



AMERICAN LEGION JOE R. HOOPER POST 209
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May-June Newsletter

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 Jr. Past Commander/Chaplin: Richard Radder
 Auxiliary President: Johnnie Rogers

COMMANDER:

From your Commander,
 I would like to thank everyone that supported the annual Commanders dinner it was a great success. We are only about a month away from our post officer election so time is running out to get signed up or to nominate someone to run for office, sign-up sheets are at the legion. We have a lot on things going on around the legion, we have a new roof going on and some new sewer pipes being installed as we speak. In the near future, we will have new flooring going to be installed in the kitchen, behind the bar and the carpet will also be replaced. We are also getting a new flag pole, all of the floors and the flag pole are being donated by The Home Depot. We have selected the new volunteer of the year (Ron Moore) and the Legionnaire of the year (Grant Oberg) congratulations to them both and it's well deserved thank them when you see them.

Thank you all, Bill Purcell, Your Post Commander

ADJUTANT:

It's Spring time has come upon us once again. I do wish all of you a fun filled spring as well as a safe one. I'm going to start out with a question to all of the Legion families of Post 209 Moses Lake, Washington. How are your skills in a kitchen? And would you be interested in testing your skills in the kitchen? We have mutable areas in the kitchen you could test your skills in, from cooking, assistant cook, Biscuits and gravy, as well as Dish washer. So, if you would like to test them come in and sign up to help with our Sunday Breakfasts. On May 15th, we will be having the National Director here for a visit. The events will begin at Noon, there will lunch available but please let us know if you will be attending so there will be enough food available for everyone. We have a lot of projects going on and are seeking assistance with them all. By the time you get this our new roof will be done and will be moving onto the next project. Now please keep in mind that these things take time and money. We are trying to make a better home for our Veterans as well as our families. Hope to see you all soon. Hope you all have a safe and Happy Spring!

Jim Beck, Adjutant Post 209

SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE:

Come on down Saturday Mornings from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Enjoy great conversation, pastries and a bottomless cup of Coffee. Donation \$1.00

LEGION RIDERS DIRECTOR:

Spring Has Sprung and so have the Riders! We have a lot of great rides/Events coming up which are posted on our website! We have had some great rides the last couple of

Hours of Operations:

Monday, Tuesday 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Thursday, Friday 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Friday, Saturday 2:00 p.m. to 8/9:00 p.m.
 Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

weekends. All are welcome to join us for a ride. As always Steak night will be a terrific time to bring your family and friends down to the Legion and enjoy a fabulous meal and great company! Save the Date in September we are hosting our POW/MIA Remembrance ceremony Sept 16th and 17th kicking off Friday with a ceremony and dinner and a Poker Run on Saturday. "There are two roads in life, the twisty one is vastly more fun."

For God and Country,
 Pat Hanford "Fire Hose", WA Post 209 ALR Director,
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CHAPLIN'S CORNER:

Greetings and Salutations.

There would be no Christmas without Easter! you know; Time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. it seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my wife. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpse of how it was back then and all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is..The back nine of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? where did they years go and where did my youth go? I remember will seeing older people, through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that I was only on the first hole and the back nine was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be life. but here it is..my friends are retired and getting grey..they're slower and I see an older person now, some are in better and some worse shape than me..but, I see the great change..not like the ones that I remember who were you and vibrant..but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd become. Each day now, I find that getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore...it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will...I just fall asleep where I sit! And so..Not I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the ashes and pains and the loss of strength and ability to do and of things that I wish I had done but never did!! but, at least I know, that though I'm on the back nine, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth, it's over a new adventure will begin! Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done, things I should have done, but indeed,

there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime. So, if you're not on the back nine yet..let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today as you can never be sure whether you're on the back nine or not. You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life..so, life for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember....and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!

Richard Radder - Chaplain

AUXILIARY:

A big shout out and thank you to all of those that participated, supported and donated to our Ham Dinner fundraiser for Evergreen Girls' State in April! It was a great success. The spring conference was awesome, mark your calendars and attend the next one, more information will follow and be posted on the Website. Speaking of WEBSITE, Our Legion Post 209 has a new website where you can go to view the newsletter, sign up for email newsletter and events happening at the legion and how we are supporting our veterans and community. On the website, there are links to all the American Legion Family.

Check it out at www.joehooperpost209.org Our Unit now has our own Facebook page, check it out at

www.facebook.com/post209auxiliary/ much thanks to Carmon

Derting for creating it! We have a couple of events coming up soon. On the agenda is the Schrag Safety Rest Area Fundraiser to benefit Evergreen Girls' State on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 19, 20, 21, located off I90 West Bound, mile marker 198. We are accepting donations of cookies and snacks for this event. If you still want to help, we have some available times to volunteer at the site. Also in May, the American Legion will launch National Poppy Week, which kicks off with National Poppy Day on May 22 - and runs through May 28th, "in memory of the fallen and for the future of the living." The American Legion National Commander Charles Schmidt encourages all Americans to wear or display poppies throughout Poppy Week. Our ALA will have Poppies available on May 26th from 10-2 at the Post Office and May 26th & 27th at Harvest Foods and Safeway from 10-4. Honor those who made our freedoms possible. Memorial Day is a sacred holiday in the United States, it is a time when we pause, reflect and honor those who have died keeping America and Our Republic safe. Welcome our Newest ALA Member Gayle Blankenbaker.

Honoring our veterans and their families or spouses or companion is at the heart of all that we do as American Legion Auxiliary Members. Annual dues will go up from \$35.00 to \$40.00. This is a small price to pay for all the good we do and the wonderful benefits that are available. Together we can make a difference. The ALA has been helping veterans for almost 100 years! it's that time of year again, elections are coming up and we are looking for nominations for the following: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sgt at Arms, Chaplain. We have several committees that are vacant and could be revitalized with your assistance, share your life experience. Meet and Greet fellow ALA members and see what is happening in your Unit 209 of Moses Lake. Don't miss our next meeting on May 23rd and June 27th as always, on the

Fourth Tuesday of every month at 12:00 noon, bring a snack to share for a quick lunch bite. If this time frame isn't good for you, let us know so we can get a general consensus and consider options. Be the change you want to see. Come to the meeting and volunteer opportunities dressed in your branded attire. We would like to take some photos to post on our Website and Facebook page. God Bless the USA!

Carrie McCormick, for Johnnie Rogers

SERVICE OFFICER:

Office hours at the Grant County Veterans Resource Center. Monday & Wednesday & Friday at the Center 9am -12 noon & 1p.m. to 3 p.m.

Fil Rivera, Phone Number is 509-766-5015

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

This year we celebrate 100 years of The American Legion! Welcome new members to the American Legion! We are happy to inform you that your application for membership has been accepted. I look forward to meeting each of you. Our post is an important part of this community providing many social activities at the post and charitable opportunities for its members, for Veterans and their families. I am proud to be part of such a dynamic family. Dear Current members and New members our General Meeting is the Second Tuesday of each month at 1830. Everyone is welcome. Mark it on your calendar and we'll show you what a great Post and Club this is. Don't miss our Scrumptious Sunday Breakfast and 1st Friday Steak Night! God Bless America!

Carrie McCormick, Sergeant at Arms

Please if you have an email address, send it to

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With your help, we will be able to keep the processing cost down on our American Legion Newsletter.

CLUB NEWS:

Bingo is going well! I could use a few more volunteers. if you have any free time on Sunday Afternoon or Thursday Nights, please come see me. The training is easy. Watch your Calendars for dinners also we will have food available daily here at the club. Stuff like Hot Dogs, Pizza, Burrito's, etc. Plus, also Hamburgers on Wednesday afternoon and Dinner is offered during our Joker Poker Raffle on Wednesday Nights. Our Joke Poker raffle is now up over \$1000.00, come try your luck.

See you at the Post! --Becky Hill

WEBMASTERS:

From the webmasters:

We have a website, it is still in its infancy stage. Over the next few months we will be adding more resources and as we get information it will be updated. The website address is;

<http://www.joerhooperpost209.org/>

For God and Country,

Pops Carter

Pat Hanford