



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Jack Grennan Post No. 62

107 E. Prairie Street

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January/February/March 2022

FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER

Greetings and Happy New Year fellow Legionnaires:

What a year that has just gone by.

I think most of us would agree that the year 2021 was a tough one considering the issues surrounding the COVID-19 situation. Let's hope that the New Year will be better and more fulfilling than the last one. Last year several of the Post's activities had to be cancelled or curtailed due to the virus.

The Service Office at the Post has seen a dramatic reduction in the number of veterans and their families who have sought VA benefits during 2021; last year the number of veteran contacts in the Service Office had declined to about a third of what we saw in 2019. Looking on the bright side, we have reason to believe that the number of Service Office contacts at the Post will increase in 2022.

On another "bright side" I am pleased to report that the Post electrical work that was started in October, 2021, is now pretty much complete. All of the fluorescent lighting that was in the main hall, kitchen and restroom hallway has been replaced by LED lighting. This has resulted in much brighter and better illuminated interior areas. Also, the lights in the main hall, restroom hallway and restrooms are now controlled by motion sensitive, automatic switches. These switches and LED lights are expected to yield a net decrease in the electricity used in the Post; the LED lights use less electricity than the fluorescents and the motion sensitive switches automatically turn off the lights if no activity is detected (for 10-15 minutes) in the areas sensed by the switches.

I was especially saddened to learn of the loss of my good friend and Post 62 member Frank Clatanoff. Frank transferred to Post Everlasting on December 17, 2021 and he will be dearly missed. Frank was always ready, willing and able to pitch in and help the Post whenever asked, until medical issues prevented him from doing so. The family expects to hold a memorial service for Frank later this year.

Commander Paul Renick

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER, Nancy Zimmermann, Chaplain, Post 62

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The New Year brings hopes, dreams and wishes for the future. It also allows us to put the past behind us. It is a new beginning celebrated around the world. We make resolutions with enthusiasm and the very best intentions. *What is a resolution?*

A firm decision to do or not do something.

As we move forward into the New Year, we are faced with reality and priorities that life demands of us, leaving us with unattainable promises or resolutions we made. This year let us make realistic and obtainable goals.

Suggestions:

- 1) Visit with a neighbor;
- 2) Become more community oriented by volunteerism;
- 3) Call an old friend just to say hello;
- 4) Make two new friends this year;
- 5) Lose 5 pounds;
- 6) Do a Buddy Check.

I wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Nancy M. Zimmermann
American Legion Post 62 Chaplain
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Upcoming Events:

Memorial service honoring the Four Chaplains who were lost during the sinking of the troop transport ship U.S.A.T. Dorchester on February 3, 1943. They gave their lives so other servicemen could survive.

* Thursday February 3, 2022 at 2:00pm,
American Legion Hall, Post 62.
Please Join Us.

In Memory:

* Frank Clatanoff U.S. Army

Prayers and Good Wishes to the ill:

* Rod Lee

Veterans Closet and Food Pantry, located at 216 S Frances St. Port Angeles, accepts non-perishable food items and new or slightly used clothing, shoes, boots, jackets, etc. All veterans and their families are welcome to come and get what they need. If you would like to learn more or give a donation contact Lorri @ 360-683-6419.

“If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.” Dalai Lama



Veterans Day Ceremony at Post 62, November 11, 2021



Photo taken on November 13, 2021.
 This picture shows a burial Flag being folded just before presentation to the family member of a departed veteran.
 Pictured are Don Clayton (left) and Post 62 1st Vice Commander Carl Bradshaw.

CALENDAR

**Executive Board Meeting:
 1st Monday @ 1:30 pm**

January 3, 2022,
 February 7, 2022,
 March 7, 2022,
 April 4, 2022,
 May 2, 2022,
 June 6, 2022.

**American Legion Meeting:
 2nd Thursday @ 7:00 pm**

January 13, 2022,
 February 10, 2022,
 March 10, 2022,
 April 14, 2022,
 May 12, 2022,
 June 9, 2022.

Post 62 Activities

Four Chaplains Ceremony
 February 3, 2022 at 2:00 PM
 to be held at Post 62, Sequim,
 WA.

 Face masks or face coverings must be worn at all Post 62 activities, until further notice.

REMEMBER

For the latest information on all Post 62 activities see the
 Calendar on the home page at www.alpost62.com.

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2021 – 2022

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1st Vice Commander:..... Carl Bradshaw
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Adjutant:..... Dan Abbott
Finance Officer: Paul Rogers
Chaplain: Nancy Zimmermann
Sgt-at-Arms:..... Debbie Rogers
Service Officer: Paul Renick
Historian:.....
Executive Board Member: 1 year James Owsley
Executive Board Member: 2 years Rod Lee
Executive Board Member: 3 years Ed Hako