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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

December is here already. Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. We had a busy Veterans Day at the Post. Our Honor Guard did three ceremonies and the Color Guard did four ceremonies. It was so windy that day our flag tore and wrapped itself around the ball at the top of the pole. Thanks to the crew of Fire Station 63 who brought out their ladder truck to remove the flag. Later on that evening, Bobby Perko supplied dinner for our Post at no cost to us. It was a great meal and much appreciated.

The House Committee has been busy. Thanks to Kim Peterson for getting so many people to come in on a Sunday morning to help clean and fix tables and chairs before Veterans Day. We had 20 volunteers for this project. I can't name them all, but I can thank all of you. We still have a lot more projects down here, so watch for the next sign-up sheet. Darrel Swenson and Jessie Welker are going to do an assessment on our beer coolers to see what needs to be fixed or replaced. I've also been told that the parking lot will be fixed before the end of the year.

Once again, I need to put out the call for volunteers. If you can help out one night a month in the kitchen, that would be great.

Our Honor Guard is low on members. We have several that are hurt and recovering. You don't have to make all the services, only when you can. Consider joining to honor our fallen comrades.

Be sure to check the upcoming events in the newsletter and calendar to see what's going on at our Post. 'Tis the season and I heard that someone will be coming to the Post on Sunday December 11 to talk to the kids to see who's been naughty and who's been nice. See you there. *Semper Fi! Gary Sempek*

SAL NEWS

Greetings to all!

We hope you and your families had a joyous Thanksgiving holiday. I'm sure you will agree the return to normalcy was welcomed.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday December 11 at 12:00 as we welcome a very special visit from the man himself, yes, Santa Claus will be making an exclusive trip directly from the North Pole to our Post.

Once again, the SAL will be conducting a beef raffle where you will have the opportunity to win one of two sides of premium Nebraska raised beef. Tickets are available for \$10.00 each or \$50.00 for 6 tickets. We will begin selling tickets on Saturday January 14 and the drawings will be on Friday April 7 (which is also the last fish fry).

Last month we conducted a deep cleaning project at the Post and we'd like to extend our thanks to all who participated. It was much appreciated.

"You can tell a lot about a person by the ways one handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights" – Maya Angelou

On behalf of all SAL officers, here's wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas.

We ARE family!

John Polson, Commander and Randy Young, Vice Commander

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone!

Thank you for all of the donations to this year's packing party! We will be sending individual boxes to 63 troops that are overseas from the Nebraska National Guard. We will wrap the presents and pack the boxes on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 2:00 p.m. at the Post, so feel free to join us to help wish our soldiers a Merry Christmas and let them know that we're thinking of them. We will be sending different condiment packets from fast food places to help add flavor to their food and give them a taste of home. Drop off any condiment packets by Dec. 2.

The children's Christmas party will be Sunday, Dec. 11 from noon to 2. Bring the kids in to eat, play and see Santa Claus & Mrs. Claus!

The Post Pandemic Party will be on Saturday, Dec. 17 starting at 5:30 p.m. We will have lots of fun activities to celebrate the end of the Covid restrictions. I hope to see you there!

Don't forget that your high school kids can get their service hours by helping us at any of these functions.

We will serve desserts for Taco Night on Monday, Dec. 5 at 5:30 p.m. Let me know if you can bring a dessert.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas party on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 7p.m. Feel free to bring a snack to share. We will have a gift exchange of around \$10 if you would like to participate, but it is not required. Your gift doesn't need to be wrapped fancy, brown bag is fine. We don't care if you haven't been to a meeting for a while, just come and have fun with us!

If you don't know what to get someone for the holidays this year, renew their membership for them or get them signed up as a member. It's a gift that keeps on giving! *Contact Patty Polson if you have any questions about membership 402-490-4545.*

Thank you for all your support on the 50/50 raffles during the Husker football games. The money raised will be used for scholarships in the spring.

Have a joyous holiday season and may God bless you all.

Karen Brink, President, 402-740-1455

BUDDY CHECK 22

On the 22nd of each month at DJ's Dugout (114th & Miracle Hills Drive) 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.

ALR NEWS

Winter is coming and it's time to put the bike on the old battery tender for most people. The bike may be plugged in, but Riders, feel free to be unplugged for our ALR Christmas party that will be this month.

We had our elections last month and our Officers are as follows:

Director Matt Schnabel
Assistant Director Steve (BIG) Sladek
Secretary David St. John
Treasurer Laura Sladek
Sgt-At-Arms Marty Timberlake.
Congratulations to them and also congratulations to our Riders who have helped with the raffles.

Thank you to everyone who has helped support our efforts in raising money for our Veterans.

Matt Schnabel, Director

COLOR GUARD NEWS

Our color guard team conducted four missions on Veterans Day this year. Unless we are invited to participate in the annual Wreaths across America this year, our color guard season has concluded. At this point our next scheduled event will be the first home game of the Omaha Beef. I'll communicate the schedule once I have it.

I'd like to express my personal thank you to the entire team for your participation this season. We represented the Post with pride and honor!

Randy Young, Post 374 Color Guard Commander



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★ **January Newsletter Articles** ★

Due No Later Than

★★ **Thursday, December 22** ★★

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PUBLIC RELATIONS NEWS

I hope everyone had a good Veterans Day. Thanks to all those who came out to enjoy our Veterans Day dinner. The food was great, and it seemed everyone had a good time.

I would like to thank Bobby Perko and his crew from 'First Time Feasts' for providing all the food at no cost to our members. What a way to honor Veterans and their families!

Bobby told me how impressed he was with our Post. He said everyone was warm and welcoming and made him feel like he'd known us all for years. That's the kind of things that make this Post a family.

We hope to have him back in the future. Check him out on YouTube by searching 'FirstTimeFeasts'. He has some really good videos. I would appreciate any comments or feedback that I can pass along to him. Again, thanks Bobby!

Mark E. Gadzala, Public Relations Officer

HOUSE COMMITTEE NOTES

The Post Clean-up day on November 6 was a huge success. A big thanks to the 20+ people who helped. Working together the Post families have completed over 20 projects so far this year. The house committee is looking for input on new projects. If you have suggestions please let us know, either at the Post, or by email:

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Card Of Thanks

In memory of Janet Soyland a donation was made to the Legion by Laverna Sieh.

Bobby Perko,

Hi, I'm the wife of a veteran and would like to thank you for bringing all the food into the Legion on November 11. What a huge undertaking. Everything was delicious. Thank you for being such a thoughtful and kind person. I'm sure all the veterans were thrilled. You went above and beyond. God bless you.

Cherie & Bob Tingelhoff

POST PANDEMIC PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, Starting at 5:30 pm

Get a team of 4 people together and join us to celebrate the end of pandemic lock-downs, mandated masking and quarantines! Team members should be dressed as though they are going to be on a Zoom call – prize for best team originality and participation! There will be games & prizes throughout the night. Winning team gets \$300.00 cash. There will be food served at 5:30. Sign up at the Legion.

PINOCHLE

Played Every Tuesday
at 11:00 am.

For more info contact:
Harlan Holmes
402.312.2207



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There is one pot each for the SAL drawing (Sunday), Auxiliary drawing (Tuesday) and Legion drawing (Wednesday).

You have to register to win.

Congrats to Darrel Swenson SAL Winner

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NOTICE

If you move, **PLEASE** let the Post know your new address. USPS doesn't forward third class mail and the **Post** pays for each returned newsletter.



Due to the holiday,
January Newsletter Articles are due
Thursday, December 22

POST #374 DUES

Legion.....	\$45.00
SAL	\$30.00
Jr. SAL	\$10.00
Dual Legion/SAL.....	\$55.00
Auxiliary	\$30.00
Jr. Auxiliary (18 and under)	\$8.00
ALR	\$15.00

Kid's Christmas Party

**Sunday
December 11
Noon until 2:00**

**Games, Crafts,
Prizes and Food!**



Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there so you can tell them all of your wishes and you can take "Santa selfies"

Bring your kids, grandkids or great-grandkids to have a wonderful time!

New Years Eve Party

Saturday, Dec 31



Members & Family Members

When doing your estate planning please remember the American Legion Post 374 in those plans. Those contributions help us in our Building Fund and other noted needs within the Legion and to help Military Families.

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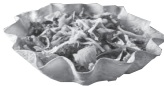



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Post Pandemic Party Friday, December. 17 5:30 PM		Post OPEN LIMITED HOURS Friday, Dec. 24		1 Kitchen Closed Cribbage 7:00 	2 FOOD Broasted Chicken 5:30-7:30 	3 Auxiliary Packing Party 2:00
4	5 FOOD Legion - Kitchen ----- SAL Mtg 7:00	6 Pinochle 11:00 	7 FOOD Tenderloins 5:30 	8 Kitchen Closed Cribbage 7:00 	9	10
11 Kid's Christmas party 12:00	12 FOOD ALR - Kitchen 	13 Pinochle 11:00 ----- Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	14 FOOD Hot Turkey Sandwich 5:30 pm 	15 Kitchen Closed Open play cribbage 7:00 	16 CFS or CFC 5:30	17 FOOD Post Pandemic party 5:30
18	19 FOOD SAL - Kitchen Taco Night 	20 Pinochle 11:00 ----- ALR Mtg 7:30	21 FOOD Kitchen open 5:30 E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	22 Buddy Check at DJ's Dugout	23	24 Post open limited hours
25 Merry Christmas! POST CLOSED	26 FOOD ALR - Kitchen Taco Night 	27 Pinochle 11:00 ----- House Committee Mtg 7:00	28 FOOD Burgers 5:30 <i>Delicious</i> 	29 S.A.L. BEEF RAFFLE <i>Win One Of Two Sides</i> Premium Nebraska Raised Beef. Tickets Are Available For \$10.00 Each or \$50.00 For 6 Tickets. We will begin selling tickets on Saturday January 14.	30	31 New Year's Eve party

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Fri Dec 2 Broasted chicken
 Sat Dec 3 Auxiliary Troop Packing Party
 Sun Dec 11 Kids Christmas party
 Fri Dec 16 CFS or CFC dinner
 Sat Dec 17 Post Pandemic party
 Sat Dec 31 New Year's Eve Party

Merry Christmas And Happy New Year From Post 374 E-Board Members and All Of The Officers! Legion, Auxiliary, Sal, and Alr.

