



**AMERICAN LEGION JOE R. HOOPER POST 209**  
**538 W. BROADWAY**  
**MOSES LAKE WASHINGTON**  
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*January-February Newsletter*

American Legion Commander:	William Purcell
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Scott Derting
SAL Commander:	Chris Turner
ALR Director:	Pat Hanford
Club Manager:	Becky Hill
Jr. Past Commander/Chaplin:	Richard Radder
Auxiliary President:	Johnnie Rogers

*Hours of Operations:*

Monday	2:00 p.m. to 8 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 8:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**COMMANDER:**

HELLO FROM HAWAII!

Wish you were here! I will jump in the water to join with the Riders on their Polar Bear Plunge. Remember our year in review is on January 21<sup>st</sup>. February 11 the SAL will have a Valentines Dinner. Be sure to bring your special someone. On February 17<sup>th</sup> we will support the annual outreach with a spaghetti dinner. Should be fun. Our post is getting ready for some more upgrades. Donations to our building fund are always appreciated. Watch for our improvements.

Happy New Year!  
 May 2017 be Outstanding.  
 William R. Purcell  
 Post Commander  
 Joe R. Hooper Post 209

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander**

It is that time again. The end of one year and the birth of another. As your first vise commander I would like to thank all of you for your support to our post and all the veterans both past and present. Although that support has been great I must ask for even more. The post has many upcoming events and projects along with all our ongoing events and plans. But we need your help to keep them going. What we need is all of you to help in any way you can, be that with money, fundraising, helping in the kitchen for the dinners, joining the honor guard, helping setup the events, or just recruiting more members. There are many more ways to help than I can think of but I will leave that to your imagination. By getting a veteran, and or son or auxiliary to join our family we have that much more chance of helping our veterans and service members. And of course, the best way to start that is by getting all dues paid. Therefor I would ask all

of you to make sure your dues are paid and encourage your fellow post friend to have they are paid up. Please remember we have a lot of work to do and many hands does make light work. I hope you all have a blessed Christmas and a happy and safe new year.

Scott Derting

First vice commander Post 209 dept. of Washington American legion

**ADJUTANT:**

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!  
 It's a new year were got a lot done in this last year thanks to all of your help. We've got a couple of projects in this next year that we need to get done. We will be looking for someone more volunteer help in these projects and be working to make our club and Post better for everyone. The area III Commander has let us know this year they are pushing for new members for our families. Just a reminder we are looking at 2017, if you haven't got your dues paid, Please get it done. The Sons are pushing to get the 100% mark and banner again this year. Let's try to give them a hand with this. Carrying a duel membership isn't too bad to due. In closing I wish everyone a Happy New Year and have a safe one.  
 God Bless America!  
 Jim Beck  
 Adjutant Post 209

**SAL COMMANDER:**

Valentines Dinner  
 February 11<sup>th</sup> Prime Rib and all the trimmings \$17.50 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Remember to renew cards expire on December 31, 2016.  
 Something else to always keep in mind we NEED VOLUNTEERS.  
 Chris Turner

SAL Commander

Phone Number is 509-766-5015  
Fil Rivera - Service Officer

**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:**

Nobody Hates Winter Like a biker, but it is a good time of year to go through your bike to make sure it is in safe working order, remember it is a lot cheaper to maintain something then to replace it. We have a lot of great rides planned this year so go through them and pick the ones out you would like to attend! As always Steak night will be a great time to bring your family and friends down to the legion and have great food and great company!

“There are two roads in life, the twisty one is vastly more fun.”  
For God and Country,  
Pat Hanford - ALR Director

**CHAPLIN'S CORNER:**

Greetings and Salutations,  
The holidays have just past and the season for spreading love and blessings, be kind to one another. We're always testing our ability for forgiveness and love. Just a reminder; we are never called to like everyone but we are called to love them. This includes loving those who hold grudges against you. Learn to tolerate the intolerable. Be peaceful when peace does not seem to be at hand. All of these things are possible.  
Richard Radder - Chaplin

**AUXILIARY:**

Next Meetings:  
January 24<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon  
February 28<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon  
Johnnie Rogers  
Auxiliary President

**Service Officer:**

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

**EMAIL:**

Please if you have an email address, send it to [Joerhooperpost209@hotmail.com](mailto:Joerhooperpost209@hotmail.com)

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

Thank you,  
Sergeant of Arms

**Club News:**

Burgers are still running every Wednesday at 12 noon, cost is \$6.00. Followed by joker poker every Wednesday night. We need more participation for joker poker. Remember this is not a poker game. Tickets are sold throughout the day, a dollar a ticket. We stop selling at 6:15 p.m. and then have the drawing at 6:30 p.m. You need to be present to win a chance at some MONEY! Make sure to be checking the Calendar for upcoming events, dinners, etc.

Becky Hill-Club Manager

Grant County Animal Outreach  
**SPAY-GHETTI DINNER**  
FRIDAY  
Doors Open at 5:30pm  
Dinner at 6pm  
**FEBRUARY 19, 2016**  
American Legion Post 209  
538 W Broadway Avenue, Moses Lake  
**ONLY \$10.00 per plate**  
\$5.00 for children under 5 years old  
Includes: Spaghetti, sauce, garlic bread, green salad & beverage  
Drawings for prizes  
Guest speaker  
Grant County Animal Outreach  
6725 Randolph RD, Moses Lake, WA - (509) 762-9616  
All donations received help the homeless and abused animals of Grant County.  
Spread the importance of spaying and neutering your pets.