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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Finally, we are able to open up. Everyone that has been coming in is doing pretty well on this social distancing stuff. Hope to see you soon for one of our food nights or just a cocktail to get out of the heat. Remember our members are the lifeblood of our Post.

Hope everyone had a safe Fourth of July. I know my neighborhood had a bunch of cool fireworks. At this time, we don't know how our fireworks stand did, but everyone I talked to said it was really busy when they were there.

With schools opening up, our Color Guard may get to present colors at football games. (Hope we didn't forget how to march.) Our Honor Guard has been busy doing honors at many different cemeteries. Omaha National Cemetery has reopened and we will be doing a lot of ceremonies out there. The kitchen got cleaned really well. Thanks to everyone who helped. We could have used a few more Legionnaires to help out. Maybe next time! Terry Knobbe is a lifesaver for bringing his Hotsy power washer for this project.

Now that we are opened again, we need to have more Legionnaires start coming to the meetings. Last month, we had to grab somebody from the bar to make a quorum of 15 just to have the meeting. Fifteen out of 1,100 is not very good. Remember, this is your Post. We need your input to run it. The E-Board only makes recommendations for the body to vote on. Hope to see some more faces as we get back to a cautious "new" normal.

Semper Fi Gary Sempek

SAL NEWS

Greetings to you all,

Well there is little doubt our typical hot Nebraska summer is here with a vengeance bringing with high heat, high humidity and the usual mid-summer lack of rain. Gotta love this place!

Based on all current information it appears very unlikely we will be participating in any color guard activities this summer; almost everything has been cancelled. However we are still holding out hope there will be a football season and one that allows fans in the stands. Time will tell.

As a reminder, the Post is open, serving wonderful food on select nights and your favorite beverage is here waiting for you, so please, spend some time with us. SAL taco night is the third Monday of the month and we could always use another volunteer or two; please give some consideration to this request.

I want to send a special thank you to Jeff Mobley, Jeff has stepped up and joined the SAL Color guard and the Post Honor guard detail. Many thanks Jeff! My challenge to the rest of you is to follow Jeff's example and join one or both of these very important missions the Post undertakes.

Our monthly meetings are held the first Monday of the month (unless it falls on a holiday) at 7:00. We are once again asking to see the participation increase. Finally the annual dues for membership in the SAL have increased to \$30. Stay well! We are family!

John Polson Commander; Randy Young Vice Commander

NEBRASKA VETERANS COALITION

Hello from the Nebraska Veterans Coalition! If you're from Nebraska and are a veteran or a supporter of veterans, your support is needed to improve Nebraska's efforts to attract and retain veterans! We have been advocating for veterans with the Governor, the Legislature and city/county leaders since 2014. If you're not registered to vote, please make that a priority. We also provide considerable information to veterans on a wide variety of topics as well as guide them toward agencies that can help them. We do not ask for, solicit or accept funding/donations for our efforts.

If you're not already a member of our group of over 4,300 friends, please check us out on Facebook (Nebraska Veterans Coalition) and 'friend' us. We also send emails to over 2,000 addresses, some of whom forward them to additional addressees. We've created a website; www.NebraskaVeterans.org. You can read many of our informational postings there. You can email us at nevetscoalition@outlook.com to be placed on our email distribution list. Please forward this invitation to your friends who are from Nebraska, are veterans, or who support veterans. We will respond to any questions you may have. Check us out! You'll be pleased. *Ronald Dupell, CMSGT USAF (Retired) Elkhorn NE; Dean Kenkel, CW5 US Army (Retired) Omaha NE; John Stewart CMSGT USAF (Retired) Kearney NE*

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

Hope all of you are having a safe and fun summer so far! It's hard to believe that school will be starting right around the corner. We will not be collecting school supplies this year due to these uncertain times but will be making a donation in place of the school supplies. If you would still like to help, you can leave your donation at the bar. The donations are much appreciated!

Thank you to everyone who donates, whether it is your time or money. This organization would not be where it is today without people like you!

Hopefully Husker football starts again so we can get started on the 50/50 raffles!

It's also that time of year to renew your membership for 2021.

We will be serving desserts from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 3, and our next meeting is Tuesday August 11 at 7:00.

God bless you all!

Tara Scott, President 425-577-2242



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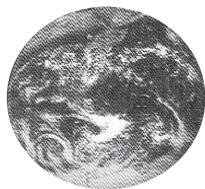
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SAL	\$30.00
Jr. SAL	\$7.50

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS



Hello Riders,
If you have been reading emails and/or

Facebook you know that our past director (Schoe) was in a traffic accident with his bike. This accident has cost him his leg. He is currently recovering at home and also going to rehab. He is accepting this challenge with his typical humor (which is just incredible). We have asked Morgan (Schoe's wife) to reach out to us in the future for any assistance whether it be building stairs with a railing system (so he can safely get out of their trailer) to other types of assistance as she tries to manage a home with children and caring for Schoe while he recovers. I'm not sure exactly what she will need yet; I'm sure Morgan doesn't know either, at this point in time, but she is taking each day as it comes. As an ALR Riding family I am so touched by the outpouring of support that I have seen from this family of riders. I'd like to thank Greg & Lisa Petersen for donating a large amount of tacos to Schoe's nursing staff.

Kara Petersen also took a spill on her bike. She assures me that it is nothing serious, just some bumps & bruises. Please offer prayers for her quick recovery.

COVID19 numbers are going back up and wearing or not wearing masks has been a primary topic of conversation. As we start going to Poker Runs and interacting with strangers/groups I ask that you use your best judgment when it comes to your own personal protection and others.

Please remember our own Poker Run is on Saturday August 15 and already I know a couple of key individuals who will be unavailable so please volunteer and help out as best you can.

We are having our \$1.00 raffles again on Monday nights and volunteers are needed to help sell tickets. This is also a great opportunity to meet other folks in the Legion and introduce yourself to the other organizations that make up our American Legion Family.

Semper Fi Steve

BUDDY CHECK 22

On the 22nd of each month at Cunningham's bar on 108th & Old Mill Rd there is a special gathering of Veterans dedicated to reducing and eliminating Veteran suicide.

We continue our service by gathering with fellow Veterans. We call and reach out to others that served at our side. We stood together then and we stand together now.

NEW FEATURE

If you cannot attend a General meeting in person you can do it remotely by going to:

Join the Online Meeting:

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Or by calling Dial-in Number

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There are four pots for the Legion drawing (Wednesday), two for the Auxiliary drawing (Tuesday) and one for the SAL drawing (Sunday).

You have to register to win.

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POST TRIP INFORMATION THIS TRIP HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED!

The European Post trip in 2021 will be in Bavaria Germany from May 28 through June 8. This trip will include going to some of the oldest breweries in Germany, one with a 26 generation brew master. The trip will start in Munich and will include the following cities and sites: Bamberg, Eagles nest, Regensburg (home to the world's oldest continuous run restaurant 1320 AD); Rothenburg, Nuremburg, Dachau Memorial, Neuschwanstein castle, Salzburg in Austria and more. We will also be attending Bergkirchweih –the world's oldest Beer festival; this festival is always ranked in the top 10 fests in Germany.

The cost (\$2429 per person plus air; dual occupancy) will include hotels; entry in some sites/events, chartered bus transportation, and some meals/beverages on the bus. We need to limit the trip to around 30 people. If you would like to go please contact me ASAP so I can get you registered. Send an email to adj@post374.org with your contact info so I can send you the information as I get it.

Greg Petersen, Adjutant

FOOD

We'll continue to serve food curbside and in the bar on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday. **Call 402.895.0405** to find out what will be served and/or to **place your order. Call 402.895.1324 to get drinks with your meals.**



Millard Legion Post #374 Raffle

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Drawing: Friday, October 2, 2020



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for tickets**

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"Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions." State ID 35-234125

A Big Thank You

to those who helped with the kitchen cleaning on July 12: Terry Knobbe, Dave Ludwig, Jerry Meckna, Jeri Petersen, Rob Roiter, Bob Sempek, Gary Sempek, and Jim Wentz.

It looks FANTASTIC!



FUNERAL HONOR DETAIL



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Marion E. Rosenbohm.....3.23.2020
Duane J. Johnson.....4.1.2020



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is
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AUGUST 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY To say thank you to our members and guests that have supported us over the last few months, we are going to have a Member Appreciation Day on Sunday, August 23 from 2 - 5 ; stop in for a hamburger and chips. <i>Thank you for supporting the Post!</i> <i>Greg Petersen, Kitchen Manager</i>						1
2	3 FOOD SAL Mtg 7:00 	4	5 FOOD Tenderloins 5:30	6	7 FOOD Beef Tips 5:30	8
9	10 FOOD 	11 Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	12 FOOD Liver & Onions or Chicken Sandwich 5:30	13	14 FOOD Chicken Parmesan 5:30 	15 ALR Veterans Fun Run
16	17 FOOD TACO NIGHT 	18 ALR Mtg 7:30	19 FOOD Baked Chicken Quarters 5:30 E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	20	21 FOOD Shrimp Dinner 5:30 News LTR Articles Due	22 Buddy Check Cunningham's Bar 108th/Old Mill
23 FOOD Member Appreciation Day 2 - 5	24 FOOD TACO NIGHT 	25	26 FOOD BLT 5:30	27	28 FOOD Pulled Pork sandwich 5:30 Ground Zero Band	29
30	31 FOOD TACO NIGHT					

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Sat Aug 15ALR Fun Run

Sun Aug 23Member Appreciation

Day Fri Oct 2 Oktoberfest

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