

AMERICAN LEGION PREAMBLE

For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: to uphold 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 consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

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American Legion Post 4
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Dear Post 4 Legionnaire:

May is a very busy month for all veterans in our area. We have the Memorial Day programs beginning at the Bannock County Memorial Building and then on to the local cemeteries, the Field Of Heroes special program on Memorial Day at Century High School, and Armed Forces Day. Please come out and support all the Veteran's organizations which do so much for the community.

Our membership renewal drive is still underway with additional mailings sent out to encourage our members who have not renewed for 2007 to do so, and to continue their support for both Post 4 in our efforts here in the community and the American Legion's national programs which benefit us all.

On May 12th at 12 Noon, T.A.P.S. on Garrett Way is going to have a welcome home party for the 1016th. All are invited to come. There will be lots of food and drink, and they are asking for a \$7 donation to go towards the cost of food and the money will go to the Vet Center and the Idaho Veterans Home.

A ceremony posthumously awarding the Silver Star was held on April 24 in Blackfoot for Sgt. Richard G. Cushman, a Korean War MIA whose remains have been returned to his family. The Silver Star was presented to family members by Edward Quinn of Salt Lake City, who was Sgt. Cushman's commanding officer during the war. The colors were posted and taps sounded by the Idaho National Guard Honor Guard.

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 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 \$35 membership. Your age is on the top 2 lines, PUFL cost on the third.

NOTE: May 1st 2007 is the effective date for the new \$35 per year membership rate.

-24	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85+
\$35/yr	- 29	-34	-39	-44	-49	-54	-59	-64	-69	-74	-79	-84	
\$1219	1160	1095	1024	946	862	772	679	585	493	406	325	253	206

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 May 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
1st Vice Commander - Winford Lomon 232-8919
2nd Vice Commander - Jim Keezer 232-4821
3rd 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

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 - May 18, 7M at Red Lion Inn
MAC - Fri - May 11, 1130 at Memorial Bldg
melissah@co.bannock.id.us for **MAC** info

American Legion Internet Addresses

American Legion Post 4, Pocatello, ID
<http://www.americanlegionpost4.com/newsite/>

American Legion Riders, Post 4, Pocatello, ID
<http://www.idaholegionriders.com/>

American Legion, Idaho State, Boise, ID
<http://idlegion.home.mindspring.com/>

American Legion, National
<http://www.legion.org/>

VA Contact Numbers

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Courthouse Annex Cnty. Vet. Svcs. Coord
130 N. 6th, Pocatello 83201 Ph. 236-7411
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

May 19: Armed Forces Day.

May 21 to 24; Field Of Heroes Setup, **Volunteers needed** at Century High School.

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.

May 29: Field Of Heroes on Pickup, **Volunteers needed** 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 22 to 29; The Vietnam Memorial "Moving Wall" will be at the Bannock County Fairgrounds and on display the entire week

July 27 to 29; POW/MIA Awareness Rally & Motorcycle Rodeo will be held at the Bannock County Fairgrounds..

Newsletter Mailing: The May 2007 Post 4 newsletter will be sent out electronically to all those members who've asked for it to be delivered in that fashion in PDF format. For the time being, the mailed paper version will remain at 3 double sided pages (or less) in order to keep the expenses down to a minimum. The email version will not be limited to that size, and more information that may be of importance to veterans will be included in it's entirety. All the 2007 newsletters have been installed on the Post 4 web site and are available for access by all Post 4 members, the entire American Legion membership, and the public at large. Sign up for the electronic newsletter by sending an email to "algibson@bulldogs.com".

Disabled Veterans Fishing Program; There is an organization which was started by a disabled veteran named Vance Wasden who has started a fantastic outdoor sports program for disabled veterans to go fishing. An excerpt from an email from Vance is below;

"Our first disabled veterans outing was without a doubt.....successful!! We caught a few fish, shared some laughs, ate well, and enjoyed some much needed camaraderie. The banquet was amazing, we received a standing ovation and we felt like rock stars. My son won a brand new fly rod at the banquet which was special.

The guides have offered to take us on 2 more outings for sure. I received a phone call from an outdoor writer today who's written for the likes of ESPN and several outdoor magazines. He's going to film our next river outing for an hour long TV program. Things are starting to come together nicely. Wednesday, I'll meet with Chuck Collins proprietor of All Seasons Angler. We'll work out the dates for our disabled veterans fly tying classes. We've had several professional fly tyers offer their time to help teach. I'm working on raising some funds to purchase tying materials (feathers, hooks, and thread) for take home bags. If you know of anyone who'd like to donate, please give them my phone number.

When I get the final details on the classes I'll let you know."
You can find out much more about this wonderful program that really is doing great things for disabled veterans by going to their web site at -- <http://www.projecthealingwaters.org/>

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 will be helping out with Parking Control at the POW/MIA Awareness Rally & Motorcycle Rodeo again this year from July 27th through 29th. Contact names and phone numbers are listed in this newsletter. You must be a member of the American Legion to join the Riders, and you get a **FREE** email address of "[\(your name\)@idaholegionriders.com](mailto:(your name)@idaholegionriders.com)".

Vietnam Memorial "Moving Wall"; will be set up at the Bannock County Fairgrounds for the entire POW/MIA Awareness Rally & Motorcycle Rodeo. The Moving Wall will be escorted into Idaho by the POW/MIA motorcycle group and members from all the other veteran's motorcycle organization in the area.

Local Business Supporters In Pocatello;

Eclipse Printing at 156 S. 3rd 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.

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 still being accepted. Ad sizes are Business Card - **\$15**, quarter page - **\$25**, half page - **\$50**, full page B&W - **\$100**, full page color - **\$100**. 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 completed on the floor of the lower level. Roof repairs will begin when the weather permits. The work on the floors was managed and coordinated by Win Lomon, and the work was performed by Win and several other volunteers. These gentlemen put in many, many hours of free labor on behalf of all those who use the Memorial Building, and all of us owe them a huge debt of gratitude for all their work. A "Walk On Winford" party is still being planned to celebrate our new floor.

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.

POCATELLO LEGION BASEBALL SCHEDULES

Pocatello Runnin' Rebels 'A' Schedule::Pocatello 'AA'

Day	Date	Visitor		Home	Game Time	
Saturday	6/2	Marsh Falls	vs.	Pocatello	6 & 8	June 4 I.F. Reds 6&8
Tuesday	6/5	IF Rockies	vs.	Pocatello	6 & 8	June 6 @ Minico 5&7
Thurs-Sat	June 7-9	Pocatello Tournament			TBA	June 8-10 @ Jackson TBA
Monday	6/11	Twin Falls	vs.	Pocatello	6 & 8	June 12 @Highland 3:30 & 5:30
Wednesday	6/13	Pocatello	vs.	Upper Valley	4 & 6	June 14-16 @Minico TBA
Friday	6/15	Buhl	vs.	Pocatello	6 & 8	June 18 @Madison 4&6
Saturday	6/16	Highland	vs.	Pocatello	6 & 8	June 21-23 @Smithfield,UT TBA
Monday	6/18	Pocatello	vs.	Shelley	3 & 5	June 28-30 Pocatello Tourn. TBA
Tuesday	6/19	Pocatello	vs.	Hillcrest	4 & 6	July 5 @Twin Falls 6 & 8
Thurs-Sat	June 21-23	Marsh Falls Tournament			TBA	July 6 Minico 6 & 8
Monday	6/25	Pocatello	vs.	Highland	4 & 6	July 7 I.F. Russets 6& 8
Wednesday	6/27	Pocatello	vs.	Blackfoot	3 & 5	July 9 Twin Falls 6& 8
Thursday	6/28	Pocatello	vs.	Jerome	4 & 6	July 10 @I.F. Russets 4 & 6
Monday	7/2	Pocatello	vs.	I.F. Rangers	1 & 3	July 12-14 @Boise TBA
Friday	7/6	Pocatello	vs.	Kimberly	4 & 6	July 16 @I.F. Reds 4& 6
Tuesday	7/10	Pocatello	vs.	Bear Lake	3 & 5	July 18 Madison 6& 8
Friday	7/13	Shelley	vs.	Pocatello	6 & 8	July 20 Highland 6& 8
Saturday	7/14	Blackfoot	vs.	Pocatello	6 & 8	
Monday	7/16	Wood River	vs.	Pocatello	6 & 8	
Tuesday	7/17	Burley	vs.	Pocatello	6 & 8	
Friday	7/20	Pocatello	vs.	Marsh Falls	4 & 6	
Monday	7/23	District Play-In Game			TBA	
Thurs-Sat	July 26-29	District Tournament			TBA	

Red Indicates Home Games
Blue Indicates Away Games

From: "Public Relations Division" <PR@legion.org>

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>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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>Bush makes right move on veto, says American Legion

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>Washington, DC (May 1, 2007) - "Sad but necessary," was the way The National Commander of The American Legion Paul A. Morin described President Bush's veto earlier today of an Iraq war spending bill that included timelines for withdrawing troops from the region.

>"The American Legion is glad that the president vetoed this irresponsible legislation but saddened that Congress let it get this far," Morin said. "First the House passed a blueprint for disaster and then the Senate passed a recipe for surrender. There can only be one commander in chief and he should be the one to determine when the mission is complete."

>Morin said it is essential that Congress immediately pass a bill that the president can sign - one that contains the necessary funding but not the deadlines. "The troops need Congress to fund their mission. It is immoral for Congress to approve a military mission and then not want to pay for it once the troops are in harm's way. You can not possibly say `I support the troops but I don't want to pay for their bullets, beans and billeting while in combat.'"

>Morin pointed out that the bill contained billions of dollars in unrelated pork. "The congressional leadership knew that the only way they could pass this cut-and-run proposal was to entice members to vote for funding unrelated projects. Congress needs to pass a serious funding bill to win the war and it needs to pass it now," Morin said.

> Gen. David Petraeus, commander of Multi-National Forces Iraq, has voiced concern that the timeline would send a message to the enemy to keep fighting. "Just a few months ago the Senate unanimously confirmed Gen. Petraeus to lead the Iraq mission. Let's give him a chance to succeed," Morin said. "We also can not send a message to our allies that we will abandon them in their time of need. We made that mistake in Vietnam and Somalia - examples that were cited by Osama bin Laden himself."

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>Founded in 1919, the 2.7 million-member American Legion is the nation's preeminent service organization for veterans of the U.S. armed forces, including active duty, National Guard and Reserves, and their families. A powerful voice for veterans in Washington, The American Legion drafted the original GI Bill and was instrumental in establishing the agency that today is the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs.

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>Media Contacts: Ramona Joyce, (202) 263-2982; Cell, (202) 445-1161 or Joe March, (317) 630-1253; Cell (317) 748-1926. This text and a high-resolution photo of Cmdr. Morin can be downloaded at www.legion.org.

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**The American Legion
Pocatello Post 4
Meeting Minutes For April 11, 2007**

Officers Present: 7

Members Present: 26 - two new members; George Brashears, Dan Whykoff

Guests: none

Total Present: 33

Bingo Report: Restarted bingo after stopping for the floor refinishing. Had a good crowd - everybody is welcome back.

BCVMA Report: Guest report from Richard Hollingsworth. The floor is finished. The roof repairs will cost about \$26,000. We have a grant for the museum on the first floor. A new elevator will be installed. New usage rules will be distributed for the Memorial Building.

American Legion Riders Report: Raffling off a one-of dog tag tonight. Rides for the season are being planned.

Funeral Report: American Legion Chapter charter was draped for two deceased members; William McNally and Frank Doppke. 9 funerals in March with 2 in April so far, with 28 so far this year. 13 Honor Guard members are in attendance at tonight's Legion meeting. An Honor Guard ceremony will be hold on April 24 in Blackfoot for Richard Cushman, a Korean War MIA whose remains have been returned to his family. Local members will leave the Memorial Building at 6:15 PM for Blackfoot.

Sick Call Report: Larry Koger has severe cancer and is at home. Lynn Absher is in the hospital. Duane Nordseth is ill.

Membership Report: Currently at 430 members, with the percentage unchanged. Award given to Doc Lillig for his ideas concerning the 1016th returning veterans.

Veterans Home Report: The new PT room is in heavy use. 20 residents were taken to the Rodeo in March - had a great time.

Baseball Report: No report. A baseball event will be at the Memorial Building on the last Friday of April - the 27th. Time not known now.

Finance Report: Total of \$25,569.57, broken down by Zions convention account - \$1,648.11, Zions Savings \$20,840.66, Wells Fargo Checking \$ 1,787.04, Wells Fargo Savings \$974.27, Ebay paypal \$319.49. Owe D.A.V. \$198

Service Officer Report: No formal report. For 100% disabled and 62 years of age (+), there is no tax on retirement income in Idaho. There was a disappointing turnout at the Veteran's Fair at ISU. We did sign-up 3 new members at the Fair. A reminder that the VA requires prior-approval for some kinds of medical treatment in the civilian community. To obtain this approval, call the VA at 888-795-0773. Emergency treatment does not require prior approval, but there is a time limit following treatment to get the approval from the VA.

Old/Unfinished Business Report: The newsletter mail or email work is still ongoing. We need members to let us know that they can get the newsletter electronically. See the newsletter for details and how to contact the Post.

New Business Report: Donations to CW HOG for veteran's rehabilitation are under further study. There is a question on if the donations are to the group, or to individuals. A Blessing Of The Bikers will be held at the Calvary Alliance Church on 4/15, Easter Sunday. All are welcome to this service. Discussions will be held on the Memorial Building proposed usage rules changes at the next month's meeting.

Good Of The Order: A Thank You Note was received from the NCOA Auxiliary. Received the VFW Newsletter - there will be a kite-flying event at Bartz Field (ISU) at 4 PM on 4/21 - Saturday. The VFW is sponsoring marksmanship contests. John Rogers presented a Field Of Heroes program overview for this year's event. Donations are needed from individuals and corporations; John is raising \$10,000 for the professional video program that's been requested by the Library Of Congress. Post 4 donated \$200 towards this goal. A thanks from Al Eveland for the Post 4 support shown for his successful election to District 6 Commander. Dinner prize drawing was won by Doc Lillig.

Meeting Closed At: 2007

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 4 POCATELLO, ID
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2007
and INFORMATION FOR THE LEGION RIDERS MEMBERSHIP

This information page is to document the Riders meetings which take place after the Post 4 General Meeting. It will also be used as an informational source for the Riders web site.

BOYS STATE RAFFLE; We collected \$200 cash towards the raffle, and \$50 in IOUs. The Riders will cut a check for \$275 to Post 4 towards one more boy's expenses for Boy's State.

RAFFLE WINNERS;

1	dog tag and clock;	Dave Huddleston
2	clock	Jim Humble
3	clock	Kay Cluff
4	"Easy" Button	Win Lomon

LEGION RIDERS PATCHES; We received the two large and two small patches that were ordered through Emblem Sales. Just one small problem - we don't live in OHIO. So, the 4 patches will be returned so we can retain our dignity of being from IDAHO.

BLESSING OF THE BIKERS; Met at 1030 at Memorial Building to ride to Calvary Church. There was a large crowd for the service and for the Blessing which was open to all motorcyclists and the general public. The Legion Riders were well represented, and several went on a ride in the cold after the Blessing.

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS RIDE AND I.F. PARADE; Set for May 5th. Will leave Memorial Building at 0830 to ride to Pocatello City Hall to sign ride waivers, and then on to Blackfoot and Idaho Falls to meet with the assembled throng for the parade. This is a "flags up" parade, so bring your flag and fly it with pride.

NEW MEMBERS; Two new members signed up at the last meeting; Gayleen Dawson and Richard Hollingsworth.

MEMBERSHIP; Current paid-up members total 15. There are 9 members from last year who have not renewed as yet. 6 of those have renewed their Legion memberships, and 3 have not, as yet. We hope to have a full membership roster by next month.

TREASURER'S REPORT; With the deposit made after the last meeting, the current checking account balance is \$746.74. This does NOT include the \$275 check due to Post 4. The new balance with that check written will be \$471.74. We have a balance of \$24.07 in the debit account that we use for purchasing "stuff" after spending \$175.93 on the last order from Emblem Sales.

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE VETERAN'S SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

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