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Adjutant's Message

The Curse of the Beloved Minimum Wage

In January of next year, 2020, the beloved minimum wage goes up to \$13.50 per/hour from the current \$12.00 per/hour. The Family Leave Act has already gone into effect, which gives employees up to twelve (12) weeks of leave per year. As of April 1, 2019, we were annexed into the City of Bellingham, which affects our water bill, Sales Tax, and Business and Occupation taxes.

These increases apply universally across all aspects of our business operation. Our suppliers are equally affected by these increased costs of doing business. Of course, what any prudent business does is pass these increased costs on to their customers in the form of adjusted pricing.

Reality sucks, but it's a basic fact of life. We here at Post 7 strive to provide the best product and service we can at as reasonable of a fee we can afford. We will continue to do so, but ubiquitous factors outside our control effect how our business decisions must be made.

Respectfully submitted: John L. Erickson, Post 7 Adjutant

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

This writing will be my last as Post 7 Commander as your new Commander, Al Jensen, will take over after the Department Convention in mid-July. The past two years have sped by, it seems like just yesterday that I became Commander for a second time. I have been your Commander for a combined total of five years. I am very grateful and humbled that you have put your trust in me for these many years and I have tried to do my best to live up to your expectations and to always do what is right. I am very proud of this Post and all its members. Thank you.

Rick Sucee, Commander

Commander Elect's Message:

By the time you are reading this, hopefully, the Post had a successful welcome of the National Commander complete with the installation of our incoming Post 7 Officers. The new officers will officially take over their positions after the Department Convention. Thank you for stepping up to fill the positions for the coming year and I look forward to working with this great team. Over the next couple of months, I will be putting together the committee assignments. If there any committees you would like to serve on, please let myself or the Adjutant know. We have many things in the planning stage for this next year so I hope to see you at the Post meetings. I want to thank everyone for your support and letting me serve you as Commander of Post 7 this next year.

Al Jensen – Commander Elect



Happy Summer Everyone,

As your Auxiliary President, I would like to start out by saying Thank you to all my past Auxiliary officers for a great year. I would also like to welcome all the incoming Auxiliary officers. I look forward to working with all of you in this upcoming year.

Just a reminder that the Auxiliary will be taking the months of June, July & August off with no meetings or dinners. So I would like to take this time and say have a great summer and please be safe.

Our first e-board meeting will be on September 3rd and the first general meeting will be on September 17th at 6:30pm.

Service not self
Shelly Lagerwey
Unit 7 Auxiliary President

Well I would like to start out by saying Thank you to all my Officers for a great 2018 year. I'm looking forward to working with my new in-coming officers for 2019-2020. It is going to be a great year. Hope everyone has a great summer and please be safe and enjoy the time with your family and friends. Hope to see everyone around the post this summer to keep the support going for our Vet's.

Squadron post 7
SAL Commander
Marty Richey



JULY 2019

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|  1 st | Monday | Crib Tournament | 6pm |
|  1 st | Monday | Dance Lessons | 7pm |
|  3 rd | Wednesday | Marine Corps League Meeting | 6:30pm |
|  4 th | Thursday | POST CLOSED | ALL DAY |
|  5 th | Friday | Private Wedding | 2pm |
|  6 th | Saturday | Joker Poker w/SAL Dinner | 5-7pm |
|  6 th | Saturday | Karaoke w/John Ho | 7:30pm |
|  7 th | Sunday | Private Wedding Reception | 3-7pm |
|  8 th | Monday | Crib Tournament | 6pm |
|  8 th | Monday | Riders Officer Meeting | 6:30pm |
|  8 th | Monday | Dance Lessons | 7pm |
|  9 th | Tuesday | EARLY BIRD | ALL DAY |
|  10 th | Wednesday | Legion Riders Meeting | 6:30pm |
|  11 th | Thursday | Texas Hold'Em | 5:30pm |
|  12 th | Friday | Private Memorial | 3pm |
|  12 th | Friday | Riders Fish & Chips | 5-7pm |
|  13 th | Saturday | Joker Poker w/Riders Enchilada's | 5-7pm |
|  14 th | Sunday | Reception Set-up | 9am |
|  14 th | Sunday | Private Wedding | 2pm |
|  15 th | Monday | Crib Tournament | 6pm |
|  15 th | Monday | Dance Lessons | 7pm |
|  16 th | Tuesday | Fleet Reserve Meeting | 11am |
|  17-20 th | Wed.- Sun. | Department Convention (IN SPOKANE) | 9am |
|  18 th | Thursday | Texas Hold'Em | 5:30pm |
|  19 th | Friday | Good Vibrations | 7pm |
|  20 th | Saturday | Joker Poker w/MCL Dinner | 5-7pm |
|  20 th | Saturday | Karaoke w/John Ho | 7:30pm |
|  22 nd | Monday | Crib Tournament | 6pm |
|  22 nd | Monday | Dance Lessons | 7pm |
|  23 rd | Tuesday | Junior Advisory Meeting | 6:30pm |
|  25 th | Thursday | Texas Hold'Em | 5:30p |
|  26 | Friday | Legion Baked Potato Bar | 5-7pm |
|  26 th | Friday | The Bushwackers | 7:30pm |
|  27 th | Saturday | Joker Poker w/Legion Cod & Chips | 5-7pm |
|  27 th | Saturday | The Bushwackers | 7:30pm |
|  29 th | Monday | Crib Tournament | 6pm |
|  29 th | Monday | Dance Lessons | 7p |
|  31 st | Wednesday | Bellingham Class of '61 | 3pm |

AUGUST 2019

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| 1 st | Thursday | Texas Hold'Em | 5:30pm |
| 2 nd | Friday | Riders Sloppy Joes | 5-7pm |
| 3 rd | Saturday | Joker Poker w/SAL Food | 5-7pm |
| 3 rd | Saturday | Karaoke w/John Ho | 7:30pm |
| 5 th | Monday | Crib Tournament | 6pm |
| 5 th | Monday | Dance Lessons | 7pm |
| 6 th | Tuesday | Building Improvement | 6pm |
| 6 th | Tuesday | Legion E-board Meeting | 6:30pm |
| 7 th | Wednesday | Marine Corps League Meeting | 6:30pm |
| 8 th | Thursday | Texas Hold'Em | 5:30pm |
| 9 th | Friday | Riders Taco Bar | 5-7pm |
| 10 th | Saturday | Joker Poker w/Riders Panini Sandwiches | 5-7pm |
| 12 th | Monday | Crib Tournament | 6pm |
| 12 th | Monday | Riders Officers Meeting | 6:30pm |
| 12 th | Monday | Dance Lessons | 7pm |
| 13 th | Tuesday | EARLY BIRD | ALL DAY |
| 14 th | Wednesday | Legion Riders Meeting | 6:30pm |
| 15 th | Thursday | Texas Hold'Em | 5:30pm |
| 15 th | Thursday | Line Dancing Lessons | 7pm |
| 16 th | Friday | Riders Food | 5-7pm |
| 16 th | Friday | The Replacementz | 7:30pm |
| 17 th | Saturday | Joker Poker w/MCL Food | 5-7pm |
| 17 th | Saturday | Karaoke w/John Ho | 7:30pm |
| 19 th | Monday | Crib Tournament | 6pm |
| 19 th | Monday | Dance Lessons | 7pm |
| 20 th | Tuesday | Fleet Reserve Meeting | 11am |
| 21 st | Wednesday | Activities Meeting | 6:30pm |
| 22 nd -29 th | Thurs. - Thurs. | National Convention | |
| 22 nd | Thursday | Texas Hold'Em | 5:30pm |
| 23 rd | Friday | Legion Taco & Shrimp Salads | 5-7pm |
| 24 th | Saturday | Joker Poker w/Legion Ribs | 5-7pm |
| 24 th | Saturday | Jack Benson Band | 7:30pm |
| 26 th | Monday | Crib Tournament | 6pm |
| 26 th | Monday | Dance Lessons | 7pm |
| 29 th | Thursday | Texas Hold'Em | 5:30pm |
| 30 th | Friday | Riders Food | 5-7pm |
| 31 st | Saturday | NO JOKER POKER | ALL DAY |
| 31 st | Saturday | Private Wedding | 5pm |

2019 -2020 Post 7 Officers

Commander: Al Jensen

1st Vice: Tim Moss

2nd Vice: George Shufelt

Finance Officer: Dave Trott

Sargent At Arms: Harry Grimes

Chaplain: Ben Barker

Historian: Vern Tabb

1st Color Bearer: Steve Hanson

2nd Color Bearer: Lyle Leavitt

Adjutant: John Erickson

Trustees (3): Ron Clapp

Chad Larsen

Perry Mendenhall

2019 - 2020 Unit 7 Auxiliary Officers/Chairmanships

President/Membership:

Shelly Lagerwey

1st Vice: Cindy VanderPol

2nd Vice/Poppy: Jeannie Gates

Secretary: Lora Shanahan

Treasurer: Jeri Wentland

Chaplain: Karen Grimes

Historian: Debbie Anderson

Sargent At Arms: Kim Hammond

Webmaster: Kim Hammond

Trustees (3): Darlene Shufelt

Peggy Erickson

Lisa Boyles

2019 - 2020 Squadron 7

SAL Officers

Commander: Marty Richey

1st Vice: Dan Burns

2nd Vice: Eric Ogren

Finance Officer: Bobby Hoffer

Sargent At Arms: Dale Rauch

Chaplain: George Shufelt

Historian: Chase Mendenhall

Adjutant: John Lowmon

Membership: Marty Richey

2019 - 2020 Post 7 American Legion Riders Officers

Director: Bobby Hoffer

Asst. Director: Chad Larsen

Treasurer: Jeff VanderPol

Secretary: Karen Grimes

Chaplain: Chris Moran

Historian: Jeannie Gates

Sargent At Arms: Eric Ogren

Road Captain: Al Varga

Membership: Marty Richey

Webmaster: Lisa Boyles



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"CLUB 7 NEWS"

LOUNGE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday

12 noon – 9 pm

Friday - Saturday

12 pm – 10 pm

Sunday

2 pm - 7 pm

**CASH POPCORN DONATIONS
ARE WELCOME!**

Club 7 Specials will be on reader board

EARLY BIRD DAY:

2nd Tuesday of the month

1st drink "TWO BITS"

HAPPY HOUR:

50 cents off all drinks

3:00-5:00pm