

Twin Falls Post #7

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The American Legion

American Legion Auxiliary

Legion Riders

Newsletter

JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER

LAST BULK MAILED NEWSLETTER

Monthly Events:

JULY

Every Sunday BINGO – 1:00-5:00 PM

JULY 01 Legion Riders meet at Post 7 at 6:00 PM.

JULY 2 Quilts of Valor VETERAN'S APPRECIATION DAY at County West 10:00 – 4:00

JULY 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY, 250TH CELEBRATION, town parade

JULY 8-11 STATE MIDSUMMER CONFERENCE: GOWAN FIELD

JULY 14 American Legion General Meeting: PORK LOIN

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Social Hour 5:00 PM, Dinner 6:00 PM,
Business meeting 7:00 PM

JULY 6, 13 Legion Executive Boards Meeting at Post Home, 9:30 AM. (no meeting 20TH, 27TH)

JULY 24 POST 7 BREAKFAST: 0800 - 1000

JULY 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 Quilts of Valor meets at Post 7, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM.

AUGUST

Every Sunday BINGO – 1:00-5:00 PM

AUGUST 5 Legion Riders meet at Post 7 at 6:00 PM

AUGUST 11 American Legion and Auxiliary PICNIC. HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Social hour 5:00 PM, Dinner 6:00 PM, **NO BUSINESS MEETING**

AUGUST 3, 10, 31 Legion Executive Board Meeting at Post Home, 9:30 AM. No meeting on AUG 17TH, 24th

AUGUST 5, 12, 19, & 26 Quilts of Valor meets at Post 7, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM.

SEPTEMBER

Every Sunday BINGO- 1:00- 5:00 PM

SEPT 02 Legion Riders meet at Post 7 at 6:00 PM

SEPT 7 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

SEPT 08 American Legion and Auxiliary General Meeting: TRUE POTLUCK/CLEAN FREEZER

Please bring a dish or dessert to share. Social hour 5:00 PM, Dinner 6:00 PM,
business meeting 7:00 PM

SEPT 21, 28 Legion Executive Board Meeting at Post Home, 9:30 AM. (No meeting Sept 7th, 14th)

SEPT 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 Quilts of Valor meets at Post 7, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM.

WE WANT TO SEE YOU AT OUR MEETINGS: If you are having transportation problems, you can no longer drive at night or have any other type of problem getting to our meetings, please contact any Post Officer for assistance and we will arrange transportation to and from the meetings. All Post Officer's telephone numbers are listed in this newsletter.

Commander's Corner-

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. We ended June with our annual BOB BOSTON AND LARRY MCELLIOTT MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT. And we took part in the town's 250th celebration at the Visitor Center. We have so many different things coming up this quarter. One is that this is the last mass mailing of our newsletter. Those of you who have e-mails will receive your newsletter via e-mail beginning with the 4th quarter in October. If you do not have an e-mail, the newsletter will come to you by regular mail.

Secondly, our normal August meeting will be a party/picnic with the Auxiliary. A cook-out will be held and we will be there to watch the ladies get sworn in to their official positions.

We had a great year last year: the hall was painted, inside and out; turf and lava rocks were placed around the building; we hopefully got the roof fixed; and we had all the old chairs replaced. We are working to upgrade the bathrooms.

We also finished the year with 100% membership! **BUT THE AMERICAN LEGION CALENDAR YEAR BEGINS ON JULY 1ST. Time to start our 2027 membership drive.** We will receive our 2027 membership cards at our summer convention, which is held from July 8th to the 11th. At our post meeting on July 14th anyone who renews their membership at that meeting will have their name placed in a hat. A drawing will be held at the end of our meeting. The winner will receive a free, one-night stay at Cactus Pete's in Jackpot.

Let's keep up the good work and make our post one of the best in the state. To do this, we need EVERYONE to get involved in something that can gain new membership, be active in community events, promote American Legion programs like Boy's State and Oratorical.

Commander Brian English (208) 891-8710

Chaplain's Message: Breaking Through Doubt and Limitation

You have been standing at the base of something that feels insurmountable. The obstacle has a name. Maybe it is the fear that you will never be enough for the calling placed on your life. Maybe it is the pattern of failure that keeps repeating no matter how hard you try. Maybe it is the relationship that seems forever broken, the financial gap that never closes, or the internal voice that whispers you are too damaged, too late, too ordinary to see breakthrough.

Today, those walls feel higher than they did yesterday. Doubt has been building its case. Limitation has been rehearsing its arguments. And now, you are left wondering if the promises you once believed were meant for someone else, someone stronger, someone with fewer scars and cleaner hands. But the God who spoke your name before you drew breath has never measured your capacity by your feelings. He has never calculated your future based on your past. Today, He is not asking you to climb the wall. He is not asking you to dismantle it brick by brick. He is inviting you to leap over it by His power, not your own. Listen to what He declares over you in Psalm 18:29 (NKJV): "For by You I can run against a troop, by my God I can leap over a wall."

This is not the language of someone barely surviving. This is the voice of a man who has seen God turn impossible situations into testimonies. David wrote these words not in theory but in the dust of real battles, standing over enemies that once towered above him. He learned that the power to leap is not found in perfect circumstances or flawless faith. It is found in the God who stands with you, energizes you, and launches you over what once held you captive.

You need the same truth today. Your wall of doubt, your wall of limitation, is not taller than the God who parts seas and raises the dead. Ephesians 3:20 (NKJV) says, "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us." The power is already working. You are not waiting for God to show up. He is already present, already moving, already preparing for the leap. Do you know of anyone in need? Is a Legion member sick, or in the hospital? Maybe one is confined at home or in a nursing facility. Do you or someone you know need prayer? CALL ME!

Chaplain Larry Kelley: (760) 218-0998

From the Adjutant:

I'm going to repeat what was in the last newsletter:

HOW OFTEN DO WE THANK THE VETERANS WE SEE PROUDLY WEARING THEIR BALL CAPS OR T-SHIRTS WHILE IN WALMART OR OUT IN PUBLIC? BUT DO WE ASK IF THEY ARE A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION? WHY NOT? If you have a friend, neighbor, or other family member who has served but has not yet joined, please ask them to consider joining our Post. Invite them to a meeting, we love guests!

On another membership/recruiting/patriotism note: with the current conflict (War) in Iran, consider wearing a RED shirt every Friday! **REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED** is important and we can show our support by simply wearing RED on Fridays. Of course, if you have a RED Legion shirt, that's even better, you can explain what it means and why it's important. And you support the American Legion! Let's show our commitment to Veterans, the Military, and the Community.

Also, I will repeat what the Commander has said: **OUR MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGINS IN JULY FOR 2027. Dues remain at \$55. We are offering a free night at Cactus Pete's in Jackpot to a member picked at random; all you have to do is pay your membership the night of the General Meeting JULY 14.**

Donna English, Adjutant: (208) 599-1850

American Legion Riders News:

Just a few notes for things going on in Magic Valley. The Bikes are coming out more and more as Spring is coming on. If you ride, please be careful. If you don't, keep an eye out as a lot of riders do not pay attention. The motorcycle clubs will be having poker runs and fund raisers as it gets warmer. There are a couple of rides that do not require a bike, cars are okay.

If anybody would like a list of the Motorcycle clubs around the valley, or a list of rides, I can send them to you.

Ride or Drive Safe out there.

Rick Highland (208) 358-5098

Auxiliary News-

I'm so excited for our new year and new goals for 2026/2027.

I want to congratulate our new Officers and Board members for 2026/2027. There are programs we haven't tapped, so Auxiliary members let's get to work!

I have a very important message to all Auxiliary members: if your dues are not paid by December 31st of 2025, you are delinquent per Department and National guidelines, therefore have no voting rights during the general meeting. Please be prepared to pay \$45 for our new 2027 membership dues. These will be collected at the August Picnic on 8/11, you will receive your member booklet at that time....many of you are also members that do not attend our monthly meetings. We value your support and you're welcome to mail your membership to my personal address:
I will mail your member books to you.

At every Auxiliary general meeting there will be a free raffle item available for all paid members who are attending.

Donations will be accepted at the July, August, and September meetings for our Yard Sale to be held September 11 & 12. We need to have fund raisers for our general account.

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FLAGS

We still have some left

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3' X 5' flags \$23.82*

4' X 6' flags \$37.75*

*Our cost, no mark up

Ride TFT (Twin Falls Transit)

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Hours of operation are: 6:00 am to 9:00 pm Monday – Friday.
7:00 am to 9:00 pm Saturdays.

Call 208-974-7433

The Veteran Service Office has available a new coffee table book titled, **WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL PHOTOS**. It is available in paperback or hardback from <https://www.lulu.com/shop> **All proceeds from every sale will go directly to the Twin Falls Veterans Council to help veterans in need.** For more information contact: Cody Cantrell, 650 Addison Ave W Suite 1078, 208-734-9091.

Come Play Bingo With Us
Every Sunday – Doors Open at 12:45 PM
Early Bird Game at 1:45 PM
Regular Bingo at 2:00 PM

Mark your calendars

-JUNE 27 – JULY 9: Persons to “guard” flag on bridge 2300 to 0400
Contact Kathy Peterson (208) 420-1201

JULY 2: Magic Valley QOV Veterans Appreciation Day
1000-1600 Twin Falls County West Main Foyer

JULY 4: Twin Falls Parade and Independence Day Celebrations

JULY 9-12: Department Legion & Auxiliary Convention in Boise
Conference Location Gowan Field

JULY 14: POST 7 & UNIT 7 GENERAL MEETING 1700-2000
Membership dues will be collected for 2027
Auxiliary Unit Executive meeting

AUGUST 1: Working Party to clean out Legion Shed & Adj. office

AUGUST 11: POST 7 & UNIT 7 PICNIC 1700-2000
No formal meeting for Legion,
installation of Auxiliary officers

AUGUST 28 – SEPT. 03 National Convention in Louisville, KY

SEPT 8: POST 7 & UNIT 7 GENERAL MEETING 1700 – 2000

SEPT 10: Set up day for the Auxiliary Yard Sale

SEPT 11-12: UNIT 7 AUXILIARY YARD SALE.

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