

April 2007

**American Legion Post 4**  
**P. O. Box 14**  
**Pocatello, ID 83204-0014**  
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**Dear Post 4 Legionnaire:**

The Boy's State selection interviews were scheduled for 3/20 and held at the Memorial Building. Thirteen boys attended and they all impressed the interview groups very much. The decision was made to send all 13 boys to Boy's State. Congratulations to these fine young men.

The Legion's 88th Birthday and St. Patrick's Day Party was held on Saturday 3/17 at the Memorial Building with a dinner downstairs and entertainment upstairs. Thanks to all who turned out to support the Post in this effort.

The Legion Color Guard provided ceremonial support to the Hawthorne School assembly to honor their donations to veteran's organizations, Senator Crapo also attended and spoke to the students. The Color Guard also attended the Physical Therapy room grand opening ceremony at the Idaho Veteran's Home in Pocatello.

The District 6 meeting in American Falls was attended by 24 Post 4 members, and Al Eveland of Post 4 was elected District 6 Commander. The complete election results are listed in the newsletter.

The American Legion Baseball schedules will be included in this - and the next - newsletter. Remember, attendance at these games is free with your paid-up Legion membership card.

**VETERANS HELPING VETERANS. AMERICAN LEGION STILL SERVING VETERANS**  
Our post is the **CAN DO LEGIONAIRES, BELIEVE IT.**

Sincerely, Mike Schow, Commander

**PAID UP FOR LIFE (PUFL) MEMBERSHIP COST:**

Below is the Life Membership cost for the American Legion Post 4. Find the column with your age, then go down to the cost. You'll never have to worry about another dues increase by enrolling for PUFL Membership. Full payment is not required, just 10% down which includes the 2007 dues, and the balance is paid over one year and is *interest free*. The table below is for the \$30 membership. Your age is on the top 2 lines, PUFL cost on the third.

**NOTE:** If you want to go PUFL, use the \$30 formula now; yearly dues will remain at \$30 until **May 1<sup>st</sup> 2007** and then they rise to \$35 and the PUFL cost will increase.

-24	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85+
<b>\$30/yr</b>	- 29	-34	-39	-44	-49	-54	-59	-64	-69	-74	-79	-84	
\$1045	994	938	878	811	739	662	582	501	422	348	278	217	176

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**LEGION STATE CONVENTION IN JULY:** Many volunteers are needed to work for the state convention to be held in July. Help is needed in selling advertising, book layouts, registration planning and checkins, and so forth. Please come to the April meeting and be prepared to volunteer to work for the Post at this important event or contact any of the officers listed in this newsletter to sign up.

### American Legion Post 4 Officers

**Commander** - Mike Schow 234-4914  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander** - Winford Lomon 232-8919  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander** - Jim Keezer 232-4821  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander** - John Rogers 232-4843  
**Chaplain** - Dave DeGarlis 238-1247  
**Sergeant At Arms** - Al Eveland 478-4256  
**Adjutant** - Al Gibson 233-2700 (h) or 201-0539 (cell)  
**Newsletter** - Al Gibson  
**Service Officer** - Zach Rodriguez - 406-1068  
**Treasurer** - Mike Schow  
**Sons of the American Legion** Rev Jim Jones 251-4708

### American Legion Riders Officers

**Director** Frank Smith 317-1424  
**Ass't Director** John White 681-0198  
**Secretary** Al Gibson 233-2700 (h) or 201-0539 (cell)  
**Treasurer** Al Gibson  
**Historian** Tom Janson 226-6653  
**Sergeant At Arms** Bill Head 238-1467  
**Membership** Dave Huddleston 238-1735  
**POW/MIA Liaison** Dave Huddleston  
**Purchasing Agent** Jim Humble 237-0690  
**Road Captain** Bill Head

### **EMAIL NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS**

**TO;** [algibson@bulldogs.com](mailto:algibson@bulldogs.com)

### Meetings for Service Organizations

1st Thurs. **Fleet Reserve Assoc.** 7 PM  
2nd Mon. **Purple Heart** 1PM / **VVA** 7 PM  
2nd Wed. **American Legion** 7 PM  
2nd Thurs. **NCOA** 6:30 PM  
3rd Mon. **BCVMA** 7 PM  
3rd Wed. **VFW & Auxiliary** 7 PM  
4th Wed. **MCL Det. 698** 7 PM  
4th Thurs. **DAV** 6:30 PM  
Last Mon. **American Legion Auxiliary** 4 PM  
**DAV** Van Schedule: Call 208-221-0362  
**POW/MIA** - Fri - Apr 20, Red Lion 7 PM  
**MAC** - Friday, Apr 13 at Memorial Bldg 1130  
[melissah@co.bannock.id.us](mailto:melissah@co.bannock.id.us) for **MAC** info

### In Memorium:

Frank Doppke passed away Saturday 3/24 at Portneuf Hospital in Pocatello. Frank was a member of Post 4, the Marine Corps League (Sgt. at Arms), and the Veteran's Honor Guard. Frank worked very hard for all organizations and he put in a lot of time this last year for the Toys For Tots program. He was always willing to help in any way that he could for any of the organizations.. A service was held at the Idaho Veteran's Home on March 29<sup>th</sup> with military honors provided by his associates on the Honor Guard.

### **VA Contact Numbers:**

Bannock County Vet Svcs. Melissa J. Hartman  
Courthouse Annex Cnty. Vet. Svcs. Coord  
130 N. 6th, Pocatello 83201 Ph. 236-7411  
[melissah@co.bannock.id.us](mailto:melissah@co.bannock.id.us)

Idaho Div. of Vet. Svcs. Deborah A. Harmon  
Office of Veterans Advocacy SE Idaho Veterans  
Idaho State Veterans Home Service Officer  
1957 Alvin Ricken Dr. 208-236-6358  
Pocatello 83201

Poc. VA Outpatient Clinic 208-232-6214

Pocatello Vet Center [Counseling] 208-232-0316

SLC VA Hospital 800-613-4012  
Boise VA Regional Office 800-827-1000

Veterans Affairs Phil Clifton  
Vocational Rehabilitation 208-478-9866  
800-509-8547

**We support the Yellow Ribbon campaign to recognize homecoming veterans. Contact John Rogers 232-4843**

### **Dates Of Interest:**

**Apr 3;** Veteran's Information Fair at ISU's Pond Student Union, 4 to 8 PM. Legion will have table and volunteers are needed to meet the attendees and to provide information as needed.

**Apr 15;** Blessing Of The Bikers, Calvary Alliance Church, Pocatello at 11 AM. See note in newsletter

**May 5;** Legion Riders will attend the Annual Motorcycle Awareness ride to Idaho Falls for a parade.

**May 25 to 28:** Field Of Heroes on display at Century High School.

**May 28;** Memorial Day Holiday. Field Of Heroes ceremony at 7 PM at Century High School.

**July 12 to 15;** Legion state convention in Pocatello. Contact officers to volunteer to support this effort. The National Commander will be here for 5 days.

**July 27 to 29;** POW/MIA Awareness Rally & Motorcycle Rodeo will be held at the Bannock County Fairgrounds. The Vietnam Memorial "Moving Wall" will be here and on display that entire week.

## **DISTRICT 6 ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

The election of new officers took place at the District 6 meeting in American Falls on March 24<sup>th</sup> ..

**Commander;** Al Eveland, Pocatello, 478-4256

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice;** Cody Vinzer, Blackfoot, 785-2380

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice;** Bob Holden, Pocatello, 406-7113

**Service Officer;** Kent Phelps, Blackfoot, 785-3647

**Chaplain;** Robert Dawson, Pocatello, 244-1100

**Sgt. At Arms;** Winford Lomon, Pocatello, 241-1596

**Finance Officer** (new position); Gene Womack, Blackfoot, 785-1842

**Adjutant** (appointed); Al Gibson, Pocatello, 201-0539

**Newsletter Mailing:** We are mailing out almost **700** newsletters each month now and the combined costs for bulk mail, paper, and printer supplies just keeps rising all the time, not to mention the time spent by volunteers in copying, stapling, and mailing it out. There are several options we are looking at to possibly reduce cost; electronic mailings to those who would request it, electronic mailings to everyone, hard copy mailings every two or three months, or charge an additional postage fee for the yearly dues. The potential costs for these choices is currently under study and will be reported upon at a monthly meeting in the near future.

Any electronic mail will **ONLY** be for American Legion Post 4 business and will not be used for anything else. Sign up for the electronic newsletter by sending an email to "[algibson@bulldogs.com](mailto:algibson@bulldogs.com)".

**Memorial Bricks:** There are still many small memorial bricks available for pick-up for those of you that have been waiting for them. If you have ordered memorial bricks and have not received your small brick yet, please call to see if yours has been received. The bricks are at the Memorial Building, and to arrange a time for pick-up, please call Lowell Hill at 237-4496, or Mike Schow at 234-4914, or Al Gibson at 233-2700.

**New Items on eBay:** This is a fund-raiser, which should be convenient for everyone. What would you like to see available on eBay? With increased profits on the items we're offering, we're planning on increasing the number of items for sale. The web site is up and going strong. The web address is "<http://stores.ebay.com/americanlegionpost4>" or you can link to it from our web page.

**American Legion Riders:** The Riders group is currently planning fund raising events and setting the ride calendar for the year. The Riders will be helping out with Parking Control at the POW/MIA Awareness Rally & Motorcycle Rodeo again this year from July 27<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>. The **Vietnam Memorial "Moving Wall"** will be set up here for the entire rally. Contact names and phone numbers are listed in this newsletter. You must be a member of the American Legion to join the Legion Riders, and you can get a **FREE** email address of "[\(your name\)@idaholegionriders.com](mailto:(your name)@idaholegionriders.com)".

## **Local Business Supporters In Pocatello;**

Eclipse Printing at 156 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. will provide business cards for Legion members at \$35 for 500.

Grandpa's Coffee Shop at 3304 Poleline Rd. for coffee, food, conversations. Smokers welcome.

Inkjet Express at 3318 Poleline Rd. for supplies and printer cartridge refills.

Jones Guns & Antiques at 546 S. Main St. for military collectibles, uniforms, firearms, and antiques.

**Blessing Of The Bikers - Sunday April 15;** The Calvary Alliance Church, 800 Marinus Drive, Pocatello, is hosting the Third Annual Blessing Of The Bikers at 11 AM. This is a "come as you are" event. A Biker Blessing and Pot Luck after the service. Contact the Rev Jim Jones at 208-251-4708 for more information. The Legion Riders will attend this event as well as the POW/MIA riders and other local motorcycling groups. Non-riders are welcome to join in for the Blessing.

**DAV Van;** A new date schedule for 2007 is available for anyone who needs one. Any veteran who has had problems getting a seat on the DAV van, or who would like to use the van because of the high fuel prices for their private vehicle, please contact the Post Officers or call the local DAV Commander, Charley Smith, at 208-425-3891 or 251-2675.

**2007 Convention Book Advertising;** Advertising donations for the Book are now being accepted. Ad sizes are Business Card - **\$15**, quarter page - **\$25**, half page - **\$50**, full page B&W - **\$100**, full page color - **\$125**. A very low cost for advertisers!!! Call 478-4256 or 234-4914 and we can get you a form to fill out. The American Legion is a non-profit #501 C19 organization and donations are tax deductible.

**Attendance Drawing;** The drawing for the \$20 dinner prize is held at the end of each monthly meeting. You must attend to be eligible, and the entry form has been made a part of the Monthly Minutes distributed at each meeting, so you don't have to bring your newsletter and cut it up now.

**Memorial Building repairs** are under way, but we need some volunteers to help finish working on the lower floor. Half has been done, so **PLEASE** call Win Lomon at 232-8919 to help.

#### **AMERICAN LEGION PROGRAMS - POST 4**

1. The "I GOT ONE" club is growing stronger by the day. All you need to do is get one new membership in the Legion, Auxiliary or Sons of the Legion. It is that simple. You can say you've done your best to keep our organization growing. You will also receive a pin designed especially for members of this Club. If you get one person for each, you will receive the TRIFECTA pin.

**WE CAN DO IT!! THERE ARE OVER 9,000 VETERANS IN BANNOCK COUNTY!!!**

**LET'S FIND THEM AND SIGN THEM UP!**

**IF YOU NEED HELP, CALL ANY OFFICER LISTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.**

2. **40/8 CLUB** - This is a group that has fun!!! Contact the Commander for an application.  
3. **WESTERN CAVALRY HATS:** Black felt hats with gold trim and insignia. \$35. Worth a salute anywhere! This is very helpful as a conversation point in recruiting. Contact any Officer to order one. Lots of Black Hats showing at Wed. Meeting. Looking Good!

**CONTINUOUS COMMUNITY AND VETERANS PROGRAMS:**

4. **FLAG EDUCATION,**
5. **EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS,**
6. **FOOD CONVOY,**
7. **BOYS STATE,**
8. **BOY SCOUTS,** and
9. **AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL.**

If you see a program that you would be interested in, **PLEASE VOLUNTEER** to help. We need your help and community support in these very worthwhile activities.

**Thank you for your continued efforts.**

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## HIGHLAND LEGION BASEBALL SCHEDULES

2007 Legion Schedule	2007 Highland "A" American Legion Baseball Schedule
Wednesday June 6 Twin Falls Home (2) 3:30pm-5:30pm	5 June Hillcrest Home 4 & 6
Monday June 11 Russetts Home (2) 3:30pm-5:30pm	7 – 9 June Poky Tournament Away TBA
Tuesday June 12 Pocatello Home (2) 3:30pm-5:30pm	11 June Marsh Falls Home 4 & 6
Wednesday June 13 Madison Away (2) 4:00pm-6:00pm	13 June Idaho Falls Rockies Home 4 & 6
June 14-16 Minico RBI Tournament (Wood Bat?)	15 June Jerome Home 3 & 5
Thursday June 21 Minico Away (2) 5:00pm-7:00pm	16 June Pocatello Away 6 & 8
Friday June 22 Russetts Away (2) 4:00pm-6:00pm	18 June Upper Valley Home 3 & 5
Monday June 25 Reds Home (2) 4:00pm-6:00pm	21 – 23 June Highland Tournament Home TBA
June 28-30 Pocatello Tournament (Wood Bat)	25 June Pocatello Home 4 & 6
Friday July 6 Madison Home (2) 4:00pm-6:00pm	27 June Idaho Falls Rangers Home 4 & 6
Monday July 9 Reds(Mcdermott) Away (2) 4:00pm-6:00pm	30 June Bear Lake Away 3 & 5
Tuesday July 10 Minico Home (2) 4:00pm-6:00pm	3 July Marsh Falls Away 3 & 5
July 12-15 Boise Summer Classic Tournament	5 – 8 July Boise Pepsi Classic Tournament Away TBA
Tuesday July 17 Twin @ CSI Away (2) 6:00pm-8:00pm	9 July Shelley Home 4 & 6
Friday July 20 Pocatello Away (2) 6:00pm-8:00pm	11 July Burley Away 4 & 6
Monday July 23-26 Districts @ Idaho Falls (Mcdermott)	13 July Woodriver Away 2 & 4
Thursday August 2 State Tournament Lewiston Idaho	14 July Buhl Away 2 & 4
	16 July Blackfoot Away 3 & 5
	19 July Kimberly Away 3 & 5
	20 July Twin Falls Away 3 & 5
	23 – 24 July Play-In Game (If Necessary)
	TBA TBA
	26 – 29 July District Home TBA
	2 – 5 August State Alaska TBA
	Head Coach: Russ Davie

**POCATELLO LEGION BASEBALL SCHEDULES WILL BE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER**

**The American Legion  
Pocatello Post 4  
Meeting Minutes For March 14, 2007**

**Officers Present:** 7

**Members Present:** 33 - new members; Don Dance, Richard ...

**Guests:** 1

**Total Present:** 41

**Bingo Report:** No bingo for 2 weeks due to floor refinishing at the Memorial Building. Plan is to have the building ready by April 1.

**BCVMA Report:** No meetings for the last 2 months. Several changes to the building use are coming up. Prices are going up for the use of the building. Use must be from a VSO sponsoring the event. A metal roof will be put on in the Spring. Access to lockers stops on 3/19 through 4/1 during floor refinishing.

**American Legion Riders Report:** Riders received contribution for one boy for Boy's State program. Web site is up and running. A raffle for a Riders Dog Tag will be made at the next meeting - \$10 per ticket. Ride scheduled for 3/24 for the Chrome In The Dome Car and Motorcycle show at the Holt Arena, then a ride to IF for the Gold Wing Show.

**Funeral Report:** 19 YTD, with 2 more scheduled at this time. R. F. McNally - Legion member - died last week. New members are needed for the Honor Guard.

**Sick Call Report:** Bud Chesrow, Robert Warth, Bob Vanderhall on sick call roster.

**Membership Report:** Currently at 86.9% renewals. Phil Meek got Trifecta Pin.

**Veterans Home Report:** There are still beds open. March 30 is the grand opening for the PT room, ceremony starts at 10 AM. Will be taking vets to the rodeo.

**Baseball Report:** Meeting on Super Bowl Sunday. Schedules all done but not published yet. The schedule will be in the April newsletter. The Post will sponsor one Little League team for \$210 cost. Other VSOs are urged to join in and sponsor other teams.

**Finance Report:** Total of \$26,177.80 in all accounts.

**Service Officer Report:** A new act through Senator Craig's office - veterans health services can be with any doctor. Contact Service Officer for all details.

**Old/Unfinished Business Report:** Hawthorne School Honor Guard program was a great success. The school donated \$350 to veteran's organizations. 14 boys want to go to Boy's State - cost is \$275 per boy for the week. Legion's 88th Birthday and St. Patrick's Day Party set for Saturday 3/17 at the Memorial Building at 6 PM for a dinner downstairs and entertainment upstairs. Donation requested for dinner; corned beef and cabbage, chicken, plus more. Boy's State selection interviews are scheduled for 3/20 at 7 PM at the Memorial Building. Veteran's Information Fair set for 4/3 from 4 to 8 PM at the ISU PSU ballroom. Volunteers needed for this effort.

**New Business Report:** PT Room at the Veterans' Home opening ceremony at 10 AM, with the Honor Guard. The 1016<sup>th</sup> is coming back home from Iraq, motion made to take collection to donate Legion memberships to the returning veterans. A total of \$195 was collected by passing the hat. Discussion on the possibility of charging for the newsletter mailings in the future. Emails of the newsletter would be automatic - if members provide their addresses. Al Gibson will investigate current costs and possible additional fees for mailing out the newsletters. A discussion on sponsoring a youth shooting group was tabled until next month with a request to provide more information.

**Good Of The Order:** A welcome back to Al Eveland from extended sick time. Bill Head, Commandant of the local Marine Corps League Detachment, presented a Certificate Of Appreciation to Commander Mike Schow of Post 4 for our support for the Toys For Tots Christmas toy donation program. The dinner ticket prize was won by Kermit Morrison.

**Meeting Closed At:** 2012