

August 2011

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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7 NASCAR  Pocono	8	9	10	11 Exec. Com. Mtg. Post 30/ Unit 30 Meetings 7:00 PM Readiness Center Legion Riders Meeting following Legion Meeting	12 Legion Golf Tourney Big Timber Bus leaves at 7 AM	13
14 NASCAR  Watkins Glenn	15	16	17	18	19	20
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**THE AMERICAN LEGION
FLOYD W. MAGNUSON, POST 30 INC
AUGUST 2011 NEWSLETTER**

CLUB CORNER

POST 30 OFFICERS	
Commander	Ken McMillon
Vice-Commander	Paul Reilman
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Adjutant/Finance Officer	Mervin Gunderson
Sgt. at Arms	Maurice Volkman
Service Officer	Bill Payton
Chaplain	Brian Daum
Historian	Don Walters
Public Relations Officer	Paul Reilman
Past Commander	Joshua Clement

CLUB 30 MANAGER'S CORNER
Beer Specials Daily
Happy Hour Daily – (9 am to 11 am and 5 pm to 7 pm)
Free coffee and Popcorn
Freshly Made Sandwiches Every Day
Homemade Soup is now on the lunch menu

Boxers Club 30
At Club 30, NASCAR IS BACK!!!!!! Stop by and enjoy a couple hours with those that stop in for their favorite libation and some time enjoying friends.



MVAD ASSISTANCE

This is an important address and phone number for veterans. It is the Post 30 veteran's contact for support that we need.
 Belgrade
 350 Airport Rd.
 Belgrade, MT 59714

Jerry and the girls have been doing a wonderful job at Club 30. The \$11.00/5 Beer Buckets are back. And here's a new thing. JELLO SHOTS. That's right boys and girls, you can have your desert and drink with it. Or if you prefer, drink your desert. \$1.50 a bar. Stop in and enjoy. Wednesday Night has become special for you ladies. It is Ladies Night Out. Ok girls, go out and live it up. New beers on tap. Samuel Adams Noble Pils, Pabst Blue Ribbon.
 The next Friday night BBQ at Boxers will be on the 26th.

Plan on coming by and help support your Legion Riders.

Plans are being made for the last BBQ(Sept.) of having a steak night. Be looking for more details.



If you haven't signed up for the Big Timber Golf trip yet you need to do so VERY soon. There still might be spots open. The bus leaves Club 30 at 7 A.M. SHARP. Stop by Club 30 and talk with Jerry about getting on board. A meal is served afterward along with the awards ceremony.



This next message has nothing to do with the Legion but I think it worth passing along.
 If you plan on going to Helena for most of the rest of the year, you might want to plan on going through Bolder. The road (287) between Toston and Townsend is under some heavy construction with a lot of delays. And now there is a chunk between Townsend and Helena that is all ripped up. I was through there a few weeks ago and found it almost unbearable to travel that chunk. Going through the Bolder route is about 12 miles longer but the time and frustration will make it much worth the change.
 And the Bolder route is new and very smooth.

WOHOOOOO!!!!!!

Good news folks. We found a parking spot for our trailer. It will now be stored at the Knife River complex out off Frontage Rd. Thanks go out to Dave, the General Manager.

ARE THEY FALLING BETWEEN THE CRACKS?

Most of us remember the day that we entered the service of The United States Of America and how it felt. We went through the induction center, full of wonder, not used to getting yelled at by someone we didn't even know. We might have been even a little terrified as to what was in store for us. Having to stand in line, so close we could feel the breath on our neck of the guy behind us. Not being used to such rules and afraid when we broke a rule. Having to do what was demanded of us without question, no matter what the results. Learning to become a part of a Whole Unit. No longer a separate person, but a link in the chain that would fail if we didn't do our part. Having it drilled into our heads "when one person messes up, the whole company paid for it". Then having to get used to the "hurry up and wait" that would become a part of the rest of our service time. Putting up with grumpy Drill Instructors, demanding officers, a Commanding Officer that that expected nothing short of perfection within his realm of command. Doing the endless hours of guard duty through the late hours of the night and then the early hours of the morning, the dreaded 0000-0400 watches. And heaven help you if you went to sleep on duty. The time of endless drilling, the surprise inspections, making sure your uniform is clean, neat, pressed for those inspections.

It was a time that we are proud of and were glad to be included in the "Elite" that agreed to serve our country.

Then time passes and we might have been eligible for special recognition for some award. But maybe we never received it and just slipped through the cracks. That is where the tragedy comes in. So many of our fellow service men and women have never received what they so rightly deserve. This is the case of our fellow warrior, Stan Milesnik. He finally was awarded his DSC after 60 some years. It just took someone having knowledge of it and contacting our service officer to get the process started.

This is a way for us help those who don't know where to start. If you know of someone who is deserving, let us know and the necessary people will do what is needed.

The Belgrade paper covered the ceremony for Stan, doing a very good job. They covered a good portion of Stans military life and why he was deserving of his DSC award. Here are more pictures that were taken and for you to enjoy. A big thanks goes out to Mr. Ron Patterson for these pictures.

Thanks also go out to the Antique Military Vehicle members for purchasing Capt. Milesnick's uniform and the various military articles that they brought. Thanks also goes out to Merv Gunderson for helping to get things underway. Commander David Palmatier from Post 14 took Commander McMillons place since he was not going to be able to appear. Thanks David. Enjoy these pictures.



Stan and his wife Joyce



With much emotion, Stan never talked about being the hero of the battle, he says "That belongs to the guys who didn't get the chance to come home. They shed their blood there."

