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Commander's Corner

Woody Woodman

Department Commander, Department of Idaho

WOW! Where has this year gone? It has been my pleasure to serve you as the Department Commander this year. Cindy and I have traveled to almost all of the district meeting this year and had the opportunity to meet many of you. With the 100th Department of Idaho Convention this summer we are looking forward to meeting more members of this great American Legion Family.

On a personal note, after a recent MRI the doctors found an anomaly on my left kidney and after further testing it has been determined I have a tumor on the kidney. Because of the size and location of the tumor they will have to remove the kidney, which is scheduled for the end of June. I would like to thank everyone who've sent hopes and prayers our way to this point. Barring any complications, we are going to be at the summer convention and enjoy the 100th anniversary celebration with you.

It's getting very close to the June 30th deadline for the 2108 membership and we are still 152 short of the 9,300 membership goal for Idaho. The membership team has done a superb job of contacting and transferring 900 members to your Posts from the direct member mailing list, but this means we have 900 members out there that haven't renewed. Please get on the phones and contact these members and get them renewed as soon as possible. Even if your Post has reached 100% please contact your members that have not renewed.

We are still taking entries in "I Got 3"

contest and will accept entries until July 4th. To enter you need to sign up 3 new or returning members to the American Legion Family, then complete an entry form with the members information and send it to me at the address on the entry form. You can also send the information to me at woody@americanlegionpost4.com.

During this year there have been a lot of great moments and a few difficult moments as well. These difficult moments at times turned very personal and detracted from the good things this organization does every day. I just want to pass on a bit advise for futures leaders and members of this great American Legion Family. Ask yourself "If it doesn't help our Veterans of further the mission of this great organization, then why are you doing it?"

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you this year and always remember that "We are Stronger Together"

A. "Woody" Woodman
Department Commander

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Abe Abrahamson

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Department Adjutant News

So, as we wrap up this year let me tell you what a pleasure it has been serving the American Legion Family. I have been so busy this last year and want to share all our achievements and accomplishments. After Department Convention I was privileged to be able to go to Shelby North Carolina with the Lewis and Clark Twins to the American Legion World Series. That was an amazing time and the Twins played some great ball. As soon as I got home we headed directly to the National Convention in Reno. I hope everyone was able to attend because at the Convention we got to see lots of things happen. First off Idaho received its 100% membership award and we also received an over 95% Consolidated Post Reporting award. First time in a long time Idaho had 100% membership!

Way to go!! I again had the privilege to be able to teach two classes on the subject matter expert room on revitalization. That night Idaho got to let loose and we had a very successful Idaho night dinner. In September, the travels continued as we started our fall District meetings throughout the state which were a huge success. In October I was back to Indianapolis Indiana for Fall Meetings and then two weeks later I went back again to facilitate National American Legion College at National. Boy did I rack up the sky miles. November was food convoys in both Pocatello and Boise and both were a great success. January, we had a visit from Western Regional National Vice Commander Paula Stephenson a tour mid-winter conference. February was off to Washington DC to watch our National Commander Denise Rohan speak before congress and she did an amazing job. We also started our Spring meetings and State Oratorical was held in Meridian where we had a great response from the state. In May we were headed to Indianapolis again for Spring Meetings and am now currently working with Post 113 on the State Convention to be held in July. This whole year we have been working membership and the DMS program to bring in over 850 members to the state! I also have been working with the Department of Correction on starting new Posts in the prisons to help our incarcerated Veterans. This is something I believe will help our fellow veterans be able to return to society and have a life of respect and brotherhood they deserve. It truly has been an honor and a privilege for the past year and a half to continue to try and help all our Veterans succeed. Keep doing what you have been doing as Idaho is leading the West and is becoming a common word at National meetings.

Abe Abrahamson
Department Adjutant
Department of Idaho



Addressing the 2017 National American Legion College

The American Legion



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To my fellow Legionnaires and Legion Family members in the Department of Idaho:

Many of you have heard me speak about “Family First,” but it is a theme that I see carried out on a daily basis in American Legion posts, units and squadron throughout the country and overseas.

It is American Legion volunteers who last year donated their time serving in VA Medical Centers, clinics, Fisher Houses, Vet Centers and state veterans homes. It is American Legion volunteers who contributed 600,000 hours to the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service Program and saved the government more than \$14 million. It is American Legion volunteers who conducted blood drives, disaster preparedness education and JROTC training.

We have had enormous legislative success over the last year, and I know that these victories would not have happened without your hard work and advocacy. We now have a modernized veterans appeals process which will greatly reduce the backlog claims. We have greater accountability and the current generation of veterans can now enjoy a better GI Bill benefit, named after Past National Commander Harry W. Colmery.

Membership is the foundation upon which our Four Pillars lie. A strong membership base is needed for everything that we do. We could not raise funds to assist with natural disasters, operate the most patriotic youth programs in the country or advocate for our veterans without our members. Please tell your Legion-eligible family members and friends about the value and importance of our great organization. We need to be vigilant in working to expand benefits for family members who also happen to be caregivers for disabled veterans. We also need to let Congress know that we will oppose any attempt to replace VA with a private sector for-profit system. All elected officials know that numbers matter.

Next year we will celebrate our 100th birthday. It has been truly an amazing century. Congress recognized the significance and power of our Legion Family by passing our Commemorative Coin Act, an honor that is given to only two organizations a year. The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act received a record number of sponsors and proceeds from the sale of these collectibles will benefit American Legion programs.

We have many outstanding programs but this year I am asking for your support in raising money to provide training for our outstanding corps of service officers and temporary financial assistance for children in need.

I thank you for your service as military veterans, as Legionnaires and as members of the Legion Family. Best wishes for a productive and enjoyable Department Convention.

For God and Country,

Denise H. Rohan
National Commander





THE AMERICAN LEGION DISTRICT 3

Jack Youngs Commander

16 May 2018

My Fellow Legionnaires,

I would like to take this time to thank all of you for making this a great year, with all of your dedication District 3 was the first District to hit 100% and I thank you.

We District Officers visited 15 of 16 Posts during both the Fall and Spring Post meetings and I wish to thank each Post for your abundant generosity, hospitality and hard work throughout the year. As always we enjoy seeing everyone at the meetings.

I was honored to go to National American Legion College in October and represent Idaho. I learned a lot and I can't express how much it meant to me to have the privilege to go.

As you know we held our elections in April and your new officers are: District Commander Mike Severson of Nampa Post 18, 2nd Vice Commander Richard Dees of Meridian Post 113 and the rest of the Officers have stayed the same. Please give Commander Severson the same great courtesies you extended to me.

Basic Training is a must for all of us and I can't express that enough, I encourage you all to go and complete this course as this will enhance everyone's knowledge and give us all a better understanding of why we are here today as well as an understanding of our programs.

I would like all Posts to verify that their Constitution and By-Laws are up to date, if not, then please do so and send in a copy to Lisa Isaak at HQ to update their records.

Thank you for all you do for Veterans and The American Legion Family.

My final note to you all is thank you for another successful year.

Kindest Regards,

Jack Youngs
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Area B Vice Commander Candidate

My name is Eugene (Gene) Brown, and I am a candidate for Department Vice-Commander representing Area B. I originally joined the American Legion in 1994 while on active duty and am currently a PUFL. I have served in several positions at all levels of the organization: Post Commander for 6 years, achieving 100% membership each year, and am currently the Adjutant; District 1st Vice Commander for 1 year, Commander for 4 years, achieving 100% membership for 3 of those years, and am currently the 2nd Vice Commander/Finance Officer; Department Chairman of the Scholarship Commission for 3 years, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee for 2 years, and am currently the Chairman of the Children & Youth Commission; National Security Council for 3 years, and am currently a member of the National Committee on Children & Youth. I also serve in leadership positions in other facets of the Legion family: SAL Squadron Vice Commander for 3 years and am currently the Detachment Finance Officer; and the Post #82 Legion Riders Assistant Director. The American Legion is a big part of my life and I wish to continue to serve in any way I can. I ask for your support by voting for me to serve as Vice Commander representing Area B.

Eugene (Gene) Brown

Membership 2017-2018

As we move into the last stretch of our membership year, we have done My membership team has transferred 896 new members into virtually every Post in the department and yet we are still about 150 short and unfortunately If we had not been able to transfer those we would be over 1,100 members' short.

That tells me there are a lot of members across the Department that still have not renewed. The question is why not? Have we reached out to these members and ask them to renew? We need to contact these non-renewed members and find out why. Is it a financial issue? Or have they lost faith in an organization that seems not to care enough to even contact them.

The same goes for these new members we have transferred into your post as well.

I have heard countless times when I call to transfer a member to a local post "you are the first person to ever call me."

A quick phone call might just bring a new member to a meeting, and breathe new life into your post.

As I say in my national membership calls "we have to engage our members and potential members, if we do not show interest in them they will lose interest in Us."

Matt Wrobel

Department Membership Chairman

Other Departments Seek Idaho's Help

Dear Commander Woodman,

In three and a half months our tenures as Department Commanders will come to a close. I'm sure you will agree that it is a distinct honor and privilege to serve our respective American Legion Departments as well as caring for those who have borne the battles and their families.

I hope your year has been successful thus far. Congratulations on Idaho having another strong membership year. Despite our Department's membership efforts, the statistics will not illustrate an upward growth in our membership program for a second consecutive year. It is our intent to address membership during our convention and also seek advice from subject experts such as your Department Adjutant, Charles "Abe" Abrahamson.

On behalf of the Department of Oregon, I extend through you, an invitation for Adjutant Abrahamson to attend our Department Convention in Florence, Oregon during the period June 27-30, 2018. Having served on the National Membership

and Post Activities Committee and having conducted membership training at National Conventions, we welcome Adjutant Abe's experiences, insights and practices that we may implement to re-invigorate our membership program here in Oregon. If you concur to his availability, we can schedule him in our convention agenda to fit his schedule.

The Department of Oregon sends best wishes to you and Idaho for continued success in our great organization, The American Legion.

For God and Country,

Gene Hellickson

Department Commander & Acting Department Adjutant
The American Legion
Department of Oregon

Area B Report

Fellow Legionnaires,

It's hard for me to believe this year is coming to an end. The year has been very busy and exciting. I have met many wonderful people traveling throughout the area as well as the state of Idaho.

When I became the Vice Commander representing Area B three years ago, there were a few problems within the area as well as membership numbers were declining. The vast majority of Area posts have increased their membership numbers and revitalized their posts. They have spent a lot of time and talent recruiting and serving veterans and their families within their communities. Those efforts are keeping the American Legion strong and well known. For that I am very proud of each and every one of you, and I personally thank you for what you do.

Commanders come and go; it takes everyone's efforts to keep our great organization strong. As I relinquish my position this July, I want you all to know that I will still be here doing what I can do to help Area B, the Department, and the American Legion Family.

Humbly and still serving America,

John "Little Jack" Schafhausen

Children & Youth Commission

The National Committee on Children & Youth met at the Sheraton City Centre Hotel, Panorama A, 21st floor in Indianapolis, Indiana, on Monday, May 7, 2018. The following topics were discussed.

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation:

The board of directors of the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation met on Sunday, May 6, 2018, at the Sheraton City Centre Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana. Year-to-date for the 2017-2018 donation year, the foundation has received over \$353,220. The Sons of The American Legion (SAL) presented the Foundation with over \$82,000 during their recent spring meetings.

Temporary Financial Assistance:

The American Legion's Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) program continues to provide for the basic needs of children of current active duty or American Legion members through cash grants made possible through the generosity of the American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation. During 2017, TFA assisted 933 children of 433 veterans throughout the United States to maintain shelter, utilities, food and clothing with over \$588,434 in cash grants. For the first quarter of this year, TFA has provided over \$67,308 to 112 children of 52 veterans. Idaho has not received any grants this quarter as no applications have been submitted.

Troop and Family Support:

The National Committee on Children & Youth received an update on Troop and Family Support and the important role The American Legion has in assisting our injured and ill veteran comrades and those currently serving on active duty and their families. Special focus was addressed to meeting with local

military officials within the Department's geographic coverage to ensure that Legion Family members are made aware of their military unit's activity within their states and developing a relationship with those units before, during and after these deployment operations. Additionally, the Committee was made aware of the ongoing interaction with the Department of Defense's Military Family Readiness Council to discuss family readiness and support for military children during parental deployments as being an active topic for the Military Service's senior leaders regarding how deployment cycles continue to have an impact on a family's health and well-being.

The Operation Comfort Warriors grant program (OCW) provides items to wounded, injured or ill service members, veterans and their families. These items and services offer aid, comfort and empowerment over their current condition. 9,079 service members, veterans and their families were directly impacted by 28 grants in 2017. An update was also given on the Veterans Affairs new Woman Veteran Health Program regarding their new Nationwide Baby Shower for 2018 and how an OCW Grant to cover 40% of the new baby gift bags allowed the program to go forward this year.

Resolutions

The committee considered one resolution. After review and discussion, the Committee on Children & Youth recommended rejection of the following resolution: #12 *War on Drugs Poster Contest*

Thank you again for your generosity, hard work and compassion. It is because of YOU that Idaho's children receive the help that they need.

Eugene D. Brown

Chairman, Children & Youth Commission

History of The American Legion

Hello Fellow Legionnaires,

I would like to start out by informing everyone that 2019 will be an historical year for all of us. As many of you well know, and I'm not talking about all you well connected people, but those of you that read the paper, go to Post meetings and maybe a Convention or two.

"2019 will mark the 100th year since the end of the Great War (WWI) of 1919. The last living veteran of World War I (July 28, 1914-November 11, 1918) was Florence Green. She was a British woman who served in the Allied armed forces, and who died on February 4, 2012, at the age of 110." In the next few months leading up to the National American Legion Convention, being held in Minneapolis, Minnesota August 24-30, you'll be reminded of the Great History of The American Legion, with names like "Theodore Roosevelt Jr," "Franklin D'Olier," "Eric Fisher Wood," and "Gen Pershing" himself, -just to name a few. The ramifications of all this was simple... "The American Legion was founded on the basic principles of preparedness in a new veteran's society." ...thereby, The American Legion was chartered by congress in 1919 as a patriotic veteran's organization. Focusing on service to veterans, service members and communities. You will also hear about the "U.S. Veterans Bureau," forerunner of the "Veterans Administration," The Flag Code of 1923, "...protect the U.S. Flag from Physical desecration." ...and other histories like "The Sons of The American Legion," "Legion Boys State," "G.I. Bill of Rights," and "The American Legion Auxiliary." As your Chairman for the Idaho Department of The American Legion on the Centennial project, we have gathered material from around the state to create an informative history book of sorts and the histories from a few of our Posts that are also known as Centenarians. We have also presented some material to the National Headquarters of The American Legion to create a "Place Mat" that should be available within the next few months for keepsake or a simple conversation piece. During our Convention this coming July 13-15, 2018, there will be a sale of posters by the Idaho County Historical Society depicting the sinking of the WWI transport ship S.S. Tuscania and our history in the Great War.

I'll wrap this up by saying; "We've come a long way in a Hundred years, and nobody knows what the next 100 will bring us, but this much is for sure" ...we are present for this one, and we should do our part to embrace it and pass it on."

Lucky Gallego,

Department Centennial Chairman 2017-2018

Official Call For The 100th Annual Convention

The 100th Annual Convention of The American Legion, Department of Idaho is hereby called to convene at Boise, Idaho, July 12-15, 2018.

PURPOSE

The Convention is called to elect Officers for the ensuing year, to elect delegates and alternates to the 100th National Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, from August 24-30, in Minneapolis Minnesota and to transact other business as may be brought before the Convention in conformity with the provisions of the Department Constitution and By-laws.

REPRESENTATION

Each Post shall be entitled to one delegate and one additional delegate for each 50 Members or fraction thereof, whose Department and National dues have been received by the Department Finance Officer 15 days prior to the meeting of the said Convention. Each Post is also entitled to one alternate for each delegate. The delegate shall be chosen at a Post meeting not less than 15 days before the Department Convention (June 27, 2018).

The Immediate Past Department Commander is an extra delegate-at-large from his/her Post to the Department Convention and is entitled to one vote.

Alternates shall have all the privileges of delegates except that of voting provided; however, that in the absence of a delegate, the alternate may vote. A vote of any delegate, which may be absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast in accordance with the majority of the delegates present from his/her Post.

Members of the Department Convention and Commissions have no vote on convention issues unless they are elected as delegates from their respective Posts. Post and District Officers have no vote on convention issues unless they serve as delegates.

CREDENTIALS

A certificate from each Post, signed by the Post Commander and Post Adjutant should be received in the office of the Department Adjutant by June 23, 2016. This certificate shall contain the number of paid members belonging to the Post, whose State and National dues have been paid, and the names and addresses of all delegates and alternates.

AMENDMENTS

The Department Constitution and By-laws may be amended at any Department Convention by a vote of two-thirds of the total authorized representation thereat, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted by the Department Adjutant, to the Posts and Members of the Department Executive Committee at least fifteen days prior to the opening of the Convention, or by unanimous vote of the Department Convention without previous notice.

Albe Abrahamson

Department Adjutant

G.A. Woody Woodman

Department Commander

Jack was born along with his twin sister, in April 1948, in Columbus Ohio. He was raised in the Central Ohio area and there he received his early education. In May 1967, Jack joined the United States Air Force and was selected to attend the Fuels Management School at Amarillo AFB, Texas. After graduating Technical school, he was assigned Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, as his first permanent duty station. Jack served at several Air Force bases including Illinois, Texas, two more tours in Alaska, and finally Mountain Home AFB, Idaho. He was honorably discharged in April 1986 following a great career.



BIOGRAPHY OF
John
"Little Jack"
Schafhausen

After his military retirement, he remained in Idaho raising his son Lance and daughter Tammy. Jack is active in the Mountain Home community, and has been a member of the Lions Club, 40/8, as well as the Elk's. As a Legionnaire for the past ten years, Jack has held most positions at the post and district level and presently Department Vice Commander, representing Area B. He has been appointed as a member of the

National Security Council by National Commander Denise Rohan. He is also the recipient of the Department of Idaho's Adjutant of the Year Award in 2012.

Along with his other duties at the Post and Department level, Jack is an active member of Post 26 Honor Guard, participating in hundreds of veteran's memorial services. He also serves as a Color Guard in Mountain Homes Air Force Appreciation Day Parade, one of the largest parades in the state of Idaho. Jack was instrumental in Post 26 being one of the first Honor Guards to post the National Colors at American Legion baseball games.

I take great pride of being a member of the greatest veteran's organization in the free world. As I travel throughout our state and others, I let everyone know that the American Legion Family is still working hard serving America, its veterans, and their families. With that, I would humbly ask for your support to be your next Department Commander for 2018-2019.



THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
Commander's Report

Hello fellow Sons of The American Legion; thank you all for a successful year as your Commander.

I would like to let you all know that Don Ramirez (S.A.L. NVC Western Region) was very impressed with Idaho and how we are doing our jobs, he very much enjoyed his visit with us during our Mid-Winter Conference.

As your Commander I or one of my representatives visited all Districts meetings during both Fall and Spring meetings. Matt Wrobel and I also went and visited Oregon's Mid-Winter Conference in April. It was great visiting with them and building some Camaraderie and gaining more insight on how other Detachments operate as compared to Idaho.

I went back to Indianapolis for the Spring NEC meetings and I had the great opportunity to talk to Charles Treat (AZ) the Member Training and Development Chairman. In our discussion we were talking about the "Blue Book" (PNC Jeff Frain's Knowledge is Power Tour 2016-2017), this is going to be an outstanding tool for us and I secured 50 copies of this book for the Detachment. When I get them I will make arrangements probably during Fall District meetings to hand them out.

We need all Squadrons to turn in a Squadron Officer's report and fill out a Consolidated Squadron report, so that we in the Detachment are able to establish good and effective communications within the state. Then, there is your Constitution and By-Laws, if you have

a copy please make sure they are up to date; if they aren't take the time to do so and if they are then, contact Lisa Isaak at HQ and verify there is an updated copy there as well.

I would ask you that you all work with your Post, Auxiliary and Riders as this is a Family Organization, we need work together to ensure our Legion Family grows.

Thank you all for all of your hard work.

Kindest Regards,

Jack Youngs
Commander

Son's of The American Legion,
Detachment of Idaho

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Rooms will be \$84.00 per night
Please call to reserve your room now (208) 344-7691 and use the American Legion Block.

**Friday – July 13
Luau Style Dinner**

Friday night will be a luau style dinner at Post 113, Meridian Idaho. Menu will be Luau Pig. There will be a full pig carved and served with assorted salads and sauces. Cost is \$20.00.

Name _____ # Attending _____ x \$20.00 = _____

**Saturday – July 14
Commanders Banquet**

Marinated flank steak and chicken breast combo tossed garden greens w/fresh seasonal vegetables and chocolate cake for dessert. Cost is \$32.50

Name _____ # Attending _____ x \$32.50 = _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Please remit payment for Luau and Commanders Banquet to:

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Meridian, Idaho 83680**

NO MEAL TICKETS FOR SALE AT THE EVENT

American Legion 100th Annual Department of Idaho Convention July 12-15, 2018

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

1:00pm..... Finance Commission Cascade

Thursday, July 12, 2018

8:00am – 3:00?..... Registration Teton Lobby
 7:30am-8:30am Department Commander’s Breakfast..... White Pine
 9:00am-1:00pm..... Finance Commission Cascade
 10:00am-11:30am..... DEC Meeting..... Selway/Sawtooth
 1:00pm – 3:00pm..... American Legion Rider’s Selway/Sawtooth
 3:00pm – 4:00pm..... Sons of the American Legion..... Selway/Sawtooth

Friday, July 13, 2018

7:30am-12:00pm..... Registration Teton Lobby
 8:30am-10:00am..... Joint Opening Selway/Sawtooth
 10:30am-12:00pm..... All Committees Selway/Sawtooth
 10:30am-12:00pm..... Finance Commission Cascade
 10:30am-12:00pm..... Americanism..... Cedar
 10:30am-12:00pm..... Legislative..... Aspen
 10:30am-12:00pm..... Service Officer School..... Bannock
 12:00pm-1:00pm Legion/Auxiliary Luncheon Cottonwood
 1:30pm-2:30pm Legion Convention Reconvenes..... Selway/Sawtooth
 2:30pm-2:45pm Gem Boys State Stockholders Meeting Selway/Sawtooth
 2:45pm-3:45pm American Legion Baseball Stockholders... Selway/Sawtooth
 5:30pm-6:00pm Social Hour Meridian Legion Post 113
 6:00pm-8:00pm BBQ Dinner..... Meridian Legion Post
 8:30pm..... Caucus Selway/Sawtooth

Saturday, July 14, 2018

7:30am-12:00pm..... Registration Teton Lobby
 8:00am-10:00am..... Finance Commission Cascade
 8:30am-11:30am..... Legion Convention Reconvenes..... Selway/Sawtooth
 8:30am-11:30am..... Department Elections..... Selway/Sawtooth
 8:30am-11:30am..... National Delegates Elections..... Selway/Sawtooth
 1:30pm-2:30pm Legion Convention Reconvenes..... Selway/Sawtooth
 2:30pm-3:30pm Boys State Directors Meeting Selway/Sawtooth
 6:00pm-7:00pm No Host Social Hour Ballroom
 7:00pm-9:00pm Commander’s Banquet Ballroom

Sunday, July 15, 2018

8:00am – 9:00am Past Dept. Commander’s Breakfast..... White Pine
 8:00am-12:00pm..... Finance Commission Cascade
 9:00am-10:00am..... God and Country Service Cottonwood
 10:00am-12:00pm..... New DEC Meeting..... Selway/Sawtooth

From the Desk of Your President

Greetings Ladies! Our year is winding up, reports are finished and now the spring has finally come we're all looking forward to summer. I'd like to thank each and every one of you, without your membership in our Auxiliary there wouldn't be an ALA in Idaho. So whether you attend meetings or just send in your dues each year YOU ARE IMPORTANT AND APPRECIATED.

As I've traveled around to your District meetings I've gotten to know many of you and listened to your reports I am in awe of all the wonderful things you do for our veterans, their families and your communities. Let us never forget that it's the little things we do that make a big difference in some else's life. So keep up the great work.

It has been an honor to serve as your president this past year. If I can be of help in the future please don't hesitate to call me any time.

Sincerely,
Barbara Wadlow
Department President

Communication

Motivation

Appreciation

2018 Spring Report Pocatello Veterans Home

- Purchased wrapping paper after Christmas and got so much for only \$30.00
- The "Souper" Bowl in January was canceled because the home had a siege of flu and didn't want to have outsiders coming in at that time
- The USO Show in February during Salute to Hospitalized Veteran's Week was another great success I want to thank all the volunteers and entertainers that participated that day. I had 132.25 hours that were donated by everyone.
- Donated \$100.00 for the St. Patrick's Day party for the residents
- For Easter I took down Strawberries, whipping cream and angle food cakes for their Sunday Lunch desert--\$69.77 and 3 hrs. donated
- \$100.00 was donated for Forever Yours meals

Toni Gimpel
VAVS Deputy
Pocatello Veterans Home

Auxiliary President Candidate

Hello, everyone! My name is Cindy Woodman, and I am announcing my candidacy to be your President for the 2018-2019 year.

I became eligible for membership in the Auxiliary by way of my Grandfather, Paul Sapp, who served in the South Pacific during WWII. I continue my eligibility through my husband, current Department Commander G.A. "Woody" Woodman. I have served as Unit Historian, Second Vice, First Vice, and President; I have also served as District Secretary/Treasurer, and our Department Public Relations Chair, Historian, and most recently, I have had the honor of serving as your Department Vice President for the past year.

During the last several years as I have traveled our great State, I've had the pleasure of meeting many of you at District Meetings and activities. I know how many of us serve in so



many capacities; I see how hard everyone works to serve our Veterans, their Families, and our Communities. I have seen small Units come back and even surpass 100% membership! I have been with you during your hard work as a Legion Family, from the Food Convoy to raising money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, to working District revitalizations and many community events honoring and supporting our Active Duty, Veterans, their Families, and our Communities.

I am so very proud of our Department! Every single Unit member is valuable, and together we are strong. When we come together as a Legion Family, we are unstoppable! I vow to work hard for you, and with you, as we grow into the 2018-2019 year. I appreciate your support and look forward to working together to make our Family strong!

Cindy Woodman

Children & Youth

Hello my name is Jenette Trube, I am new to this committee and would like all units to focus on what do the Children and Youth in your community need to be successful citizens in your community.

With the varying diversity across the state what is it that we as Auxiliary members can do to help support your local kid's programs or assist in a crisis (ie..Education, loss) or any other means you feel would be of benefit.

It has been my understanding that some past Children and Youth committees have had Quarters for kids to help replenish funds. I would love to continue this so whether it is at your local meetings or at the District meetings I would like to see that we continue with this. I may expand on this and if your unit would like to expand on this idea please feel free to do so.

Thank you for your support and dedication to Children & Youth

Jenette Trube
jenette.trube@gmail.com

Education

The American Legion Auxiliary believes education is vital to democracy and that investing time and money to educate our youth is literally an investment in America's future. The education program fosters learning for children in our own communities.

Educating our communities about the sacrifices of our military men and women is another goal of the Auxiliary. Many of our Auxiliary Units promoted the Veterans in the Community Schools program which help to educate our youth to those sacrifices made by our military men and women.

Looking forward to the fall when the children and teachers return to their classrooms, we should be there to help to volunteer in the classrooms, donate school supplies, and help where needed. July and August are typically the months when school supplies are on really good sales. Be aware now to watch for them and make your resources stretch a long way.

LaDene Wiese
Education Chairman

From the desk of Department Secretary

We just returned from National Headquarters where Cindy, Susan and I had some good meetings and learned a lot. We also picked up a check for \$200.00 for starting the Centennial Strategic Plan to attain a million members.

Barbara Gehring has asked me to remind all Auxiliary ladies to make a Miss Ellie hat. All money raised will go to Past Presidents Parley for scholarships.

State Convention is just around the corner, so save the date July 12-15, 2018 at the Downtowner in Boise. American Legion Auxiliary is looking for a person that likes to record History. If you would be interested in becoming the Department Historian, call our Department President Barbara Wadlow.

Mary Price
Department Secretary

June 2018 Girls State Newspaper Article

The 72nd Session of ALA Syringa Girls State will start on Sunday June 10th and run through the 15th, 2018 at NNU. Our Director Leslie Kaiser and Governor Fanisee Bias and Girls Nation Senators Mariah Dunn and Mia Toussaint have promised that this will be a great year. Thanks to all the members who have continued going into their local schools and explaining the rewards of attending Girls State and selecting delegates. You have all worked so hard to keep this our premier program here in Idaho and I personally thank you for all the years of dedication that everyone has given to ensure we continue to offer it to our future leaders.

Elections for Board officers will be done at Department Convention in July; the nominating committee will present a slate of officers at the DEC meeting in July. If you are interested in holding an office please let me know. I will not be accepting a nomination to continue as the Board Chairman. This office

has been a passion and labor of love for me, but it is now time for a new leadership to take over. ALA Syringa Girls State will continue give many terrific young women the Girls State experience that has been offered for over 70 years. The offices available are: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Recording Secretary and Director, please step up and help our team with this endeavor to give the opportunity of Girls State to more young women here in Idaho.

Toni M. Gimpel
American Legion Auxiliary
Chairman Idaho Syringa Girls State

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American Legion Auxiliary
100th Annual
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July 12-15, 2018

Friday – July 13

The American Legion Family Luncheon: TACO SOMBRERO BUFFET

Tossed greens with assorted dressings, fresh fruit salad, crisp tortilla chips with salsa, spiced shredded beef, corn and flour taco shells, refried beans and Spanish rice, grated cheddar cheese and shredded garden lettuce, guacamole, salsa and sour cream, fruit filled empanadas

\$23.00 x _____

Saturday – July 14

PPP Breakfast: THE ALL AMERICAN

Fluffy scrambled eggs, blueberry muffin, choice of bacon, link sausage or grilled ham, served with roasted breakfast potatoes.

\$16.00 x _____

Sunday – July 15

Department President's Breakfast (By invitation only): THE SWEETER SIDE

Country fresh scrambled eggs, sausage links and cinnamon French toast with whipped butter and maple syrup.

\$16.00 x _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Name _____ Unit _____

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Thursday, July 12, 2018

8:00am – 3:30pm	Registration	Teton Lobby
1:00pm-3:30pm	Girls State Board Meeting	Cedar
3:30pm-4:00pm	DEC Meeting	Teton/Bitterroot
4:00pm – 4:30pm	Past Department Presidents	Teton/Bitterroot
4:30pm	Veteran’s Walk???	

Friday, July 13, 2018

7:30am-12:00pm	Registration	Teton Lobby
8:30am-10:00am	Joint Opening	Selway/Sawtooth
10:00am-4:30pm	Auxiliary Juniors Meeting	Spokane
10:30am-12:00pm	Auxiliary Convention Convenes	Teton/Bitterroot
12:00pm-1:00pm	Legion/Auxiliary Luncheon	Cottonwood
1:30pm-4:30pm	Auxiliary Convention Reconvenes	Teton/Bitterroot
5:30pm-6:00pm	Social Hour	Meridian Legion Post
6:00pm-8:00pm	BBQ Dinner	Meridian Legion Post

Saturday, July 14, 2018

7:00am-8:00am	Past Presidents Parley Breakfast	Aspen
7:30am-12:00pm	Registration	Teton Lobby
8:30am-12:00am	Auxiliary Convention Reconvenes	Teton/Bitterroot
9:00am-4:00pm	Auxiliary Juniors Meeting Reconvenes	Spokane
12:00pm-1:15pm	Lunch (on own)	
1:15pm-2:30pm	Girls State Corporation Meeting	Teton/Bitterroot
2:30pm-3:30pm	Auxiliary Convention Reconvenes	Teton/Bitterroot
3:30pm-4:00pm	Auxiliary Installation of New Officers	Teton/Bitterroot
4:00pm-4:30pm	Auxiliary New President’s Reception	Teton/Bitterroot
6:00pm-7:00pm	No Host Social Hour	Ballroom
7:00pm-9:00pm	Commander’s Banquet	Ballroom

Sunday, July 15, 2018

8:00am – 9:00am	Department President’s Breakfast (by invitation only)	Cedar
9:00am-10:00am	God and Country Service	Cottonwood
10:00am-12:00pm	New Auxiliary DEC Meeting	Teton/Bitterroot

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