

June 2011

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

			1	2	3	4 Bandits Baseball @ Missoula 1300
5  Kansas City Bandits Baseball @Bitterroot Bucs 1100	6 US enters WW1 1917 D-Day 1944	7	8 Bandits Baseball @ Deer Lodge 1500	9 Executive Com. meeting-1200 Post 30 Meeting 1900 Legion riders following	10	11 Bandits Baseball @ Anaconda 1100
12  Pocano Bandits Baseball In Washington for a tournament through the 15th	13	14 Flag Day Flag Retirement Ceremony behind Club 30@ 1330  Army's Birthday 1775	15	16	17 Bandits Baseball Helena Reps 1700	18
19  Brooklyn	20 Bandits Baseball Butte Muckers 1700	21 Bandits Baseball Livingston Braves 1700	22 Trailer set up	23 Post 30 Fireworks Sales Begin	24 Fireworks Sales Department Convention Missoula Bandits Baseball @ Butte Muckers 1700	25 Fireworks Sales Korean war Starts Department Convention Missoula
26 Fireworks Sales Department Convention Missoula  Sonoma	27 Fireworks Sales Bandits Baseball Bozeman Spikes 1700 Let's be there!!!!!!	28 Fireworks Sales	29 Fireworks Sales	30 Fireworks Sales		Fireworks Sales Continues through the 4th

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
FLOYD W. MAGNUSON, POST 30 INC
JUNE 2011 NEWSLETTER**

POST 30 OFFICERS

Commander	Ken McMillon
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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
(Stop by to enjoy Jerry's soup with your lunch)
Legion Caps, Jackets and other apparel for sale.

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

CLUB CORNER

Jerry and the girls have been doing a wonderful job at Club 30. The \$10.00/5 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 Friday night barbeques have started. The next one will be on June 24 from 5-7 pm. Come by and enjoy a Real Good Meal.

Well, we've just completed the Flag Raising Ceremony at the Belgrade Intermediate School, marched in the Bozeman Memorial Day parade, had the National Commander visit us, dedicated the American Legion/Veterans Park in Logon. Many things are going on behind the scenes that keep many of us busy. It's a time for us to keep in mind what our objective is serving veterans and the community. The only thing we have to do is look for them. You have chances through the day that offer you a chance to be of service to someone. It may just be just helping someone out to their car with the groceries, visiting the vets in some of our retirement homes or just doing a good deed for someone you don't even know. Just taking that extra second to be of service might just make their day. We all are busy, trying to make it on our own. But are always opportunities to lend a hand for just a second. The "Thank You" you will receive, will lift you up a little and help brighten someone else's day. Try it, you'll like it.

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

On the 14th, there will be a Flag Retirement Ceremony behind Club 30 at 1330 hrs. You are invited to attend and bring a friend. It will be in newspapers, on television and over the radio. We are striving to get as much media coverage as possible. Please get the word out and plan to attend yourself.

We would like to welcome Rick and Julie Navarro who have transferred from Townsend. Welcome to Post 30.

I've been thinking about those that have served before us and became interested in the "Medal Of Honor" recipients. Here are just a few. I will post more later.



The President, in the name of Congress, has awarded more than 3,400 Medals of Honor to our nation's bravest Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen since the decoration's creation in 1861. For years, the citations highlighting these acts of bravery and heroism resided in dusty archives and only sporadically were printed. In 1973, the U.S. Senate ordered the citations be compiled and printed as a Committee on Veterans' Affairs report. This book was later updated and a reprint published in 1979.

The citations provided here are taken from the U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs Report, *Medal of Honor Recipients: 1863-1978* (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1979).

For awards made after 1978, the citations are taken either from the CRS Report for Congress *Medal of Honor Recipients: 1979-2008* dated 4 June 2008, or in some cases, from the citations officially released and published at the time of award by the White House.

N.B. Some minor misspelling and other errors unfortunately, may be duplicated from the 1979 government publication. These were likely the result of the original transcriptions and reflect the nature of the published compilation. Other errors, however, may have crept into the citations during the course of digitizing the original report for website posting, every effort will be made to identify and correct those conversion errors.

Civil War

ADAMS, JOHN G. B.

Rank and organization: Second Lieutenant, Company, 119th Massachusetts Infantry. Place and date: At Fredericksburg, Va., 13 December 1862. Entered service at: ----- Birth Groveland, Mass. Date of issue: 16 December 1896. Citation: Seized the 2 colors from the hands of a corporal and a lieutenant as they fell mortally wounded, and with a color in each hand advanced across the field to a point where the regiment was reformed on those colors.

AMES, ALBERT

Rank and organization: First Lieutenant, 5th U.S. Artillery. Place and date: At Bull Run, Va., 21 July 1861. Entered service at: Rockland, Maine. Birth: East Thomaston, Maine. Date of issue: 22 June 1894. Citation: remained upon the field in command of a section of Griffin's Battery, directing its fire after being severely wounded and refusing to leave the field until too weak to sit upon the caisson where he had been placed by men of his command.

GUERIN, FITZ W.

Rank and organization: Private, Battery A, 1st Missouri Light Artillery. Place and date: At Grand Gulf, Miss., 28 April 1863. Entered service at: St. Louis, Mo. Birth: New York N.Y. Date of issue: 10 March 1896. Citation: With two comrades voluntarily took position on board the steamer Cheesman, in charge of all the guns and ammunition of the battery, and remained in charge of the same for a considerable time while the steamer was unmanageable and subjected to a heavy fire from the enemy.

Indian Wars Period

ASTON, EDGAR R.

Rank and organization: Private, Company L, 8th U.S. Cavalry. Place and date: At San Carlos, Ariz., 30 May 1868. Entered service at: ----- Birth: Clermont County, Ohio. Date of issue: 28 July 1868. Citation: With 2 other men he volunteered to search for a wagon passage out of a 4,000-foot valley where an infantry column was immobile. This small group passed 6 miles among hostile Apache terrain finding the sought passage. On their return trip down the canyon they were attacked by Apaches who were successfully held at bay.

GREEN, JOHN

Rank and organization: Major, 1st U.S. Cavalry. Place and date: At the Lava Beds, Calif., 17 January 1873. Entered service at: Ohio. Birth: Germany. Date of issue: 18 November 1897. Citation: In order to reassure his command, this officer, in the most fearless manner and exposed to very great danger, walked in front of the line; the command, thus encouraged, advanced over the lava upon the Indians who were concealed among the rocks.

Mexican Campaign

INGRAM, JONAS HOWARD

Rank and organization: Lieutenant, Junior Grade, U.S. Navy. Born: 15 October 1886, Jeffersonville, Ind. Accredited to: Indiana. G.O. No.: 177, 4 December 1915. Other Navy awards: Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Medal with gold stars in lieu of 2 additional DSM's. Citation: For distinguished conduct in battle, engagement of Vera Cruz, 22 April 1914. During the second day's fighting the service performed by him was eminent and conspicuous. He was conspicuous for skillful and efficient handling of the artillery and machineguns of the Arkansas battalion, for which he was specially commended in reports.

McDONNELL, EDWARD ORRICK

Rank and organization: Ensign, U.S. Navy. Born: 13 November 1891, Baltimore, Md. Accredited to: Maryland. G.O. No.: 177, 4 December 1915. Citation: For extraordinary heroism in battle, engagements of Vera Cruz, 21 and 22 April 1914. Posted on the roof of the Terminal Hotel and during, Ens. McDonnell established a signal station there day and night, maintaining communication between troops and ships. At this exposed post he was continually under fire. One man was killed and 3 wounded at his side during the 2 days' fighting. He showed extraordinary heroism and striking courage and maintained his station in the highest degree of efficiency. All signals got through, largely due to his heroic devotion to duty.

RUSH, WILLIAM REES

Rank and organization: Captain, U.S. Navy. Born: 19 September 1857, Philadelphia, Pa. Accredited to: Pennsylvania. G.O. No.: 177, 4 December 1915. Other Navy award: Distinguished Service Medal. Citation: For distinguished conduct in battle, engagements of Vera Cruz, 21 and 22 April 1914. In command of the naval brigade. Capt. Rush was in both days' fighting and almost continually under fire from soon after landing, about noon on the 21st until we were in possession of the city, about noon of the 2nd. His duties required him to be at points of great danger in directing his officers and men, and he exhibited conspicuous courage, coolness and skill in his conduct of the fighting. Upon his courage and skill depended in great measure success or failure. His responsibilities were great, and he met them in a manner worthy of commendation.

WW1

ADKINSON, JOSEPH B.

Rank and organization: Sergeant, U.S. Army, Company C, 119th Infantry, 30th Division. Place and date: Near Bellicourt, France, 29 September 1918. Entered service at: Memphis, Tenn. Born: 4 January 1892, Egypt, Ten. G.O. No.: 59, W.D., 1919. Citation: When murderous machinegun fire at a range of 50 yards had made it impossible for his platoon to advance, and had caused the platoon to take cover Sgt. Adkinson alone, with the greatest intrepidity, rushed across the 50 yards of open ground directly into the face of the hostile machinegun, kicked the gun from the parapet into the enemy trench, and at the point of the bayonet captured the 3 men manning the gun. The gallantry and quick decision of this soldier enabled the platoon to resume its advance.

BOONE, JOEL THOMPSON

Rank and organization: Lieutenant (Medical Corps) U.S. Navy. Place and date: Vicinity Vierzy, France, 19 July 1918. Entered service at: St. Clair, Pa. Born: 2 August 1889, St. Clair, Pa. Citation: For extraordinary heroism, conspicuous gallantry, and intrepidity while serving with the 6th Regiment, U.S. Marines, in actual conflict with the enemy. With absolute disregard for personal safety ever conscious and mindful of the suffering fallen, Surg. Boone, leaving the shelter of a ravine, went forward onto the open field where there was no protection and despite the extreme enemy fire of all calibers, through a heavy mist of gas, applied dressings and first aid to wounded marines. This occurred southeast of Vierzy, near the cemetery, and on the road south from that town. When the dressings and supplies had been exhausted, he went through a heavy barrage of large-caliber shells, both high explosive and gas to replenish these supplies, returning quickly with a decker load, and administered them in saving the lives of the wounded. A second trip, under the same conditions and for the same purpose, was made by Surg. Boone later that day.

*PRUITT, JOHN HENRY (Army Medal)

Rank and organization: Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps 78th Company, 6th Regiment, 2d Division. Place and date: At Blanc Mont Ridge, France, 3 October 1918. Entered service at: Phoenix, Ariz. Born: 4 October 1896, Fayetteville, Ark. G.O. No.: 62, W.D., 1919. (Also received Navy Medal of Honor.) Citation: Cpl. Pruitt single-handedly attacked 2 machineguns, capturing them and killing 2 of the enemy. He then captured 40 prisoners in a dugout nearby. This gallant soldier was killed soon afterward by shellfire while he was sniping at the enemy.

*ANDERSON, RICHARD BEATTY

Rank and organization: Private First Class, U.S. Marine Corps. Born: 26 June 1921, Tacoma, Wash. Accredited to: Washington. Citation: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving with the 4th Marine Division during action against enemy Japanese forces on Roi Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, 1 February 1944. Entering a shell crater occupied by 3 other marines, Pfc. Anderson was preparing to throw a grenade at an enemy position when it slipped from his hands and rolled toward the men at the bottom of the hole. With insufficient time to retrieve the armed weapon and throw it, Pfc. Anderson fearlessly chose to sacrifice himself and save his companions by hurling his body upon the grenade and taking the full impact of the explosion. His personal valor and exceptional spirit of loyalty in the face of almost certain death were in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

MacARTHUR, DOUGLAS

Rank and organization: General, U.S. Army, commanding U.S. Army Forces in the Far East. Place and date: Bataan Peninsula, Philippine Islands. Entered service at Ashland, Wis. Birth: Little Rock, Ark. G.O. No.: 16, 1 April 1942. Citation: For conspicuous leadership in preparing the Philippine Islands to resist conquest, for gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action against invading Japanese forces, and for the heroic conduct of defensive and offensive operations on the Bataan Peninsula. He mobilized, trained, and led an army which has received world acclaim for its gallant defense against a tremendous superiority of enemy forces in men and arms. His utter disregard of personal danger under heavy fire and aerial bombardment, his calm judgment in each crisis, inspired his troops, galvanized the spirit of resistance of the Filipino people, and confirmed the faith of the American people in their Armed Forces.

CARSWELL, HORACE S., JR. (Air Mission)

Rank and organization: Major, 308th Bombardment Group, U.S. Army Air Corps. Place and date: Over South China Sea, 26 October 1944. Entered service at: San Angelo, Tex. Birth: Fort Worth, Tex. G.O. No.: 144 February 1946. Citation: He piloted a B-24 bomber in a one-plane strike against a Japanese convoy in the South China Sea on the night of 26 October 1944. Taking the enemy force of 12 ships escorted by at least 2 destroyers by surprise, he made 1 bombing run at 600 feet, scoring a near miss on 1 warship and escaping without drawing fire. He circled and fully realizing that the convoy was thoroughly alerted and would meet his next attack with a barrage of anti-aircraft fire, began a second low-level run which culminated in 2 direct hits on a large tanker. A hail of steel from Japanese guns, riddled the bomber, knocking out 2 engines, damaging a third, crippling the hydraulic system, puncturing 1 gasoline tank, ripping uncounted holes in the aircraft, and wounding the copilot; but by magnificent display of flying skill, Maj. Carswell controlled the plane's plunge toward the sea and carefully forced it into a halting climb in the direction of the China shore. On reaching land, where it would have been possible to abandon the staggering bomber, one of the crew discovered that his parachute had been ripped by flak and rendered useless; the pilot, hoping to cross mountainous terrain and reach a base, continued onward until the third engine failed. He ordered the crew to bail out while he struggled to maintain altitude, and, refusing to save himself, chose to remain with his comrade and attempt a crash landing. He died when the airplane struck a mountainside and burned. With consummate gallantry and intrepidity, Maj. Carswell gave his life in a supreme effort to save all members of his crew. His sacrifice, far beyond that required of him, was in keeping with the traditional bravery of America's war heroes.

*MINUE, NICHOLAS Rank and organization: Private, U.S. Army, Company A, 6th Armored Infantry, 1st Armored Division. Place and date: Near Medjezel Bab, Tunisia 28 April 1943. Entered service at: Carteret, N.J. Birth: Seden, Poland. G.O. No.: 24, 25 March 1944. Citation: For distinguishing himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the loss of his life above and beyond the call of duty in action with the enemy on 28 April 1943, in the vicinity of Medjezel Bab, Tunisia. When the advance of the assault elements of Company A was held up by flanking fire from an enemy machinegun nest, Pvt. Minue voluntarily, alone, and unhesitatingly with complete disregard of his own welfare, charged the enemy entrenched position with fixed bayonet. Pvt. Minue assaulted the enemy under a withering machinegun and rifle fire, killing approximately 10 enemy machinegunners and riflemen. After completely destroying this position, Pvt. Minue continued forward, routing enemy riflemen from dugout positions until he was fatally wounded. The courage, fearlessness and aggressiveness displayed by Pvt. Minue in the face of inevitable death was unquestionably the factor that gave his company the offensive spirit that was necessary for advancing and driving the enemy from the entire sector.