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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Well, I hope everyone survived the holiday season, another one in the books. Let us be thankful for the mild winter we've had so far compared to others. Hopefully the snow doesn't deal us a fit late into winter.

Some highlighted events for this month are a prime rib or shrimp dinner on Saturday February 14. Gary and crew will be serving Jambalaya on Fat Tuesday February 17. Our incredibly awesome Fish Fry's start Friday February 20 and the SAL annual all you can eat Soup and Sandwich is on Saturday February 28.

The Sons are also selling raffle tickets for an assorted beef package and gift card. That drawing will be on Friday April 3. You can inquire about tickets at the bar. Monday night raffles are continuing at taco nights, so stop in and try a delicious taco and possibly win some tasty snacks. As always fee free to stop in and have a drink, there's always someone to chat with.

A hui hou- Eric Peterson

ADJUTANT REMARKS

I hope everyone had a great holiday season however you celebrate it, and hopefully some much needed rest. I wish you and your families the best in 2026. Now onto business. As everyone knows, things have been a little tougher in the last few years. Prices for everything have gone up, and sometimes it's a struggle just to stay ahead of things. Unfortunately, we are dealing with increasing costs just trying to keep things running here as well. After much deliberation it has been decided that we need to increase our dues by \$10 a year. Adding that to the \$55 that you currently pay, \$65 seems like a lot, especially for people on fixed incomes. The increase is necessary to manage day-to-day expenses; utilities, club repairs, cleaning supplies, etc. You will see this increase on the renewal notices that go out in July, for the 2027 year. The good news is that there are a couple of ways you can avoid this price increase for a couple of years. The first: if you haven't taken advantage of the 3-year renewal option, you can go online and select that option. You will pay \$55 for 3 years up front and not incur that \$10 increase.

The second option is to become a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) member. The PUFL option is based on your age. You can buy the PUFL outright, or you can make 12 monthly installments until it's paid off. But you have to make consecutive monthly payments. This makes it more affordable if you are able to take advantage of that option. If you want to know what that amount would be, reach out to me directly and I will be happy to look that up for you.

The last option...if you are having trouble paying for your membership, please reach out to me. We have several members that pay extra in order to help other members who need a little help with memberships. We don't want to see you leave the Post because your service matters to us, and your continued service in the American Legion also matters to us. I know this isn't the best news to get in the new year, and I wish it wasn't necessary.

I encourage you to reach out to me directly if I can help in any way. My e-mail address is adj@post374.org. I check my e-mail here every few days, so I will get back to you as soon as I can. If you call 402-895-1324, you can leave a message with the bartender. Be sure to leave your full name, membership number if you have it, a good phone number, and your address. This will help me make sure I have the information you are looking for before I call you back. *Thank you for your understanding in this matter. We didn't want to have to do this, but we just couldn't put it off any longer.* *Marty Timberlake, Adju*

SAL UPDATE

Hi everyone, we hope you're well and staying warm. As we enter what is typically the coldest month of the year, remember, spring is just around the corner.

I'd like to mention a few noteworthy events: We are selling raffle tickets for our annual fundraiser: a meat package from Fareway Foods including a \$50.00 gift card. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are available at the bar or from any SAL member. The drawing will be held on April 3rd, and you need not be present to win.

Friday February 20th marks the beginning of our annual Fish Frys, and the SAL will be conducting raffles for each one.

Our annual Soup and Sandwich event is scheduled for Saturday February 28, 5:30 – 7:30. \$10.00 all you can eat. The sign-up sheet is at the bar. Your participation is appreciated!

Our next meeting is Monday February 2, and our next SAL taco night is Monday February 16.

"Those who died yesterday had plans for this morning. And those who died this morning had plans for tonight. Don't take life for granted. In the blink of an eye, everything can change. So, forgive often and love with all your heart. You may never get to have that chance again." – Unknown

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

John Polson, Commander

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

I hope you have enjoyed the winter so far and now we are on the downside of winter.

Congratulations to Joan Swift, who is the winner of the Patriotic Quilt raffle!

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. 13th, 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. Also, make sure everything is filled out like the directions tell you and get it returned by the due date.

We will be handling the taco night raffles during the fish fry weeks so the SAL can focus on the Fish Fry; stop in and keep us company and win some nice prizes!

We will sell desserts for Taco night on Monday, Feb. 2 at 5:30. Please let me know if you can bring a dessert.

We are cooking the tacos and rice bowls on Monday, Feb. 23 so be sure to stop in.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see Karen Brink, President 402-740-1455

AUXILIARY DUES

Please renew your Auxiliary dues 2026! The cost is \$35. Jr Auxiliary are \$10. 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 - Omaha NE 68139

The Legion serves really good tacos on Monday nights.

On the third Monday, the SAL serves tacos and quesadillas. Those are very popular.

On the fourth Monday, the Auxiliary serves tacos and taco rice bowls. They've been serving those for a couple months and people have loved them.

If you haven't been in on Monday nights you're missing out!

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS

My name is Marty Timberlake.

I am the newly elected Director of the American Legion Riders Post 374. I am an Army Veteran with several overseas deployments. I've been riding for about 17 years, 13 of them with the Legion Riders.

There hasn't been a lot going on with the Riders the last couple of months. We swore in our officers last month, and our focus is turning to the upcoming annual Poker Run. More to come on that. As most of you know, we relinquished control over the Monday night raffles. The SAL and the Auxiliary are taking over. And while it's bittersweet for us, it just means we now have more time to focus on being riders and getting out into the community. There are a lot of opportunities to get out and support our veterans and their families. So that is what we are going to do.

With that being said, warmer weather is around the corner. And as it gets nicer, you will see more and more bikes on the road. Please pay attention when you are driving. With so many distractions, you have to stay focused. *Until next time, keep the shiny side up!*

*Marty Timberlake
Director - ALR*

The Kitchen Hours Are As Follows:

5:30 – 7:00 on Mondays

The kitchen hours are:

5:30 – 7:00 on Mondays,

Wednesdays and Fridays

when the Legion serves food.

When another group (VFW, etc.) serves food, their hours vary.

Call the Post on those nights if you need more info 402-895-1324

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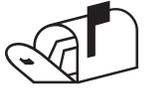
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NOTICE

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You can renew your SAL dues by coming to the Post or by sending a check (payable to Post 374) for \$30.00

to: Millard Post 374

Attn: Jim Wentz

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Omaha, NE 68139

March Newsletter Articles Due News Letter Friday, February 20



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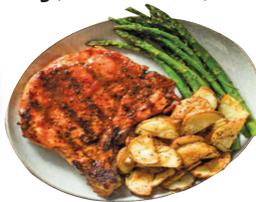
We continue to look for input on new projects. If you have suggestions please let us know, either at the Post, or by email:

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 Shane Bretey.....renbear25@yahoo.com

Darrel Swenson, Chairman

Pork Chop Dinner

Wednesday, FEB. 11, 5:30



Burgers

Friday, FEB. 13, 5:30 PM

Prime Rib or Shrimp Dinner

Saturday, FEB 14, 5:30



Tacos & Quesadillas

Monday, FEB 16, 5:30 PM

Jambalaya

Tuesday, FEB. 17 - 5:30 PM



FISH FRY

FRIDAY'S February 20th thru
 April 3rd 5:30 - 7:30

Menu: **DINNERS** (Prices vary)

- ★ Pollock Dinner
- ★ Grilled Salmon
- ★ Stuffed Salmon Dinner
- ★ Shrimp
- ★ Steak Grilled To Order - Each Dinner Comes With Fries, Cole Slaw & Bread/Butter.

We Serve The Best Tastin

Mac & Cheese

Get here early to get a seat!

"SAL Does Raffles Throughout The Evening"



TACO'S & RICE BOWL

Monday, FEB. 23 - 5:30 PM



SAL Soup/ Sandwich

"ALL YOU CAN EAT"

Saturday, FEB 28,
 5:30 - 7:30

Thank You Cards

Thank you to Kurt Malsam for the donation in memory of his dad, Don Malsam, who died in December. American Legion Post 374 Honor Guard

Millard AL 374 & VFW 8334,
 Thank you for the military honors you provided at Bob's memorial service! Your presence meant the world to us as Bob was proud of having served his country.
 Family of Bob Hagerty

Millard AL 374 & VFW 8334,
 What an honor to have you there for Jeff's service. Thank you all for your service.
 Bless you,
 Denise Perry Meyers

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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.

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Members and Family Members:

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

MILLARD POST #374 - DUES 2025

Legion.....	\$55.00
SAL	\$30.00
Jr. SAL	\$10.00
Dual Legion/SAL.....	\$75.00
Auxiliary	\$35.00
Jr. Auxiliary (17 and under)	\$10.00
ALR	\$15.00

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Cooks Choice On Wednesdays

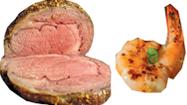
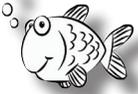
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 FOOD  Legion Serves Tacos 5:30 ----- SAL Mtg 7:00	3 PINOCHLE at 11:00 am. 	4 FOOD Tenderloins 5:30 	5 Kitchen Closed Cribbage 7:00 	6 FOOD Broasted Chicken 5:30 	7
8  Super Bowl 5:30	9 FOOD  Alr Serves Tacos 5:30 ----- VFW Mtg 7:00	10 PINOCHLE 11:00 am. 	11 FOOD Pork Chop dinner 5:30 ----- Vietnam Vets Mtg 6:30	12 Kitchen Closed Cribbage 7:00 	13 FOOD VFW Serves Burgers 5:30 ----- Girls State Apps Due	14 FOOD Prime Rib or Shrimp Dinner 5:30 
15	16 FOOD Sal Serves Tacos & Quesadillas 5:30 ----- ALR Mtg 7:00	17 PINOCHLE at 11:00 am. 	18 KITCHEN CLOSED ----- E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	19 Kitchen Closed Cribbage 7:00 	20 Fish Fry 5:30  ★ News LTR Articles Due	21
22	23 FOOD  Auxiliary Serves Tacos & Taco Rice Bowls 5:30	24 FOOD PINOCHLE at 11:00 am. 	25 FOOD Burgers 5:30 ----- Bunco 6:30 	26 Kitchen Closed Cribbage 7:00 	27 Fish Fry 5:30 	28 FOOD SAL Soup/Sandwich "ALL YOU CAN EAT" 5:30 – 7:30 

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Fri.....Feb..... 6Broasted chicken
 Sat....Feb.... 14.....Prime Rib or Shrimp
 Tues .Feb.... 17 Jambalaya
 Fri Feb 20 – Fri Apr 4.....Fish Frys
 Sat....Feb.... 28.....SAL Soup/Sandwich

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