American Legion Steven H Nipp Post 143 Newsletter

November 2026

For all things Post-related, visit us at ***www.pfp143.org***

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

November 16

December 21

SAL (6:30 pm):

November 23

December 28

North ID Women Veterans - (6:00pm)

November 18

December 16

Office Hours:

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

Phone:(208) 773-9054

Commander's Corner



As we turn the calendar to November, we are reminded of the many blessings we enjoy as members of our American Legion family and the community we proudly serve. This month marks the beginning of the holiday season, a time for reflection, gratitude, and gathering with friends, family, and fellow veterans.

One of the highlights of November will be our **Free Thanksgiving Dinner on November 21st**. This annual tradition is our way of bringing people together to share a meal, fellowship, and the spirit of gratitude. Whether you come with family, friends, or on your own, there will always be a seat at our table. We encourage everyone to join us as we celebrate the season and give thanks for the many sacrifices made by our veterans and their families.

As we look ahead to the holiday season, our Post has several exciting events planned. I am especially pleased to announce our **First Annual New Year's Eve Dinner and Party**. This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the close of another year and welcome the new one with friends from our Legion family. More details in this newsletter, but be sure to mark your calendars now and plan to ring in the New Year with us. Thank you to all our volunteers and members who continue to make our Post a vibrant and welcoming place. Your

(continued on Page 4)



Current Activities:

DONATIONS DESPERATELY NEEDED

Turkeys, Stove Top Dressing, Idahoan Instant Mashed Potatoes, Turkey Gravy (jars & packets), Chicken or Turkey Broth, Butter, and Pies. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Frozen Turkeys need to be turned into the Kitchen by Nov 16th; all other donations by Nov 18th! Thank you!!

SAL/Legion Riders Gun Raffle Tickets

On sale NOW in the Lounge. Price $5 per ticket. Drawing held when sold out or April 1st…whichever comes first.

(See Details on Next Pg.)

Upcoming Events

Free Thanksgiving Dinner

Come celebrate Thanksgiving a few days early on Saturday, **November 21st**, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. This free meal consisting of Turkey, dressing and all the fixings is open to the public and is our way of saying "we are thankful for YOU... our veterans, supporters and all who walk through the door!" Oh! And pie, let's not forget the pie!

Children's Christmas Party hosted by Post 143 Auxiliary

The Annual Children's Christmas Party hosted by the Post Auxiliary will be held on Saturday, December 19th from 1:00-3:00 pm. This event is free for all kids up to 12 years of age and open to the public. Bring the kids in to sit on Santa's lap, get their face painted, receive a small gift along with a gift bag of goodies, participate in crafts, and enjoy some cookies and hot chocolate.

East Meets West New Year's Eve Dinner Dance – Post 143 Supper Club

December 31, 2026



Dining, Dancing, Champagne Toast @ Midnight EST (that's 9:00 pm our time, folks…we aim to get you home before your bedtime.) ☺
Cocktails ~ 6:00 pm
Dinner ~ 7:00 pm
Dancing till 9:00 pm

Semi-formal or your best 1940's attire requested

$50.00 per person

Prime Rib, Herb-roasted Chicken or Vegetarian Menu

Only 96 Tickets will be sold and are available online at www.pfp143.org or by stopping by the office during office hours.

AMERICA'S SHOTGUN



FEATURES
- 10.5" barrel length
- Chamber 2 ¾" and 3" 12 gauge shells
- GA Thread & Muzzle Device
- Included Choke adapter with IC choke
- Short recoil operation
- Free float handguard with M-LOK®
- Right side charging knob
- GEN1 DPMS 308 patterned lower
- Mil-spec buffer tube
- 308 short carbine buffer 3.8oz
- Hogue rubberized grip
- Milspec AR Trigger
- Included 5 round magazine, 10 round magazine
- Custom Cerakote donated by Covenant Arms

GENESIS ARMS

All Ladies 12-Week Trauma Reboot Recovery Course

An ALL-LADIES Trauma Reboot Recovery Course is being offered on Thursday Nights from 6:00pm –8:00 pm, January 7th through March 25th. A meal will be provided along with childcare if needed. To sign up, call Traci Parrish at (509) 531-2845.

Trauma can result from many different circumstances. You aren't broken. You're wounded. Wounds can heal if proper steps are taken.

Join us on this journey of healing.

Operation Legacy – Honor Their Service. Preserve Their Story---A Legacy That Lasts Forever

Post 143 is proud to be the first American Legion Post in the nation to provide selected veterans with a complimentary professionally-produced legacy video. Through its partnership with Time of Your Life Media, this groundbreaking program preserves the voices, memories, and life stories of America's veterans as a lasting gift to their families and future generations. Because a veteran's greatest legacy isn't only their service---it's the story only they can tell.

How It Works: You submit a Nomination form for review. The Time of Your Life Media's Board may select recipients to receive a Legacy video at no cost to them (a $1,695 value). The selected recipients are then interviewed, stories recorded in their own voice, and the videos are created.

Who can be nominated you ask? Any U.S. Veteran. Fill out the form online at www.timeofyourlifemedia.com or pick up a form in the Post's office.

Business Partner of the Month: Serengeti Care

In addition to physical assistance, their caregivers offer invaluable emotional support and companionship.

Serengeti CARE

PERSONALIZED IN-HOME CARE

POST FALLS, IDAHO – KOOTENAI COUNTY
PHONE: 208-948-2044
EMAIL: POSTFALLS@SERENGETICARE.COM
HTTPS://SERENGETICARE.COM/

Their goal is to enhance the independence and quality of life for seniors by offering a wide range of services including 1) Personalized In-Home Care; 2) Nursing Care; 3) Specialized Care; 4) Errands & Transportation; 5) Transition Care; 6) Respite Care; 7) End-of-Life Care; and 8) Live-in Care.

"We're not just here to provide a service, we're here to be an extension of your family, your trusted companions on this journey." Serengeti Care is located at 3591 E 3rd Avenue in Post Falls; (208) 948-2044. Learn more on their website https://serengeticare.com.

Did You Know?

Meal Schedule:
5:00pm-7:30 pm
Tuesday – Italian Night
Weds – Taco Night
Friday – Open Grill

Sunday – Breakfast
8:00am-10:30 am

Open to Members and the General Public.

Lounge News:

In the column of "This should go without saying but saying it anyway"…the Lounge will be ***closed*** *on Thanksgiving Day!*

(The office will be closed both Thursday and Friday.)

Food for Thought:
The Bible says in Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own under-standing; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Meet Post 143 Auxiliary 1St Vice – Marilyn Ayers



Marilyn wears many hats amongst our Post 143, District 1 and Department Auxiliaries. For our Post she serves as 1st Vice, Unit 143 Education Chair and Girls State Chair. For District 1 she serves as Secretary and Girls State Chair/Board Member and Education Chair for the Department. Whew! That's a lot of hats! The Unit 143 Education Committee interfaces with local schools. Post 143 has adopted two elementary schools in close proximity to the Post…providing school supplies and giving them suggestions on how they can reach out to veterans… some have made cards plus they have a coloring contest for Veteran's Day. Marilyn is highly involved at the District level with communication and recruitment of students to participate in Girls State, Boys State, and the Oratorical Contest. She's not above providing "enticements" (some would call them "edible bribes)" on her school visits to get in to talk to students in classrooms. And it works!

Why veterans? Her Dad was in the Air Force. Their home was routinely filled with Airmen for holiday meals. And, of course, her husband, Joe, served in the Navy. Family connections brought them to the area but they quickly found another family here at the Post…and we're certainly glad they did!! When asked about her high energy level and apparent love of people, her response was "it's because of my faith!"

Commander's Corner (continued from Page 1)

dedication, service, and support are what make this organization strong. As we enter this season of thanksgiving and celebration, let us remember those who are serving, those who have served, and those who can use a helping hand.

Wishing you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and a joyful start to the holiday season.

For God and Country,
Tim Shaw
Commander
American Legion Post 143