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Commander's Comments

I'm writing this in the last few days of February for the March/April Newsletter. Time always goes so fast, it seems like Christmas and New Years were just last week. And, knock on wood, we seemed to have escaped any devastating weather that the rest of the country got. Spring is not too far away and always at this time of year we are in a race to obtain our membership goals. Our goal this year is 906 members. At this time, we are at 78% of our goal. So, pull out your wallets and make sure you have renewed your Legion membership. Also, talk to friends, relatives, and neighbors about joining the Legion. Each member we get helps us greatly in our lobbying efforts for Veterans and their families.

To change the subject, we are in need of volunteers to help around the Post with numerous tasks, cooking, cleaning, yard work, electrical, plumbing and much more. It always seems like it's the same volunteers that always are doing the work. They need a break once in a while and the more volunteers we have the shorter it takes to complete projects. I thank all that continually volunteer and you should too. It's nice to get an attaboy/girl once in a while. Have a great spring.

Rick Sucee
Post Commander

Auxiliary President's Message

Hopefully, spring is not too far away now. Auxiliary will be celebrating with a 50's Burger Night and Dance on April 13th. The Replazementz will be playing for this evening so put on you poodle skirts or your leathers – or just come as you are! On April 28th, Auxiliary will be having our annual Bazaar to raise funds for Growing Veterans. Of course, the veterans are already planting their greenhouses in preparation for spring. Growing Veterans will be at the Bazaar with their own table. Come by and visit with them and learn more about their program. Spring Conference for the Legion Family in District #2 will be held here on April 21st. Everyone is welcome.

For God and Country,
Carolyn Mendenhall

Membership Report 2/20/2018

2018 Membership Goal: 906 – as of 2/16/2018 – 715 members – 78.92%

NEW MEMBERS

Jacob A. Oostra

Ian L. Langei

Delaney A. Triplett

Ricky D. Clark

Ronald J. Neilson

Larry D. Blanchard

TRANSFERRED TO POST 7

No new transfers

TRANSFERRED TO POST EVERLASTING

John F. Meixner

ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

Tomorrow's yesterday is today!

Remember that FAR SIDE cartoon with two dinosaurs on an island, and Noah's Ark is in the distance, and one of the dinosaurs says "Holy Crap! Was that today?" Calendars are great tools for everyone, so long as they are current and accurate. They help us remember upcoming events and allow us to plan our busy lives so we don't forget those events, appointments, meetings, and activities.

This Newsletter contains a list of activities here at the Post for March and April, 2018. DON'T TRUST THEM! Those are the lists of activities and events we identified at the Activities Committee meeting *last month*. Calendars are an ongoing exercise, a living creature in constant change.

Your most reliable calendar is on the Post's website, www.bellinghamlegion.com. It's the GOOGLE CALENDAR that we try our best to keep current and up-to-date. If you don't have a smart phone or other type of computer, I suggest you get one! They're cheap. If you refuse, then save you're complaining and call your kid or grandkid, so they can tell you "what's on the calendar", and prevent you from going extinct like the dinosaurs.

Respectfully submitted,
John L. Erickson, Post 7 Adjutant

SAL Commander Comments

I would like to take this time to give a great big THANK YOU to all my officers and the Membership for a great 2017/2018 year. Come out and support all the events at the Post. It's always a great time and a lot fun with Friends and Family. As next month comes around the corner, it will be time for Nominations for new Officers. Please come to the meeting on March 13th and help bring in a new group of officers to support the SAL.

Martin Richey - SAL Commander Squadron 7

American Legion Riders Directors Message

Hello to all,

We are looking forward to another great year! We have alot happening. Breakfast every third Sunday from 9 - 11:00am, with a rotating menu. Come out and support the Riders.

The ROMP will be here before we know it and should be a great event. Please register on line, or you can come into the post on Saturday night and Lisa Boyles can sign you up.

And rides! . . . we will have a lot of rides with some over-night rides also!

Get your bikes tuned up and ready for spring.

Erika Moran

Craft Bazaar & Raffle & Bake Sale

Saturday April 28th, 2018

9am-3pm

Bellingham American Legion Post 7

1688 W. Bakerview Rd

Bellingham, WA 98226

(Just down the road from Mykonos)

Please come and join us for a fun filled day of arts & crafts, shop for Spring gifts, and put your name in for our many wonderful raffle items. Breakfast and Lunch will be available for purchase.

The proceeds will go to the: **Growing Veterans'**

MARCH 2018

🍀 1 st	Thursday	Texas Hold'em	5:30pm
🍀 2 nd	Friday	SAL Taco Night	5-7pm
🍀 2 nd	Friday	Flashback Music & Dance	7-10pm
🍀 3 rd	Saturday	BHS Alumni Band	9am
🍀 3 rd	Saturday	ROMP Meeting	3pm
🍀 3 rd	Saturday	Joker Poker w/SAL Food	5-7pm
🍀 3 rd	Saturday	Darts	6pm
🍀 3 rd	Saturday	Karaoke w/Bobby Lee	7pm
🍀 4 th	Sunday	Riders Officer Meeting	10:30am
🍀 5 th	Monday	Crib Tournament	6-9pm
🍀 5 th	Monday	Dance Lessons	7-8pm
🍀 6 th	Tuesday	Bldg Improvement Meeting	6pm
🍀 6 th	Tuesday	Post & Aux. E-board Meetings	6:30pm
🍀 7 th	Wednesday	Marine Corps League Meeting	6:30pm
🍀 8 th	Thursday	Texas Hold'em	5:30pm
🍀 9 th	Friday	Aux. Burger Night	5-7pm
🍀 10 th	Saturday	BHS Alumni Band	9am
🍀 10 th	Saturday	Joker Poker w/Aux. Food	5-7pm
🍀 10 th	Saturday	Darts	6pm
🍀 12 th	Monday	Crib Tournament	6-9pm
🍀 12 th	Monday	Dance Lessons	7-8pm
🍀 13 th	Tuesday	EARLY BIRD	ALL DAY
🍀 13 th	Tuesday	SAL Meeting	6:30pm
🍀 14 th	Wednesday	Legion Rider Meeting	6:30pm
🍀 15 th	Thursday	Texas Hold'em	5:30pm
🍀 16 th	Friday	Private Party	6-11pm
🍀 16 th	Friday	Good Vibrations	7-8pm
🍀 17 th	Saturday	BHS Alumni Band	9am
🍀 17 th	Saturday	Veterans Benefit @ Lynden Library	10a-1pm
🍀 17 th	Saturday	ROMP Meeting	3pm
🍀 17 th	Saturday	Jr. Aux. & SAL Meeting (Carl Hamm Room)	4:30pm
🍀 17 th	Saturday	Joker Poker w/Corned Beef & Cabbage	5-7pm
🍀 17 th	Saturday	Darts	6pm
🍀 17 th	Saturday	Karaoke w/Jon Ho	7:30pm
🍀 18 th	Sunday	Riders Breakfast	9-11am
🍀 19 th	Monday	Crib Tournament	6-9pm
🍀 19 th	Monday	Dance Lessons	7-8pm
🍀 20 th	Tuesday	Fleet Reserve Meeting	11am-1pm
🍀 20 th	Tuesday	Post & Aux. General Meeting	6:30pm
🍀 20 th	Tuesday	Legion B-day	6:30pm
🍀 22 nd	Thursday	Texas Hold'em	5:30pm
🍀 23 rd	Friday	Legion Food	5-7pm
🍀 24 th	Saturday	BHS Alumni Band	9am
🍀 24 th	Saturday	Air National Guard Reunion	1-5pm
🍀 24 th	Saturday	Joker Poker w/MCL Food	5-7pm
🍀 24 th	Saturday	Darts	6pm
🍀 26 th	Monday	Crib Tournament	6-9pm
🍀 26 th	Monday	Dance Lessons	7-8pm
🍀 28 th	Wednesday	Activities Meeting	6:30pm
🍀 29 th	Thursday	Texas Hold'em	5:30pm
🍀 30 th	Friday	Legion Food	5-7pm
🍀 31 st	Saturday	Kids Easter Egg Hunt	9a-12pm
🍀 31 st	Saturday	ROMP Meeting	3pm
🍀 31 st	Saturday	Joker Poker w/Meat Loaf, baked potato, salad	5-7pm
🍀 31 st	Saturday	Darts	6pm

APRIL 2018

🍷 1 st	Sunday	POST CLOSED	ALL DAY
🍷 2 nd	Monday	Crib Tournament	6-9pm
🍷 2 nd	Monday	Dance Lessons	7-8pm
🍷 3 rd	Tuesday	Bldg. Improvement Meeting	6-6:30pm
🍷 3 rd	Tuesday	Post & Aux. E-board Meeting	6:30pm
🍷 4 th	Wednesday	Marine Corps League Meeting	6:30pm
🍷 5 th	Thursday	Texas Hold'Em	5:30pm
🍷 6 th	Friday	SAL Lasagna Dinner	5-7pm
🍷 7 th	Saturday	BHS Alumni Band	9am
🍷 7 th	Saturday	Joker Poker w/SAL Food	5-7pm
🍷 7 th	Saturday	Darts	6pm
🍷 7 th	Saturday	Karaoke w/Bobby Lee	7pm
🍷 8 th	Sunday	Legion Riders Officers Meeting	10:30am
🍷 9 th	Monday	Crib Tournament	6-9pm
🍷 9 th	Monday	Dance Lessons	7-8pm
🍷 10 th	Tuesday	EARLY BIRD	ALL DAY
🍷 10 th	Tuesday	SAL Meeting	6:30pm
🍷 11 th	Wednesday	Legion Riders Meeting	6:30pm
🍷 12 th	Thursday	Texas Hold'Em	5:30pm
🍷 13 th	Friday	Aux. Burger Night	5-7pm
🍷 13 th	Friday	Music & 50's Dance (The Replacementz)	7:30-10pm
🍷 14 th	Saturday	BHS Alumni Band	9am
🍷 14 th	Saturday	ROMP Meeting	3pm
🍷 14 th	Saturday	Joker Poker w/Aux. Food	5-7pm
🍷 14 th	Saturday	Darts	6pm
🍷 15 th	Sunday	Legion Riders Breakfast	9-11am
🍷 16 th	Monday	Crib Tournament	6-9pm
🍷 16 th	Monday	Dance Lessons	7-8pm
🍷 17 th	Tuesday	Fleet Reserve meeting	11a-1pm
🍷 17 th	Tuesday	Post & Aux. General Meetings	6:30pm
🍷 19 th	Thursday	Texas Hold'Em	5:30pm
🍷 20 th	Friday	Good Vibrations	7pm
🍷 21 st	Saturday	District 2 Spring Conference	8a-4pm
🍷 21 st	Saturday	Jr. Aux. & SAL Meeting (Carl Hamm Room)	4:30pm
🍷 21 st	Saturday	Joker Poker w/MCL Food	5-7pm
🍷 21 st	Saturday	Darts	6pm
🍷 21 st	Saturday	Karaoke w/Jon Ho	7pm
🍷 22 nd	Sunday	ROMP Meeting	2pm
🍷 23 rd	Monday	Crib Tournament	6-9pm
🍷 23 rd	Monday	Dance Lessons	7-8pm
🍷 25 th	Wednesday	Activities Meeting	6:30pm
🍷 26 th	Thursday	Texas Hold'Em	5:30pm
🍷 27 th	Friday	Legion Food	5-7pm
🍷 28 th	Saturday	Aux. 2 nd Annual Craft Bazaar	9a-3p
🍷 28 th	Saturday	Joker Poker w/Legion Food	5-7pm
🍷 28 th	Saturday	Darts	6pm
🍷 30 th	Monday	Crib Tournament	6-9pm
🍷 30 th	Monday	Dance lessons	7-8pm

2017-2018 POST OFFICERS

Commander: Rick Sucee
1st Vice: Al Jensen
2nd Vice:
Sgt. At Arms: George Shufelt
Service Officer:
Finance Officer: Dave Trott
Chaplain: Ben Barker
Historian: Dan Burns
1st Color Bearer: Steve Hanson
2nd Color Bearer: Lyle Leavitt
Adjutant: John Erickson
Trustees: Larry Sperry
Ron Clapp
Steve Hansen

2017-2018 AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President: Carolyn Mendenhall
1st Vice: Paula Rameau
2nd Vice: Jeannie Gates
Secretary: Shelly Lagerwey
Treasurer: Jeri Wentland
Chaplain: Karen Grimes
Historian: Sylvia Jensen
Sgt. At Arms: Peggy Erickson
Trustees: Hope Hanson
Carolyn Clapp
Sylvia Jensen
Membership: Shelly Lagerwey
Poppy Chair: Jeannie Gates

2017-2018 SAL OFFICERS

Commander: Marty Richey
1st Vice: John Lowmon
2nd Vice: Eric Ogren
Chaplain: George Shufelt
Sgt. At Arms: Robert Boyles
Finance Officer: Bobby Hoffer
Historian: Dan Burns
Adjutant: Steve Hanson
Membership: Marty Richey
Advisers: Steve Hanson (Chair)
Perry Mendenhall
Craig Convery
Ron Clapp

2017-2018 LEGION RIDRS OFFICERS

Director: Erika Moran
Ass. Director: Roy Wilson
Secretary: Shelly Lagerwey
Treasurer: Jeff VanderPol
Chaplain: Chris Moran
Sgt. At Arms: Robert Boyles
Historian: Kim Cramer
Road Captain: George Shufelt
Webmaster: Lisa Boyles
Quartermaster: Robert Boyles
Membership: Marty Richey
Advisers: Herb Porter (Chair)
Perry Mendenhall
Jim Wallace



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“CLUB 7 NEWS”

LOUNGE HOURS:

Mon – Sat 12 noon – close

Sun 2 pm – close

- If less than 5 people drinking the lounge will close at 8:00p.m.

POPCORN DONATIONS ARE WELCOME!

Club 7 Specials will be on reader board

EARLY BIRD DAY
2nd Tuesday of the month
1st drink “TWO BITS”