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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Person 1: "I belong to the Millard Legion"

Person 2: "Oh, you belong to the 'Party Legion'"

Two persons were saying that in a derogatory tone – insinuating that all we do at Post 374 is drink and party. Although we certainly like to have fun and value our comradery; Post 374 is so much more. But the comment is evidence that we don't do enough to tell our story. Here's a few of the stories we should be telling: We sponsor over a dozen Legion baseball teams. We sent nearly 20 youth to Boys State & Girls State. We provide military honors to over 100 of our fallen comrades annually (we have had to turn down requests – so if you can help, we'd appreciate it!) Our ALR supports our wounded veterans through Operation Comfort Warrior, and so much more.

Because of our successful (and fun) Post home, we are able to get the funds to support our community and veteran outreach. I hope you'll help us tell the whole story of our great Post!

Until next month, Commander Doris

Veterans Crisis Hotline: 1-800-273-8255

S.A.L. NEWS

Hello everyone!

I hope you all had a good 4th of July!

We did color guard for the Legion State tourney held at Millard South.

I want to remind everyone of the benefit for Curt Jordan on Saturday, August 5th. Hope to see you all there! There will be feather bones, raffles and 50/50 drawings.

As always, thanks to our volunteers. If you have some spare time, come in and help out.

Saturday August 12th is the Adult Summer Party!

God Bless our Troops! John Polson, Commander

ADJUTANT NEWS

You should have received your 2018 Dues notice by now. Please consider paying your dues early. Currently we send to State and National \$29.75 of your \$37.00 (which means the Post gets \$7.25).

At the June Department convention it was voted to increase the States portion of the dues as of 1 Jan 2018. (National raised theirs last year.)

With the increase in January we will be sending State and National \$35.00 which means the Post gets to keep only \$2.00, so please consider paying early so we don't need to send the extra \$5.25 to State.

Remember you can pay on line (this saves you postage) or come to the Post and pay in person. Another way to save costs is getting your Newsletter emailed instead of snail mailed. (This saves us postage and printing costs – it costs the Post about \$9.00 a year per member)

The E-Board and officers do not want to increase our Post dues as we know we have members on a fixed income and an increase could be a hardship on them; if dues are increased we could lose members.

If every member would recruit one new member in 2018 we would be able to meet our membership goal.

Thank you to the people who have renewed their membership! Greg Petersen, Adjutant

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AT OUR RECENT GENERAL MEETING, one of our members told us that some other posts call us "the party post." Our member said sometimes this is embarrassing. I thought I would let people know what a "party post" does throughout the year.

Post 374 Legion Family sponsors:

- Legion Baseball at Millard South, Millard North, Millard West, and Skutt.
- Eleven scholarships
- Oratorical contest
- Fourteen Boys State and Girls State attendees
- Children's parties: Easter, Halloween, Christmas
- Color Guard presents colors at Friday Night Storm Chasers games; Legion baseball tournaments, and high school football games; march in parades; have numerous presentations on Veterans Day; flag pole dedications; three cemeteries on Memorial Day.
- Honor Guard has laid to rest over 70 veterans so far this year.
- Our Color Guard and Honor Guard were at the Omaha National Veterans Cemetery for Wreaths Across America when the wind chill was minus 35 degrees
- Two service dogs for veterans with PTSD at a cost of \$3,000 per dog
- Serve lunches a couple times a year to Victory Apartments
- Volunteers who help with Millard Days so they can help the Millard Community
- Volunteers who go to the Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home
- American Legion Riders have poker runs for Operation Comfort Warrior
- At Christmas, Santa and Mrs. Claus go to Maple Ridge Retirement Home, the VA Dialysis Center, and the Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home

I have probably forgotten to list some things, but I would like to thank everyone who makes this happen. Remember that these people are all volunteers; most still work full-time and still find time to help. So, if we are known as a "party post" and can accomplish this much, then I am proud to be a member! Come on down and have a good time!

Gary Sempek, First Vice Commander



Saturday, August 5th

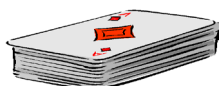
**Blood Drive/
SAL Fundraiser**



The Post has four cemetery plots that have been donated to us.

They are located at Westlawn-Hillcrest Cemetery; two are in the Veterans area.

If you would like to purchase a pair of them please contact an E-Board member.



**Kathy has a
New Game.**

Come in and

find out how you can win \$\$\$

**IS YOUR BIRTHDAY
IN AUGUST?**

Come to the Post on

**Saturday,
AUGUST 26**

There will be food

"PRIME RIB"

**Drink Specials
and Music.**



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

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Mondays - \$1.25 Taco Night 5:30 – 7:30
Tuesday - Hamburger Night - 5:30 -7:30
Thursday - Dinner 5:30 – 6:45 (menu varies)

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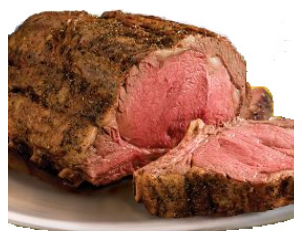
AUGUST 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pinochle every Tuesday at 11:00. Everyone is welcome to play	REMINDER PLEASE <i>Do Not Bring In Outside Food</i> when we have (THE KITCHEN OPEN).	1 FOOD HAMBURGER Nights 5:30-7:30 PM 	2	3 FOOD Cribbage 7:00 NO FOOD SERVED 	4	5 Blood Drive 12:30 – 6:30 SAL fundraiser 2:00 – 7:00
6	7 FOOD SAL Mtg 7:00 	8 FOOD Auxiliary Mtg 7:00 Hamburger Night 5:30-7:30 PM	9	10 FOOD Cribbage 7:00 NO FOOD SERVED	11	12 FOOD Adult Summer Party 6 - ?
13	14 FOOD TACO Night 5:30-7:30 PM 	15 FOOD Auxiliary serving burgers 5:30 ----- ALR Mtg 7:30	16 E-Board Mtg 6:30 ----- General Mtg 7:30	17 FOOD Cribbage 7:00 	18	19 Riders OCW Poker Run News LTR Articles Due
20	21 FOOD TACO Night 5:30-7:30 PM 	22 FOOD BUNCO 6:30 	23	24 FOOD Fall Cribbage starts 7:00 NO FOOD SERVED	25	26 FOOD Birthday Bash ----- Prime Rib Dinner
27	28 FOOD TACO Night 5:30-7:30 PM 	29 FOOD 	30	31 FOOD Cribbage 7:00 	Did you know? <i>When you tip the Kitchen you help to pay for the Live Music at the Legion</i>	

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- Saturday Aug 5Blood Drive/SAL Fundraiser
- Saturday Aug 12 Adult Summer Party
- Saturday Aug 19Riders OCW Poker Run
- Saturday Aug. 26Prime Rib/Birthday Bash
- Saturday Sep. 2.....NE vs Arkansas State football
- Saturday Sep. 16.....Wine Tasting
- Saturday Oct. 21AF ROTC Spaghetti Feed

Public Welcome



Birthday Bash

Saturday, August 26

5:30-7:00 PM

Best in Omaha

Prime Rib Dinner

