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Manuel Schneidmiller Post 154 Mission Statement

The American Legion Post 154 is a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness to support Veterans and the Community at large. We are committed to mentoring and sponsorship of youth programs, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members, veterans, and their families in our communities. Our success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. This organization belongs to the people it serves and the

Commander's Comments:

The first day of each month brings a reminder of the wonderful American Legion program Be The One. Spending just 90 minutes in training may help you save a veteran's life. Go here to register. <https://www.legion.org/advocacy/be-the-one> It is free to take the course!

December brings so much joy and happiness to many and to others sadness and despair. While spreading joy let's remember those that are suffering and see if each of us can reach out to help someone during this holiday season.

Imagine that you were making your holiday plans on December 1st 83 years ago. Then one week later on December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor was bombed, and the nation was plunged into war.

Fathers, sons, brothers, cousins, friends, sisters, daughters, and mothers were called on to defend the United States of America. The whole country pitched in to do their part to save America over the next 4 years. And for their sacrifice each of us owes them a debt of gratitude.

On December 14th our Post will participate in Wreaths Across America whose mission is:

- Honor and remember: Fallen service members
- Recognize sacrifice: Of the families of fallen service members
- Teach: The value of freedom to the next generation

It will be at Pinegrove Cemetery in Rathdrum at 9 am. Please plan to attend and bring your family and friends. Then help to place wreaths on Veterans graves in the cemetery.

Following Wreaths Across America will be the Post Christmas Party at Shephard of the Hills Lutheran Church at 13541 W Hwy 53. Doors open at 10:30 and dinner will be at 12:30 pm.

During December from all around the world people will be celebrating and offering greetings in their own language. Some examples are:

Spanish: Feliz Navidad for Merry Christmas and Felices fiestas for Happy Holidays

French: Joyeux Noël for Merry Christmas and Bonnes fêtes for Happy Holidays

German: Frohe Weihnachten for Merry Christmas and Frohe Feiertage for Happy Holidays

Italian: Buon Natale for Merry Christmas and Buone feste for Happy Holidays

Portuguese: Feliz Natal for Merry Christmas and Boas Festas for Happy Holidays

Norwegian: God jul for Merry Christmas and God ferie for Happy Holidays

Danish: Glædelig jul for Merry Christmas and Glædelig højtid for Happy Holidays

Turkish: Mutlu tatiller! or İyi tatiller! for Happy Holidays

Hebrew Hanukkah Sameach for Happy Hanukkah

Japanese: Omedeto for New Year and other happy occasions

And from me to you, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Bryan Bledsoe, American Legion Post 154 Commander



Chaplain's Pew:

PRAY THIS FOR STRENGTH

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for your steadfast presence and your mighty hand over my life. I am grateful for your consistent love and the promises in your Word, which give me hope and strength every day. Today, I ask for resilience in all areas of my life—my mind, health, relationships, work, finances, and purpose. Lord, I trust that you will grant me wisdom, knowledge, and understanding to face every challenge, and I thank you for positioning me for growth and purpose. Help me to see the infinite possibilities you have placed before me, and keep me aligned with your will in everything I do. Order my steps. Lord, and renew my heart so that I am prepared to receive your blessings and to stand firm through every trial. I thank you, Father, for the strength to persevere, for courage in times of difficulty, and for the resilience that carries me forward. I proclaim that your goodness surrounds me, and I receive it with gratitude. In Jesus' name, amen.



Submitted by Helen Kinder, Chaplain



Sick Call & Taps:

- Harold Markiewicz was hospitalized with a broken hip. Hopefully, he was discharged last Saturday as planned.
- Lew Allert is still struggling with his breathing issues.
- Sadly, Sharron McPhail lost her battle with cancer but died peacefully on November 2nd. Please keep Mike and the rest of the family in your thoughts and prayers.

The Humble Origins of 'Silent Night'

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Author: Sarah Eyerly, Assistant Professor of Musicology and Director of the Early Music Program, Florida State University

Over the centuries, hundreds of Christmas carols have been composed. Many fall quickly into obscurity.

Not "Silent Night."

Translated into at least 300 languages, designated by UNESCO as a treasured item of Intangible Cultural Heritage, and arranged in dozens of different musical styles, from heavy metal to gospel, "Silent Night" has become a perennial part of the Christmas soundscape.

Its origins – in a small Alpine town in the Austrian countryside – were far humbler.

I'm a musicologist who studies historical traditions of song, and the story of "Silent Night" and its meteoric rise to worldwide fame has always fascinated me.

Fallout from war and famine

The song's lyrics were originally written in German just after the end of the Napoleonic Wars by a young Austrian priest named Joseph Mohr.

In the fall of 1816, Mohr's congregation in the town of Mariapfarr was reeling. Twelve years of war had decimated the country's political and social infrastructure. Meanwhile, the previous year – one historians would later dub "The Year Without a Summer" – had been catastrophically cold.

The eruption of Indonesia's Mount Tambora in 1815 had caused widespread climate change throughout Europe. Volcanic ash in the atmosphere caused almost continuous storms – even snow – in the midst of summer. Crops failed and there was widespread famine.

Mohr's congregation was poverty-stricken, hungry and traumatized. So he crafted a set of six poetic verses to convey hope that there was still a God who cared.

"Silent night," the German version states, "today all the power of fatherly love is poured out, and Jesus as brother embraces the peoples of the world."

A fruitful collaboration

Mohr, a gifted violinist and guitarist, could have probably composed the music for his poem. But instead, he sought help from a friend.

In 1817, Mohr transferred to the parish of St. Nicholas in the town of Oberndorf, just south of Salzburg. There, he asked his friend Franz Xaver Gruber, a local schoolteacher and organist, to write the music for the six verses.

On Christmas Eve, 1818, the two friends sang "Silent Night" together for the first time in front of Mohr's congregation, with Mohr playing his guitar.

The song was apparently well-received by Mohr's parishioners, most of whom worked as boat-builders and shippers in the salt trade that was central to the economy of the region.

The melody and harmonization of "Silent Night" is actually based on an Italian musical style called the "siciliana" that mimics the sound of water and rolling waves: two large rhythmic beats, split into three parts each.

In this way, Gruber's music reflected the daily soundscape of Mohr's congregation, who lived and worked along the Salzach River.

'Silent Night' goes global

But in order to become a worldwide phenomenon, "Silent Night" would need to resonate far beyond Oberndorf.

According to a document written by Gruber in 1854, the song first became popular in the nearby Zillertal valley. From there, two traveling families of folk singers, the Strassers and the Rainers, included the tune in their shows. The song then became popular across Europe, and eventually in America, where the Rainers sang it on Wall Street in 1839.

At the same time, German-speaking missionaries spread the song from Tibet to Alaska and translated it into local languages. By the mid-19th century, "Silent Night" had even made its way to subarctic Inuit communities along the Labrador coast, where it was translated into Inuktitut as "Unuak Opinak."

The lyrics of "Silent Night" have always carried an important message for Christmas Eve observances in churches around the world. But the song's lilting melody and peaceful lyrics also reminds us of a universal sense of grace that transcends Christianity and unites people across cultures and faiths.

Perhaps at no time in the song's history was this message more important than during the Christmas Truce of 1914, when, at the height of World War I, German and British soldiers on the front lines in Flanders laid down their weapons on Christmas Eve and together sang "Silent Night."

The song's fundamental message of peace, even in the midst of suffering, has bridged cultures and generations. Great songs do this. They speak of hope in hard times and of beauty that arises from pain; they offer comfort and solace; and they are inherently human and infinitely adaptable.

"Silent Night"



Dutch violinist André Rieu performs 'Silent Night.'

Service Officer:

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TRICARE:

In January, Tricare will be switching contractors from Health Net Federal Services to TriWest Healthcare Alliance and absorbing 6 new states into the West region. You may need to update your payment information by December 31st to avoid involuntary disenrollment. Find out more here: [Update Your Payment Information](#)

It is currently Tricare Open Season from November 11th - December 10th. If you qualify for Tricare Prime, Select or the US Family Health Plan, this is your opportunity to switch plans or make changes outside of a qualifying life event. You may find a plan comparison tool here: [Tricare Plan Comparison Tool](#)

The US Family Health Plan is a Tricare Prime option now available in most of western WA/OR, most of Eastern WA and North Idaho with plans to expand into the Moscow area. It is a managed healthcare option that utilizes a pool of PacMed doctors, making Tricare Prime available outside of the normal Prime radius. I am happy to connect anyone who has questions about this newer program with the regional rep Erika Lamar.

****Open Season DOES NOT APPLY to those enrolled in Tricare for Life (those who have Medicare Part A and B).**

For more information about Tricare Open Season please check out this article: [Tricare Open Season](#)

FEDVIP:

It is also Open Season for FEDVIP – the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program from November 11th – December 9th. As a retiree of the uniformed services, you and your family are eligible to enroll in a Dental and/or Vision plan.

You may visit www.Benefeds.gov to check your eligibility, shop/compare plans and to enroll.

Benefeds will be hosting a Virtual Benefits Fair through the duration of open season. Register here:

[FEDVIP Virtual Benefits Fair](#)

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions!

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Training Officer:

I don't have anything for Legion training, but I wanted to say Merry Christmas to all especially those that can't be home with their families. I found this poem and thought it was fitting. Please share so everyone understands what it takes to serve this fantastic nation. - Dee Sasse, Training Officer

Serving During Christmas

The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light,
I gazed round the room and I cherished the sight.

My wife was asleep, her head on my chest,
My daughter beside me, angelic in rest.

Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white,
Transforming the yard to a winter delight.

The sparkling lights in the tree I believe,
Completed the magic that was Christmas Eve.

My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep,
Secure and surrounded by love I would sleep.
In perfect contentment, or so it would seem,
So I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.

The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near,
But I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear.


Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know,
Then the sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow.

My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear,
And I crept to the door just to see who was near.
Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night,
A lone figure stood, his face weary and tight.

A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old,
Perhaps a Marine, huddled here in the cold.
Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled
Standing watch over me, and my wife and my child.

"What are you doing?" I asked without fear,
"Come in this moment, it's freezing out here!
Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve,
You should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!"

For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift,
Away from the cold and the snow blown in drifts..
To the window that danced with a warm fire's light
Then he sighed and he said "Its really all right,
I'm out here by choice. I'm here every night."



“It’s my duty to stand at the front of the line,
That separates you from the darkest of times.
No one had to ask or beg or implore me,
I’m proud to stand here like my fathers before me.
My Gramps died at ‘ Pearl on a day in December,”
Then he sighed, “That’s a Christmas ‘Gram always remembers.”

My dad stood his watch in the jungles of ‘ Nam ‘,
And now it is my turn and so, here I am..
I’ve not seen my own son in more than a while,
But my wife sends me pictures, he’s sure got her smile.

Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag,
The red, white, and blue... an American flag.
I can live through the cold and the being alone,
Away from my family, my house and my home.

I can stand at my post through the rain and the sleet,
I can sleep in a foxhole with little to eat.
I can carry the weight of killing another,
Or lay down my life with my sister and brother...

Who stand at the front against any and all,
To ensure for all time that this flag will not fall.”
“So go back inside,” he said, “harbor no fright,
Your family is waiting and I’ll be all right.”

“But isn’t there something I can do, at the least,
“Give you money,” I asked, “or prepare you a feast?
It seems all too little for all that you’ve done,
For being away from your wife and your son.”

Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret,
“Just tell us you love us, and never forget.
To fight for our rights back at home while we’re gone,
To stand your own watch, no matter how long.

For when we come home, either standing or dead,
To know you remember we fought and we bled.
Is payment enough, and with that we will trust,
That we mattered to you as you mattered to us.”

Author Unknown

Post 154 Honor Guard:

Our Honor Guard is very active. They march in parades, present the colors at ceremonies, and most importantly, provide a rifle salute to honor Veterans at their funerals. However, more members are always needed to serve in this capacity. If you are interested in participating in this very fulfilling activity, contact Todd Halvorson at keltod11@gmail.com or by phone at 509-953-0885.

In October the Honor Guard performed funeral honors for 5 Army veterans, 2 Navy, and 1 Air Force. they also posted colors at the National Guard Armory Fall Festival. These activities required 47 Honor Guard members, 243 hours, and 1064 miles.



Did you know...?

Understand QR code scams

QR codes are versatile for quickly sharing information, but they can also be used by scammers looking to steal your private data. Learn how to protect yourself and loved ones from potential QR code scams.

[LEARN HOW TO AVOID THE SCAMS](#)

Mark Your Calendar:

- ✂ December 1st - Bifocals At The Monitor Liberation Day
- ✂ December 2nd - Cyber Monday
- ✂ December 3rd – National Day of Giving
- ✂ December 7th – National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- ✂ December 13th – National Guard Birthday
- ✂ December 14th – National Wreaths Across America Day
- ✂ December 14th - Post 154 Christmas party - See flyer on page 11
- ✂ December 15th - Bill of Rights Day
- ✂ December 21st. - Winter Solstice
- ✂ December 24th – Christmas Eve
- ✂ December 25th – Christmas Day
- ✂ December 25th – January 2nd – Chanukah
- ✂ December 31st – New Year’s Eve



A Healthier You: Insomnia is a condition many of us can relate to. Here are some techniques to help.

Relaxation Methods for Insomnia

Life can be hectic. It may be hard for the mind and body to wind down prior to sleep. When you have insomnia, just going to bed can make you feel tense or anxious. In order to fall asleep, you need a quiet mind and a quiet body. Luckily there are methods to help you relax at bedtime. They can help you feel more calm and less tense, and let sleep take its natural course.

Relaxation methods cause physical changes in the body. They can slow the heart rate and breathing rate, and lower blood pressure. They can help lower stress hormones. They can also help calm a person's thoughts and feelings. These changes can make it easier for you to feel ready for sleep. Go [HERE](#) to read more.



Bits & Pieces

- ✂ **A New Building for Newby-ginnings!** Help us make the move! **Theresa Hart**, founder of Newby-ginnings, is starting a capital campaign to buy a building to expand, provide more space for our clients, and for storage, and to provide offices for community partners who can then offer services for veterans, Gold Star families, and active military. See page 15 for more details
- ✂ **Prepare for VA's Secure sign-in Changes**
Starting in 2025, you'll need to use a Login.gov or ID.me account to sign in to manage your VA health and benefits online. After January 31, 2025, we'll remove the option to sign in with a My HealtheVet user ID and password. You'll still be able to use your My HealtheVet health portal—you'll just need to sign in using a Login.gov or ID.me account. Create your account and log in using it today so you're all set before January 31. [LEARN HOW TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT](#)
- ✂ **Fulfilling the Dreams of Terminally Ill Veterans**
The Dreams for Veterans program honors the service of Veterans, service members and their families by fulfilling their final dream, providing them, their families and caregivers inspiration, comfort and closure at the end of life. Find out more how Dreams for Veterans can help you or someone you know. [ABOUT THE DREAMS FOR VETERANS PROGRAM](#)
- ✂ **How long does it take** to get disposition after filing a claim and getting approved for conditions covered under the PACT Act? [Answers here >](#)
- ✂ **I am a 100% disabled retired Veteran.** Does the VA have a program or consideration for a Veteran with no family or friends? [Answers here >](#)
- ✂ **Expanding access to glaucoma care** with innovative telehealth. Ensuring Veterans receive specialized care locally. Find the information [HERE](#).
- ✂ **Also, please remember to send your volunteer hours** to Lonnie Morse so he can compile them. These include hours devoted to Veterans, Youth, Honor Guard and Community. His email address is: lionlonnie@gmail.com or you can just hand them to him at a meeting.

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By JACK EVENSIZER
Contributing Writer

Editor's note: This column was first published in 2011 as a tribute to Theresa Hart, whose son Nicholas Newby was killed that year by a roadside bomb in Baghdad. In 2013, Theresa Hart founded Newby-ginnings, a Kootenai County nonprofit that serves veterans, active military and Gold Star families by providing basic necessities, resources, support, referrals and essential household and personal items.
I'll be home for Christmas.

Whether you have spent time stateside or in hostile fire zones, the loneliness and thoughts of home prevail, surrounded by comrades in arms, relating stories of Christmas festivities with family and friends. There are 24 million veterans in America and some 15,000 live right here. It's a good bet to say that virtually all of them have missed holidays, birthdays, and other special occasions at home while defending our country. Many have spent Christmas in combat zones. Just ask soldiers of our 116th CAV who returned from Iraq, some for their second deployment, and Hayden's 455th Engineer Company how lonely it is without family at this time of year. And don't forget about the freezing foxholes in the Korean War and "The Battle of the Bulge," the German incursion into Allied lines, from Dec. 16, 1944, to Jan. 25, 1945. By Dec. 21, the Germans surrounded the Belgian town of Bastogne, defended by our 101st Airborne, who were short on food, ammo, and medical supplies. The German commander, Heinrich Freiherr von Luttwitz, demanded surrender. General Anthony McAuliffe, commander of the 101st, sent the reply "NUTS," the morale booster that must be explained to the Germans and non-American Allies.

On Christmas day, Hitler's XLVII Panzer Corps launched an assault on individual positions on the perimeter of the 101st but was defeated and tanks destroyed. Soldiers on both sides surely remember that Christmas!

With the holiday season upon us, thoughts turn to celebrations with family and friends. For families whose troopers have returned, the empty chair at the Thanksgiving table is filled with the loved one missed last year. The Christmas tree is trimmed, and all the presents are opened with a joyous celebration that their soldier has returned. For families with troopers still in harm's way, holiday wishes will be with them.

With Shakespearean conjecture, as our returning heroes celebrate homecomings and holidays with family and friends, our thoughts turn to those who gave it all, serving proudly and doing their duty to their country. For those who gave it all. Sergeant Nathan Beyers, Specialist Nicolas Newby, Specialist Carrie French, Specialist Timothy Kiser, of Idaho's 116th CAV, Staff Sergeant Coby Schwab, and Corporal Kelly Grothe of Hayden's 455th Engineers, their families cherish and remember their loved ones during the holiday season.

The 116th was stationed at Camp Victory, Iraq, in 2011, where Specialist Favian Cambigue of Coeur d'Alene was a member of the Quick Reaction Force. His team was called to action when an IED (Improvised Explosive Device) was detonated at the front gate. Cambigue found friends injured in the explosion that ravaged the HUMVEE occupied by Sergeant Nathan Beyers, Specialist Nicolas Newby, and Staff

Sergeant Jason Rzepa. The blast killed Beyers and Newby. Rzepa was the gunner in the turret, and the upwards blast severely damaged his legs, and his lower legs had to be amputated.

Cambigue's lament was evident while recounting the events. Family notification for the Beyers family was the arduous duty of Captain Steve Keeton, the former Company Commander for Beyers and Newby.

From distant lands, a Christmas song will be in the hearts of our troopers, steadfastly doing their duty:
(Cont. below)

*I'll be home for
Christmas
You can count on me
Please have snow and mistletoe
And presents under the tree.
Christmas Eve will find me
Where the love light beams
I'll be home for
Christmas
If only in my dreams*



Merry Christmas, everybody!

Jack Evensizer resides in Dalton Gardens and is a veteran of the U.S. Army Infantry.

2025, 2026, & 2027 THREE YEAR RENEWALS

July 1st began the early membership renewal period for 2025. Dues have increased to \$50.00 per year beginning with the 2025 year.

You may still receive the three years offer for 2025, 2026, and 2027 at the rate of \$150.00. There are no savings on this, but you should not receive any renewal notices from National until July of 2027 for 2028. And I will not be bugging you for dues. (probably the best reward) This will remain in effect until the National or Department decides to increase dues again. The three-year renewal can only be completed online, at legion.org/renew, as we cannot do this through the Post.

All dues need to be paid by December 31, in order to remain on active status. Call or email me if you have any questions regarding this.

Bill Kinder Post 154, Membership Chairman

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Who says Time doesn't fly by? ONLY 25 days till Christmas. Have you got all your shopping done??? 2025 will soon be upon us, and we still have quite a few people (38) who have yet to renew before December 31st. Our total paid membership is at 101 (74.26%) We still have a way to go, so let's keep after it. Let's focus on getting your dues in soon. Keep in mind, all unpaid dues after January 1, 2025, are delinquent and if not paid by February 1, 2025, they are considered expired.

The easiest way to pay dues for 2025 is to go online at legion.org/renew. This only takes a couple of minutes. You can also send your check to

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A big thank you to all Post 154 members for your membership support.

Wishing you and your families, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Bill Kinder, Membership Chairman

POST 164

CHRISTMAS PARTY & POTLUCK

**Saturday, December 14th, 2024
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
13541 W. Highway 53 Rathdrum**

*If you are bringing a child,
you can bring a labeled gift
for Santa to deliver.*

We have the Fellowship Hall and kitchen
from 10:00 am. - 4:00 p.m.
We will eat at 12:30

**The Post is providing ham, water, coffee, cups,
plates, napkins & plasticware**

**Please bring your favorite holiday dish to share,
main dish, salad, side, dessert, rolls/butter**

**Please RSVP By December 1st to let us know
what dish you will bring & how many people
will be attending in your party.**

**E-mail to: Sue Fevold at
Schoolmarm66@hotmail.com
Cell phone or text: (208) 916-5149**

CUSTOMS OF MILITARY FUNERALS

Draping the casket with the national flag

This custom began during the Napoleonic Wars (1796-1815). The dead were covered with flags and carried from the field of battle on a caisson. When the U.S. flag covers the casket, it is placed so the union blue field is at the head and over the left shoulder. It is not placed in the grave and is not allowed to touch the ground.

Flags

Flags are provided for burial services of service members and veterans. The flag for one who dies on active duty is provided by one's branch of service. Flags for other veterans are provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The flag is presented to the next of kin at the end of the funeral. If there is no next of kin present, the flag may be presented to another family representative or a close friend of the veteran.

Firing cannon salutes

The custom of firing cannon salutes originated in the British Navy. When a cannon was fired, it partially disarmed the ship. Therefore, firing a cannon in salute symbolizes respect and trust.

Firing three rifle volleys over the grave

Military funeral honors may include the firing of three rifle volleys over the grave during interment. The president of the United States, as commander-in-chief of the country's armed forces, is authorized this honor. The firing of three volleys over the grave of a fallen warrior has its origin in the old custom of halting the fighting to remove the dead from the battlefield.

Once the dead were removed, three-musket volleys were fired as a signal that the battle could resume. A firing party of seven service members traditionally fires the volleys. The fact that a firing party might consist of seven service members firing three volleys does not constitute a 21-gun salute.

It has also been suggested that the custom may have deeper roots. In Roman customs, mourners would cast dirt on the coffin three times, and this constituted a burial. They would also call the deceased by name three times and upon departure say farewell three times.

21-gun salute

All personal salutes may be traced to the prevailing use in earlier days to ensure that the saluter placed himself in an unarmed position. Salute by gunfire is a most-ancient ceremony. The British compelled weaker nations to make the first salute, but in time international practice compelled "Gun for Gun" in the principle of an equality of nations.

In the earliest days, seven guns was a recognized British National Salute. Those early regulations stated that, although a ship could fire only seven guns, the forts could fire for honors three shots to one shot afloat. In that day powder of sodium nitrate was easier to keep on shore than at sea. In time, when the quality of gun powder improved by the use of potassium nitrate, the sea salute was made equal to the shore salute - 21 guns as the highest national honor. Although for a period of time, monarchies received more gun than republics, eventually republics claimed equality. Beginning in our colonial period, the United States fired one shot for each state in the Union. This was continued until 1841 when it was reduced to 21 from 26. Although it was in use for more than 30 years, the 21-gun salute was not formally adopted until Aug. 18, 1875. This was at the suggestion of the British, who proposed a "Gun for Gun Return" to their own 21-gun salute. Today, the 21-gun salute is an internationally recognized honor rendered to heads-of-state.

'Taps'

"Taps" is an American call, composed by the Union Army's Brig. Gen. Daniel Butterfield while in camp at Harrison's Landing, Va., in 1862. Butterfield wrote the call to replace the earlier "Tattoo" (lights out), which he thought too formal. The call soon became known as "Taps," because it was often tapped out on a drum in the absence of a bugler. Before the year was out, sounding Taps became the practice in Northern and Southern camps. The call was officially adopted by the U.S. Army in 1874. Col. James A. Moss, in his Officer's Manual first published in 1911, gives this account of the initial use of Taps at a military funeral: "During the Peninsular Campaign in 1862, a soldier of Tidball's Battery A of the 2nd Artillery was buried at a time when the battery occupied an advanced position concealed in the woods. It was unsafe to fire the customary three volleys over the grave, on account of the proximity of the enemy, and it occurred to Capt. Tidball that the sounding of Taps would be the most appropriate ceremony that could be substituted. The custom, thus originated, was taken up throughout the Army of the Potomac and finally confirmed by orders."

This info was gathered from the manual Drill and Ceremonies.

A New Building for Newby-ginnings! Help us make the move!

Be a part of something truly transformative for our community!



+Since our first official day of business on October 15, 2013, we've been privileged to serve over **6,500 Veterans, Active Service members, and Gold Star families**. What began in my dining room as a small, grassroots effort to meet the basic needs of those who have sacrificed so much for our country has grown into a lifeline for families in need. Every day, between **175 and 200 clients** visit our facility, and they leave with not only food and essentials but a sense of dignity and

hope. This is all made possible because of supporters like you.

However, as our program continues to expand, we have reached a tipping point. Our current facility, which we've called home since 2016, is bursting at the seams. While we are incredibly grateful for the outpouring of support from our donors and volunteers, our physical space is no longer able to accommodate the growing demand for our services.

To meet this need, we are launching a **Capital Campaign** to purchase a new, larger facility that will enable us to better serve our community and continue providing essential services for free to those who need them most. With your help, we can create a space that offers:

- **More room for clients:** We can eliminate wait times and provide a more comfortable environment for those who rely on us each week.
- **Expanded storage:** A new space will allow us to organize donations more efficiently and ensure that we don't have to turn away vital contributions.
- **Additional services:** With more room, we are exploring the concept of a Veteran Community Center, a space where community partners can provide onsite services to meet the diverse needs of our Veterans, Active Service Members and Gold Star families.

Our vision is clear: to provide a larger, more welcoming space where our families can receive not only the essentials but also the respect and dignity they deserve. And this vision can only become a reality with your continued support.

We need your help in bringing this vision to life. Your tax-deductible donation will make an immense impact on our ability to expand and improve the services we provide. Whether you choose to contribute a one-time gift, pledge a monthly donation, or become a corporate sponsor, every dollar counts. Together, we can create a future where our heroes have the space and resources they need to thrive.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our mission. With your help, we can continue making a difference in the lives of those who have served and sacrificed so much for our freedom. We look forward to partnering with you on this next logical step of our journey.

With Gratitude,

Theresa Hart

Founder/Executive Director

Newby-ginnings of North Idaho, Inc.

Mother of SPC Nicholas Newby

KIA Baghdad, Iraq 7-7-11

PS Share our campaign with your friends, family, and colleagues to help us reach more people who care about supporting our military families. Editor's Note: Go [HERE](#) for more information or to donate.

WORLD WAR II NAVY NURSE



Over 293,000 sailors received basic training at Farragut Naval Training Station during WWII (located 19 miles north of CDA), from 1942 to 1946, Farragut Naval Training Station was the second largest training base in the United States.

600 U.S. Navy Nurses stationed at FNTC were a vital part of maintaining the health and welfare of those recruits. This Statue honors those women who served our troops during and after the War.

We are seeking organizations, individuals and businesses who would like to be a part of this historic monument by making a tax-deductible donation to the City of Coeur d'Alene to have this Statue cast in Bronze. Donors' names will be inscribed on a plaque. The total amount needed \$65,000.

For details, contact Terry Lee at 208-659-4182

Once completed, the WWII Navy Nurse will be installed at the Veteran's Memorial at McEuen Park, CDA