

# March Post News 2025

(we partied all month!)



Post 57 and Post 99 celebrate with Lazl Barch and Victoria Moore at the Oratorical competition held in Fairbanks!

...and then, Chris Bedel takes 2nd place in the chili cook-off (or was it Hormel!)

The Seattle Firefighters Pipes and Drums come ever year to Sitka for the Guinness Toast. They take a side trip and stop by Post 13 to preform.



an Legion Post 13, Henry "Gene" Burton Sr. Memorial, Sitka Alaska

## Post 99 Celebrating The American Legion Birthday





# Ernie Tiemann, Post 18 Celebrating 70 years in Ninilchik





FLASH BACK.....FLASH BACK.....

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# Territorial Terrors: Auke Bay Post 25 legion baseball team



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The 1958 Auke Bay American League Post 25 baseball team lost to Fairbanks in the all-Alaska departmental best 3-out-of-5 series held at Juneau's Fireman's Field, at the site of the current Federal Building. Fairbanks was coached by Tony McCormick's older brother Dick. Auke Bay beat the Juneau legion team to advance into the series against Fairbanks. According to Roger Grummelt, a 1st baseman on the team, Fairbanks had an illegal player on their team and 10 years after the series Fairbanks was disqualified. So, technically, Auke Bay should have been the team that represented the territory and traveled to the western regional playoffs in Billings, Mont. Pictured are, back row left to right: Coach Bill Palmer, right fielder Dennis Speri, center fielder Dale Shuman, third baseman Andy Peckovich, left fielder Tom Blanton, first baseman Dennis Shuman, first baseman Roger Grummelt, left fielder Dale Schmitz, center fielder Stan Hamlin, and manager Bud Cantillon. Front left to right: Pitcher Dave Gray, shortstop Dale Henkins, center fielder Winston Tolliver, pitcher David Pearson, catcher Dennis Cunningham, pitcher Chip Featherstone, pitcher Jim Tiivette, and second baseman Alan Gray. The series between Fairbanks and Auke Bay went five games. Auke Bay won game four 5-2 behind the complete game pitching of David Gray who struck out 13 batters. The following day Fairbanks won the fifth and deciding game 7-3. If you have any information on this photo or any other early sports in the area or other historical tidbits please call the Juneau Empire Sports Editor, Outdoors Editor or Online.



Wiseman Post 9 celebrating the 90th birthday of Jeep. Commander Ed Rouleau is 2nd from the left. Jeep (birthday boy) in the center. Lorna Lounsbury, the wife of the late Commander Clutch. The rest of the party are friends who play music for parades and veterans events.

Arlene and Jeep



# Post 29 has been hopping!!

We have JROTC, St. Paddys Day, and a visit from Ann!

Post 29 was invited to the East High School JROTC Flag Retirement Ceremony. Commander Chuck was honored to be there.



How many of these members do you want to admit to knowing....





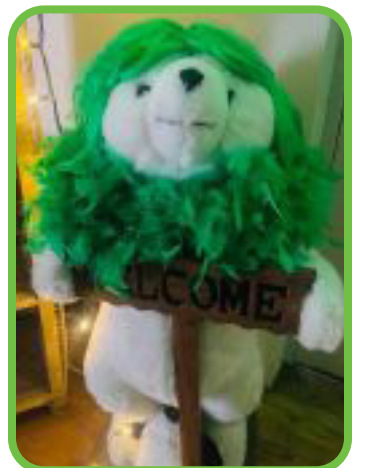


Cribbage card sharks in training at Post 35



No, not that way!

The Pot of Gold has been found at Post 5





# Sitka Post 13 Code Talker News



Louis Minard, right, talks to visitors at Sitka National Historical Park in July 1999. (Sentinel File Photo by James Poulson)

## Tlingit Coder Talker Louis Minard Due Honor

**By Sentinel Staff**

The family of Louis Minard invites the community to commemorate his service as a World War II Tlingit Code Talker and his award of a Congressional Medal of Recognition, 4-6 p.m. March 19 at Shee'ka Kwaan Naa Kahidi.

Sen. Lisa Murkowski will present the medal. A reception and presentations will follow.

Louis Minard, Kaachdax, (1917-2004) was a Tlingit culture bearer and highly respected Tlingit elder of Kake, Petersburg and Sitka. He was Tlingit of the Tsaagweidi, Split Killer Whale Clan.

The U.S. Army veteran was a Tlingit Code Talker. The Tlingit Code was an unbroken code used to deliver wartime messages during World War II and recognized for the significant impact on the war effort. In accordance with the Code Talker Recognition Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-420) Minard will be added to the list of Native American Code Talkers maintained by the Smithsonian Institution.

He joins Richard Bean Sr., Robert "Jeff" David Sr., Mark Jacobs Jr., Harvey Jacobs, and George Lewis Jr., who were recognized in 2013.

Murkowski will present the medal, struck by United States Mint, to Minard's next of kin.

At the March 19 ceremony, community members and the media are invited to attend.

Minard's remains were placed at the Sitka National Cemetery with the inscription "Code Talker" on the marker last fall.

