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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

- 7/4 – Independence Day
- 7/27 – Nat'l Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
- 7/28 – Nat'l Buffalo Soldiers Day
- 7/29 – Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary
- 8/1 - Air Force Day
- 8/4 - Coast Guard Birthday
- 8/7 - Purple Heart Day
- 8/10 - US DOD Birthday
- 8/10 – Agent Orange Awareness Day
- 8/14 – Navajo Code Talkers Day
- 8/16 – Nat'l Airborne Day
- 8/19-28 – Warrior Games
- 8/19 – Nat'l Aviation Day
- 8/29 – Marine Corps Reserve Bday
- Sept – Nat'l Suicide Awareness Month
- Sept – Nat'l Service Dog Month
- 9/2 – VJ (Victory over Japan) Day
- 9/5 – Labor Day
- 9/11 – Patriot Day
- 9/16 – Nat'l POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 9/17 – Nat'l Cleanup Day
- 9/17-23 – US Constitution Week
- 9/18 – US Air Force Birthday
- 9/18 – Air Nat'l Guard Birthday
- 9/25 – Gold Star Mother's Day
- 9/29 – VFW Day
- 9/30 – American Indian Heritage Day

BUFFALO SOLDIER RE-ENACTORS KICK OFF IRON RIDE

The Buffalo Soldiers Iron Riders gathering began in Missoula, MT to honor the quasiquintennial celebration of the historic ride from Montana to Missouri in 1897. A group of bicyclists dressed as Buffalo Soldiers kicked off the week-long celebration on June 13, 2022 with a 5-mile ride from the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula to downtown Missoula for the opening ceremony. Go to this link to watch the video: <https://youtu.be/YCek9VQziAs> or to the Iron Riders website for more information: <https://www.ironriders2022.org/>

REAL LIFE “DRAGON-LADY” AIR FORCE U2 PILOT, COL. MERRYL TENGESDAL (RET.)

Tango Alpha Lima News, Season 3-Episode 108: Jeff & Ashley discuss the news of the first Russian soldier sentenced to life in prison in Ukraine's first war crimes trial. Retired US Air Force Col. Merryl Tengesdal talks about launching her military career in an effort to fulfill her childhood dreams, her accomplishments along the way, including becoming the first African American woman to fly the U2 Dragon-Lady. She talks about her appearance on CBS “Tough as Nails,” working with Steven Spielberg, motivating youth, and her book, “Shatter the Sky.”

Click here to watch the video: <https://youtu.be/HCOAjv98us4>



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Welcome members!

Lots of changes are on the horizon for Post 4. Some have already taken place. We have a new Commanding staff and Executive committee. We are excited to serve you. We also have some cleaning and maintenance projects that would benefit us all. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated. With the warmer weather arriving, it is a great time to visit the Post and visit with the staff and Officers. You can also grab a meal and a beverage. Remember this is your Post, let's work together to make it better.

Thanks to all, Jay Adams

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ADJUTANT’S NOTES

It is membership time again ... Starting July 1st, the dues for the 2023 year will be due. The cost again this year is \$40. You will be receiving letters from National to pay your dues so the sooner you get them in, the fewer of those annoying letters you will receive! Remember, you can also pay online; just go to legion.org

Thanks and have a nice summer!
 Don Clair

HONOR GUARD

Post 4’s Honor Guard provided the following Burial Honors for April, May & June 2022:

- Army:** Richard Wegner, Scott DeWitt, Lester Bertsch, Bill Moeller, Kenneth Lane, & Walt Wetch
- Air Force:** Ronald Meyer, Werner Freid, Joseph Watson, & Bob Bishop
- Navy:** Gary Brockel
- Marines:** Leo Hertz

Our Honor Guard also Posted Colors at the Billings American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame Induction in April and the Veteran’s Treatment Court in June. We also had the honor of Posting Colors during Memorial Services at Smith-West Cemetery, Mountview Cemetery, and the Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park.

If you have the time and the constitution to serve on our Honor Guard. It would mean a lot for those sorrowing families to see fellow service members in attendance. Call or email me. Thank you, Al Hager
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CHAPLAIN’S UPDATE

2022 2nd Quarter is already here (almost over at the time of this posting) and we’re off to the races!

Events for Q2 include Armed Forces Day (May 21), Memorial Day (May 30), D-Day (June 6), Flag Day (June 14) and, of course, Local Voting activities. Armed Forces Day was established by President Harry S Truman to honor those currently serving. The special tribute goes out to the men and women of the six branches of our Armed Forces: 1) Army, 2) Navy, 3) Marine Corps, 4) Air Force, 5) Coast Guard and 6) Space Force, as well as Army Reserve and

National Guard. Memorial Day honors those who have died serving in the United States Military. Initially established to honor those fallen comrades from the civil war, the federal holiday now honors all who have died while serving in the US Military. D-Day honors the valor, fidelity and sacrifice of those who participated during the January 6, 1944 invasion of Nazis-Germany-controlled France which was a significant turning point during World War II. Flag Day is honored/observed on June 14 to commemorate the adoption of our American Flag which was adopted on June 14, 1777. May & June are chock full of memorials, rightly so to honor and commemorate significant important sacrifices and events in our Country’s history.

Our love of country and countrymen transcends boundaries as observed by sacrifice and dedication to country.

As you consider candidates and initiatives while preparing to vote in the coming months remember, at the end of the day we are all Americans.

For the remainder of Q2 and into Q3, join me in honoring those that have served both past and present. Continue to identify challenges and turn them into opportunity to foster and perpetuate the ideals of “Americanism.” Last but not least Have Fun! -Dan

POST 4 MONTHLY EVENTS

- American Legion Meeting – Every 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m.
- Executive Board Meeting – Every 3rd Monday at 6:00 p.m.
- Legion Riders Meeting – Every 2nd Monday at 6:00 p.m.
- Pool League – Every Monday & Thursday
- Dart League – Every Wednesday
- Cornhole – Every Wednesday & Sunday in Yellowstone Room

Find us Online!

Like us on Facebook & keep up to date with our Post events ... Search for: **American Legion Post 4**

LEGION HALL RENTAL

Post 4 has TWO Banquet Halls (with bar) available to rent for special functions. Please contact Maria Rivera at 406-671-4598 for more info.

Post 4 Member Spotlight

Daniel Luther Stetler III

I've been an American Legion member since 2020 & am the current Chaplain here at Post 4. I was born in 1966 in Aurora, IL. I began high school in Mahopac, New York (White Plains), & then moved to High Desert of California & graduated from Apple Valley High School in 1985. I enlisted in the Army via the delayed entry program during senior year & began service in August 1985 at Harmony Church, Ft. Benning, GA., in OSUT (One Stop Unit Training) program, basic & 11B course combined. I then attended Airborne School & went directly into RIP (Ranger Indoctrination Program). I was assigned to 2nd Ranger Battalion at Ft. Lewis, WA. After required wait time, I was selected to attend Ranger School Course; my class was Class 14/86. During my time at 2nd Ranger Bn., I earned EIB (Expert Infantryman's Badge), completed Jump Master school, total of 61 jumps, most at night and three foreign country jumps (Honduras, Panama & Germany). I achieved rank of E-5 Sergeant. My ETS date was August 8, 1989, at which time I returned to California to be a full-time college student at Victor Valley College. After completing an Associate's degree, I accepted job with Mobil Oil in March, 1991 as Process Operator at Torrance Refinery. I was fortunate enough to continue employment with them post-merger with Exxon in 1998, eventually completing an undergrad BSM degree in 2006 from Graziadio School of Business, Pepperdine University. I became Cost Control Engineer, Turnaround & Majors Execution Supervisor in Mechanical Division. In 2014, I was offered the chance to relocate to Billings as Fuels Section Supervisor. I was then tasked to lead the Turnaround Group. I retired from ExxonMobil after nearly 31 years in September 2021. As a child, I lived in Northern Illinois, Northwest Montana (Lakeside, Lolo & Havre), New York, Florida, Texas & California. April is my wife of 30 years & we have a daughter, Sydney. We're blessed to be living in Billings, MT & to be part of American Legion Post 4!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We would really like to be more inclusive of and see more activity from our Post 4 Legion members. If you have any ideas about how we can achieve this, please let us know by sending us an email:

Adjutant Don Clair:

alyellowstonepost4@gmail.com or

Past-Commander Gil: gils2002hd@yahoo.com

POST 4's

MESS HALL



KITCHEN HOURS

JUNE – JULY - AUGUST

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 5:00 – 8:30 PM

Saturday: 2:00 – 8:30 PM

unless there's a specialty brunch or fundraiser

BAR HOURS

Monday – Friday: 5:00 PM 'til closing

Saturday & Sunday: 11:00 AM 'til closing

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

We had our annual Memorial Day Ride with 3 cemeteries. We got a little wet but it was an honor to stand out for our fallen brothers and sisters. The Ride for Tomorrow Suicide Prevention Rides are underway at the time of this writing. This event looks to be a success and is definitely adding to the conversation of suicide prevention.

August 20 – Ride to Remember from Helena to West Yellowstone along the POW/MIA Memorial Highway

September 11 – 9/11 Remembrance Ride hosted by the BASTARDS ... stay posted for more information.

Our meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Remember, any Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons of the AL member can also be a Rider. Please like & follow our Facebook page to get updated event information; search for: American Legion Riders Chapter 4 – Yellowstone Chapter.

Gil Floyd, Director
Yellowstone American Legion Riders
406-855-7599



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UPCOMING BAR FUNCTIONS

- July 4th - CLOSED
- July 15-17 – BSSG Softball
- July 22-23 – Mill Tournament (Softball)
- August 5-7 – Corey Berry Memorial Dart Tournament

Please be sure to check out the updated kitchen hours for the summer.

In honor of the "22 a Day" movement for recognition of military/veteran suicide, Post 4's Mess Hall will be offering a special dinner buffet on the 22nd of every month.

We want to hear from YOU!

Do you have comments or ideas to submit to the newsletter? Email Gil Floyd at gils2002hd@yahoo.com. The deadline for the next newsletter is September 10th.

POST 4 DIRECTORY

AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS

Commander Jay Adams
 Vice Commander Pat Weber
 Adjutant Don Clair
 Chaplain Daniel Stetler
 Finance Officer Rick Friez
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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Gil Floyd, Past Commander
 Jim Salsbury
 Derald Thiessen




**Legion Meetings
 are EVERY 3rd
 Monday at
 7:00 p.m.
 Please join us!**



NAVAJO CODE TALKERS' DAY - 8/14

President Ronald Regan established National Navajo Code Talkers Day in 1982. This holiday honors all the tribes associated with the US war effort of WWII, as well as recognizing the evolution of U.S. code related to Native American languages & the participation of First Nations tribe members in U.S. military efforts from many conflicts. The story of the Navajo code talkers is complex. Some object to the name of the holiday, mistakenly believing that Navajo tribe members are singled out for the distinction at the expense of other tribes that participated in this war effort. But the name of the holiday refers not to the Navajo tribe itself, but is a broader term that refers to the "Navajo code" used to fool Axis powers, including the Nazis & Japanese Imperial forces.