



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Jack Grennan Post No. 62

107 E. Prairie Street

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October/November/December 2020

FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER

Greetings fellow Legionnaires:

Since this is my first newsletter as your new Commander, I thought it would be appropriate to review how the change in command took place. On August 3, 2020 Carl Bradshaw stepped down as Post 62 Commander and Service Officer after 10 years of outstanding service to the Post and community in those offices. Since I was 1st Vice Commander, I assumed the office of Commander (and Service Officer) of Post 62 under the auspices of the Executive Board.

At this point a little background regarding my military experience and subsequent activities may be helpful. I enlisted in the US Army in July, 1972 and spent three years on active duty stationed in Washington, D.C. I was released from active duty when the term of my enlistment was fulfilled in July, 1975. I spent the next 37 years in my career as an electrical engineer working in the Los Angeles area. In 2012, my wife and I retired and we moved to Sequim. Shortly thereafter I joined the American Legion, Post 62, and soon was elected 1st Vice Commander; I also became a Service Officer helping local veterans with their service connected disability VA claims and pension VA claims.

The year 2020 has turned out to be quite disappointing with regard to the Covid situation and this has presented several major challenges to the Post mostly in Post finances. On the bright side the Post has signed up two new renter groups, although only one day per month each. The Post has still been able to hold regular Legion meetings since July with the appropriate precautions regarding mask-wearing and social distancing in place.

I would like to bring to your attention a national program that has been active for the past few years and is getting a big boost this year from the Daughters of the American Revolution. I am referring to the "Wreaths Across America" program which will take place on December 19, 2020 at Sequim View Cemetery. On that date volunteers will distribute wreaths at the graves of all veterans who are buried at Sequim View. I encourage all Post 62 Legionnaires to consider volunteering and/or sponsoring a Wreath as described in the flyer printed on Page 2 of this newsletter. For Wreath sponsorship purchases please go to the Post 62 website (www.alpost62.com) and download the Wreath Sponsorship Form under the "News & Events > Events - 2020" menu. The Page 2 flyer has the contact info you need in order to get involved.

The Post is working on an activity to honor Veterans Day (Nov 11, 2020) and information will be presented in the calendar section on the home page of our website, as details become available.

Commander Paul Renick

Wreaths Across America, December 19, 2020

Honor our Veterans

Now: sponsor a wreath for \$15

Volunteer to help Dec. 19, 2020

**Sponsored by Michael Trebert Chapter,
Daughters of the American Revolution
and Wreaths Across America
for the first time on the Olympic Peninsula**

**For \$15.00, a live 21" Balsam Wreath will be placed
at Sequim View Cemetery on 12/19/2020. Find all
details to volunteer or sponsor by credit card at
www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/WA0153**

**Help us honor the 563 veterans buried at Sequim View Cemetery.
100 volunteers are needed!**



**To sponsor by check, mail to: MTC - DAR,
P.O. Box 1917; Port Angeles, WA 98362**

**To sponsor by cash: give to any Michael Trebert
Chapter Member.**

**Wreaths Across America Sequim Coordinator is MTC-DAR Member
Judy Tordini. Please email with any questions: jktrn@wildblue.net**

MTC-NSDAR is a 501 C (3) non-profit organization



Photo of Post 62 taken on July 4, 2020. This picture shows the Post's large flags on display in honor of the Fourth of July, 2020.

Many thanks to Carl Bradshaw and Ed Hako for helping to put out and recover the flags on that day.

CALENDAR

**Executive Board Meeting:
1st Monday @ 1:30 p.m.**

October 5, 2020
November 2, 2020
December 7, 2020
January 4, 2021

**American Legion Meeting:
2nd Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.**

October 8, 2020
November 12, 2020
December 10, 2020
January 14, 2021

Veterans Day (11/11/2020)
check website calendar
for details

Toys-For-Tots (Dec 2020)
check website calendar
for details

Wreaths Across America
December 19, 2020

REMEMBER

Until further notice, face masks/face coverings must be worn at all American Legion functions held inside the Post.

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

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1st Vice Commander:..... Carl Bradshaw
2nd Vice Commander:..... Michael Sieg
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 Ed Hako
Executive Board Member: 2 years James Owsley
Executive Board Member: 3 years Rod Lee