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Greetings All:

This will be my final newsletter to the Post. I am stepping down as your Commander effective 24 April, when new Post officers are sworn in. I have been proud to have served as an officer in Post 39 since it's inception in September 2008, first as Adjutant for 6 years, Honor Guard Commander for a year and for the past 2 years as your Commander. It has been my honor to have served with all of you. I am stepping down for health reasons, otherwise I would stand for re-election. I will continue to be active in the Post.

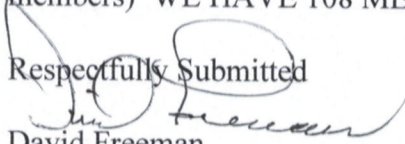
Elections are scheduled for the 27 March meeting. All officer positions are available at this time. The elected officers are the Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice-Commander, Chaplain, Historian and Sgt -at-Arms. Appointed officers are Service Officer, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate and 3 general members as Post Executive Committee members. These will be appointed by the incoming Commander. If you desire to stand for election as an officer of the Post, contact Mike Carpenter 914-3446 by 25 March to have your name placed on the ballot. Nominations will be accepted at the March meeting as write in candidates.

Since I last reported to you on 6 December, the Honor Guard has continued to be busy. We have participated in 15 Full Military Honors funerals (many hours freezing in cemeteries) and Posted the Colors at a retirement home in Caldwell as well as at the annual Idaho Insurers Underwriters convention at the Crystal Ballroom in Boise (which was attended by many Idaho legislators). We also unloaded wreaths at the Veterans Cemetery and on 17 December we participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony there, Posting the Colors, firing a 3 volley and sounding taps. Since the last newsletter the Honor Guard has received over \$ 2000.00 in donations for Honors. The Post gave \$300 for the Middleton High School Senior picnic BBQ pork.

On Pearl Harbor Day, Martin Luther King Day and Presidents Day we posted 34 flags in Star and Middleton in our flag program. The Middleton Christmas Parade was cancelled due to bad weather. On 29 December we held the Post meeting and Christmas dinner at the Adventure Plaza in Middleton. A great dinner was catered in by Dave and Judy Shively's granddaughter. Barb Polk provided hand made decorations for the tables. Many thanks to the Unit 39 Auxiliary for making the dinner a success. The Auxiliary has received their permanent charter and have incorporated. They are now fully operational. The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 39 is active and they are conducting monthly meetings

IF YOU STILL HAVE NOT PAID YOUR ANNUAL DUES, PLEASE PAY NOW (10 members) WE HAVE 108 MEMBERS AT THIS TIME

Respectfully Submitted


David Freeman
Commander

HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED AND THEIR FAMILIES