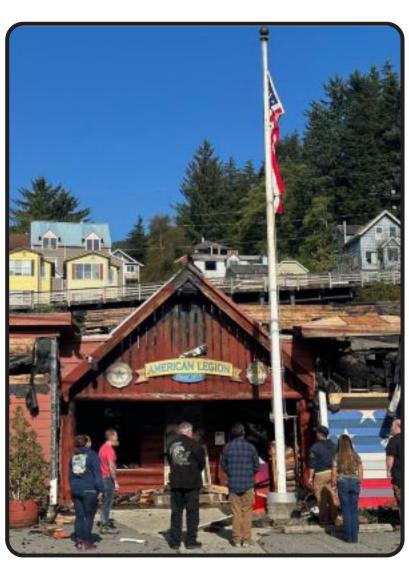
# Post News October 2023



On September 10th Joe Craig Post 3, our oldest Post in Alaska, was destroyed by arson.

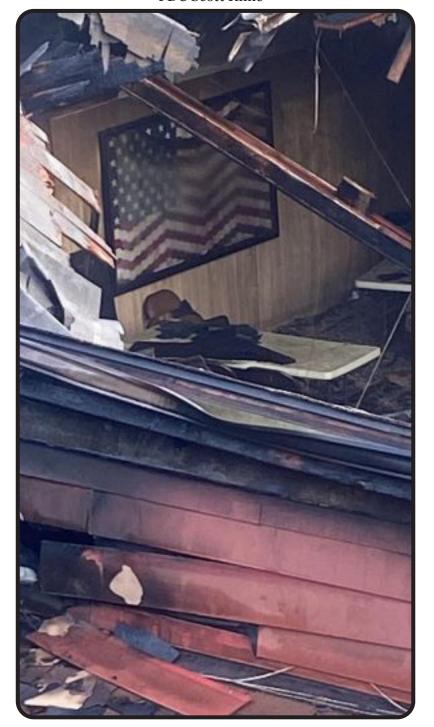






"We lost our post but ya see that symbolic flag right there. That's what keeps American together"

PDC Scott Kline





(Made by Kathy Van Horn and Judy Madden)

Named "Old Glory" this quilt was made to honor (and surprise) retired Coast Guardsman Jim Van Horn of Ketchikan. After retirement, Jim served his community as an active member to the borough assembly and city council and then in 2001 as leader of the Ketchikan American Legion Post 3 project to expand and renovate its Meeting hall. It is because of his dedication to The American Legion that Kathy and Judy thought of doing this quilt for Jim in the spring of 2001.

Throughout the early summer, while Jim worked with the re-model of the Legion, Kathy and Judy worked planning and sewing this flag quilt. The lyrics of our national anthem "The Star Spangled Banner' are stitched into the strips on the quilt.

The quilt was started June 2001 and finished February 2002







For all those that wish to donate to the rebuilding fund of Joseph T. Craig Post 3, you can mail your donation to Joseph T. Craig Post 3
P.O. Box 5121

Ketchikan, Alaska 99509



## High jinx af the Sock-Hop







The 2024 104th National Convention held

in Charlotte, North Carolina









#### HIDE AND SEEK







Susitina Valley Post 35 Jr. Auxiliary painted and hide rocks around the Wasilla War Monument for those lucky ones to find!!





Legion Rider, Del Masterhan from General Buckner Post 16, visiting Joe Craig Post 3 with a donation Check from ALR Post 16



A flash mob of Bald Eagles

### Pipes and Keystone Cops

Seattle Firefighters Pipers & Drums, US Army 11th Airborne Division Army Band and the Keystone Cops performed in Sitka for Alaska Day. Post 13 served over 100 free meals and provided fellowship and a time to relax.













These cops could arrested us anytime!

#### Quilts of Valor



Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 by Catherine Roberts. QOV are awarded to Veterans touched by war; opportunity to recognize their service and sacrifice serving our country.



On October 14th, 2023 at AMVETS Post 2, George Darrow, a member of Jack Henry Post 1 was awarded the Quilt of Valor during the Alaska Museum Annual Meeting for his dedication to the Alaska Museum and his years of military service.



Joe Craig Post 3 and The Department of Alaska would like to thank First Bank of Ketchikan for their generous donation of \$5000.00 to help us rebuild.