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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Hope everyone had a nice Easter. Fish fries went great this year! I need to thank the fish fry crew for the great job they did. With the fish fries over, we will still be having food on Friday nights for a while. We'll see how well they go, then decide if they work out. On April 5, which is the first Friday of the month, we have a special dinner for the Vietnam Vets Quilt of Valor, so we will NOT be serving broasted chicken. We will get back on our regular schedule starting the 12th with the VFW serving hamburgers that Friday night. Check the calendar to see what will be served on Fridays.

The Color Guard started their season at the St. Patrick's Day Parade and presented Colors at the Omaha Beef Football game. They will be busy this year. Unfortunately, our Honor Guard is always busy, which means we are losing a lot of our fellow Veterans. R.I.P.

Our Post was awarded two Legion Baseball Tournaments this summer. Our Post family is sending 14 kids to Boys State this year. I can't imagine another Post sending as many. The S.A.L. is having another Bingo Day. Check out their article and the calendar for dates and times.

Spring is the time for new growth. New growth means new leadership and ideas. Elections for new officers will be in May, but nominations need to be done in April. All positions are open EXCEPT three E-Board seats. If you are interested in any office, come to the April meeting and get your name on the ballot.

Once again, I sound like a broken record, but thanks to our volunteers. You make this Post the best in the state.

Semper Fi! Gary Sempek

SAL NEWS

Happy spring everyone! It's almost time to uncover the grill and get the mower ready for summer yard work!

We hope you had the opportunity to attend our Friday fish fry events, it was another great Lent season. Congratulations to the winner of the custom made firepit. We hope you enjoy it for many years to come. April marks the return of bingo. We will conduct our twice-a-year event on April 7th with burgers and chips from 11- 1 or until sold out. Bingo will begin at 1 PM with great prizes and a final blackout game for \$100!

SAL officer nominations will be held during this month's meeting on the 1st, so please plan to attend and let your voice be heard.

Our next SAL taco night is April 15th, so in addition to paying your taxes, come join us!

We want to extend a VERY special thanks to the Fish Fry kitchen crew! It was another great Lent season, and thanks to the raffle team and a HUGE thank you to everyone who supported us!!

"If people are doubting how far you can go, go so far that you can't hear them anymore." — Michele Ruiz

We ARE family!

John Polson, Commander and Randy Young, Vice Commander

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

We are having a Prom through the Decades on Saturday, April 13th starting at 6 p.m. Our Post 374 Prom will have a DJ playing songs from the 50's on up so everyone should know some of the songs. Time to dust off those dresses and suit jackets or pick one up at a thrift store! You might even get to Prom King or Prom Queen. We are serving appetizers and desserts, so let me know if you can bring something.

We were able to send 8 young women to Girls State this year and we also had 4 alternates that can attend!

Our color guard marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade. Soon we will be busy with sporting events & parades again. We would love to have new members on the color guard, so let me know if you are available!

We will have a raffle for a Worldwide Sportsman fly fishing pole that was donated to us. The tickets are only \$ 1.00 each and they will be available at the bar, so be sure to try your luck! We will draw the winner on Tuesday May 14th.

We are having elections in May, so be sure to let me know if you want to volunteer for an office. It doesn't take much time and we would love to have some new faces and ideas!

We will sell desserts for Taco night on Monday, April 1st at 5:30. Please let me know if you can bring a dessert.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00 p.m. *Hope to see YOU THERE!*

Karen Brink, President 402-740-1455

COLOR GUARD

We presented the colors at the first two Omaha Beef games on March 17th and the 30th and we have additional games on April 13th and 19th, May 4th and 11th, and the final one on June 8th. We also participated in the St. Patrick's Day parade and for the first time in years we had good weather!

Additionally, we are registered for the Patriotic Parade scheduled for May 25th downtown Omaha. Parade lineup is 9:30 AM.

We will be presenting the colors at the Storm Chasers games again this year, the dates are Friday June 7th, Friday July 19th, Friday August 30th, and Friday September 13th.

Randy Young

Post 374 Color Guard Commander

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS

April is here and that means that we're a month away from our Poker Run, which will be on May 18.

This event is open to anyone who wants to help raise money for our Veterans. We are looking forward to not only the many bikes that will participate, but also the people wanting to participate in their own four-wheel vehicles. Flyers for this event are out. We also have some raffles that will be given away at the Poker Run. You can purchase raffle tickets from any of the Riders. You do not need to be present to win.

Some of the April events we are going to be doing are as follows: Dinner Date on April 5; Pre Poker run on April 13; NE Veterans home cook out on April 20; and finally the first of many "Big Runs". Lastly, keep your eyes open for motorcycles and ride safe. Matt Schnabel, Director

PINOCHLE

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at 11:00 am.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE NOTES

If you know of anyone who can use some black stack chairs, have them contact Darrel Swenson. The house committee continues to look for input on new projects. If you have suggestions please let us know, either at the Post, or by email:

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NOTICE

If you move, **PLEASE** let the Post know your new address. USPS doesn't forward third class mail and **the Post pays for each returned newsletter.**



RECRUITING COMMITTEE

The recruiting committee will be busy this summer going to different events and hosting different activities. April 13 and 14 we will be at the Oakview mall for the health and wellness expo. Please come stop by and say hi. Committee members: Gordon Mix, Jim Persson, Jay Quick, and Rebecca Wesch.

Members & Family Members

When doing your estate planning please remember the American Legion Post 374 in those plans. Those contributions help us in our Building Fund and other noted needs within the Legion and to help Military Families.

★ **MAY Newsletter Articles** ★
Due No Later Than
★★ **Friday, April 19** ★★



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AUXILIARY POST PROM
THROUGH
the
DECADES

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH 6PM-9
 Find your best or worst prom attire.
 Look in your closet, at the thrift store, or ask a friend.
 Fancy, funny, tacky...anything goes.

DJ ALL NIGHT ~ RETRO DRINKS
APPETIZERS/DESSERTS \$10 ~ RAFFLE BASKET

WILL YOU BE CROWNED OUR PROM KING OR QUEEN?
MUSIC, FUN, AND LAUGHTER

Buddy Check 22

There are two Buddy Check events that happen in the Omaha area. The first is Buddy Check 22, which happens on the 22nd of each month from 8-10pm at DJ's Dugout on 114th and Miracle Hills Dr. The second Buddy Check is on the second Tuesday of each month at Frank's Pizzeria at 5413 S 72nd St in Ralston. Both events are to help veterans support each other, reduce and eliminate veteran suicides, and get back the feeling of camaraderie that we had when we were in the military. For us, the mission isn't over until every veteran is living a happy, healthy life. Come join us if you can.

AUXILIARY DUES

Please renew your Auxiliary dues! The cost is \$35.00 Jr Auxiliary are \$10.00 We hope you will take the time to renew your membership and remain a part of our organization. Thank you!

Please send your check to:

Millard Post 374 - Attn: Patty Polson
PO Box 390698 - Omaha NE 68139

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There is one pot each for the SAL drawing (Sunday), Auxiliary drawing (Tuesday) and Legion drawing (Wednesday).

You must register to win.

Jim Holder – SAL Winner

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MILLARD POST #374 - DUES 2024

Legion.....	\$45.00
SAL	\$30.00
Jr. SAL	\$10.00
Dual Legion/SAL.....	\$65.00
Auxiliary	\$35.00
Jr. Auxiliary (17 and under)	\$10.00
ALR	\$15.00



LOCAL VETERAN SUPPORT POKER RUN

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 374

MAY 18, 2024

RAFFLE PRIZES (120 TICKETS SOLD FOR EACH ITEM)



BLACKSTONE ADVENTURE READY 2-BURNER
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\$5 A TICKET (VALUE \$147)



TIMBERLAKE ELECTRONIC
DIGITAL GUN SAFE
\$5 A TICKET (VALUE \$180)



JBL Xtreme 3 Bluetooth Speaker
\$10 a ticket (VALUE \$460)



DEWALT – MULTI-TOOL: 1/2 DRILL/1/4 IMPACT DRIVER/RECIPROCATING SAW/2 BATTERIES/CHARGER/DEWALT BAG
\$10 A TICKET (VALUE \$400)



MASTERBUILT 40" ELECTRIC SMOKER
\$10 A TICKET (VALUE \$380)



NAPOLEON FREESTYLE 365 GAS GRILL
\$10 A TICKET (VALUE \$850)



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APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 FOOD  Legion serving tacos 5:30 ----- SAL Mtg 7:00	2 Pinochle 11:00 	3 FOOD Tenderloins 5:30 	4 Cribbage 7:00  Kitchen Closed	5 KITCHEN CLOSED	6
7 Kitchen open 11:00 ----- SAL BINGO 1:00	8 FOOD ALR serving tacos 5:30 	9 Pinochle 11:00  ----- Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	10 FOOD Beef & Noodles 5:30 ----- Vietnam Vets Mtg 6:30	11 Cribbage 7:00  Kitchen Closed	12 FOOD VFW serving hamburgers	13 FOOD Auxiliary "Prom Through the Decades" party 6:00
14	15 FOOD SAL serving tacos & quesadillas 5:30 	16 Pinochle 11:00 ----- ALR Mtg 7:30 	17 FOOD Smashburgers 5:30  E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	18 Cribbage 7:00  Kitchen Closed	19 FOOD AMVETS serving CFS or CFC 5:30 ----- NL Articles due	20
21	22 FOOD ALR serving tacos 5:30 	23 Pinochle 11:00 ----- House Cmte Mtg 7:00	24 FOOD Burgers 5:30 ----- Bunco 6:30 	25 Open play cribbage 7:00  Kitchen Closed	26 FOOD Chicken Wings & Fries 5:30	27
28	29 FOOD Legion serving tacos 5:30 	30 Pinochle 11:00 	CHICKEN WINGS 	With fries Friday APRIL 26 5:30 PM		Delicious Beef & Noodles Wednesday APRIL 10, 5:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Sun Apr 7SAL BINGO
 Sat Apr 13Auxiliary Prom Party
 Fri Apr 19Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Fried Chicken
 Sat May 18.....ALR Poker Run

Wednesday, April 17
Kurt & Sheryl - Cooking
Smashburgers &
freshly made
sides!
5:30 PM

