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FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Taco's Only \$1.75	1	2 FOOD Tenderloins 5:30 – 7:00 	3 Cribbage 7:00 Kitchen Closed	4	5 FOOD SAL Soup & Sandwich 5:30 – 7:30
6	7 FOOD Legion-kitchen Taco Night SAL Mtg 7:00	8 Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	9 FOOD Chicken/noodles 5:30 – 7:00 ----- Vietnam Vets #279 Mtg 6:30	10 Cribbage 7:00 Kitchen Closed	11	12
13 SUPER BOWL LVI 5:30 PM	14 FOOD ALR - kitchen Taco Night 	15 ALR Mtg 7:30	16 FOOD Chili dogs or Chili burgers 5:30 – 7:00 ----- E-board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	17 Cribbage 7:00 Kitchen Closed	18 Newsletter articles due	19
20	21 FOOD SAL - kitchen 	22 Buddy Check at Cunningham's bar	23 FOOD Hamburgers 5:30 – 7:00 ----- BUNCO 6:30	24 Cribbage 7:00 Kitchen Closed	25 FOOD AMVETS serving chicken fried steak Ground Zero playing	26 FOOD ROTC Chili feed 4:30 – 7:00
27	28 FOOD ALR - kitchen 	Members and 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.		<div><div> Affordable Firewood's Quick & Convenient Delivery 402-660-9523</div><div>Ground Zero Sponsored By ★ Affordable Firewood's & ★ Hoffman Electric</div><div> COMMERCIAL - RESIDENTIAL SERVICE 402-734-1196</div></div>		

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Sat. Feb 5..... SAL Soup & Sandwich
Fri. Feb 25.....AMVETS serving dinner
Sat Feb 26.....ROTC Chili Feed
Fri Mar 4.....Fish Fries begin
Sat Mar 12.....St Patrick's Day parade
Thur Mar 17.....Corn beef/cabbage served
Sat Mar 26.....SAL Chili Cook-off

SAL Soup & Sandwich

Saturday February 5 from 5:30 – 7:30

All you can eat - \$9.00

Grilled Cheese sandwich or Grilled Ham/Cheese Sandwich
and Soups donated by SAL members.
The 'Amazing Lindy' will be performing.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

We are now into the cold part of the year. Actually, it hasn't been all that bad. It's -15 with the wind chill as I am writing this.

I would like to welcome the Vietnam Veterans and the AMVETS who are now holding their meetings at our Post. We were asked again about joining with the VFW to open a Veterans Club. At our meeting, we decided it was not the proper time to do this. Maybe in the near future we can work together to do this. The Legion, VFW, and SAL have been working together for years doing the military honors at funerals, so we know it can work.

The Post has been running pretty good. We are getting to see quite a few new faces and, when I talk to them, I'm happy to hear about how friendly everyone is at our Post. We are family. That's what it's all about.

We are getting back to our normal routine here. We will be having our fish fries starting March 4 and going through Good Friday. We will also be serving corned beef and cabbage along with Irish stew on St. Patty's Day. This is always a good time.

We are starting to have entertainment at least once a month on a Friday night. Thanks to Roger Mlady for his hard work getting area businesses to pay for these bands. This month's band will be Ground Zero, co-sponsored by Hoffman Electric and Affordable Fire Woods. Thanks for their support of our Legion Post. The band will be playing on February 25 with a chicken fried steak dinner being served starting at 5:30.

As everyone knows, the price of groceries is sky high. With that said, I am going to raise some prices this month. I will try to keep this at a minimum since some of our members are on fixed incomes.

The SAL has quite a bit going on in the future. Be sure you check out their article for all the info. Also save the calendar for reference on our activities. *See you at the Post.*

Semper Fi! Gary Sempek

SAL NEWS

We hope your new year is off to a great start! Winter is in full swing with the worst of it yet to come. Thankfully we all have a warm and friendly "abode" to enjoy!

The SAL had another successful dinner last month and we enjoyed the entertainment provide by the all veteran band, Ground Zero. A very special thank you to the bands sponsor, Gary Jeck, owner of Amtech Auto Care Center. Should you have a need for auto repair, please consider supporting Amtech! We also wish to say thank you to Roger Mlady for securing the sponsorship; well done Roger!

Our annual beef raffle is underway, and tickets are now available; \$10 per ticket or \$50 gets you six tickets. And we could sure use your help selling some. Ask a bartender or any member for a book of tickets.

Our soup & sandwich is scheduled for Saturday February 5. We will have several soup offerings with ham & cheese or grilled cheese. \$9.00 all you can eat! Entertainment provided by the Amazing Lindy, a magic show you don't want to miss!!!

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday February 7 at 7:00, please plan to attend! Our next SAL taco night is Tuesday February 21, we can always use a helping hand!

Dues, dues, dues! If you have not paid, please do so.

We look forward seeing you at the Post.

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



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS

Article Not Available

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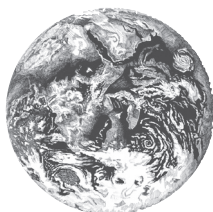
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

I hope you're all doing well with the cold weather. Just remember, now that it's February, we are getting that much closer to spring!

I especially want to thank the donor who gave us money for the kid's Christmas party. He was so generous that there is enough for next year's party too!

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 Saturday Feb. 12, 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. 5 and also the chili cook off on Saturday, March 26. Sign up at the bar if you want to bring your crockpot of soup or chili.

Please let me know if you can bring a dessert when we sell them for Taco night on Monday, Feb. 7 at 5:30. Our next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Karen Brink, President

BUDDY CHECK 22

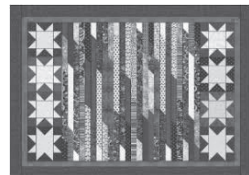
On the 22nd of each month at Cunningham's bar on 108th & Old Mill Rd there is a special gathering of Veterans dedicated to reducing and eliminating Veteran suicide. We continue our service by gathering with fellow Veterans. We call and reach out to others that served at our side. We stood together then and we stand together now.

NOTICE

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Our American Legion Post is presently involved in taking names of veterans to be nominated to receive a Quilt of Valor, presented 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 nomination to the Post:

PO Box 390698 Omaha NE 68139

Attn: Dennis Guinane.

Include your contact information
so I can follow up with you.

Thank you! Dennis Guinane



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ADJUTANT NEWS

I wanted to take a couple of minutes to introduce myself and talk about a couple of things that get brought to my attention a lot. I've been the Post adjutant for over a year. I'm retired from the NE Army National Guard, and served 20 years with 2 tours in Iraq and 1 tour in Afghanistan. I've been a member of the Legion for 11 years, served on the Post E-board four years and served as both an Assistant Liaison and the State Liaison for the American Legion Riders. Since becoming adjutant, I've had a LOT to learn. I've been working on making some necessary changes and improvements to our processes. While most of these changes do not impact our membership directly, it does allow us to run more efficiently.

The biggest complaints that I get are surrounding the membership dues. So I want to touch on that briefly. Dues are \$45 a year. I know many of our members are on fixed incomes, and this can cause some financial stress. If you have an issue being able to pay your dues, and you sincerely want to keep your membership, you should reach out to me or Post Commander Gary Sempek. We may be able to help you out. But please only do this if you are unable to pay your dues due to financial hardship. Out of the \$45, \$18.50 goes to National, \$16.50 goes to State & the rest (\$10) stays at the Post. All of this money is used to support functions and programs of the American Legion from National to the Post. The American Legion as a whole does some amazing things, including paying Coast Guard personnel when the Government shut down a couple of years ago. I could go on & on, but I'm sure you want to know what we do at the Post with the money we keep. A few examples are: support the Honor Guard/Color Guard; provide scholarships for local Military & their children; and send kids to both Girls & Boys State and Jr. Law. While this isn't a complete list, it does show that our part of the membership dues are being put to good use. Here is a link to the Programs that are supported at the National level: <https://www.legion.org/programs>

Additionally, I know some of the renewal notices come late, are confusing, or show up after you've renewed your membership. Unfortunately we don't manage those. National sends those out. When you pay online, or pay us at the Post, it takes a week or so to fully process through National's system and show up as Paid on your membership. Even longer if it's July through November since that's when most of the memberships are renewed. If you ever have a question about your membership status, call the Post. The person who answers may not be able to answer your question, but if you leave a name and number, I will typically call you back in a day or two. I am here most days for a few hours or so. You are also welcome to e-mail me at the address below. Thank you for taking time to read this. We'd love to see you here soon.

Marty Timberlake - adj@post374.org - www.post374.org



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Legion Post 374

VFW Post 833

Robert C. Martin 1.2.22

There Are Five 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.

Congrats Tatum Harmsen
Auxiliary winner

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Legion Drawing (Wednesday),

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

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(NO Later Than Friday, February 18, 2022)