

Dear Comrades:

The American Legion and Auxiliary, Art Semro Post and Unit #28, Ephrata, WA. are proud to be hosting the International Gavel Passing on August 2, 3, & 4, 2013 at our Post Home, 276 8th Avenue NW.

The Post Home sits on approximately 2 ½ acres. It includes a 6,400 square foot building with a full kitchen, 2 meeting rooms, a banquet room (that can easily seat 150 people) and a lounge that can seat another fifty to sixty people. And for those who are wondering, yes the entire facility is air-conditioned.

We have an enclosed and air-conditioned smoking room that can seat 20-30 people. A short distance from the building is a 30 X 30 foot Gazebo with a built-in gas BBQ. I've personally witnessed whole pigs cooked over this fire. Thirty to forty people can enjoy the shade of the Gazebo at any one time. Twice a month, for the past several years, our members have been cooking steaks over a charcoal fire. Our steak feed alone is worth the trip to Ephrata!

For those of you with RV's we have 6 RV spaces with water and power, we also have a dump station. There is a large paved parking lot, which can easily hold 50 cars. There's also enough space to park another 10 to 15 RV's, for those who don't mind dry camping. As per Gavel Rules, spaces are on a first come first serve basis.

Anyone for pitching horseshoes? We have 6 regulation pits. Although we try, we haven't been able to control the weather; but, we guarantee a good time for anyone willing to face an August weekend in Ephrata.

We're planning a Golf Tournament, Friday and Saturday, at Oasis Park; it's a par 3 course with plenty of shade.

Registration will be open Thursday, August 1st from 5pm to 8pm, Friday August 2nd from 11 am to 9pm, and on Saturday, August 3rd from 8am to noon. After noon on Saturday the registration volunteers will be available on an "as needed" basis; this will enable them to participate more fully in the days activities.

Registration fee is \$30 (half off for pre-registered Queen and King Contestants).

The pre-registration deadline is July 15, 2013. Late registration fee is \$40.

Registration fee includes lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

The \$1 required for the Friendship Marker maintenance fund will come out of the registration fee and will automatically give you a chance for the honor of displaying "Mike Boscott's Vest" until the next Gavel Passing.

There will be a steak dinner on Friday night at the cost of \$12 per person. We ask that you include the cost of this meal in your reservation and indicate such on the form.

Please make checks payable to: Art Semro Post 28, Gavel Passing.

A tentative schedule is enclosed. We've also enclosed a list of Motels and RV Parks in the area. Please note that Soap Lake is only 4 miles North of Ephrata. We recommend you make your reservations early. Due to the concerts in the Gorge at George the accommodations in the area start to fill up March / April timeframe. Remember the "Rules"; the RV spaces at the post are on a first come first serve basis. NO RESERVATIONS, NO EXCEPTIONS

Please be sure to note on your registration if you are an Officer of Post/Unit/Branch, District/Zone, or other dignitary which protocol dictates should be recognized. Queen & King candidates as well as skits are encouraged from all Branches and Posts/Units; please indicate your participation on the registration

Gavel Passing 2013 Tentative Schedule

As of 7-26-12

Military Theme

American Legion Post Home, 276 8th Ave NW Ephrata, WA

If difference between American & Canadian money is within \$.05, won't have Money Changer.

Thursday August 1st at the Post

Registration 5 – 8pm
Meet & Greet 5 – ???

Friday August 2nd FOR SHUTTLE CALL POST @ (509)754-2761

Post opens 8am Coffee & Donuts
Golf Tournament 8am Tee Off \$15 per \$18 holes
Grant County Museum Tours 10am – 4pm
Registration 11am – 9pm *maybe later*
POST Steak Dinner 5 – 8pm \$12.00(US) each *Maybe a comedy act during dinner*
Cool Waters Band 8pm – 11pm

Saturday August 3rd SHUTTLE AVAILABLE

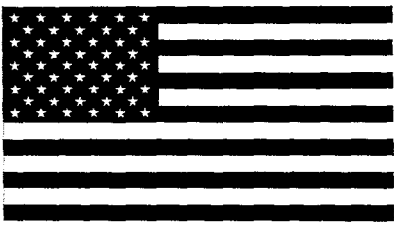
Golf Tournament 8am Tee Off \$15 per \$18 holes *Can play again - just pay again*
Post opens 8am Coffee & Donuts, etc.
Registration 9am – noon *but available if needed*
Recon Patrol morning *actually can start this as soon as you get your list with registration – we encourage it*
Lunch 11:30am – 2pm (free with registration)
Pin Exchange 11:30am – 1:30pm
Field Exercises (games) 1:30 – 3pm *ish*
Auction 3 – 5pm
Dinner 6pm (free w/reg.) *start with POW/MIA Ceremony*
Recon Patrol drawings will begin during dinner and continue until all prizes awarded
Remember, lists must be complete to be eligible of a prize.
Queen & King Contests 7pm – 9pm
Entertainment/ *Karaoke by Tony* 9pm *ish* – 11pm *ish*

Sunday August 4th SHUTTLES AVAILABLE

Breakfast 7 – 9am (free with registration)
Parade form up at Legion Post 9:30am
Parade / Gavel Ceremony 10am
Gavel Passing Meeting immediately after ceremony *approx 11am*
Lunch 12:30pm (free with registration)

SOCIALIZING AT THE POST AFTER LUNCH TILL WHENEVER

Monday August 5th Post will open at 9am with Coffee & Donuts



INTERNATIONAL GAVEL PASSING August 2, 3, 4, 2013

Name: _____

Phone _____

Address _____

e-mail address _____

Branch or Post/Unit (# & city) _____

If you are a current (2013) Officer of Provincial / Department or Zone /District please list it.

Registration Fee - \$30 Steak Dinner - \$12

LATE REGISTRATION after July 15, 2013 - increased by \$10 to \$40

Number registering _____ X registration fee _____ = total registration _____

Number for Friday night steak dinner _____ X \$12.00 = _____

Total Check amount _____

___ Yes, our Branch/Post/Unit will be doing a "skit".

List Branch/Post/Unit name and # _____

___ Yes, I'm interested in participating in the "Field Exercises" (Olympics)

___ Yes, I will be a Queen Contestant. Please be sure to bring your costume.

___ Yes, I will be a King Contestant. Please be sure to bring your costume.

___ Yes, I/we will be bringing some thing(s) to put in the auction.

We will be prepared to give you the value of the item(s).

___ Yes, I'm interested in the Golf Tournament Friday, Saturday or both? _____