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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Hope everyone had a safe Thanksgiving. It's almost the end of the year and the virus is worse than ever. There is encouraging news on the vaccine. We have some new rules at the Post: To keep everyone as safe as possible, the Post is sanitized every other day. You must wear a mask to enter the Post and you must leave it on to sign in and get your temperature taken BEFORE you can order anything. Masks can be removed when eating or drinking, but must be put back on when up and moving around.

Sadly, we lost two of our Past Commanders...Jeff Boyden and Greg Petersen. May they rest in peace. Our condolences go out to Darlene (Jeff's wife) and Lisa (Greg's wife) for their losses. It's hard enough when a Post loses a member, but it's extremely hard losing Greg. He was our Adjutant, head chef, electronics wizard, and all around "do everything" man. People don't realize how much it takes to run a Post, and Greg did the biggest share. He will be greatly missed. A big thanks to Marty Timberlake for stepping up to be our Adjutant for the remainder of the term.

For now, we are still having food nights on Mondays for tacos and on Wednesdays for chef's choice. Once we start getting back to normal, we will print Wednesday meal menus in the newsletter.

Our Honor Guard will continue to stay shut down for the next 30 days to keep them safe.

If the Governor or Mayor does not shut down businesses, we'll be open. Stop in for a holiday cheer or just for someone to talk to. Due to the virus, Santa will not be visiting the Post this year. Happy Holidays! Semper Fi Gary Sempek

SAL NEWS

Greetings all,

I'm sure by now you are all aware Post #374 lost a truly great member, friend, veteran and patriot. Greg Petersen passed away in October and it is a loss we will all carry with us forever! May you rest in peace dear friend!

With the holidays in full swing, please take time, this year above all others, to embrace and give thanks for the many blessing bestowed upon us as Americans; hug your loved ones a bit tighter this year!

With Greg's passing the kitchen will be operating a little differently, as we work to sort out menus and staffing, but fear not, we will still be offering excellent food as often as possible. Our Monday night tacos will continue uninterrupted.

Our limited color guard season is over; let's hope next year offers us the opportunity to participate in a full season.

Two reminders: If you have not paid your 2021 dues, please do so as soon as possible and our monthly meetings are on as scheduled, the first Monday of the month (holiday Monday's being the exception).

We hope you will stop in for a drink, a friendly smile and camaraderie this Christmas season.

May you and your family have a very Merry Christmas!

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

The Moving Vets Forward barrels are still at the Post and we could use your donation, every little bit helps! Please consider dropping something in them.

Remember, bartenders are volunteers so please tip them!

We look forward to you joining us at our monthly meeting which is held on the first Monday of the month, (holiday Monday's being the exception). Stay well! We are family! John Polson, Commander and Randy Young, Vice Commander

PASSING OF AN ANGEL

I will try to get through this best as I can so please bear with me.....

Many of you know of Greg Petersen in some way, whether it was through him being a custodian for the schools, his days as an installer for Computer Cable Connection, his time serving his country in the US Army, or as head cook/bottle washer at the Legion. I had the privilege of knowing Greg as my brother.

Greg died at Lakeside Hospital on October 29 of Covid 19. As family stood around Greg in his room, Lisa said "You can't leave me, you're my I.T. guy!" Lisa said that whenever she had computer issues Greg was IT. Later in the day I found myself reprocessing that remark.

As we all know, Greg was more than a computer guy, he was IT. Need help with something? He was IT. Need someone to listen to your problems? He was IT. Need a volunteer? He was IT. Need someone to step up and get the task done? He was IT. If you walk away with one example and memory from Greg, please be an 'IT' for the people in your life. Brad Petersen

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

We will have a packing party on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 2:00 p.m. for 100 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.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas party. Feel free to bring a snack to share. The party is Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 7:00 p.m.

We will provide desserts for Taco night on Monday, Dec. 7 at 5:00. Please let me know if you can bring a dessert.

*I hope you all have a
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!
God bless you all!*

Tara Scott, President 425-577-2242



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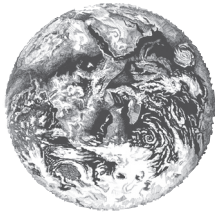
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Jr. SAL	\$10.00

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS



Riders,

Please note that we have lost a very close brother in Greg Petersen. He lost his battle with COVID19 in October. Greg was a wonderful asset to our American Legion Post and Riders group. Greg and his beautiful wife Lisa donated many hours to our post and the countless needs that came with managing the kitchen. His family will be celebrating his life this spring; please stand by for further details. The Post will need our help to fill the shoes that Greg has left behind. To help out the Post we will be taking on an additional Monday evening of Taco duty. This only makes sense since our Riders group profits by the \$1.00 raffle which occurs on that evening I am not sure exactly what Monday that will be yet so when I know I will send out an email.

Due to the spike in COVID19 occurrences we canceled our November meeting, with a possibility of postponing the Christmas party until early 2021. Please stay flexible as we try and navigate through this difficult time. The next time we meet we will also be holding our election of officers so please be in attendance if at all possible.

God bless you all and stay safe

Semper Fi

Steve Lahrs, ALR Director

Be safe and see you soon.

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, SAL, Riders or Auxiliary meeting in person you can do it remotely:

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

have to register to win.

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Legion members,

Thank you so much for the plants and all
your kindness. Darlene Boyden

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Legion members,

During his lifetime, Chris touched many lives.

Now, at the time of his death,
many of you touched ours.

The family of Chris Saklar

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Legion members,

Thank you for the flowers, plants, Post
donations, and the outpouring of love we've
received from you in memory of Greg. He really
enjoyed being a member of, and volunteering at,
the Post. We've always considered the Post to be
part of our extended family.

Thanks again,

Lisa Petersen, Alex and Sara Petersen



Our American Legion Post is presently
involved in taking names of veterans to be
nominated to receive a Quilt of Valor, pre-
sented 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 govf.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 nomi-
nation to the Post:

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DECEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 FOOD Chef Gary Cooking	3	4	5 Auxiliary Packing Party 2:00
6	7 FOOD SAL Mtg 7:00 	8 Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	9 FOOD Chef Gary Cooking	10	11	12
13	14 FOOD 	15 ALR Mtg 7:30	16 FOOD E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	17	18 News LTR Articles Due	19
20	21 FOOD 	22	23 FOOD Chef Gary Cooking	24 Post closes at 8:00	25 Merry Christmas! 	26
27	28 FOOD 	29	30 FOOD Chef Gary Cooking	31	January 1, 2021 Happy New Year!	



- Merry Christmas •
- and Happy New •
- Year from Post 374 •
- E-Board members •
- and all of the •
- officers! •
- Legion, Auxiliary, •
- SAL, and ALR •
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