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**September 2011 NEWSLETTER**



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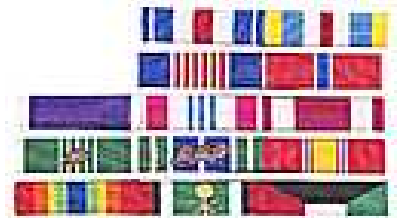
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**The medal we are made of.**

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FAMILY  
SERVING VETERANS, THEIR  
FAMILIES, THE COMMUNITY  
AND GOD AND COUNTRY**

## Club 30 News

Things are going well for Club 30. There are many things happening with the club. One thing that has changed is the Big Pig golf outing to Three Forks, has been canceled. The 30<sup>th</sup> is our last Friday night cookout for the year. We are going to cook steak and baked potato. The price will be \$10.00. Please go by Club 30 or call and reserve your steak/steaks.

## **CONGRATULATIONS !!!**

At this years American Legion National convention, our very own Merv Gunderson was elected to National Vice-Commander, the second highest position in the Legion. Merv has worked long and hard for this and deserves a BIG pat a long time goal. His service to the sure that any veteran has been taken of veteran rights. We owe him an



on the back and a Thank You for Legion has been one of making care of. He has been a proponent appreciation for his service.

THANKS MERV!!!!!!

## VJ Day

Victory over Japan Day (V-J Day, also known as Victory in the Pacific Day, or V-P Day) is a name chosen for the day on which the [Surrender of Japan](#) occurred, and subsequent anniversaries of that event. The term has been applied to both the day on which the initial announcement of Japan's surrender was made in the afternoon of [August 15, 1945](#) ([August 14](#) North American date), as well as the date the formal surrender ceremony was performed in Tokyo on [September 2, 1945](#)

A little after noon on August 15, 1945, Emperor Hirohito's announcement of Japan's acceptance of the terms of the Potsdam Declaration was broadcast to the Japanese people over the radio. Earlier the same day, the Japanese government had broadcast an announcement over Radio Tokyo that "acceptance of the Potsdam Proclamation would be coming soon," and had advised the Allies of the surrender by sending a cable to U.S. President Harry S. Truman via the Swiss diplomatic mission in Washington, D.C. On August 15 & 16 some Japanese soldiers, devastated by the surrender, committed suicide; over 100 American prisoners of war were also executed. In addition, many Australian and English prisoners of war were illegally executed in Borneo, at both Ranau and Sandakan, by the Imperial Japanese Army.

Since Japan was the last Axis Power to surrender and V-J Day followed V-E Day by three months, V-J Day marked the official end of World War II.

The formal Japanese signing of the surrender terms took place on board the battleship USS *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945, and at that time Truman actually declared September 2 to be V-J Day.

Constitution Day (or Citizenship Day) is an American federal holiday that recognizes the ratification of the United States Constitution and also recognizes all who have become citizens due to either coming of age or naturalization. It is observed on September 7, the day the U.S. Constitutional Convention signed the Constitution in 1787.

The law establishing the holiday was created in 2004 with the passage of an amendment by Senator Robert Byrd to the Omnibus spending bill of 2004. Before this law was enacted, the holiday was known as "Citizenship Day". In addition to renaming the holiday "Constitution Day and Citizenship Day," the act mandates that all publicly funded educational institutions provide educational programming on the history of the American Constitution on that day. In May 2005, the United States Department of Education announced the enactment of this law and that it would apply to any school receiving federal funds of any kind. This holiday is not observed by granting time off work for federal employees.

When Constitution Day falls on a weekend or on another holiday, schools and other institutions observe the holiday on an adjacent weekday. This was the case in 2005, when Constitution Day was generally observed on Friday, September 16 and 2006 when the holiday was observed on Monday September 18.

# 911

## September 11, 2001

A day that we as America will never forget. Our wonderful country was attacked without cause, just like December 7, 1941. The result of those that want to destroy our way of life and freedom. were lost, including 343 fire

A time that reminded like to destroy us and make Freedom is something that they still are intent on earth. Our United States of Forces still are at the today. They continue to put AND JUSTICE. This coming



That day, over 3,000 people fighters and law enforcement. America that they would still us no longer a DEMOCRACY. they don't understand, but wiping us off the face of the America Military Armed forefront of the struggle forth the ideals of FREEDOM Sunday is the day. Take time

to remember those souls. Please take the time to spend just a moment to stop and say a prayer for our leaders, military and those that protect us from harm.

If you can make it to the fire station Sunday morning, there will be a service.

Please be there by 8:30. Remembering 911.

**WWII JAPANESE AMERICAN MEMORIAL  
THREE FORKS, MONTANA  
THE 442<sup>nd</sup> BATTALION STORY**



On 5 August, 2011, a new memorial was dedicated to the Japanese Americans that had joined our United States of America armed forces. This battalion is noted as the battalion that went in and rescued “The Lost Battalion”. When they started, there were 800 Japanese Americans in this battalion. They were given the job to go and extract 125 members of the 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry (36th Infantry Division, originally Texas National Guard), which was surrounded by German forces in the Vosges Mountains on 24 October 1944. After five days of fighting from 26 October to 30 October 1944 they finally broke through the German lines. When it all was finished, they had lost 400 of their members. The surviving participants of the 442<sup>nd</sup> received numerous medals and awards for their heroism.



Bud Lilly and his long time friend Tim Crawford.



War stories were sure flying at this table.



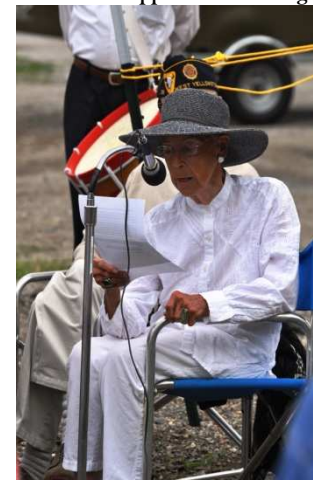
Three Forks Post 93 supplied the US flag.



Dr. Ito, who was a private in the medical section. He finished as a Sergeant. Beside him is Mary Oye and daughter Nancy from California. Husband George was a member of 442.



Jim Sasaki was 3 yrs too young Had 3 brothers and 1 sister that enlisted.



Jan Dunbar telling the story of the 442<sup>nd</sup>.



Cal Dunbar-USMC

Cal was stationed at Guam Island. As an interpreter for the Marines, he went all over doing his job. He took part in the surrender of a small island 30 miles north of Guam when the Japanese empire surrendered. One of the weapons that were collected was a sword of an officer. Cal picked it out and kept it. He says "Don't ask me how I got it back home". On the handle of the sword was the officers name. After having it for all these years, he got to wondering if the officer was still alive. So he started inquiring and asking around. He found this officer after all these years, alive and living in Japan. In 1998, Cal sent the sword back to the officer.



Allen Peters- Milwaukee Railroad.  
Told of the crews that worked here in Montana for the railroad, and settled here.



LT Governor Bolinger -USMC



LT Gen. Don Kerrick, LT Gen. Bob Harding, LT Gen. Pat Hughes  
All Retired



West Yellowstone Legion member Bob Jacklin with his 100 year old drum. Bob makes his own drums and uses them in many parades and ceremonies.



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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

				1 Labor Day	2 JAPAN SIGNS SURRENDER 1945	3
4	5	6	7	8 Exec. Com. Mtg. Post 30/ Unit 30  Meetings 7:00 PM Readiness Center Legion Riders Meeting-Following meeting 8:30 PM	9	10  UC DAVIS H-1:05 PM
11 Patriot Day Twin Towers Anniversary	12	13	14	15	16	17  MINOT STATE H-1:35  Citizenship Day
18  Air Force B'day 1947 POW/MIA Recognition Day	19	20	21	22	23  Belgrade Fall Festival	24  @ EASTERN WASHINGTON Belgrade Fall Festival Parade
25	26	27	28	29	30	31