



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Jack Grennan Post No. 62

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October/November/December 2021
FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER

Greetings fellow Legionnaires:

The District 3, Fall Conference was held on September 24, 2021 at American Legion, Colin Hyde, Post 172 in Bainbridge Island. I attended that Conference and represented Post 62. The new District 3 Commander (Bob Theal) asked me to give presentations on two topics: Service Office activity in Clallam County and activity at Post 62.

I spoke before the Conference and described what has been going on this year at the Post 62 Service Office. Carl Bradshaw and I are still helping veterans with their claims although the numbers of veterans has dropped off sharply from what we saw before 2020. The Service Office works closely with the Clallam County Veterans Center (CCVC) in Port Angeles. CCVC has two part time County employees who are Service Officers and who help veterans with all types of veterans' benefits; Carl and I concentrate our efforts on service connected disability and pension claims. Carl and I still help veterans at the CCVC on most Wednesdays.

I described for the Conference what has been happening at Post 62 this year and who Jack Grennan was and why he is our Post's namesake.

National Vietnam War Veterans Day Ceremony was held at the CCVC on September 26, 2021; sponsored by the Clallam County Veterans Association and the Daughters of the American Revolution, Michael Trebert Chapter. Even though it was a rainy Sunday afternoon many members of the community were in attendance to honor those veterans who served their country during the Vietnam War.

There is some electrical work planned for Post 62 in the near future. This work includes installing motion sensitive light switches in the restrooms and the main meeting room. We also plan to convert all main meeting room and kitchen fluorescent lighting to LED lighting.

Commander Paul Renick

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

Autumn has arrived. The slower and relaxed season of summer is behind us. As we enter this new season our lives become busier and with more demands but we must not forget what this season offers us; a time of gratitude, honor and giving.

November 2nd Election Day

HONOR our freedom to vote. Voting to ensure our rights and freedoms are not compromised are more important now than ever. Exercise your freedom.

November 11th Veterans Day.

HONOR all Veterans who have served our country and our those still serving. A simple thank you or a handshake means so much and veterans never tire of hearing it.

November 25th Thanksgiving.

GRATITUDE for all we have and the freedoms we enjoy. Men and women on the front lines and all those who support them, including the families. Our freedoms, rights and way of life are to be celebrated.

December 7th Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Gratitude and Honor remembering those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

December 1st - 25th Christmas Season

GIVING and caring for those that need our help. Children, the elderly, ill and infirm and our veterans should never be forgotten. A small gift, a pair of shoes, pantry items and “time” are just a few ideas, the list is endless.

* **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 at 360-683-6419.

* **Toys for Tots Campaign** kicks off November 1 and runs through December 15. Collection boxes will be distributed throughout Port Angeles, Sequim and Forks. We will be accepting new unwrapped toys for ALL ages as well as cash donations. Contact Nancy Zimmermann: toys4tots.clallam@gmail.com or Eric Miner @ dkayandcasy@olypen.com.

* **Wreaths Across America** – The Michael Trebert Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is sponsoring a Patriotic Ceremony. Remembering our Fallen, honoring those who serve and teach our children the Value of Freedom. Over 1,000 wreaths will be placed on the gravestones and markers of Our Veterans. Please support this endeavor by sponsoring a \$15.00 live balsam wreath. Celebration is Saturday, December 18th 11:00am at Sequim View Cemetery. Contact: mtcwreaths@gmail.com.

POST EVERLASTING: Kenneth L. Martin, U.S. Army



Fall Conference at Post 172, Bainbridge Island, Sept 24, 2021



Vietnam Veterans Day at Veterans Center, PA, Sept 26, 2021



Photo taken on Sept 26, 2021 at the Veterans Center in Port Angeles at the Vietnam Veterans Day Ceremony.

The Ceremony was hosted by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Michael Trebert Chapter. Vietnam lapel pins were given to Vietnam Veterans/Vietnam Era Veterans in attendance.

CALENDAR

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

October 4, 2021,
November 1, 2021,
December 6, 2021,
January 3, 2022,
February 7, 2022,
March 7, 2022.

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

October 14, 2021,
November 11, 2021,
December 9, 2021,
January 13, 2022,
February 10, 2022,
March 10, 2022.

Meetings Notice

Until further notice, face masks or face coverings will be required for all in-person meetings at Post 62.

Veterans Day observance is currently in the planning stage at Post 62.

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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