



# MILLARD AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

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## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

This morning it was minus 8 degrees. Ahhh, winter in Nebraska; makes you love spring even more when it comes. A lot of things start happening this month.

On Fat Tuesday, February 13, we will be serving jambalaya and a King cake, of course. The next day, February 14, will be Ash Wednesday (and Valentine's Day) and we will be serving fish sandwiches with fries. Starting February 16 will be the Lenten fish fries every Friday until Easter. You can find that menu in this newsletter. That means all other Friday meals will be suspended until after Easter. Entertainment on February 16 will be Karaoke from 8 to 11.

Business has been a little slow lately due to the frigid weather and snow. The new landlord does a great job of cleaning the parking lot. Hopefully this crap is over. Thanks to our volunteers for braving the weather to help us.

The last couple of months, our Legion meetings have had a low turnout. Remember, this is your Post, and this is a good way to meet other members and find out what is happening at the Post.

I hope everyone reads this entire newsletter to find out what is going on with our other family members in the Post.

*Very proud of our Honor Guard for all the services they do. That's about it. Remember fish fries!!!*

*Semper Fi! Gary Sempek*

## SAL NEWS

"Baby it's cold outside"! Winter has certainly made itself known so far and we hope everyone is staying safe and warm. We have another busy year planned with some exciting events.

Our annual soup and sandwich will be on Super Bowl Sunday February 11 beginning at 5:00 PM.

The first fish fry will be on February 16, come early to get your table and seat. Along with the fish fry we will feature our raffles and trivia.

Saturday, March 2, is our chili competition, sign-up sheet is at the bar should you wish to participate.

Our 2024 SAL raffle is a custom firepit from Bender Ornamental. The winner can have your name, or any design cut in two locations. Tickets are \$1.00 each, ask any member or bartender to purchase. Drawing to be held on March 29. Mark your calendars for the second SAL bingo day which will be Sunday, April 7, additional details to follow.

We are always trying to enhance your experience at the Post, and you may have noticed we replaced all the chairs; a special thanks to everyone who helped make that possible.

During our April meeting we will have officer nominations so please plan to attend and let your voice be heard. Our February meeting is scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> and our February SAL Taco Night is the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**"We can't help the circumstances we were born into, but just because we started there doesn't mean we have to end there" – Michael Oher**

*We ARE family!*

*John Polson, Commander and Randy Young, Vice Commander*

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

I hope you have thawed out from January and now we're on the downside of winter!

Girls state applications have gone out to the schools, so be sure to talk to any girls that might be interested. We need to have the applications back to us by Saturday, Feb. 10, So we can choose the delegates that will attend.

Soon the post #374 Scholarship Application will be available. As a reminder, 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 only make you eligible for the legion or SAL Scholarships, not the auxiliary scholarship. Make sure everything is filled out according to the directions and get it returned by the due date.

Remember to check the calendar for new events so we can support all our legion family!

We will sell desserts for taco night on Monday, Feb. 5 At 5:30. Please let me know if you can bring a dessert. Thanks so much to Lisa Petersen, lorie jaeger and all the others for their wonderful desserts! Our next meeting is Tuesday, Feb.13, at 7:00 P.M. *Hope to see you there!*

*Karen Brink, President 402-740-1455*

## COLOR GUARD

We have another full and fun season ahead of us with the following events already scheduled:

### St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 9

#### Omaha Beef football - Kickoff

March ... 17.....	3:00 PM
March . 30.....	6:30 PM
April .... 19.....	7:00 PM
May ..... 4.....	6:30 PM
May .....11.....	7:00 PM
June ..... 8.....	7:00 PM

We will once again present the colors at the Stormchasers games and once I have the details, I'll share with you.

Thank you in advance for your continued participation! *Randy Young, Post 374 Color Guard Commander*

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS

January has come to an end and winter is still here and if anyone is like me, they are getting antsy to ride. Unfortunately, the snow is still going to be with us for another month or 3. Even though it's cold outside, the Riders are busy planning for the upcoming riding season.

One of the first rides that we have planned is going to be our own poker run. The route is almost done, and we are starting to gather items for our silent auction and raffles. If you have items that you wish to donate, please get with one of our Rider Officers.

We want to invite anyone that wants to participate to join us. This will include cars, trucks, and those Jeep folks. This is not just an ALR event, but a community event to raise money for our Veterans, so please tell your friends and family to come join us.

*Ride safe! Matt Schnabel, Director*

## RECRUITING COMMITTEE

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

## PINOCHLE

Played Every Tuesday  
at 11:00 am.

For more info contact:  
**Sandie Stagner**  
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## HOUSE COMMITTEE NOTES

Thanks to our anonymous donor for the new chairs in the Post. Additional thanks to all the volunteers who stepped up at the last minute to unload and unpack the new chairs. We are really a family.

We have been asked to organize a cleaning crew of 6 to 8 people to inventory, clean, and organize the pantry area in the kitchen and the closet behind the bar. Please look for a sign-up sheet at the front of the bar and help if you can.

We continue 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.

Congrats to Auxiliary Winners

Tatum Harmsen

Julie Polson

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★ **MARCH Newsletter Articles** ★  
**Due No Later Than**  
★★ **Friday, FEBR. 23** ★★

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## SECOND VICE

March is here and that means Legion Scholarships are coming due. The final day to submit these Scholarships is Friday March 22. Once I get all the applications,

I will get a board together so we can decide on who will be receiving these \$500 scholarships. If you are interested in helping with the judging of these apps, please let me know. You can email me at [secondvice@post374.org](mailto:secondvice@post374.org).

We should have a decision made by mid-April. *Good luck to all applicants.*

*Second Vice Matt Schnabel*

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month from 8-10pm at DJ's Dugout on 114<sup>th</sup> and Miracle Hills Dr. The second Buddy Check is on the second Tuesday of each month at Frank's Pizzeria at 5413 S 72<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## 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.

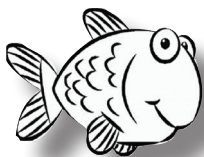
Thank you!

Please send your check to  
Millard Post 374  
Attn: Patty Polson  
PO Box 390698  
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### MILLARD POST #374 - DUES 2024

Legion.....	\$45.00
SAL .....	\$30.00
Jr. SAL .....	\$10.00
Dual Legion/SAL.....	\$65.00
Auxiliary .....	\$35.00
Jr. Auxiliary (17 and under) .....	\$10.00
ALR .....	\$15.00

# FISH FRY



**FRIDAY'S**  
**February 16**  
**Thru March 29**  
**5:30 – 7:30**



## Menu:

### DINNERS (Prices vary):

- ★ Pollock
- ★ Stuffed Salmon (Limited Amount)
- ★ Grilled Salmon (Limited Amount)
- ★ Shrimp
- ★ Steak

*Each Dinner Comes With Fries, Cole Slaw & Bread/Butter.*



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## Mac & Cheese

*Get here early to get a seat!*



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## FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 <b>Broasted Chicken</b> Friday, FEB. 2, 5:30-7:30			1 Kitchen Closed <b>Cribbage</b> 7:00 	2 <b>FOOD</b> <b>Broasted chicken</b> 5:30 	3
4	5 <b>FOOD</b> <b>SAL Mtg 7:00</b> ----- <b>Legion serving tacos</b>	6 <b>PINOCHLE</b> 11:00 am. 	7 <b>FOOD</b> <b>Tenderloins</b> 5:30 	8 Kitchen Closed <b>Cribbage</b> 7:00 	9	10 <b>Girls State</b> <b>applications</b> <b>due</b>
11 <b>SAL</b> <b>Soup/Sandwich</b> 5:00 ----- <b>Super Bowl</b> 5:30	12 <b>FOOD</b> <b>ALR serving</b> <b>tacos</b> 	13 <b>Jambalaya</b> 5:30 ----- <b>Auxiliary Mtg</b> 7:00 <b>PINOCHLE</b> 11:00 am.	14 <b>FOOD</b> <b>Fish</b> <b>Sandwich</b> 5:30 ----- <b>Vietnam Vets</b> <b>Mtg</b> 6:30	15 Kitchen Closed <b>Cribbage</b> 7:00 	16 <b>FOOD</b> <b>Fish Fry</b> 5:30 ----- <b>Karaoke</b> 8:00 	17
18	19 <b>FOOD</b> <b>SAL serving</b> <b>tacos &amp;</b> <b>quesadillas</b> 	20 <b>ALR Mtg</b> 7:30  <b>PINOCHLE</b> 11:00 am. 	21 <b>FOOD</b> <b>Loose meat</b> <b>sandwich</b> 5:30 ----- <b>E-Board Mtg</b> 6:30 <b>General Mtg</b> 7:30	22 Kitchen Closed <b>Cribbage</b> 7:00 	23 <b>FOOD</b> <b>Fish Fry</b> 5:30 ----- <b>March NL</b> <b>Articles due</b> 	24
25	26 <b>FOOD</b> <b>ALR serving</b> <b>tacos</b>	27 <b>House Cmte</b> <b>Mtg</b> 7:00  <b>PINOCHLE</b> 11:00 am.	28 <b>FOOD</b> <b>Burgers</b> 5:30 ----- <b>BUNCO</b> 6:30 	29 Kitchen Closed <b>Cribbage</b> 7:00	March 1  <b>FOOD</b> <b>Fish Fry</b> 5:30	March 2 <b>FOOD</b> <b>SAL Chili</b> <b>cook-off</b>

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Sat Feb 10 ..... Girls State Apps Due  
 Sun Feb 11..... SAL Soup/Sandwich & Super Bowl  
 Tue Feb 13 ..... Jambalaya  
 Fridays Feb 16 thru Mar 29 ..... Fish Fry  
 Fri Feb 16 ..... Karaoke  
 Sat Mar 2 ..... SAL Chili Cook-Off  
 Fri Mar 22 ..... Legion Scholarship Apps Due

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 If you call the post leave your full name and email address with the bartender.  
 If you've already done this, thank you!

# MILLARD AMERICAN LEGION POST 374 FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**This Scholarship Application is due: 03/22/2024**

\$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 03/22/2024. . DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME OR SIGNATURE ON ANY OTHER SHEET; USE YOUR SPONSORING MEMBER'S CARD NUMBER.*

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

2024 Membership Card # \_\_\_\_\_ (copy enclosed)

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

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

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

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

**Enclosed 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 2023 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 03/22/2024– 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