

# MILLARD AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

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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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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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#### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Hello everyone,

At our last meeting, we enjoyed listening to two of the Girls State delegates tell us about their experience this summer. We will have more impressive young women telling their experiences at our next meeting, so be sure to be here for that!

Don't forget about Saturday, August 5 for the blood drive and benefit dinner at the post for Curt Jordan who is recovering from surgery. The Red Cross will have an air-conditioned bus in the parking lot for you to donate from 12:30 to 6:30. You can set a time to donate on their website or just stop in at the post when you have time. The SAL and the rest of the Legion family are providing a featherbone dinner, salads & desserts.

Thank you so much for your donations of school supplies for the kids. We can still use more if you can get them to the post by the August 8 so we can divide them up for the schools.

Millard Days will be here before you know it, so be sure to join in the festivities!

Save the date of Saturday September 16. We will have a wine tasting in the Post meeting room at 6:30 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet available at the bar or call me to let me know you are going.

Also, remember that your membership is renewing starting now for 2018.

The Auxiliary Cooks night is on Tuesday, Aug. 15 from 5:30 to 7:30. This month we will be adding a new burger, so come in and try it! We will be serving desserts from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 7. Call or text me to let me know if you would like to bring a dessert.

Our next meeting is Tuesday Aug. 8 at 7:00 p.m. *Karen Brink, President* 



The Adult **"Fun in the Sun" Summer Party** Saturday August 12 - 6PM - ? Indoor/outdoor games, prizes, food, drink specials.

#### **Pinochle Group**

Pinochle group is looking for more players. They meet Tuesdays at 11 AM at the Post. For more info, call Dave Anson 339-4751

Harlan Holmes 553-3360



There is one pot each for the SAL drawing (Sunday) and the auxiliary drawing (Tuesday). There are two pots for the Legion drawing (Wednesday). You have to register to win.



Jr. SAL ......<sup>\$7.50</sup>



ALR NEWS Boy is it getting hot; but the heat

isn't slowing the riders down. We recently had members participate in the summer camp bike event at the Children's Respite Care Centers.

We (along with some other Omaha area ALR posts) came together to help the Lincoln ALR escort a fallen WWII veteran to his final resting place, where we also held a flag line for full military honors.

We still have some events coming up, and more in the works. The month of August will be busy for the riders: the Scott Petersen Memorial Poker Run starting at the post on the August 12, and the Operation Comfort Warrior Poker Run on August 19 ending at the Post.

We are starting to communicate more with the other ALR posts, so we are busy, and making the most of this summer heat! Keep the shiny side up, and the rubber side down! *David Schoenagel, Director* 

Card of Thanks

Dear Millard American Legion, Thank you very much for selecting me to be the recipient of your \$500 scholarship.

be the recipient of your \$500 scholarship. It is much appreciated and will help me greatly as I attend Doane University in the fall. *Thank you again, Zach Folda* 



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

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 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 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.



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Return Service Requested

AUGUST 2017								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
Pinochle <u>every</u> <u>Tuesday</u> at 11:00. <u>Everyone</u> 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 	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	When y Kitchen you	<b>u know?</b> you tip the help to pay for tic at the Legion		

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

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

