............... (406) 542-2501

Thank you for your service to our great Country!

Montana National Guard and Prickly Pear Land Trust Receive Recognition From Department Of The Army

Helena, Mont. – Members of the Prickly Pear Land Trust and the Montana National Guard were in Washington D.C. in December to receive the Army Community Partnership Award for their work in executing a land acquisition in excess of 600 acres around Fort Harrison and the creation of the Ten Mile Creek Community Park.

Major General Matthew Quinn, Adjutant General for Montana, and Ms. Mary Hollow, Executive Director for PPLT, received the award at the Pentagon during the 4th Annual Army Community Partnership Awards Banquet hosted by the Army Secretariat. Montana is one of only two states to be honored with a partnership award this year.

“I am proud to receive this award on behalf of the state of Montana and the Montana National Guard,” said Quinn. “It is a direct reflection of the professionalism and dedication of the Guard’s Environmental Office and the PPLT. Working together we have protected valuable training lands and added additional recreational value for all Montanans.

Prickly Pear Land Trust (PPLT) is a conservation and trails non-profit organization operating in the west-central region of Montana. PPLT is committed to the belief that open space is essential to the well-being of all communities.

Livingston Post 23 meets with High School Seniors

Dean Guest, Post Historian

Eleven members of Park Post 23 gathered at Park County High School with the senior students and instructor Sarah Dahl on November 12, to discuss military training and experiences. A follow up was arranged on December 17th with the students to review their interpretation of the prior discussions. The visit was received well as always.

Veterans in Picture are L-R: Dean Gilbert, Darren Bergsing, Ken Handl, Ed Gilbert, Ron Decorah, Bob Meacham, Tom Gilbert, Scott Kautzman, Bob Soely. Not present for picture: Dave Palmer and Leroy Mittlestedt.
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Ronan Post 138 gifted flags from Auxiliary Unit 138

The American Legion Ronan Auxiliary Unit 138 hosted a joint Legion Family Christmas dinner held in lieu of their meeting on December 18, 2019. With the Post having paid the Ronan Auxiliary’s rent for several years until they were able to get back on their feet, the Unit as a gesture of gratitude, gifted the remainder of the flags needed to finish the Post’s flag set that had been started back in 2015. The gift included the Army, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard flags, poles, toppers and cords. A rather surprised looking Commander Sharbono gratefully accepted the flag set on behalf of Ronan Post 138.

Department Centennial Committee

The Department of Montana Executive Committee authorized the establishment of a Department Centennial Committee for the period 2016-2019 in accordance with the request of the 100th American Legion Anniversary Observance Committee. As the Department Historian, I was designated the Department Centennial Chairman. The Centennial Committee reached its sunset at the end of the Department Convention in Polson, Montana. I want to thank the members of the Montana Department’s Centennial Committee: Joyce Babcock (Custer Post 5), Michael Shepard (Post 72, Columbia Falls) and Lowell Long (Blaine Post 48, Chinook). The Committee’s task was to engage the Montana American Legion Posts in meaningful participation concerning The American Legion Centennial. Job well done!

Corvallis Post 91 get AL Training

Post 91 members participate in American Legion Basic Training at December meeting.

BIG WINNERS

The Big K $250 Early Bird Drawing for 2020 was won by Elmer Palmer, Lolo Post 135, Elmer’s number was drawn by Ashley Carpenter of Lewis & Clark Unit 2, Helena. The Big K $400 winner for January 2020 was George Schlosser of Helena Post 2. George’s number was drawn by Hailey Carpenter of Lewis & Clark Unit 2 Helena. The February $400 drawing was not yet conducted at the time of publication.

The next $400 drawings will be in February and March, as well as the $500 Legion Birthday drawing. Disbursements to the Districts, Posts, Units and Squadrons will be done at the Spring District Meetings.

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A members of The American Legion we know that membership in this great association brings not only personal gratification that we help Veterans throughout the United States but also fulfilling our commitment to serving our community. We all know this to be true and now it’s time to spread the word to every Montana Veteran who is not a member; our pride in being a member of The American Legion.

How do we attain this goal? I say by showing everyone that we encounter that we are proud Veterans ourselves and members of an organization that has been in existence since 1919. When you meet someone in your everyday life that might be a possible member, ask them if they are a Veteran, find out what branch they served in, their family, hobbies and occupation. You will be surprised on what you learn from them that quite possibly are the same ideals. We are all aware that you will not get everyone to sign up that night but give them an application that has your name and phone number on the back and make sure you get theirs so you can follow up in several weeks.

We have the Veterans on our front porch, and we need to open the door and invite them into our Posts. Many are knocking and we need to answer their inquiry. Show them what we do here in Montana and how we help Veterans.

Together we can attain goals that cannot be achieved individually. Together we can build The American Legion into a strong voice in Government affairs at the State Capitol. Together we can build our Post memberships and together we can become a leading example to our community and State.

Always remember to always be a good member and be a good member always.

Larry Tipton, Commanding Officer Columbus Stillwater Post 34

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“INSPIRE. THINK. LEARN.”

GLEN SHARBONO

DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDER

2020-2021

- Post Adjutant 2014-2020 100% 7x
- Post Vice Commander 2015-2017
- Post Commander 2016-2020 100% 2x
- American Legion Family Ribbon 6x
- Post Excellence Award 2x
- Post and District Oratory Chairman
- District Vice Commander/Adjutant 2015-2017
- Meri Gunderson Award Convention 2019, Fall Conference 2019
- District Commander 2017-2020 100%
- 2014 Graduate of ALEI, 2017 Graduate Basic Training
- 2017 Graduate of The National American Legion College
- Dean of The Montana Legion College 2019, 2020
- Commander of The Veterans Honor Guard Poison, Ronan
Veterans Day & Christmas Celebrations Around the State

Bozeman Post 14

Custer Post 5 Commander Bob Prahl and Foxy visiting the Miles City VA Community Living Center residents on Christmas Day. Photos Courtesy of Carol Prahl

Custer Post 5

Yellowstone National Cemetery Wreaths Across America

Polson Hardwick Post 112

Polson Hardwick Post 112 Commander Dorothy Goodwin and Department Commander Jeff Nelson lead off the Polson Parade of Lights Parade with the guests, keeping the colors.

Stevensville Fort Owen Post 94

Post 14 with partners from our local Marine Corp League Chapter 1050 presented our Colors and provided an Honor Guard with Post 14 Adjutant Randy Kemp in command.

Stevensville Fort Owen Post 94

Post Cdr Ray Southworth and Past Department Cdr Richard Kosm.

Post 47 Hamilton Veterans Day Observance

Custer Post 5 Chaplain, Russ Mann, placing flags on veterans graves at the Eastern Montana State Veterans Cemetery in honor of Veterans Day, on November 7th.

Stevensville Fort Owen Post 94- Hội An Honor Guard along with members of our Boy Scout Troop and the Stevensville Assasinare Fire Chief who helped place the wreaths at the Stevensville Riverside Cemetery. It should be noted that the Honor Guard included auxiliary flags carried by Candy Zier and the SAL Flag carried by Chris Zier. (story on page 12)

Park City Post 100—Dr. Dan Edelman, Chancellor of Montana State University Billings, was the guest speaker at Park City High School Veterans Day tribute. Many local Legion Family members were in attendance as well.

Park City Post 100 Veterans Day

Post 14 with partners from our local Marine Corp League Chapter 1050 presented our Colors and provided an Honor Guard with Post 14 Adjutant Randy Kemp in command.

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Custer Post 5

Custer Post 5 Commander Bob Prahl and Foxy visiting the Miles City VA Community Living Center residents on Christmas Day. Photos Courtesy of Carol Prahl

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Custer Post 5

Miles City Post 5 VA Christmas Store

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I hope you are all working on getting ALA 72nd Montana's Girl's State under way in your schools. We need to make sure we have more delegates this year. If we do not have at least 120 we may have to cancel Girl's State. The dates are Sunday, June 14 thru Saturday, June 20, at Carroll College in Helena. PLEASE NOTE, the delegate fee is now $325. Make sure you read the mtlegion.org information about all the new changes and scholarships.

A new slogan from National is “A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families.” That doesn’t change our regular ALA Mission Statement of in the spirit of Service Not Self, just adds a little more to what we do. Happy Valentine’s Day to all of you and remember to do some loving on our veterans and volunteers in your community. Also, keep our Past Department President Terry Kemp in your prayers for continued healing. Prayer works wonders and Terry’s recovery is a testament to that.

Don’t forget to be spending in your “Dime and Time” Department fund raising money to Jamie every quarter. There will be a prize for the top Unit during the State Convention. Your Department really needs your help in raising these funds.

Taking care of the business of our Veterans and our members.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY POSITION OPEN

The position of Department Secretary is open for application. Duties will begin on August 1, 2020. Contract will be issued for a three-year term after probationary period. Job requirements include ability to travel both by land and air. Candidate must possess a valid Montana Driver’s License, airline approved identification, and pass a background check.

Job skills required include a basic knowledge of The American Legion Auxiliary per the Constitution and By-Laws and Unit Guidebook. Applicant must be fluent in communication skills, both in writing and public speaking. Applicant must possess their own computer and printer. Programming and printing supplies will be provided by Department.

The home office must be secure for storage and of adequate size to accommodate Department copier. Secretary agrees to maintain homeowner’s insurance to protect property.

Secretary must be able to perform duties in a timely manner, often on a daily basis as necessary. Experience with Microsoft Office, primarily Word and Excel are required. Familiarity with Quick Books is favorable.

Secretary will work directly with Treasurer and is accountable to the Department Executive Committee.

Travel expense account is provided and is separate from employee salary.

Electronic payroll transfer is processed to Secretary twice monthly.

Salary is set by the Department Executive Committee and will be commensurate with experience of applicant.

Resumes should be mailed to Department President Sue Davidson, at 3138 Aviemore Ct., Billings, MT 59101. Deadline for application is May 15, 2020. Position starts on August 1, 2020.
**Ronan AL Auxiliary Unit 138 donates to local food pantry**

The Ronan Auxiliary Unit 138 collected food items from members to donate to the Ronan Breadbasket. Their goal was to donate at least 100 pounds of food to celebrate the 100th Birthday of The American Legion Auxiliary. They were quite surprised to find after weighing everything it all came to 160 pounds. The Ronan Breadbasket is also an outlet for Senior commodities, and often donates unwanted cookies and desserts to the Veterans to enjoy with their coffee.

(pictured left to right) Marilyn Dolezal, Jeannie Hayes, Donna Bennett, Tammy Dolezal, Stephanie Hart -Secretary, Jessie Merwin -Vice President, Lorie Noble -President, Teresa Quakenbush, Raquel Davis, and Jamie Debates -Treasurer.

**Ronan American Legion Auxiliary Celebrates One Hundred Years!**

Submitted by Glen Sharbono

Ronan AL Auxiliary Unit 138 was surprised by Ronan Post 138 with cake and ice cream just prior to holding their meeting. Although it was supposed to be a surprise but somehow it got out that the Post was up to something, but they didn’t quite know what!

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**Townsend Unit 42 Surf & Turf Dinner**

Photos submitted by Chris Nelson, Polson Unit 112

Townsend Unit 42 member Reba Johnson and Townsend’s Unit 42 Treasurer, Connie Shindoll.

Just a few of the many that came to dinner!

**Dept. Fall Conference Memories**

**Hats On Parade**

**Celebrating 100 at Fall Conference Banquet**

**PHOTO BY JEN DALRYMPLE**

Sue Davidson presents a special gift to the American Legion National Commander, Bill Oxford at the 2019 Fall Conference Joint Banquet.

**PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY JEN DALRYMPLE**

Sue Davidson sporting her fascinator at Fall Conference 2019

**PHOTO BY JAMIE DEBATES**

**Our beautiful Department President Sue Davidson sporting her fascinator at Fall Conference 2019**

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The Trio - Jamie Debates, Department Auxiliary Secretary/Treasurer (far right) with Terry Kemp -Department Auxiliary NEC (far left) and (center) Sue Davidson -Department Auxiliary President.

**PHOTO SUBMITTED BY JAMIE DEBATES, RONAN UNIT 138**

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(left to right) Unit President Lorie Noble, employees of the Breadbasket, and Stephanie Hart, Unit Secretary.

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American Legion Auxiliary Department of Montana Fundraiser

**“Dimes and Time”**

Our goal is to raise enough dimes to stretch 100 miles for our programs to help veterans, and for each Auxiliary Unit to spend 100 hours in personal time to better the lives of our veterans and their families.

This is to take place November 2019—May 2020 in honor of our American Legion Auxiliary 100th Birthday celebration.

Thank you for your donation!
American Legion Post 42’s 9th Annual Surf n Turf and 100th Birthday dinner a resounding success!

American Legion Family of Post 42 served up Maine lobsters, local steaks, Centennial cake and other works for over 110 diners at the Broadwater Community Park grounds, November 9th. The weather cooperated nicely to help make the evening a smashing success. Our Department Commander, Jeff Nelson and his wife, Department Auxiliary First-Vice Chris Nelson honored us with their presence. Vivian Boaz did a beautiful job decorating the Exhibit Hall for us. Two musical groups provided the entertainment for the evening; Ferg and Friends (Legionnaires Gary Ferguson, John Larson, Dave Cogley and Bill Gillespie) and the Helena Handbasket (Terri and Jim Gjendestad). The group stayed in character by serving up steaks and other items from the past. Our bartenders, Lexi and Cassidy kept the drinks flowing to top off the evening. Cassidy kept the fluids flowing to top off the evening. Veteran Pasha Roland Heaton, Johnny Kougioulis, Craig Hems and Linda Cousineau and Karen Horne on Lobsters were our outstanding chefs. Bruce Oldham on steaks and Gillespie) and the Helena Handbasket (Teri and Jim Gjendestad) and the Helena Handbasket (Teri and Jim Gjendestad) and the Helena Handbasket (Teri and Jim Gjendestad) did a beautiful job decorating the Exhibit Hall for us. The audience was entertained by a large number of local Legion Family members and those who’s made the ultimate sacrifice. So there is no need to worry about the weather, the day to day and the hardships of the holiday season. (see photo page 9).

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By Jerry Emig, Member, Post 94
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Additionally, we also remember military service members and first responders sacrifice their time and safety every single day of the year to preserve our freedoms. This day cannot and will not replace Veterans Day Memorial Day but during the holidays in many homes, some families leave an empty seat for one who’s serving or one who’s made the ultimate sacrifice. So there is no better time to express our appreciation than during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. (see photo page 9).

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Submitted by Jan De Geer
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By Len Autry, Commander
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Fort Harrison Historical Housing Renovated for ‘New’ Veterans Homes

Coordinators

In late December I had the privilege and honor to be asked to present a flag, medals and citation to the surviving sister of a fallen WWII hero: Private Charles C. Meyers. The ceremony was organized by fellow Legionnaire and Charles’ nephew, CMSgt Larry Steele, in Phoenix Arizona, a gift for his 90+ years young mother Reta, who is the surviving sister.

Charles’ story is not atypical of many from that Great War - enlisted in the Army at 17, followed his older brother into the medical corps and shipped out to the Pacific. The difference for Charles was that he never came home; listed as ‘missing in action’ but whose location was unknown. His older brother searched for the lost younger brother, Charles, for 45 years and died before finding resolution. The nephew, Larry, picked up the torch and finally located the remains of his uncle. It took another nine years, seven reburials and a Senator’s involvement, to secure the remains and have them buried back in Charles’ hometown - a final resting place after a long convoluted journey from the Pacific.

The ceremony was attended by many of Charles’ family and Veterans from Reta’s church and community. The outpouring of love and gratefulness was palpable throughout the event and more than a few tears were shed. Welcome home, Charles’ and thank you for your ultimate sacrifice!

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Post 14 Bozeman Revitalizes Highway Fatality Markers

Each marker received a visit from a team member wielding a weed eater a minimum of twice during the summer. Few sites warranted the use of a lopper and even for some a saw to handle the woody vegetation. The second visit was made with the weed eater to clear a clean line of sight to the roadway enhancing its safety function and also maintaining the patriotic bonding the trimmers area has with the fatality or simply disappeared.

To re-institute a local sense of pride and esprit de corps in the Legion’s ‘Box Car’ or American Legion Voiture symbol, a committee on credentials was appointed and replaced. Replacements came to some because of less than presentable condition, non-compliant dimensions, coatings not within regulations or simply necessary relocation further from the roadway, to be clear of what is known as the ‘Recovery Zone’ where unfortunate drivers having left the road for reasons often beyond their control have the opportunity to re-enter the roadway without impacting a foreign object. The majority of our ‘new’ markers were laser engraved on the back with language asking for cooperation in not decorating the marker post or post. The reconditioned/repainted markers received a fresh laminated tag asking the same. Finally, each of the 125 markers received a ‘dog tag’, indicating Post 14 ownership and the number contact. The Post 14 area of responsibility contains 125 verified markers.

2019-2020 Grand Du Montana Le Clarion News

The call went out by B.J. Hanley, Chairman of Voiture Local No. 119, Winnet, Montana, to all the Locales Voitures in Montana. The organizational meeting of the Grande Voiture Du Montana of “La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux” was held in Lewistown, Montana on April 1, 1922, at the American Post [Post 16]. Homer E. Geis, Winnet American Legion Post 95 and a member of Locale No. 19, was chosen as the temporary chairman of the meeting and B.J. Conrad, temporary secretary.

A committee on credentials was appointed and the round trip for members in standing in The American Legion and La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux. This refers to the French Box Car we know as the 40 & 8 Box Car. Chairman of the credentials committee was Mr. B.J. Conrad who took care to see that all credentials were in order. The committee then made it known that the constitution be approved and a copy was placed in the minutes. Thus started the organization we have today. Extracted from p.219-223, The American Legion of Montana 1919-1963, by Geraldine Lowery, Past District Historian 1965.

Lucien J. Schindler

Grand Post 14

Grande Officers Elected:
Grand Chef De Garre: Eddy White Voiture 718
Grand Chef De Trian: Linda Cousineau 718
Grand Commissaire Intendant: Don Jones (579)
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This bill includes the following provisions:

- Shortens the process Congress uses to approve VA medical leases so that new major VA lease facilities open more quickly, allowing veterans to be served in more modern facilities and improve access to health care.
- Expands VA’s authority to lease unused VA property or land to third parties to help serve veterans, such as community resource centers, non-profit service providers, community/town centers for gatherings, and veteran assistance centers.
- Ensures each major VA medical facility has dedicated staff to plan for and effectively deliver construction projects.
- Requires that VA regularly collect the views of veterans and VA employees, and use that information to plan for how to improve or build new local VA infrastructure to serve veterans.
- Requires VA to conduct a review of its facilities to understand those that may be at risk to extreme weather events, such as fires or flooding, and report to Congress on efforts VA will take to mitigate these issues now and in the future.
- Requires VA to review all the relevant facilities across the country to understand VA’s space and other infrastructure needs related to VA’s deployment of its new electronic health record and report to Congress on the cost and timeline to complete all the needed work so VA facilities are sufficiently prepared.

For more information about the Legionnaires Insurance Trust offered to members of the 40 & 8, please call us at 1-800-235-7070, or visit us online at www.40and8.org
By utilizing the National Program of Post One-Year Narrative and Yearbooks (Pictorial) History, the efforts to produce a Post web-based Legacy History will support the collection of Post history and the Centennial program. For your information, there are four (4) annual contests conducted on the national level. The contests involve the Post “First Place” winner in the Montana Department for a one-year Post narrative and yearbook contest as well as entries for a one-year Department Narrative and Yearbook. Post 23, Livingston won the State Contest and represented Montana at the 2019 Fall Historian Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana. This is the fourth year that they have participated and won the Department level.

The American Legion Officer’s Guide and manual of Ceremonies contain much information about the history contest. Also in that section of the Guide are, “Capsule History of the American Legion” and “Helpful Hints for District/County Historians.” Please notify your Posts in your District of this readily available material. This information will also be sent out through electronic means via the Montana American Legion website www.mtlegion.org or by mail as necessary. All entries will be judged, the first place winners in either category (narrative or yearbook) will become certified and will forward them to the National Historian for entry in the announced contest for that category. Keep in mind the requirements that have to be met for the National Contest. I refer you to the most current edition of the Officer’s Guide (March 2019) pp. 140-149, as the official rules of the 2019-2020 Legion year, or at the legion website www.legion.org but you may use versions of this manual as the rules have not changed!

Of special note, two American Legion Centennial Bookazines have been published and are for sale. The Centennial: An Illustrated History of the American Legion and Indivisible: The Story of Our Flag. Each is $9.95 and available through our office or through American Legion emblem sales. They are an excellent way to reach out, especially if you donate them to schools and local libraries. Contact me if interested! Raymond K. Read, Department Historian, 470 Ronda Road, Helena, MT 59602, Myfun51@msn.com, 406-458-9847

Sons of the American Legion

had one of its earliest beginnings in Montana

1932 as mentioned above. (The American Legion of Montana 1919-1963) by Geraldine Lowery, published 1965. Another item of interest is that one of the first Sons of American Legion caps designed was credited to Butte Post 1. The above photo of this cap was provided by the current Post 1 Squadron Commander, Roger Knoell (Butte).

The effort to establish the Sons of the American Legion occurred in many ways throughout the various state departments. Not surprisingly, the ground swell continues today with a current National membership of 366,000+ and Montana Detachment of the S.A.L. membership of nearly 1,200 associated with 42 squadrons throughout this state. Want more information go to www.mtlegion.org

The American Legion teams up with Stars and Stripes

Century-old allies renew vow to connect deployed troops with nation’s largest veterans service organization.

A relationship that began over a century ago between The American Legion and Stars and Stripes is refreshed this year through a new media-sharing agreement. Members of The American Legion can receive 50 percent discounts on annual subscriptions to the Stars and Stripes digital platform of exclusive military news, topics of interest to veterans, special features, photos and other content, including the daily e-newspaper, job listings and history. American Legion members can subscribe for $19.99 a year by visiting legionstripes.com and using the coupon code LEGIONSTRONG when filling out the online form.

The American Legion, in return, will be able to publish stories, social media messages and provide information about programs and services in Stars and Stripes throughout the year in editorial, social media and advertising spaces. Stars and Stripes has a daily audience of over 1 million worldwide.

On March 7, 1919, Stars and Stripes announced in its Europe editions plans for a “Liberty League” meeting in Paris among veterans of the American Expeditionary Forces still stationed there after World War I. The meeting, March 15-17 that year, would become known as the Paris Caucus, which created The American Legion. Assigned to cover the gathering for Stars and Stripes was Pvt. Harold W. Ross, who would find himself serving on the Legion’s original Constitution. Ross later worked as an editor for The American Legion Magazine before co-founding The New Yorker magazine in 1925, where he was editor-in-chief for the rest of his life.

“The American Legion has had a long and historic relationship with Stars and Stripes over the years,” American Legion Media & Communications Commission Chairman Walter Ivey said. “This renewed relationship represents a confluence of long-trusted brands that offer much for each other’s media audiences. We look forward to sharing our stories of service with foreign-deployed troops. We also certainly look forward to having the kind of top-quality journalism Stars and Stripes has been producing since the Civil War in our digital and social media platforms. Stars and Stripes is, and always has been, the gold standard of fair and accurate military coverage.”

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