



American Legion Steven H Nipp Post 143 Newsletter

September 2025 Commander's Corner

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

September 15

October 20

SAL (6:30):

September 22

October 27

FOOTBALL SEASON **IS BACK, BABY!!**

*What does that mean?
Thursday Night **Guest**
Chef is coming back too.
SIGN UP NOW in the
Lounge to be a chef!*

Meet our fairly-newly-elected (April) Commander of Post 143, Tim Shaw. Tim is not new to the Post as he previously served as the Adjutant under Past Commander Jim Culpepper. Tim continues the legacy of bringing focus to Community Involvement and Youth Programs such as the Oratorical National Contest, Scout Post 143 and Boys and Girls State/Nation along with reinstating sponsorship of Youth Baseball. One can't deny his Energizer Bunny-personality as he leads the charge to bring in younger members through modernization of the website, a bigger presence on social media, a new media room to host movie nights for veterans and their families, online video gaming, Guitars 4 Vets and upgrading of the lounge. And let's not forget the support for the Honor Guard and the Quilts of Valor programs. Visit our beautiful new website for further details on all these programs and activities. www.pfp143.org (Click on Activities, choose Programs and scroll down until you find what program you're interested in.)



Upcoming Events

- Calling all Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Members!! Please plan to attend the September 22nd ALL HANDS ON DECK meeting. Bring your ideas and proposals to further advance our mission and goals here at the Post and beyond.
- Oratorical National Contest – January 10, 2026
Applications are being accepted NOW for the American Legion Oratorical Contest. For more information, visit our website www.pfp143.org. Click on Activities, Programs and scroll down to Youth Programs.

Current Activities:

*Sept 13th 5-7pm – Steak Night - \$25 per person. Pay online or at the Post by 9pm Monday, **September 8th**. Space is limited.*

Sept 15th 6:30pm – Drawing for the winners of the Gun Raffle at the General Meeting.

Join the group of Veterans who gather each Wednesday morning from 8:00-10:0am at the Post for free coffee, donuts, and camaraderie.

Sept 25th – 9am-12pm. Veteran Resource Symposium. Check out the flier on tables in the Lounge. Pre-registration required.

***Did you Know...** You can find the most recent Newsletter, General Meeting Minutes and By-Laws on our website?*

Go to www.pfp143.org. From the Home Page, click on About and scroll down until you see those headings. Click on the one you want to see.

Community Celebration 2025 - “Honoring Service & Celebrating Community”

Speaking of Community Involvement, on August 23rd, Post 143 hosted its first Community Celebration as we honored those we serve and those that support the Post. It was a HUGE success as hundreds of people...veterans, supporting businesses, and members of the public...braved the heat to come out to enjoy the live music, 35 craft and food vendors, a car show that consisted of 40 classic cars, beer garden (21+) and parking lot games for both the young in age and the young at heart. A good time was had by all...or at least by most. (Continued on Page 3)

Meet our Post Service Officer – Merle Black

Have you taken full advantage of the valuable resources available right here at your post through our dedicated Post Service Officer, Merle Black? As a volunteer, Merle serves as your first point of contact for navigating the complexities of veteran's services...VA disability benefits, educational assistance, employment aid, and death benefits. He can help ensure your claims are processed efficiently and accurately, help you understand your entitlements, and direct you to resources for military funeral honors or assistance with reviews of less-than-honorable discharges. He's YOUR advocate and he's very good at it...but, he might just talk your ear off so beware of that!!



Did You Know.....??

Members of our Post 143 Auxiliary deliver donuts twice monthly to the Post Falls Veterans Home. The ladies spend over an hour with the vets participating in activities such as trivia games and visiting with residents while they enjoy their donuts and coffee. Oh the stories they hear!!!! (In addition, about once per month Veterans Home employees bus some of the veterans over to enjoy donuts and coffee here at the Post with the 30+ vets who gather here.)

The Veterans Home is hosting a Fall Harvest Carnival on Saturday, September 20th, 1:30-3:30pm (590 S Pleasant View Road, Post Falls) and is open to the public.

*A **HUGE THANK YOU** to the Prairie Cardinal Baseball team and the Young Marines who assisted with parking lot safety and vendor assistance, the National Honor Guard for the Mock Demonstration of a funeral service, and area men in blue (KCSO, ISP and PFPD) for their support and attendance.*



Some of our 35 vendors...they were inside, they were outside....

A special shout-out to our Shuttle Bus Driver, Gary Dagastine who transported 131 people and drove 70 miles...2 ½ minutes at a time ...to Prairie View Elementary and back...over and over again.



The Lions Club BBQ Lunch



Live Music by
Good N Plenty



Kid Fun



Just some of the 50 classic cars



Adult Fun:
Beer
Garden &
Coffee

