

More Than a Meeting Hall

How Kendrick's Baker-Lind VFW Post 3913 Continues Serving our Veterans and the Community

For nearly 80 years, the Baker-Lind VFW Post 3913 in Kendrick, Idaho has stood as more than just a building on B Street. It has served as a gathering place for veterans, a support system for military families, a center for community events, and a reminder that service to one's country does not end once the uniform comes off.

Officially chartered in 1947 following World War II, the Post was named in honor of local fallen service members whose sacrifice helped shape the freedoms Americans enjoy today. Since then, generations of veterans from conflicts spanning World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq, Afghanistan, and beyond have continued carrying that legacy forward right here at home.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars itself traces back to 1899, when returning veterans from the Spanish-American War and Philippine Insurrection found themselves struggling for medical care, pensions, and support. Over the next 125 years, the VFW became one of our nation's most influential veterans organizations, helping secure critical legislation including: the GI Bill, expanded veterans healthcare programs, disability advocacy, and support systems still used by millions of veterans today.



In small communities like Troy, Kendrick, and Deary, the impact is often more personal.

Joe Groves of the Baker-Lind Post continues his involvement with VFW youth writing competitions, like Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy. Joe enjoys educating schools on VFW scholarship opportunities. Local high school student, Robert Burch IV of Troy, Idaho went on to win 2nd place in the state for the Post's Patriot's Pen 2025/26 essay contest. From Veteran's Day and Memorial Day ceremonies, to supporting local events like the Locust Blossom Festival and many community small town days parades, post 3913 has its place in the hearts of many.

Their work in our area isn't only about vets. 3913 participates annually in the Deary Community Craft Fair, Maintains portions highway for cleanup along the Kendrick Grade. The Post even opened its doors to support a local church in need.



Maintaining a historic community building comes with challenges.

The Post building is currently in need of repairs and improvements to allow the VFW to continue serving veterans, and providing an affordable rental space for local gatherings throughout the year where the post holds monthly meetings and hosts their annual Christmas dinner for post members & family.

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The VFW is also facing another important challenge: passing the torch to the next generations. The VFW depends on prior-service members willing to step up to the call.

Eligibility: The VFW is open to veterans who served honorably in overseas combat operations or foreign conflict zones recognized by campaign medals or hostile fire pay. As older generations of World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam veterans age, the organization increasingly relies on younger veterans from more recent conflicts to continue serving their fellow brothers and sisters in arms here on home soil.

Because our brotherhood does not end on the battlefield.

Within the VFW, veterans from every branch of the military come together with a shared understanding of sacrifice, service, and commitment to one another. Whether helping a veteran navigate VA benefits, organizing community memorials or fundraising, supporting struggling families, or simply offering camaraderie to someone who understands military life, the mission continues long after deployment ends.

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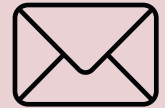


While veteran membership dues and fundraisers are the core funding mechanism drivers for this non-profit, Civilians can help too. Community members wishing to support the Baker-Lind VFW Post 3913 can make donations directly to the Post by check:

VFW Post 3913

301 B Street

Kendrick, Idaho 83537



Every donation helps preserve a valuable piece of local history, while also supporting programs and services that continue to benefit veterans, families, and local youth in our surrounding small-town communities for generations to come.

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