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Greetings All:

Time flies when you're havin fun. I keep thinking I should send out a newsletter to keep many of you up to date. Months seem to fly by. We have been busy this year. Since 1 January 2016 the Post Honor Guard has conducted rifle team Military Honors at 46 Veterans' funerals (through the end of August). So far this year we Posted the Colors at Camping World in Meridian (a 40X80 flag) and Presented the Colors for the US Army Jazz Band from Ft Meade MD at the Morrison Center. We conducted ceremonies at the Middleton and Star cemeteries on Memorial Day. We placed and later removed flags from Veterans graves at the Middleton Cemetery. We Retired the Colors and Posted the Colors at the Boise Federal building. We also Posted the Colors at Veterans benefit car show at the Idaho Outlet mall in Boise, and conducted a 3 Volley and Taps at the Spirit of 45 ceremony for WWII Veterans, at the Idaho Veterans Cemetery.

This year Post members attended a lot of Middleton American Legion Baseball games. We Posted the Colors at the first home game and Retired the Colors after the final home game. We attended over 66 baseball games and collected admission funds, as well as recruiting and getting to know a lot of great folks. We also had the teams recite the Code of Conduct before each game and had them act appropriately during the National Anthem. A huge thank you goes to Richard Joswick for coordinating and attending all the games. We held a picnic and awards ceremony for the ball players and coaches at the end of the season. Thanks to Marv West for cooking the food. The Post also donated money to the Baseball teams again this year. We sent 2 boys to Boys State.

On Flag Day weekend, the Post held a flag disposal ceremony at the Middleton North fire station. The Middleton Fire Department assisted with the event. We burned over 100 flags, several were 20X30 flags from the Veterans Cemetery. The Post led both the Star and Middleton 4th of July parades and a week later led the Eagle Fun Days parade. On 1 July, the Post put up 90 flags at the Idaho Veterans Cemetery and took them down and folded them on 5 July. Several members attended the Veterans fishing day at Juniper Ranch. The Post also provided security for the Broke Down Bunch street fair and raffle this year. They donated \$2000.00 to the Post for the second year in a row.

We are starting a raffle to purchase wreaths for the Wreaths Across America program to put wreaths on all graves in Veterans cemeteries for the Christmas season. Tickets will be \$10.00. A Traeger grill will be one of the raffle items. Our raffle funds will go to support the program at the Idaho Veterans Cemetery. Tickets will soon be available.

The Post picnic was cancelled in June once again for extreme heat. We are trying again on 26 September at 1700 HRS. It will be at Juniper Ranch. It will be Pot luck, so make your best side dish. The Post is supplying burgers and dogs, buns and chicken tender BBQ. Bring your own drinks. No glass please. We would love to see some of you who don't make it to the meetings (last Monday of the month, Sunrise Café, 1900 HRS 1800 for no host dinner). 2017 dues are now payable (now \$40.00)

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