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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing this newsletter article. One of our Post family members, Vince Mahoney, passed away. He died in a motorcycle accident while on vacation near Durango, Colorado. He was riding his motorcycle with another of our Post family, John Hermann, who we wish a speedy recovery. Vinny had been an officer of our Post for years; he was an Honor Guard and Color Guard member; S.A.L. and A.L.R. member; fish fry crew member; and all around great guy. He always had a story to tell or some advice. He was a great friend for many years and will truly be missed. Even though life goes on for the rest of us, you never know what's next, so enjoy your time with your loved ones.

Monday taco nights are picking up. Wednesday night meals are hit and miss. We could use a couple of volunteers on the third Wednesday of the month to dish up and serve meals while Jerry and I are in the E-Board meeting. The food will be prepped....all you need to do is dish it up and deliver it to the tables. Wednesday hours are 5:30 to 7:00. Friday night, August 6, we will be serving liver & onions or a chicken sandwich & fries from 5:00 to 7:30.

Have a safe summer before school starts. Give your loved ones a hug. R.I.P. Vinny. Semper Fi Gary Sempek
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SAL NEWS

Welcome to the dog days of summer!

Some sad news to begin with. Our Post lost a dear friend and longtime member. Vince Mahoney tragically passed away while on vacation in Colorado. Vinny was an Air Force vet, a dedicated member of our Post serving several officer positions, a member of the color guard, the honor guard, fish fry crew member and all-around great man! May you rest in peace! You will be missed! Gone, but not forgotten!

The SAL will be hosting a Trash Can feed on August 14. A meal of sausage, potatoes, corn and other yummy delights all cooked together in a trash can. \$8.00 per plate. Come out and join us. It's a first come first served and we will sell plates until we're sold out.

Our next two meetings are Monday August 2 and Monday September 13. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. We really want to our meeting attendance increase. I'm sure you can spare 45 minutes.

New 2022 membership cards are in. If you haven't paid your dues, now is the time. We have a few members who are 2-3 years behind on their dues and it would be greatly appreciated if you would bring your membership up to date. Speaking of membership, when spending time with your friends ask if their father or grandfather served and do some recruiting.

"Any definition of a successful life must include service to others" – Unknown author
We look forward to seeing you at the Post.

We are family! John Polson, Commander and Randy Young, Vice Commander

COLOR GUARD NEWS

Our color guard is enjoying a busy summer, FINALLY!

We presented the colors for all home games for the Omaha Beef, have presented colors for the American Legion baseball games and the Ashland parade. On Monday July 26th our color guard had the pleasure of presenting the colors for the Buddy Check half marathon at the center point of the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge. The Buddy Check is a way vets keep in touch and support each other to ensure they are safe and happy. What an honor to be a part of this event. Thanks to all of you who participated!

The first Millard football game is schedule for August 27 and the Millard Days parade is August 28.

For myriad reasons our color guard ranks are shrinking, and it would be appreciated if you would consider joining. There is a great deal of pride and joy in presenting the colors to our fellow citizens.

Whenever I place my cover atop my head, I will think of you Vinny! *Randy Young, Post 374 Color Guard Commander*

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

Thank you so much for your donations of school supplies for the kids. We can still use donations; if you can get them to the Post by the 8th, we can divide them up for the schools.

Millard Days will be Aug. 24-29, so be sure to join in the festivities!

We still have tickets for the \$500 gift card raffle for Cabela's/Bass Pro. They are only \$5.00 so you can buy as many as you want!

Don't forget to check the calendar to see what events are happening at our Post from the Legion, SAL and Riders. Please help support all of our events whenever you can.

Membership is now renewing for the 2022 membership cards, so get them sent in to Patty Polson.

Join us for our next meeting on August 10 at 7:00 to hear from some of the high school students that we sent to Girls State this past summer. They are always entertaining!

We will serve desserts for Taco Night on Monday, Aug. 2 at 5:00 p.m. Let me know if you can bring a dessert.

Thanks! Karen Brink, President

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS

Riders we are moving into the back half of our riding season and it comes with great sadness. Our friend Vince Mahoney was killed in a traffic accident while riding with his good friend and fellow Legion Rider John Herrmann. Vince's wish was to be interred at Fort McPherson National Cemetery. Vince will be given full military honors. A glass of Chardonnay and candle currently sits at the bar next to his picture. Please stop by the Legion and pay your respects along with saying a prayer for quick healing for our fellow Rider John Herrmann. Vince goes to join his wife and fellow rider Greg Petersen.

I would like to end the article with what is mentioned. Vince and Greg have earned their own remarks in our Rider's section of the newsletter.

Please check emails for upcoming events in the month of August and September.

Semper Fi Steve Lahrs, ALR Director

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.

SPECIAL MESSAGE

Hi my name is Jeri Petersen. I am the sister of Greg Petersen and an Auxiliary member.

First I want to give my condolences to the family & friends of Vince Mahoney; he was a good man, had a lot of friends at the Post and did a lot of volunteering here. My wishes of a speedy recovery go to John Herrmann also. It seems to me we've lost too many good members of the Post lately, people who gave a lot of their time Volunteering. Why not honor these people by Volunteering yourselves?

Most people will not want to devote as much time as Greg, Vince and others but can't YOU give a couple of hours a month to your Post? I have been Volunteering for over 5 years. I started because I wanted to help my brother; it wasn't to help the Legion. I didn't know much about the Legion at the time but now that I have met so many nice people and know of the good the Post does for veterans I'm still Volunteering. My question to the other members is why aren't YOU Volunteering?

We do have great volunteers now and several new people have stepped up, but we need more. Do you like to cook or clean up; can you cashier or will you deliver food to tables on food nights? We could use YOU! We're also looking for people to order items online both on a weekly and monthly basis. I know the Honor and Color guards could use a few more good men and women. I also know that this article might make some people angry; so be it, but remember this is YOUR Legion. How can you sit and drink here for hours every month but you can't volunteer for 2 - 3 hours a month? It is the Volunteers who make this Legion run. The Volunteers we have now are getting tired of doing the work. PLEASE help out the Post and let's make ourselves proud. Thank you Jeri Petersen

POST #374 DUES

Legion.....	\$45.00
Auxiliary	\$30.00
Jr. Auxiliary (18 and under)	\$8.00
SAL	\$30.00
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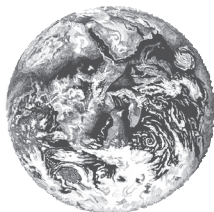
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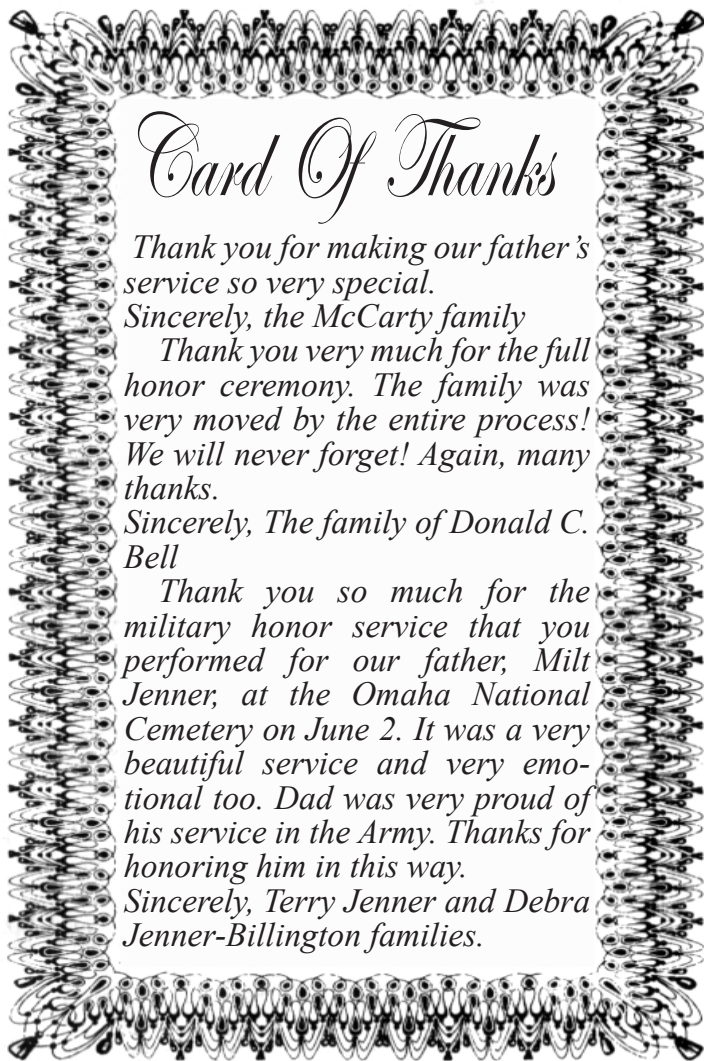


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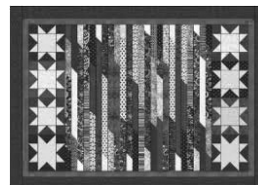
Thank you very much for the full honor ceremony. The family was very moved by the entire process! We will never forget! Again, many thanks.

Sincerely, The family of Donald C. Bell

Thank you so much for the military honor service that you performed for our father, Milt Jenner, at the Omaha National Cemetery on June 2. It was a very beautiful service and very emotional too. Dad was very proud of his service in the Army. Thanks for honoring him in this way.

Sincerely, Terry Jenner and Debra Jenner-Billington families.

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Not Represent
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Quilt You Might
Receive.



Our American Legion Post is presently involved in taking names of veterans to be nominated to receive a Quilt of Valor, presented by the Quilts of Valor Society of America. The Society awards quilts to a service member or veteran who has been touched by war.

To learn more the website is qovf.org

Please forward the name of any veteran to Dennis Guinane (Post 374 Chaplain) by way of the Honor Guard box in the Post business office, or you can mail the nomination to the Post:

PO Box 390698 Omaha NE 68139

Attn: Dennis Guinane.

Include your contact information so

I can follow up with you.

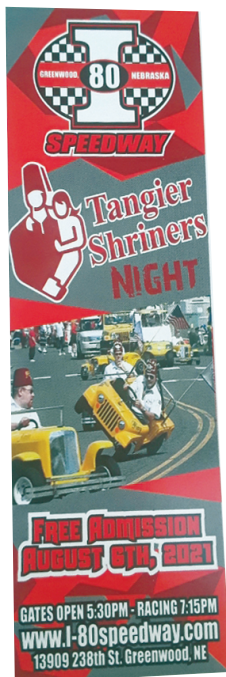
Thank you! Dennis Guinane

BY-LAWS REVIEW

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 FOOD SAL Mtg 7:00 	3	4 FOOD Tenderloins 5:30 – 7:00 	5	6 FOOD Liver/onions OR Chicken sandwich 5:00 – 7:30	7
8	9 FOOD Taco Night 	10 Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	11 FOOD Kitchen open 5:30 – 7:00 	12	13	14 SAL Trash Can Feed 5 - 8
15	16 FOOD Taco Night 	17 ALR Mtg 7:30	18 FOOD KITCHEN CLOSED E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	19	20 September newsletter articles due	21 ALR Poker Run
22	23 FOOD Taco Night 	24 Millard Days starts	25 FOOD Kitchen open 5:30 – 7:00 ----- BUNCO 6:30	26 Cribbage 7:00 	27	28 NE vs IL 12:00
29	30 FOOD Taco Night 	31	TRY OUR FANTASTIC BURGERS & FRIES			

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Fri. August 6 Liver/onions
Sat. August 14 Trash can feed
Sat. August 21 ALR Poker Run
Wed. August 25 Bunco
Sat. August 28 NE vs Illinois
Sat. Sept. 4 Aux. Cabela's raffle
Sat Sept. 4 NE vs Fordham

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