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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Wow! 2017 is already coming to an end. But let's send it off in style! Here are some highlights coming in December:
December 2nd – Auxiliary Care Package Packing Party, SAL Fish Fry, AND Big10 Championship game (Ohio State v Wisconsin)

December 10th – Children's Christmas Party – featuring our own "Santa" with a REAL white beard (thanks, Gary Sempek!)

December 16th – PRIME RIB NIGHT!!! / Adult Christmas Party. Treat your significant other to an early Christmas Dinner!

December 31st – New Year's Eve Party. Johnnie O is the DJ; games; and drink specials. Ring in the New Year with your comrades, come to the Legion!!

In November, Commander's Coins were awarded to:

- 23. Randy Young
- 24. Bobby Sempek
- 25. John Polson
- 26. Jim Holder

A little note regarding Coin challenges: Only the Post 374 Commander's Coin can be used to challenge or respond to a challenge while at the Post. To challenge, you can either challenge a single person or the entire bar. To challenge a single person, simply slap your coin down next to that person. To challenge the entire bar, tap your coin on the bar until all recipients present tap theirs (or are found to not have it with them). If you are a recipient of the coin, are challenged and fail to have it with you; you pay for a drink for the person who challenged you (if an individual challenge) or for all coin recipients (if a full bar challenge). If more than one person at the bar fails to have their coin, they can split the bar tab.

Lastly, I want to thank all of our great volunteers who have helped make 2017 a great year for the Post. We continue to grow and provide a wonderful experience to our members and guests. Please take a minute to thank them personally and be generous to our bartenders!

Merry Christmas to all

Commander Doris Veterans Crisis Hotline: 1-800-273-8255

S.A.L. NEWS

Hello All!

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. We have lots of stuff coming up in the next few months:

Dec 2 – SAL Fish Fry Fundraiser

Dec 10 – Kids Christmas Party

Feb 3 – Soup and Sandwich Fundraiser

March 3 – Bowling/Chili Cook-off Fundraiser (Signup sheets will be available soon)

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We are family,

John Polson, Commander

Congratulations to Art Bender, the first early bird Legion membership winner!

Speaking of memberships: Please renew yours, the State portion of your dues is increasing January 1 so help your Post save some money and renew NOW.

Greg Petersen, Adjutant

**Wishing Everyone A
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year**



AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

I am finding it hard to believe that the Christmas season is here!

We will have a packing party on Saturday, Dec. 2nd at 4:30 p.m. for 56 soldiers from Nebraska. Remember that they are out of the country and not able to be home for Christmas, so we want them to know we appreciate the sacrifices they make. Please drop off your donations at the Post right away. I want to thank all of you that have already donated to help us cover the costs. Remember, the SAL is doing a fish fry that night starting at 5:30, so be sure to stay for dinner.

The children's Christmas party will be Sunday, Dec. 10 from noon to 2. Bring the kids in to eat, play and see Santa & Mrs. Claus!

Our next meeting will be our Christmas party. Feel free to bring a snack to share. We will have a gift exchange of not more than \$10 if you would like to participate, but it is not required. Your gift should be wrapped in newspaper or brown paper bag (no fancy wrapping). The party is Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for the Spaghetti Sauce cook off on Saturday, January 27th.

If you don't know what to get someone for Christmas this year, renew their membership for them or get them signed up as a member. It's a gift that keeps on giving!

We will provide desserts for Taco night on Monday, Dec. 4 at 5:30. Please let me know if you can bring a dessert. The Auxiliary Cooks night is on Tuesday, Dec. 19 from 5:30 to 7:30. We can always use some help, so let me know if you are available.

I hope you all have a joyous Christmas!

God bless you all,

Karen Brink, President

402.740.1455

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

**BAR OPENS
AT NOON ON SUNDAYS**
We are getting the NFL Ticket
so we will have more games
So come on in!

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There is one pot each for the SAL drawing (Sunday), & the Auxiliary drawing (Tuesday), and two pots for the Legion drawing (Wednesday). You have to register to win. **Congratulations**

Kathy Bartsch – Auxiliary winner

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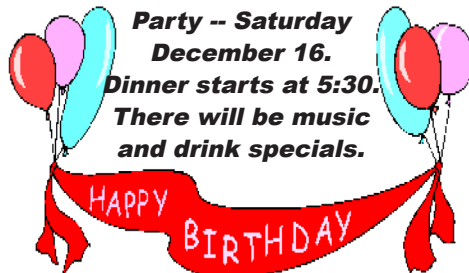
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**The December Birthday Bash will
be the same night as the Prime
Rib dinner & Adult Christmas
Party -- Saturday
December 16.**

Dinner starts at 5:30.

**There will be music
and drink specials.**



ALR NEWS

It has been a good year for the riders.

We raised \$5K for OCW with our poker run, we sponsored another service dog, through JAVELAN, trained by Russ Dillion.

A big thank you to all of our Legion Family for supporting our Monday night raffles which made that sponsorship possible! We will continue to be there Monday nights for those raffles, so please keep supporting us. Though we have had some cool temps this fall, it never got too cold for some of us to ride, but we all know that winter is coming, so we will keep doing our thing, as long as Mother Nature allows us. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Remember we do not have a meeting in December but we are having an ALR Christmas party/gift exchange. So bring a \$10-\$15 wrapped gift.

David Shoenagel, Director

USPS News

If you move, let the Post know your new address. USPS doesn't forward third class mail. The Post pays \$1.22 for every returned newsletter.

Thank you.

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going up Jan 1st so help your Post
save some Money and renew NOW.**

POST #374 DUES

Legion.....	\$37.00
Auxiliary	\$25.00
Jr. Auxiliary (18 and under)	\$5.00
SAL	\$25.00
Jr. SAL	\$7.50

If you have Medicare I would like to discuss changes for 2018 and ensure you are paying the lowest amount.

Brian Leichner

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Second Annual Christmas Mission 2017

The Marine Corps League, Cornhusker Detachment #370 of Lincoln Nebraska embarks on yet another outstanding mission helping veteran family's children have a Merry Christmas. The Cornhusker Detachment and Round the Bend Steakhouse 30801 East Park Hwy, Ashland NE 68003 have teamed up to do great things. Round the Bend will put up a 10' Christmas tree in the middle of the dining room. They are offering a free appetizer to any customer that brings in a new unwrapped toy or gives a monetary donation to SGT Kringles Christmas Kids. (Bring the gift or Donation to the Post Home and Greg will get you a coupon for the appetizer)

The League is working with the VA social workers and others to target specific families that work hard and have to choose whether to pay a bill or buy a present for their child. This year many of those families will not have to choose what to do. They will be invited to a Christmas Extravaganza where there will be Santa, games, snacks, crafts and gently used toys that they can play with that day and take home with them.

In addition to that we will have a separate room set up with all the donated toys that the parents will be able to go into and pick out a toy or two. Once they have selected the toy they want to take home we will wrap it up for them so they can put something under the tree for their child. This event will take place on December 16, 2017 at Eastridge, 451 North 66th St. Lincoln NE from 0900-1600.

Donations and additional Volunteers are welcome so we can all work together to make it a Merry Christmas for some that may have not been able to have one at all. In addition to the families that may be in need we will also be including the Gold Star Families and Survivors Outreach. We want them to know that they are not forgotten.

In addition to this mission the League will also be working with the VA on there "Giving Tree" as we did last year. The goal is to see that no tags are left on the tree. This was done last year and for one of the first years there were NO tags left of the tree. In addition to what they have asked for I believe that every one of them should receive gloves, stocking hat, sox and a shave kit.

The feedback from the social workers has been absolutely outstanding. So much so that when they have delivered some of these gifts the Veteran broke down in tears. This is what it is all about. We are brothers to the end and we would not leave you on the battle field and we sure won't leave you now.

To donate or take part in volunteering please contact Shon Olson at 402-867-4291 or email usmcshon87@gmail.com donations can be dropped off at Round the Bend 30801 East Park Hwy. Ashland NE 68003. Or at American Legion Post #374 Just let us know what it is for.

Make checks payable to MCL Sgt. Kringles Kids

Donations can also be mailed to: Shon Olson - 6808 250th St. - Alvo NE 68304

SEMPER FI - Shon Olson Department Commandant Nebraska



FUNERAL HONOR DETAIL



Legion Post 374 / VFW Post 8334

No One Earned Their Wings



The Post has four cemetery plots that have been donated.

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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Heroes Into Homes is a non-profit charitable organization focused on lifting our military veterans to a new level. We provide direction, purpose, basic needs and resources to further their future and improve their quality of life.

For over two years the Marine Corps League Cornhusker Detachment in Lincoln, Nebraska has been operating a homeless veterans program. When the VA HUD/VASH counselors get a homeless veteran into an apartment, they usually only have a few clothes to their name and not anything else. Through generous donations from the community we have been able to supply everything they need to turn that empty apartment into a home including but not limited to the following:

Bed, bedding, pillow, blankets, dresser, end tables, lamps, couch, kitchen table and chairs, everything needed in a kitchen, cleaning supplies, laundry soap, bath soap, towels, wash cloths, about \$100 worth of groceries and anything else they may need.

Due to the success of the Marine Corps League Cornhusker detachments homeless veterans program, we were asked by the VA HUD/VASH if the MCL could supply the new 70 room apartment complex with NEW furniture and everything needed. The complex that is currently under construction on the VA campus is for homeless veterans. Never being one to back down from a challenge, we said sure we will do the best we can. Realizing this is a much bigger task than the MCL Cornhusker Detachment could handle alone we formed Heroes Into Homes as its own 501c3 organization. We are now asking for everyone's help to accomplish the endeavor of supplying needed items to fully furnish these apartments for our veterans. If you have ever thought or said, "there should be no homeless Veterans" but never knew how to help, this is a way for you to help us help them. Let's all work together to turn an empty apartment into a home and give formerly homeless Veterans a new chance at life. If you can help in any way or would like more information please contact us at [402-217-1101](tel:402-217-1101) or heroesintohomes@gmail.com Check out our website <https://heroesintohomes.org> or find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Heroesintohomes/> For more information on the VA Hud/VASH program see <https://www.va.gov/homeless/hud-vash.asp> We wouldn't leave anybody behind on the battlefield, and we will not leave anybody behind at home.

Thank you!
Heroes Into Homes

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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DECEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Children's Christmas Party Sunday, December 10 12 Noon til 2 PM. Bring your Children & Grand Children to see Santa.					1	2 FOOD Packing Party 4:30 ----- Fish Fry 5:30
3 The Bar Opens At 12 Noon On Sundays	4 FOOD SAL Mtg 7:00 TACO Night 5:30-7:30 PM	5 FOOD HAMBURGER Nights 5:30-7:30 PM	6	7 FOOD Cribbage 7:00 	8	9
10 Kids Xmas Party 12 - 2	11 FOOD TACO Night 5:30-7:30 PM	12 FOOD Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	13	14 FOOD Cribbage 7:00	15	16 FOOD Adult Xmas Party/Prime Rib Dinner
17 The Bar Opens At 12 Noon On Sundays	18 FOOD  TACO Night 5:30-7:30 PM	19 FOOD Auxiliary serving Burgers 5:30 ----- ALR Christmas Party 7:30	20 E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	21	22	23
24 The Bar Opens At 12 Noon On Sundays	25 Post Closed Merry Christmas!	26 FOOD BUNCO 6:30 	27	28	29	30 News LTR Articles Due
31 New Year's Eve Party	SONS OF LEGIONAIRES Saturday, Dec 2 - 5:30 PM Fish Fry Fundraiser		 <div> DID YOU KNOW? The Post has gift certificates for sale that can be used for drinks and food. They can be purchased for any amount and make great holiday gifts! Ask the bartender if you want to buy one (or more!). </div>			

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

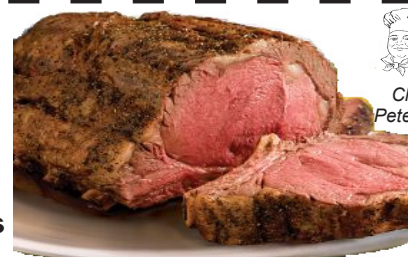
- Saturday Dec 2.....Fish Fry
- Sunday Dec 10..... Kids Christmas Party
- Saturday Dec 16..... Adult Christmas Party/Prime Rib
- Sunday Dec 31..... New Year's Eve Party
- Saturday Jan. 27.....Spaghetti Sauce cook off
- Saturday Feb 3..... Soup/Sandwich Fundraiser
- Saturday Mar 3..... Bowling/Chili cook-off Fundraiser

PRIME RIB

Saturday, DEC 16
 5:30 P.M.

Adult Christmas
Party 7:30 PM

Drink specials, Minute to win it games, DJ, voluntary White elephant gift exchange.




 Chef
 Petersen