

VFW



Capitol City Post 63

Idaho's Largest VFW Post

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

VFW POST 63
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Comments From Post 63 Commander



Dear Comrades:

We have finally reached our goal. The Pavilion is almost ready to open. A couple of final touches and we will dedicate it on November 10 at noon. This will be in conjunction with the Johnsonville Meats Vet Party starting at 1 PM. Johnsonville is doing all the preparation and the food is free! Please come and see the new facility and enjoy some great food and camaraderie. At that time we will thank those responsible for making the Pavilion a reality. Hope to see you there.

Denny Neibaur
VFW Post 63 Commander



***JOIN US
FOR THE
VFW POST 63
PAVILION
DEDICATION***

***November 10, 2017
12:00pm
Free BBQ to Follow***



**Veterans
Dental Day
Friday, November 10th
9am till 3pm
Free Exam and Basic
Dental Services for veterans**

Provided by a veteran for veterans
Southwest Dental Associations
1201 S Five Mile Road
Boise, ID 83709
(208) 322-5655
Email: info@SouthwestDentalBoise.com



During a one-night count in 2010, the Department of Housing and Urban Development found more than 76,000 veterans were homeless in the U-S. For more than 20 years, the Veterans Administration and volunteers have tried to combat this problem with special events called Stand Downs. Held all over the country, Stand Downs offer food, clothes, medical care, and a helping hand to veterans struggling on the street. The Boise VA held its annual Stand Down Saturday, October 21st. Bobby Hilton, Jeff Hilton & Phil Johnson volunteer at this event.

**Comments From Post 63
Manager**



We had a super busy month here at the Post. Oct. 12-14 we helped assemble around 2,000 bagged lunches for all the volunteers at Gowen Field for the air show. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with making the turkey sandwiches and assembling the bagged lunches-Spike & Barb Amundson, Jeff Hilton, Denny Neibaur, Shirley Lambright, Phil & Regina Johnson, BreAnna Newman, Addie Lyke and Steve Helstowski. We had a great kids Halloween Party on Sat. Oct. 28 and all the kids that attended had a great time. Thanks to all the volunteers who made that possible for the kids.

November will be another busy month here at the Post. Keep your eyes open for weekly reminders of upcoming events. We were very fortunate to win out of 1600 entries. (Bratsgiving Contest sponsored by Johnsonville Brats) and on Nov. 10 Johnsonville and Albertsons will be at the Post to provide lunch 1-4pm following our ribbon cutting ceremony for our completed Pavilion at noon. We will be raffling off a Johnsonville specialty barbeque for cooking brats that day as well. Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50 and proceeds go to the Post.

Sat. Nov. 11 is the "Vets that Ride" event starting at 11am with food available for \$6 and lots of raffle items and live auction around 4pm. Hope to see everyone both days to help show your support for the Post!!!





Gerald Edward "Jerry" Browne
1932-2017

Gerald Edward "Jerry" Browne passed away unexpectedly on Oct 20th, 2017 in Ely, Nevada at the age of 84.

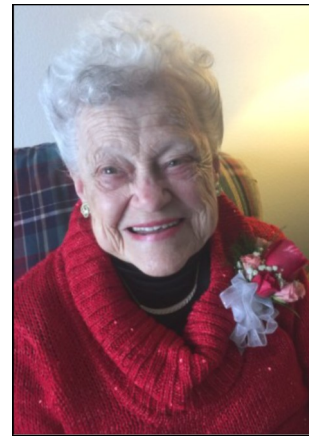
Jerry was born on Dec 31st, 1932 in Fallon, Nevada to parents William and Marion Browne. Soon after, the family moved to Rupert, Idaho where he spent the majority of his childhood. He graduated from Rupert High School in 1951. He began his long haul trucking career in 1956 driving for Ore-Ida Foods out of Ontario, Oregon. He later drove for Garrett Freight Lines in Pocatello and then moved to Boise to drive fuel tankers for P.I.E. He was working for Associated Foods in Boise when he officially retired in 1996.

After retirement, he and Shirley were able to spend more time fishing, camping and traveling the United States. They became snowbirds and spent winters in Lake Havasu and summers split between Island Park and Boise. They traveled extensively. Together they visited nearly all of the major national parks in the U.S. along with many historical sites and attractions. He especially enjoyed the battlefields, monuments and history of the Civil War. They made a pilgrimage to Graceland, stood on the Four Corners, looked out over the Grand Canyon and descended into the Carlsbad Caverns of New Mexico. Even in retirement, it seems, he couldn't stay off the road.

In his later years, he took up woodworking as a hobby and made many fine gifts for friends and family. He loved attending the Boise Hawks games, cheering on Boise State football, spending time with family and getting together with friends. He was a longtime member of the Elks Lodge, the Eagles and the VFW.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 51 years, Shirley; children Miles, Bud, Sheryl, Amber, David, Stephanie, and Troy. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild. He is preceded in death by his first wife Nyla; parents William and Marion; siblings Betty, Wilma, Lena, and Jay; and grandchild Ricky.

Jerry always said, "When I go, I don't want a bunch of people standing up talking about me. I want people raising a glass to celebrate my life". Following through on his wishes, there will be no public funeral. The family will have a celebration of his life at a later date.



Dorothy Mae Gornik
1922 ~ 2017

The world lost an amazing woman this week. Early Monday morning on October 16th, Dorothy Gornik, of Meridian, passed away in the comfort of her home with her one true love of nearly seventy three years at her side. She was caring, devoted, faithful, fun, strong, stubborn, hardworking and committed. She was the loyal wife of serviceman, William "Bill" Gornik, mother of two children, grandmother to three beautiful girls, and great-grandmother to seven.

On August 16, 1922, Dorothy Mae Bennett was born in Lorain, Ohio. She is the oldest of three children. She grew up with the Great Lakes outside her back door but, surprisingly, never learned to swim. Instead, she spent much of her free time with friends engaged in activities on the other side of the water. Shortly after graduating from high school she attended Oberland Business School in Oberland, Ohio. She was later hired as a secretary for Lake Terminal Railroad in Lorain.

For a brief moment, of what Bill says was no more than thirty seconds, the two were introduced while he was in Ohio with his uncle. It would be another eight years before he would see her again. On the 16th of February 1946 the two were married and began what can only be considered as the greatest adventure of a lifetime. Whether it was teaching kindergarten music, teaching caticism, attending the many activities her children were involved in or joining the many clubs they had for servicemen's wives Dorothy took advantage of the service life and always found ways to be involved with the new people and communities she met.

Probably most notable was her ability to play music. Aside from playing the accordion in a small high school band, Dorothy was a very talented piano player. It didn't matter where she was, the United States or Germany, she could be found playing the piano or the organ for church. Amazingly, she did this for more than forty years.

As active as Dorothy was throughout her life, taking advantage of opportunities in every season, she loved the beauty of autumn most of all. So, it should be as no surprise to those who loved her most, she has taken advantage of the beauty of this autumn season to remind them that beauty can be found, even in loss. As the wind carries the leaves from their homes high in the trees, those who knew and loved Dorothy should listen carefully as she plays them music to dance along the streets with the wind.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations be made to St. Ignatius Grade School.

VETS & THEIR TOYS



Randy Bell with his beautiful 1957 Chevy.

I have served over 32 years in the Army. In 1972, I enlisted and did Basic Training at Fort Ord, CA and AIT at Fort Knox, KY. In 1973, I reported to my first duty station in Baumholder, Germany. In early 1975, I received a compassionate reassignment to Yuma Proving Grounds in AZ. In Oct 1975, I ETS from the regular Army and returned to San Diego, CA, where I became employed as a heavy line/front end mechanic at Guaranty Chevrolet. In 1981, I joined the CA Army National Guard and was assigned to B Company 3rd Battalion 185th Armor. In 1985, I accepted an Active Guard Reserve (AGR) position with the M60A3 New Equipment Training Team (NETT) at Gowen Field, ID. In 1988, the program was renamed the Combat Vehicle Transition Training Team (CVTTT), which continued to upgrade the Army National Guard (ARNG) forces to the M1 tank. In 1993, the program provided training for the M1A1 rollover for the ARNG. In 1994, I graduated from Boise State University with a Bachelor of Applied Science. In 1995, I transferred to the Regional Training Site - Maintenance (RTS-M) as the Training Coordinator at Gowen Field. In 2002, I was reassigned to the First Sergeant position of B Company 145th Support Battalion. In 2004, our Battalion deployed to Kirkuk, Iraq, for Operation Iraq Freedom III. In 2006, after my return from deployment, I was assigned as the First Sergeant of D Company 145th Brigade Support Battalion. In 2007, I was reassigned back to RTS-M as Operations NCO/Chief Instructor. In July 2007, I retired and have been working as a civilian contractor for the past 10 years. I was employed in Iraq as a RG31 Maintenance Instructor with the Route Clearance Program. In Afghanistan, I was employed as the Site Lead/Maintenance Supervisor for the Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) program. Currently, I am in Iraq, employed as a New Equipment Training (NET) Instructor for the Iraq Contractor Logistical Support (CLS) program. I have been married for almost 37 years now to my patient and supportive wife and we are blessed with our two lovely daughters, our two wonderful son-in-laws, and our four beautiful grandchildren.

[Jason Lambright](#)

Former Army E-6 (Infantry)

12 September 2017

Surviving the Suck

When people want to kill you, it's hard not to hate them. Wars never truly end, the fighting might have stopped, and the powers that be can claim victory or defeat, but the war endures. Like a seed it plants itself in the hearts of people, blossoming into discontent, bias, hate, and continued violence. I received this lesson and many others, while serving in Afghanistan.

One of the easiest experiences to get consumed by is death. It can generate crippling depression, overwhelming anger, complete confusion, and every other emotion you can think of. Due to my exposure, death no longer has these effects on me. I experience emotions like everyone, but I accept what is. I embrace the lessons I received during a person's life, and their passing.

In this dangerous and unforgiving war I forged bonds that surpassed all others, and I experienced unconditional kindness and respect. In the Army we have a saying, "surviving the suck," which is the term we use to define shitty situations whether it be hard training events or deployment. When a group of people have this shared experience, most notably life and death, it creates a special bond. This connection between people is not limited to the military. All types of people who share what I dub a "triple E" (extremely emotional event) can generate this connection. Such as, people involved in the 2013 Boston Marathon, or a sports team winning their championship game. This bond is always having someone at your back, and you having theirs regardless of race, religion, or personal beliefs.

Even during war you can find some good. I remember being on patrol in a village where the locals hated us, a young boy and his father brought tea out for all of us. They weren't concerned about their neighbor's reactions, or receiving anything in return. They merely wanted to participate in an act of kindness.

My epiphany came to me on top of a mountain, smoking a cigarette just after taking sniper fire. Sitting down, I admired the view below. I could see the fields, the river, the surrounding mountain ranges, and most notably, the beams of light breaking through the clouds. It was one of the most

Due to the extreme exposure on both sides of the spectrum, I now take all experiences as a chance to become self-aware of my abilities and emotions. How you receive both positive and negative experiences, can ultimately teach you who you truly are. Don't allow fear to stop you from what needs to be done. Every new event, big or small, will help you grow, if you let it. It's important to allow your experiences to alter your perspective, don't let your perspective hinder your experiences. To learn from experiences, you have to keep yourself from being trapped by them.



DRESSES FOR AFRICA



On Saturday, November 4 over 40 seamstresses will gather at the Post to turn cute pillowcases into darling dresses in support of Little Dresses for Africa, a nonprofit founded in 2008 and headquartered in Michigan with a mission to provide relief to vulnerable children throughout Africa and the world. To date, the organization has provided clothing for thousands of children in over 47 countries...including the United States. Although their original focus was to provide dresses for young girls, Little Dresses now has embraced a new challenge to help provide schools, clean water and community centers in 12 villages in Malawi, Africa. The money raised from our raffle on November 4 will be directed to the clean water project. Last year there were Big Dinners in 83 cities throughout the world to raise funds and awareness for Little Dresses; this year it is very exciting that Boise is one of the Big Dinner sites, and that is due to the generosity of Post 63 in allowing us to use the Post to set up machines, sew as many dresses as we can, and then join together for dinner and conversation. Many more thank yous will follow, but this could not happen without the help of Garrett and Lisa, the hard working and always reliable volunteers in the bar and the kitchen, Donna and Al for getting the word out, and the wonderful group who have agreed to sew and those who have donated fabric (I know how hard it can be to part with even a yard.) If you happen to come by the Post on the 4th, be prepared for a lot of noise, a bit of confusion, and don't be surprised if you get a stitch in your side from laughter! For more information call Cindy Neibaur @ 208-830-3800.

9th Annual VETS THAT RIDE POKER RUN

November 11, 2017

Dice Run, Chili Feed, Live
Auction, Raffles, 50/50
Enter to Win a Miltac AR 15



Registration: 11:00am
Location: VFW Post 63
\$20.00 Single
\$30.00 Double

Members are invited to
come and join
the activities.

Chili Feed 4pm \$6.00
Raffle Items, Silent Auction

Over the past 9 years the
Vets That Ride
have donated over
\$80,000 to Post 63!!!!



Boise Veterans Day Parade

Honoring Those Who Served

Saluting the Rich Military History of Gowen Field

PARADE DAY & ROUTE

The 2017 parade is planned to start at **9:45 AM on Saturday, November 4th** in downtown Boise. A special opening ceremony will begin at 9:30 on the Idaho State Capital steps. PLEASE NOTE: The start time may change depending on television broadcast schedules. The parade route starts at 10th and Jefferson. It proceeds East on Jefferson to 4th Street, turns south on Bannock, and goes West to 11th Street.

BUDDY POPPY DAY



THE AUXILIARY WILL BE HAVING A
BUDDY POPPY DAY ON:

VETERANS DAY
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11th 2017

PLEASE HELP IN VOLUNTEERING FOR THIS EVENT

POST OFFICERS

Commander: Denny Neibaur
Sr. Vice Cmdr: Bill Heyob
Jr. Vice Cmdr: Vonnie Larsen
Quartermaster: Sid Mooney
Chaplin: Bill Roscoe
Adjutant: Garrett Newman
Judge Advocate: JD Bottger
Surgeon: Joe Mastalski
Service Officer: Bill Heyob
Sgt. Of Arms: Al Larson
3rd Year Trustee: Chris Volmer
2nd Year Trustee: Rich Schuler
1st Year Trustee: OJ Nabonne
Post Home Committee: Jim Mariman
Joe Mastalski
Bob Kimbell

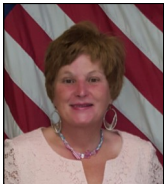
AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President: Tammie Hauger
Sr. Vice Pres: Lisa Newman
Jr. Vice Pres: Sarah Miller
Treasurer: Christine Mariman
Chaplain: Kirsten Allen
Secretary: Susan Moore
Guard: Rossitta Fleming
Conductress: Peggy Birkinbine
Community Service: Donna Larson
3rd Year Trustee: Donna Larson
2nd Year Trustee: Shirley Lambright
1st Year Trustee: Deanna Smith

POST CHAPLAINS



Bill Roscoe
Post
Chaplain
208-841-5078



Kirsten Allen
Auxiliary
Chaplain
208-321-8055

If you know of someone who is ill, in the hospital/rehab or has lost a love one, please contact one of our Chaplains at the number above or call the Post at:
208-424-8387



Rest In Peace
Dorothy Gornik
Jerry Browne



Welcome New Members
Edward Hill
Joshua Atkinson
Carl M. Morlock

**We are open to
the public**

**Patriotic and
Social Events
For Adults &
Families**

Hours:

Sun Closed
Mon Closed
Tues 2pm-8pm
Wed 2pm-8pm
Thur 2pm-8pm
Fri 2pm-8pm
Sat 12pm-6pm

LAST CALL—30 MIN BEFORE CLOSING

***Basic hours can be adjusted
or extended depending on events
that are happening.**



To schedule a party or event contact:
Garrett Newman
208-424-8387

Post & Auxiliary Meeting
Monday, November 13, 2017
7:00pm



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Dinner 5pm-8pm Dart League 7pm	2 Bridge Club 10:00am	3 Post Dinner 6-8pm LASAGNE Adults \$10 Children \$6	4 Sewing Party Dresses For Africa 2:30-7:30
5 POST CLOSED Daylight Savings Time Ends	6 POST CLOSED	7 Dinner 5pm-7pm Texas Holdem 6pm	8 Dinner 5pm-8pm Dart League 7pm	9 Iron Warriors 7pm	10 Pavilion Dedication 12:00pm Dental Day 9am-3pm	11 Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast 8-11am Vets that Ride 11am
12 POST CLOSED	13 POST CLOSED POST & AUXILIARY MTG. 7pm	14 Dinner 5pm-7pm Texas Holdem 6pm	15 Dinner 5pm-8pm Dart League 7pm	16 Vets Luncheon Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches Noon to 2pm \$5.00	17	18 Off The Menu Breakfast 8-11am Combat Vets 7pm
19 POST CLOSED	20 POST CLOSED	21 Dinner 5pm-7pm Texas Holdem 6pm	22 No Dart League Post will close at 8pm for the Holiday!	23 Post Closed Happy Thanksgiving	24	25
26 POST CLOSED	27 POST CLOSED	28 Dinner 5pm-7pm Texas Holdem 6pm	29 Dinner 5pm-8pm Dart League 7pm	30		