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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Don't know if you'll get this newsletter by the first. If you do, remember we have a comedian on that Friday night following the broasted chicken dinner.

Still hoping for that Husker sixth win. As everyone says, we keep shooting ourselves in the foot. Sooner or later that gun has got to be empty, or the foot must fall off.

December already. You better be getting ready for Christmas or are you like some people and have been ready since school started. I've been told there's a guy that looks a lot like Santa who's been in the Post a few times. I think he's checking it out for the kids' Christmas party which is on December 10th. There will be some food and a bunch of fun for the kids. We will be closing the Post early on Christmas Eve and will not be open Christmas Day. Back open for your enjoyment on the 26th and, of course, for Kathy's New Years Eve party.

We now have a shelter out back on the patio for our fellow Veterans who smoke. Now they don't have to stand out in the rain or snow. Thanks to everyone who helped put it up.

Sometimes it's hard to acknowledge persons for all the hard work they do, from counting money, filling the pickle machine, cooking, serving meals, washing dishes, to cleaning the kitchen. These are all volunteers, and they all deserve a great big ATTA BOY for making our Post great.

Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Semper Fi! Gary Sempek

SAL NEWS

Greetings everyone!

We hope you had a blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends! In spite of everything wrong with the world, as Americans, we have a great deal to be thankful for!

The SAL recently held its first ever bingo night on November 19 and it was a smashing success. A very special THANK YOU to everyone who helped. We will definitely host another one next year. I hope you didn't miss it because it was a great event! Our soup and sandwich day is Sunday February 11, 2024, and our chili contest is Saturday March 2. Mark your calendars for both!

The children's Christmas party at the Post will be held December 10 from 12:00 pm – 2:00. Brings the littles ones out to see Santa Claus!

Christmas brings renewed hope, joy and the blessings of the holidays, and the officers of the SAL wish you and families a very Merry Christmas!

We look forward to seeing you at the Post! We ARE family!

John Polson, Commander and Randy Young, Vice Commander

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

Thank you for all the donations to this year's packing party! We will be sending individual boxes to 180 troops that are in Southeast Asia. We will wrap the presents and pack the boxes on Saturday, Dec. 2nd at 1:00 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.

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

We will serve desserts for Taco Night on Monday, Dec. 4 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. 12 at 7p.m. Feel free to bring a snack to share. We will have a gift exchange of around \$10 to \$15 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 and Girls State in the spring. *Have a joyous holiday season! Thank you,*
Karen Brink, President 402-740-1455

RECRUITING COMMITTEE

If you have any suggestions, please inform a member of the recruiting committee: *Gordon Mix, Jim Persson, Jay Quick, and Rebecca Wesch.*

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS

As the winter chill tightens its grip, December offers a unique and invigorating experience for motorcycle enthusiasts. With the right gear, preparation, and a mindful approach to the challenges presented by winter weather, riders can continue to enjoy the freedom of the open road even as temperatures drop.

No monthly meeting in December, instead, we are having our Christmas Party. It will be on Dec 19 at 6:00 PM. We will have a Potluck and White Elephant gift exchange. If you are planning on going, please let the Director or Assistant Director know what food you are bringing. We will have a running list of what everyone is bringing and will share this list with you on our Monday Emails. White Elephant gifts should be in the \$20-\$30 range. Stay warm, stay safe, and make the most of your December rides!

Matt Schnabel, Director

PINOCHLE Played Every Tuesday at 11:00 am.

For more info contact:
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COLOR GUARD NEWS

Our season has concluded, and we had another great season representing the Post.

Color Guard season will resume in March with the Omaha Beef.

During the offseason, we will be updating the flags as necessary so that we are always presenting ourselves with full pride. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the entire team for your class, patriotism, and professionalism! *Randy Young,*
Post 374 Color Guard Commander

HOUSE COMMITTEE NOTES

The house committee continues to look for input on new projects. If you have suggestions please let us know, either at the Post, or by email:

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Darrel Swenson, Chairman

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.



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

You must register to win.
SAL Winner - Tim Vaccaro

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★ JANUARY Newsletter Articles ★
Due No Later Than
★★ Friday, DEC. 22 ★★



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Card Of Thanks

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us. Thank you for the service. Carol Gerdes & family

Buddy Check 22

There are two Buddy Check events that happen in the Omaha area. The first is Buddy Check 22, which happens on the 22nd of each month from 8-10pm at DJ's Dugout on 114th and Miracle Hills Dr. The second Buddy Check is on the second Tuesday of each month at Frank's Pizzeria at 5413 S 72nd St in Ralston.

Both events are to help veterans support each other, reduce and eliminate veteran suicides, and get back the feeling of camaraderie that we had when we were in the military. For us, the mission isn't over until every veteran is living a happy, healthy life. Come join us if you can.

Kid's Christmas Party

**Sunday
December 10
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.

AUXILIARY DUES

Please renew your Auxiliary dues! The cost is \$35.00 Jr Auxiliary are \$10.00 We hope you will take the time to renew your membership and remain a part of our organization. Thank you!

Please send your check to
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MILLARD POST #374 - DUES 2023

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SAL	\$30.00
Jr. SAL	\$10.00
Dual Legion/SAL.....	\$55.00
(01/01/2024) Dual Price Is \$65.00	
Auxiliary	\$35.00
Jr. Auxiliary (17 and under)	\$10.00
ALR	\$15.00

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DECEMBER 2023

 Comedy Night December 1, 2023, 7:00 PM <i>Great Entertainment</i>			Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 FOOD Broasted chicken 5:30 ----- Comedy show 7:00	2 Auxiliary  packing party 1:00
3	4 FOOD SAL Mtg 7:00 ----- Legion serving tacos	5  PINOCHLE Played Every Tuesday at 11:00 am.	6 FOOD Tenderloins 5:30 	7 Cribbage 7:00 	8
10 Kids Christmas party 12 - 2	11 FOOD ALR serving tacos 	12 Auxiliary Mtg 7:00 PINOCHLE Played Every Tuesday at 11:00 am.	13 FOOD Kitchen 5:30 ----- Vietnam Vets mtg 6:30	14 Open play cribbage 7:00	15
17	18 FOOD SAL serving tacos & quesadillas 	19 ALR Mtg 7:30  PINOCHLE Played Every Tuesday at 11:00 am.	20 FOOD Kitchen 5:30 ----- E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	21	22 DEC. News Letter Articles Due
24 Post open limited hours	25 Merry Christmas! Post Closed	26  PINOCHLE Played Every Tuesday at 11:00 am.	27 FOOD Burgers 5:30 	28	29
31 New Year's Eve party	January 1, 2024 Post open Kitchen closed	 Quesadillas December 18, 2023, 5:30 7:00 PM <i>Great Food</i>			

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Fri Dec 1 Broasted Chicken & Comedy Show
 Sat Dec 2 Auxiliary Packing Party
 Sun Dec 10 Kids Christmas Party
 Sun Dec 31 New Years Eve Party
 Sun Feb 11 Sal Soup/Sandwich
 Sat Mar 2 Sal Chili Cook-Off

