



American Legion Steven H Nipp Post 143 Newsletter

October 2025

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www.pfp143.org

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

October 20

November 17

SAL (6:30pm):

October 27

November 24

*A BIG **THANK YOU** to all who provided input to our recent Dining Survey conducted the week of Sept 1st. Stay tuned for implementation of some of your ideas...No! Don't expect lobster!*

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Our Post's Youth Programs

The American Legion and Post 143 are dedicated to inspiring leadership, good citizenship and excellence in America's future leaders through a variety of youth programs.

- American Legion Baseball. For 100 years (since 1925) the Legion has promoted healthy competition, good citizenship, and sportsmanship.
- Boys & Girls State: Students learn firsthand how government and democracy work.
- Junior Shooting Sports: A safety education and marksmanship program for youth.
- Oratorical Contest: Since 1938, the contest has developed knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students.
- Scholarships: Empowering academic excellence through scholarships for youth across the nation.
- Scouting: The American Legion has supported Scouting America since 1919.
- Youth Cadet Law Enforcement: Gain first-hand experiences and insight into the operations of law enforcement agencies.



We always need more volunteers to help oversee and run the above programs. If anyone has some interest in getting involved, please contact me @ (208) 773-9054.

The 19U Prairie Cardinals won their first Fall Ball Tournament in a 4-game sweep in Missoula in mid-Sept. Go Team!

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, November 22nd

– Post 143 Annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner.

Check the website for ways to help. Donations will be desperately needed.

The Post Falls Fall

Festival is scheduled for October 17th, 5-8p, at the Armory at 5453 E Seltice Way. Open to all Local Military, Retiree & Veteran Families. Snacks, Carnival Fun, Community Resources. Costumes encouraged. For more info call Brandi Stordahl at (208) 608-3895.

Auxiliary News:

Auxiliary 2026

Membership Cards are here. Drop by the office to renew or sign up.

Tickets are on sale now for our Quilt Raffle. Drawing will be Nov 16.

Visit and follow our Auxiliary Facebook Page. From your FB homepage search for: auxiliaryppf143; or type in American Legion Auxiliary Unit 143 Post Falls. Click Follow.

Upcoming Events

Halloween Party in the Lounge

Come join the Halloween fun in the Lounge at 6:00 pm on Saturday, November 1st. Bring a potluck dish of your choice, dress in costume or come as yourself. There will be live music, drink specials and a costume contest.

Speaking of “Music by Ward”Okay, I wasn't previously speaking of Ward but since we are now....The Lounge will be having either Karaoke or Live Music at 7:00pm the **2nd Friday of the Month**...starting with Karaoke on Oct 10th; Live Music on Nov 14th, Karaoke on Dec 12th, Live Music on Jan 9th...see the pattern emerging? You got it...Karaoke on Feb 13th and so on. Please come join us! And don't forget to tip Ward well...he's donating his time.

Oratorical National Contest – January 10, 2026

Applications are being accepted now for the American Legion Oratorical Contest, hosted by Post 143 which invites high schoolers to tackle constitutional speeches. Local winners earn scholarships (\$500, \$250 and \$100) and a shot at \$203,000 nationally (\$25,000 top prize.). If you know of a high school-aged student (public, private, homeschool) who might be interested in this opportunity, please have them contact Vic Parrish at topnuke@icloud.com. For more information, visit our website www.pfp143.org. Click on Activities, Programs and scroll down to Youth Programs.

Meet our Post Chaplain – Rich LePage

A Compassionate Presence for Our Members

Our Post Chaplain is the Rev. Richard (Rick) Lepage, who is an Evangelical Anglican minister in the Diocese of the Rocky Mountains (ACNA) where he serves as the planting pastor of the new local Anglican Reformation Church. Besides our Chaplain, he's also a renter as his Church recently began renting the Media Room here at the Post on Sundays. As a pastor for over 15 years and having served as an Infantry sergeant, Rick understands and has compassion for the challenges facing our veterans. If you're struggling and would like to meet with Rick, please reach out by calling the office.



SAL News

Coming Soon: SAL Gun Raffle. Need volunteers to sell tickets. Sales sites to be announced later.

Calling All SAL Members to attend the October 27th Meeting.

To see all things happening at the Post view our online calendar at www.pfp143.org Click on Activities, choose Events/Calendar.

To see days, times and menus for meals offered at the Post, again visit www.pfp143.org Click on Venue, choose Dining.

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.

China Post 1 Designation

Post 143 is now an official “watering hole” for China Post 1. A ceremony was held in the Lounge on September 5th to honor this new designation. China Post 1 is an American Legion Post, unique in that it is a Post--the only Post within the American Legion--operating in exile. China Post 1 was formed in 1919 at the American Club in Shanghai. During World War II members of China Post 1 were imprisoned by the Japanese in Pootung Civilian Assembly Camp (Prisoner of War Camp) as allies of the Chinese people. Today, it is part of the Department of France and a member of Foreign Departments and Posts of The American Legion. The post still has no permanent home, although “watering holes” around the globe offer a space for meetings, which are considered to occur “wherever two or more members meet.” To learn more visit www.chinapost1.org.

Did You Know.....??

**It's like MAGIC! Turn Your Cereal Box Liner and Bread Bag into a BENCH!!
WHAT?**

Our Post 143 SAL squadron has partnered with the River City Lions Club and RexTrex to recycle plastic bags into Trex's earth-friendly composite decking, railing and benches? The drop off bin is just inside the Pops Lounge exterior door. Please bring your plastic bags to recycle....includes more than just your typical store bag so please look at the examples provided on the flyer.

Thank you to the River City Lions for their donation of this beautiful bench to the Post. (River City Lions is a new branch club of the Post Falls Club. They meet on Weds at 4pm at the Hwy 41 Dominos...in case you're interested).

