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## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Did you know that the American Legion is founded on Four Pillars? They are:

- Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
- National Security
- Americanism
- Children & Youth

During this time of year, our Post focuses a great deal on the 4th pillar – Children & Youth. Now is the time we select High School Juniors to attend Boys & Girls State, select High School Seniors or college students for scholarships, have the children's Easter Party, and kick-off the Legion Baseball season. Enclosed with this newsletter is the scholarship application that is used by all of our Legion Family. If you are a MEMBER or a descendent of a member, you are eligible to apply for a \$500 scholarship.

If you would like to help us select the attendees to Boys State, contact Vince Mahoney, our Second vice Commander.

If you'd like to help the Auxiliary select the attendees to Girls State, contact Tara Scott.

If you'd like to help select the scholarships, contact the following:

Legion: Vince Mahoney

SAL: Jon Polson or Dean Carlsen

Auxiliary: Tara Scott or Karen Brink

If you'd like to help with the Easter Party, contact Kathy at the Post.

Lastly, if you'd like to help with Legion Baseball, contact me!

Email addresses / Phone numbers are on the back of this newsletter.

*Have a great February and we'll see you at the Post! Doris*

## SAL NEWS

Hello,

To elaborate on the TV Raffle, we bought the TV back from the winner and will be donating it to the club!

The sign-up sheets for the soup donations and the chili cook off are the bar. They are on the corner of the bar as you walk in. The bowling sign up is by the door.

Scholarships are coming up! Get your kids, grandkids and great grandkids to complete their paperwork for a shot at one!

*We are family, John Polson, Commander*

## PLAN AHEAD For Your Family!

One of the certainties in life is death and in some cases the surviving spouse (or other family member) will be left with many items to do, such as planning the funeral, notifying next of kin, etc. At some point in the process, the surviving spouse will want to notify the life insurance company of their loved one's death. However, many times, the name of the life insurance company or the amount of death benefits, etc. is not known. As the Post Service Officer, I have received calls asking if I knew if their deceased spouse had life insurance, its amount, etc. I do not have any of this type of information.

PLEASE take some time to review the following information with your spouse/family member: The name and phone number of the insurance company and the amount of the death benefit. It is best that this important information be written down and placed in a safe location where the surviving spouse/family member can find it.

Note: As a Legion member whose dues are current, you are entitled to a free accidental death policy if the circumstances of your death meet the insurance company's criteria for "accidental" death. For more information about this contact Legionnaire Insurance Trust 1-800-235-6943 M - F 8AM – 7PM

Thanks for your service! Hugh Spellman, Service officer

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

We will be doing a Spaghetti sauce cook off again this year on Saturday April 6. So get your recipe fine-tuned and join us for a fun evening. We will also be doing the mystery bottle raffle, who knows what you'll win!

Girls State applications have gone out to the schools, so be sure to talk to any girls that would be interested. We need to have the applications back to us by Feb. 17, so we can choose the delegates that will attend.

The Post #374 scholarship application is now available. You need to have an Auxiliary member in good standing to apply for the Auxiliary scholarship. Having a Legion or SAL family member included in your application will not make you eligible for the Auxiliary scholarship, only the Legion or SAL scholarships. Also, make sure everything is filled out correctly, signed and returned by the due date.

Don't forget the SAL soup and sandwich night on Saturday Feb. 2 and also the chili cook off & bowling on Saturday, March 2.

We will sell desserts for Taco night on Monday, Feb. 4 at 5:30. Please let me know if you can bring a dessert. We're cooking hamburgers on Tuesday Feb 19 from 5:30 – 7:30. We can always use some help, so let me know if you are available.

Our next meeting is Tuesday Feb.12 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

God bless you all,

Tara Scott, President 425-577-2242

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There are three pots for the Legion drawing (Wednesday), two for the Auxiliary drawing (Tuesday) and one for the SAL drawing (Sunday).

You have to register to win.

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## RIDERS NEWS

The holidays are behind us and we close out another great year for Post 374 American Legion Riders. Thanks to everyone who participates in our dollar raffle on Taco Monday nights. A large amount of our funds come from the dollars provided to us in this raffle. In 2018 we were able to donate \$17,559.00 to local charities in the Omaha/Millard area. Post 374 and the American Legion Riders Organization are truly blessed to have such generous and caring people that fill their ranks to assist Veterans and Veterans Organizations that are in need.

If you saw any of the Legion riders on Sunday January 13, a large majority of them were moving a little slow with aching muscles and faces that were a little wind burnt all of this was from a previous day helping a great cause called Moving Veterans Forward. This event was televised on 2 of the local news channels Saturday January 12. When I saw that first semi-trailer parked in our lot I thought that there is no way we are going to fill that beast with the snowy weather conditions. Only to be surprised that afternoon when they brought in a second semi-trailer because the first one was full!

I want to thank everyone in the entire Legion Family for all their support for this event. From the riders unloading cars, to the riders driving their vehicles on some snowy streets to folk's houses to pick up furniture, the riders that tried to make it but couldn't I know you were with us in spirit and the prayers you gave us protected us from accidents and injury. Greg - thanks for making the Irish Stew; it was appreciated on a snowy day; thanks to the folks that manned the phones at the Legion letting the community know that we were still collecting furniture even with the 5 + inches of snow on the ground; thanks to the Legion staff for coming in early and opening the building and making those lifesaving critical pots of coffee to keep everyone warm. I want to thank the Sons and Auxiliary for their wonderful donations. My "thank you" list could go on and on but in summary this event turned into a huge Legion 374 effort. Thanks to all for doing what they could on a day that saw the first large snow fall for 2019 and for supporting a great cause.

One story I would like to share with you is about a couple who lives in New York State and was in Omaha during the holidays. They saw the "Stolen Trailer" story on the news. Then through social media they heard about our furniture collection that was going on. They rented an SUV and loaded it full of new dishes, towels, paper products and other goods just to be donated to Moving Veterans Forward. I know, wow, right?

The fine people of Post 374 and the American Legion Riders truly are examples of the American Legion Spirit.

Steve Lahrs ALR Director

## The Korean War Veterans Association

**(KWVA)** The Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) would like to invite any veteran who has served in Korea or offshore from 1950 to the present to join our organization. Spouses are welcome too. The local chapter meets every second Tuesday of the month (11:30 am) at the Millard VFW Post 8334 Hall (5083 S. 136th St.) for a business meeting, socialization, light lunch and occasionally a guest speaker. You do not need to be a VFW member to join the KWVA. For more info call President Don Kane at (402) 397-7410 (H) or (402) 650-6817 (C) or Vice-president Jim Lane at (402) 697-9625 (H)

### NEW FEATURE

If you cannot attend a General meeting in person you can do it remotely by going to:

**Join the Online Meeting:**

<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/adj374>

Or by calling Dial-in Number (US):

(605) 475-4928

Access Code: 463168

## 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.*

## February, Birthday Bash Saturday, February 16.



**PRIME RIB DINNER**  
Drink Specials  
& Rock & Roll Bingo

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



There is a **BELL** at the Post that is to be **rung ONLY when the Huskers get a touchdown.** If you ring it at any other time you will have to buy a round of drinks for the **ENTIRE BAR.**

## POST #374 DUES

Legion .....	\$45.00
Auxiliary .....	\$30.00
Jr. Auxiliary (18 and under) .....	\$8.00
SAL .....	\$25.00
Jr. SAL .....	\$7.50

# Card of Thanks

★ Thank you to the Joseph Dizona Jr family for their generous monetary donation.  
American Legion Riders

## FROM THE ADJUTANT

If you have read the newsletter the last two months you know that the ALR had a trailer in the back collecting items for the organization Moving Veterans Forward. Thank you to those who brought items in. What you might not know is the trailer was stolen on Christmas morning.

If you donated items we need a list of them and a value so we can turn it into our insurance. You can either email the list to me at [adj@post374.org](mailto:adj@post374.org), call the Post 402-895-1324 ask for Greg (I'm usually there after 4:00 PM) or mail it to the Post.

Please check your membership card and see if it shows 2019; if not please pay your dues. This will be the last newsletter you receive until they are paid.

*Thank you! Greg Petersen, Adjutant*

## Moving Veterans Forward

This is a local organization that helps veterans, and they can use your help. If you have unwanted furniture, dishes, knick knacks, pots, pans etc. they will take them. They will come and pick them up from your home, no need to move them - they will do that too.

They will not take refrigerators, stoves, dishwashers, washing machines, dryers, sofa sleepers, or king size beds.

If you have items that you wonder if they will take call 402.301.6300 with any questions or to have items picked up.



## FUNERAL HONOR DETAIL

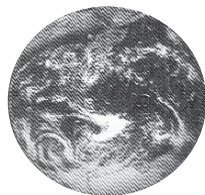


Legion Post 374 / VFW Post 8334

*"No One Earned There 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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★★ **MARCH 2019** ★★

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE**

**(NO Later Than Friday, February 22)**



# SUPERBOWL SUNDAY February 3<sup>RD</sup>

*The game starts at 5:30.  
Kathy will have drink specials and  
Greg will serve wings so come  
in to cheer your favorite team  
(or to just watch the  
commercials or eat WINGS)*



# FISH FRIES START



## FRIDAY, MARCH 8.

Come in for the best (and most reasonably priced) food around. We start serving at 5:30

### MENU:

Fried Pollock, Grilled Salmon, Stuffed Salmon  
(stuffed with crab cake), Fried Shrimp,  
Steak and Mac & Cheese

*All dinners come with  
fries, coleslaw, rye bread & butter.  
(Prices vary by item)*

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# MILLARD AMERICAN LEGION POST 374 FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**This Scholarship Application is due: March 23, 2019**

\$500 scholarships will be awarded. Competition is OPEN TO BOTH MALE AND FEMALE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS. The Scholarships will be awarded to a member, a child, grandchild, step-child, or step-grandchild of a current American Legion Post 374, S.A.L or Auxiliary Member with membership of at least two years. Information provided directly on this sheet should be neatly printed, handwritten or typed since it does not lend itself to easy use of computer printing.

**Which Organizational Scholarship are you applying for** Legion ☐ SAL ☐ AUX ☐

If applying for more than one Scholarship from Post 374 then you need to send duplicate paperwork.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA at end of Sem. 1 of Sr. year is \_\_\_\_\_

☐ If current College student your GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank is \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

ACT composite Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_

(Your counselor's signature is needed on the line above)

Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_

certify the accuracy of the GPA, class rank, and ACT Score shown above.

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

If current college student please list school \_\_\_\_\_

List your intended college or university. If you are still considering more than one, attempt to list in the order of preference.

List any scholarships for which you have applied:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

List your intended major: \_\_\_\_\_

List any scholarships which you have been awarded:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: If more room is needed to list the scholarships for which you have applied, or those you have been awarded, mark this box [ ] and list the information on another sheet.**

## MILLARD AMERICAN LEGION POST 374 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**Important - Follow the instructions on the application. Failure to follow the instructions will eliminate you from consideration. This information must be at American Legion Post 374 by March 23, 2019. DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME OR SIGNATURE ON ANY OTHER SHEET; USE YOUR SPONSORING MEMBER'S CARD NUMBER.**

Name of Sponsoring Member \_\_\_\_\_

2019 Membership Card # \_\_\_\_\_ (copy enclosed)

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclose with your application: Copy of school records, Three (3) current letters of recommendation, and a one page Essay on Patriotism. Work history, Community Activities, Volunteering and School related activities must also be enclosed. Your grade point average will be considered as part of your application. Enclose a copy of the 2019 Membership Card. Be sure to mark out your name and use the Membership Card Number on ALL documents other than this application.**

Applicants Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

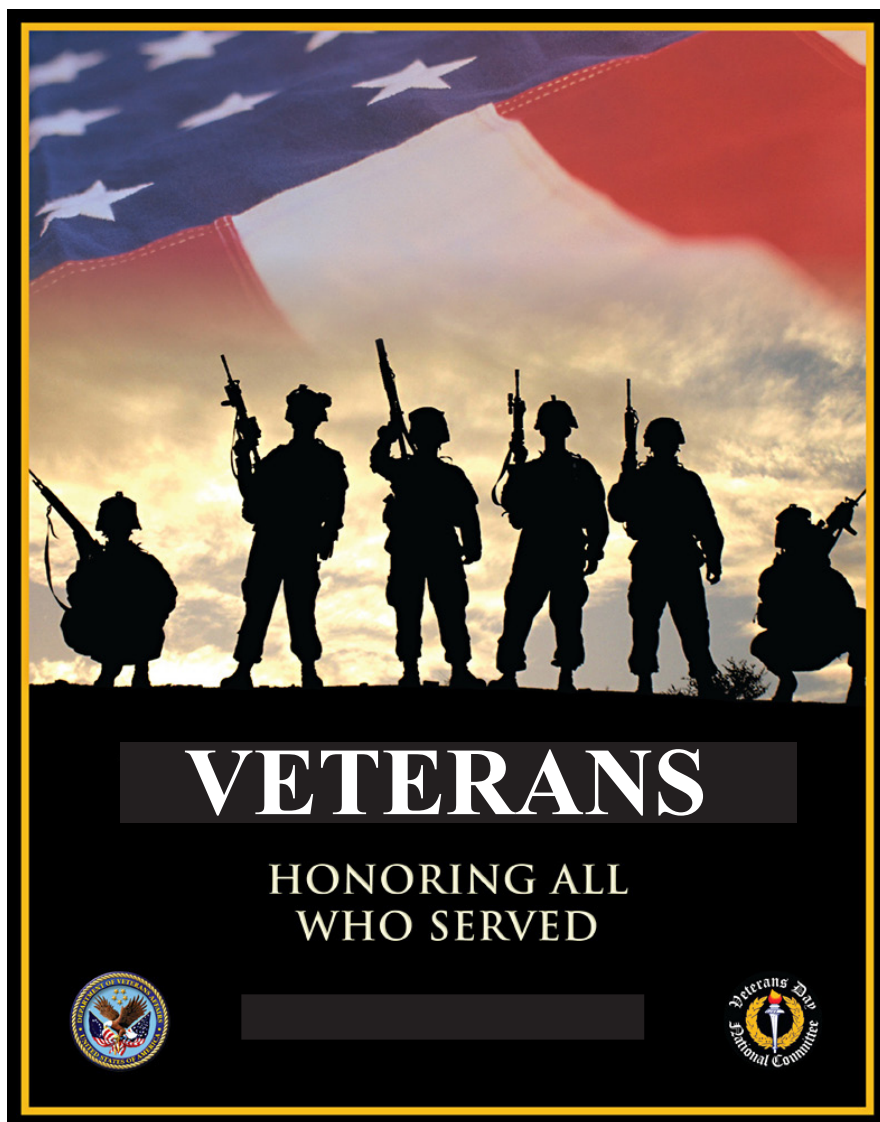
**Due by March 23, 2019 – Mail to American Legion Scholarships 13913 S Plaza, Omaha, NE. 68137**

**Please Mark the envelope Legion, SAL, or Auxiliary Scholarship**

I \_\_\_\_\_, parent or guardian of the above stated applicant, hereby give my  
(Printed Name)

Permission to publish my son/daughter's name if awarded the Scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent or guardian of applicant. \_\_\_\_\_ Date



## ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP

This is the time for you to get involved in how your Post Home is run.

The Honor Guard and Color Guard need new members; we know that you cannot do every event/funeral but we need members to step up and get involved.

When was the last time you were in the Post Home? Did you like things or think something needs to be changed? If you want things to change you need to come to a Legion Meeting, Auxiliary Meeting or a SAL meeting. We welcome your input; this is how we become better.

Did you know there is Pinochle on Tuesdays and Mahjong on Thursdays? Come in and learn more.

When you come in with your friends do you talk to them and see if they are eligible to join our family? When they ask "why should I"? Your response is you are supporting veterans and with your membership it gives us one more voice to Congress to get veterans issues passed.

Remember to clean your table when you are done, and also clean other tables. Our bartenders are volunteers and can use the assistance. This is your Post home; do you leave your Home a mess when you are done eating or drinking?



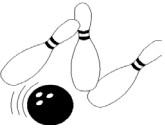










**Mondays** - \$1.25 Taco Night 5:30 – 7:30  
**Tuesday** - Hamburger Night - 5:30 -7:30  
**Thursday** - Dinner 5:30 – 6:45 (menu varies)

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## FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>SAL</b> Saturday, March 2 <b>BOWLING TOURNAMENT</b> 					1	2 <b>SAL Soup &amp; Sandwich Fundraiser</b>
3 <b>Super Bowl Party</b> Wings served	4 <b>FOOD</b> <b>SAL Mtg</b>  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	5 <b>FOOD</b>  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	6	7 <b>FOOD</b> <b>Cribbage 7:00</b> 	8	9
10	11 <b>FOOD</b>  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	12 <b>FOOD</b> <b>Auxiliary Mtg 7:00</b> ----- <b>Liver/Onions &amp; Burgers 5:30</b> "PUBLIC WELCOME"	13	14 <b>FOOD</b> <b>Cribbage 7:00</b> 	15	16 <b>Deployment party</b> ----- <b>Prime Rib and Rock &amp; Roll Bingo</b>
17	18 <b>FOOD</b>  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	19 <b>FOOD</b> <b>Auxiliary serving burgers 5:30</b> ----- <b>ALR Mtg 7:30</b>	20 <b>E-Board Mtg 6:30</b> ----- <b>General Mtg 7:30</b>	21 <b>FOOD</b> <b>Cribbage 7:00</b> 	22 <b>News LTR Articles Due</b>	23
24	25 <b>FOOD</b>  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	26 <b>FOOD</b> <b>BUNCO 6:30</b>  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	27	28 <b>FOOD</b> <b>Cribbage 7:00</b> 		

### • • • • • UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST • • • • •

- Saturday Feb 2 ..... SAL Soup/Sandwich night
- Sunday Feb 3 ..... Super Bowl party
- Tuesday Feb 12..... Liver/Onions & Burgers
- Sat Feb 16.... Deployment Party/Birthday Bash/Rock & Roll Bingo
- Saturday March 2 .....SAL bowling tournament
- Friday March 8..... Fish Fries start
- Sunday March 17 ..... Corned Beef & Cabbage
- Sunday May 12..... Mother's Day Brunch

## PRIME RIB

Saturday, Feb 16  
 5:30 P.M.

### BIRTHDAY BASH

