



American Legion Steven H Nipp Post 143 Newsletter

June 2026

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General Membership
(6:30pm) & Auxiliary
(5:30 pm) Meeting

dates:

June 15

July 20

SAL (6:30 pm):

June 22

July 27

North ID Women
Veterans - (6:00pm)

June 17

July 15

Office Hours:

Mon-Fri 10:00 am-3:00 pm

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Commander's Corner

This Memorial Day, our Post 143 family gathered at Evergreen Cemetery to honor the men and women who gave their last full measure of devotion in service to our nation. Under clear Idaho skies, veterans, families, Scouts, first responders, and community members stood together in quiet unity as we placed wreaths, raised our flags, and spoke the names of those who will never be forgotten.

Moments like these remind us why our mission matters. The strength of a community is measured not only by how it celebrates its freedoms, but by how faithfully it remembers those who secured them. Post 143 showed that spirit in full force—through participation, reverence, and the unmistakable sense of family that defines our Legion.

As we move into June, let us carry that same spirit forward. Service, remembrance, and community are not just traditions—they are our duty and our privilege. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's ceremony worthy of the heroes we honored.

For God and Country,

Tim Shaw

Commander

American Legion Post 143



*A huge shoutout to St. Dominic's Girls School Choir for their beautiful rendition of The National Anthem, God Bless America and others, Lisa Pratt on the bagpipes, Mayor Randy Westlund for his words, our Honor Guard for their participation and Auburn Crest Assisted Living and Palliative Care for the GORGEOUS wreath!

Current Activities:

Join the group of Veterans who gather each Wednesday morning from 8:00-10:00 at the Post for free coffee, donuts, and camaraderie or Thursdays 11:00am-1:00pm for no-host coffee and visiting.

In case you were wondering....?

The Post will soon be undergoing efforts to upgrade our 20-yr-old building in these ways: Upgraded electrical panels to handle our new technology load, a new AC Unit that provides heating & cooling to the lounge, and electrical service to the storage shed located outside the lounge door. With a building of this age....there's always somethin' needs fixin' ...just like at home.

Upcoming Events

REBOOT Trauma Recovery Course – It's not too late to join the 12-Week REBOOT course starting Wednesday, June 3rd at 6:00 pm and continuing each Wednesday until August 19th. Dinner provided; childcare if needed. Contact Eric Pirozok in the office ASAP.

Freedom, Rods, and Rides Car Show

Sunday, June 28th 11:00 am-3:00pm – Post 143 Parking Lot

This event is sponsored by the North Idaho Classic Car Club. We'd also like to give a shoutout to our Top Sponsor **Ally Financial** for supporting the event with 3 awards and dash plaques.

Like every "Car Show" in America there will be cool, old, shiny, beautiful, Classic Cars in all makes and models from Hot Rods to Muscle Cars. But there will also be cool motorcycles. And there will be other exhibitors like the Fire Department and Law Enforcement with their "cool" rides. (The kids will love that!)

The entry fee for the owners of these cars is \$25 per car. If you have a car you'd like to show off, please visit our website to get it registered www.pfp143.org. If you have a business, \$100 will buy a Sponsors Choice Award featuring your business for the car/truck of your choice. Call Tim Shaw at the Post or email him at Commander@pfp143.org with questions. Viewing the cars is FREE....well, that is if you just want to look and don't want a delicious lunch provided by the Lions Club. That's **not free**.

Come Join American Legion Post 143 veterans and Legion Riders to support veterans, our community, and our youth programs. Hope to see you all there!! (Maynard and Florence Shaw will be there!!!)

Legion Riders Steak & Bake

The first Legion Riders Steak & Bake was held on May 30th featuring a salad, steak barbecued to order, baked potato, roll and dessert. It was delicious! MARK YOUR CALENDARS: **June 20th** (will feature a **smaller 8-oz steak for \$25 (see...we listen)**), as will **July 25th** and **August 2nd**. Get your tickets now through the website www.pfp143.org or sign-up in the lounge or the office.

Lounge News:

Come check out Tristan Cansino in the Lounge Friday, June 12th, 7:00 p.m. He and his guitar have an acoustic, singer-songwriter vibe while playing some 90's alternative, classic rock, occasional country and pop thrown in.

Auxiliary News:

Father's Day Bake Sale June 21st during Breakfast.

**The Post 143 5th Annual Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, May 30th at The Links Golf Course in Post Falls.**

We had a total of 24 registered teams, the weather was as good as you can expect in May (meaning it was rainy, windy and nippy....No!...let's be honest...it was cold), and a delicious lunch sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion provided by Sweet Pea's Shack was delicious as usual. The golfers emptied their pockets for a chance to win one of our FABULOUS Raffle prizes and to purchase "gimme bags" (good for one free putt if within the distance of the provided string plus two mulligans). How Fun is That!!!

The winning team was "The Bluebirds" sponsored by Bluebird Therapy, LLC comprised of Maurica and Jason Nelsen and Brandi and Joe Stordahl with a score of 63.



This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. A **HUGE** Thank You to our sponsors (who were listed in the May edition of this Newsletter) to Rich DePalma and Stephen Godfrey for heading up this event and to the many volunteers it took to help make it happen.

Business Partner of the Month: Auburn Crest

The Auburn Crest Assisted Living and Palliative Homecare Promise says: "WE HONOR VETERANS - A veteran's military service can add a distinct dimension to the level of physical, emotional and spiritual support he or she needs. Deep-rooted memories of combat may manifest in different ways and often are recounted as a veteran faces his own mortality. We are a proud partner of **We Honor Veterans.**" In addition to expert medical care for veterans, Auburn Crest provides emotional support for the entire family. To learn more, visit their website at www.auburncrest.com

They also support veterans in other ways....like supporting American Legion Post 143. Thank you, Auburn Crest! We appreciate YOU!

Auxiliary: Who Are They? *They are the male & female spouses, grandmothers, mothers, sisters and direct/adopted female descendants of members of the American Legion.*

Food for Thought:

The Bible says in Colossians 1:16 –“ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities— all things were created through him and for him.”

Scientists discovered the universe had a beginning (the Big Bang). If the universe started, something had to start it. That Something is God.

Meet Auxiliary President – Marilyn Shay

Marilyn has been a staple around Post 143 since she and her husband Bob relocated here from Bellevue, WA in 2019. She first served as the Auxiliary Chaplain, then 1st Vice before she took over as the President in 2023. The Auxiliary is its own independent organization with its own charter and by-laws. Their mission (in part) is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military and their families, both at home and abroad. What does the Auxiliary do, you ask? The answer (again...in part) is **PLENTY!** They promote and recruit high school girls for Girls State and raise funds to send them. They organize an annual Community Children’s Christmas Party...also requiring fundraising...hence the Bake Sales and Gift Basket/Quilt Raffles. Their members volunteer to cover the front office desk which includes receiving visitors/members, fielding phone calls, handling room rentals which entails scheduling, writing contracts, receiving payment, and being at the Post when a renter is having their event. And they visit the Idaho Veterans Home bi-monthly with donuts in hand. As President, Marilyn juggles all the moving parts in addition to representing Post 143 at District meetings and State conventions.



Gem Boys State & Syringa Girls State

American Legion Post 143 sent two boys as delegates to Gem Boys State May 30-June 6. Both boys are Juniors at Immaculate Conception School. The American Legion Auxiliary Post 143 will be sending (or “sent” depending on what date you’re reading this) a record ten... Yes! You read that correctly...TEN girls to Syringa Girls State June 14-19. (Not to mention they adopted out two additional girls to Athol, Unit 149.) The girls are Junior students from Post Falls High School, Genesis Prep Academy, Elevate North Academy and a local homeschool program.

Delegates attending Boys and Girls State learn about government through mock exercises. Each attendee has the opportunity to expand their leadership skills and to collaborate with other young leaders from across the state of Idaho.

A **HUGE Thank You** to Joe Ayers and his “Super Recruiter” wife Marilyn Ayers for their hard work! North Idaho is well represented!