

## MILLARD AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

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#### **COMMANDER'S COMMENTS**

Here we are - already at the end of 2018 and starting a new year. As we get older, the days and years seem to fly by. So, we need to make the most of every day. For veterans, we have been given the gift of surviving our service - and so we have even a greater responsibility to make the most of every day.

I want to encourage all of my veteran comrades, as well as all of our American Legion family members, to volunteer. Our Post Home always needs help. In just a few months, we will be electing our next set of officers - perhaps this is your calling. No experience necessary - just a desire to help move this Legion forward.

Another area where we need assistance is our color and honor guards. Our ranks are diminishing and we could use some help. These positions will give you so much in return - what an honor to provide final services for a fellow veteran. And what pride to carry our nation's colors for all to see. Yes, sometimes the weather can be extreme - but what do our service members endure for our safety and security? It's a small price to pay.

Lastly, I want to emphasize that we are an American Legion Post. We are not a bar & grill, we are not a restaurant, and we are not a sports bar. We are a member-run club and we heavily rely on volunteers. So, when things don't quite live up to your expectations, let us know; but also understand that we are volunteers and amateurs and we are trying our best. We have only one paid staff member who organizes and arranges everything. We wouldn't be as successful without her - a very big "thank you" to Kathy for a great year. And, here's to another one in 2019! Until next month,

\*\*Commander Doris\*\* Veterans Crisis Hotline: 1-800-273-8255

#### **SAL NEWS**

Hello All,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Congratulations to Gary Hagstrom – He won the TV that we raffled off. More information to come on this. We will be taking over the 3rd Monday each month for Taco Night. If you can help out, please let me know. Mark your calendars: Saturday February 2 will be our annual soup and sandwich dinner. If you would like to bring a soup, please sign up at the bar. Saturday March 2 is the Doreen and Elmer Nelson Scholarship Bowling Tournament and chili cook-off. Bowling sign up will be by the door. The chili sign up will be at the bar.

If you haven't paid your dues yet, you're late! Hurry and get them paid.

Please can I get some thoughts and prayers for the Pfeifer family on the passing of Randy's dad, Chuck. Also, Ed Worthington is in the hospital - Prayers for a speedy recovery.

We are family, John Polson, Commander



## 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)



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)

#### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Hello everyone,

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and welcoming the New Year!

Thank you all for the donations for the packing party last month and to all the volunteers that helped us with this project. We shipped about 550 pounds of food & presents to the troops in Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay!

We all had a great time at the kid's Christmas party. A huge thank you to Kathy for planning and organizing the party; it takes a lot of time and effort! Thanks also to all the Auxiliary, SAL and Legion members that volunteered their time and money to help with this.

We are planning another spagnetti sauce cook off in the next couple of months, so keep your eyes open for that!

We will sell desserts for Taco night on Monday, Jan. 7 at 5:30. Please let me know if you can bring a dessert. The Auxiliary Cooks night is on Tuesday, Jan. 15 from 5:30 to 7:30. We can always use some help, so let me know if you are available.

Our next meeting is Tuesday January 8 at 7:00 p.m.

God bless you all,

Tara Scott. President 425-577-2242

### **\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$**\$\$\$

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.

Congrats to Anita Van Ert **Auxiliary Winner** 

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#### RIDERS NEWS

Fellow Legion Members and Riders, My name is Steve Lahrs and I am the new elected Director of the Legion Riders for Post 374. I am taking over a well-oiled machine; this group of riders are some of the most caring, giving, and fun group of folks I have been given the opportunity to be involved with. We are always looking for new members so if you ride a motorcycle of 500cc and are a Legion, SAL, or Aux in good standing and want to hang out with some cool people check us out. Our meetings are the third Tuesday of every month. Even though the snow is flying we are busy planning our events for next

I want to thank you (Riders, Legionnaires, Sons, Aux and guests) for your dollar raffle donations during Monday Taco night. Just to let you know, we were able to provide a monetary donation to the following organizations throughout the year: Javelan - Assisting Vets with PTSD with service dogs; Moving Vets Forward - Assisting Homeless Vets with a new start on life; Scott Peterson Memorial Poker Run a local charity helping one of our own. This is just a few of the organizations that we have given your donations/raffle funds to in the past year. I can assure you that the money doesn't stay long in the bank as the need in our Veteran Community is great.

Please remember the trailer out back next to the beer garden. We are collecting house gold goods and furniture. If you have anything to donate please drop it off at the trailer. The bartenders have the key. Thank you again,

Steve Lahrs ALR Director

#### January, Birthday Bash Saturday, January 5.



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#### 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 Vicepresident 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.

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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

## Card of Thanks

★ John Sheehan,

Thank you for the generous monetary donation you made to the Post. The Officers and E-Board

- ★ Thank you for letting us use your facility for the luncheon after the funeral of Harold D. Johnson. We appreciate the help with the setup and cleanup afterwards. *Carol Johnson & family*
- ★ Members of the Millard AMERICAN LEGION #374, Thank you for your time and honor for Charles Jaksich funeral services

June Jaksich

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★ Dear Legion & VFW funeral detail group, Thanks a million for the retirement plaque and for the delicious Irish stew and cake. It was very much appreciated.

God bless all of you, Glenn Swoboda

## **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.

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Philip H. Pogge	9.30.18
John J. Roza	
Thomas Ernie Archer	10.23.18
Jack W. Hetterich	10.24.18
Harold D. Johnson	11.20.18
Orville L. Staack	11.24.18
Charles T. Pfeifer	12.11.18

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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\*\* FEBRUARY 2019 \*\*

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### **JANUARY 2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 FOOD  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	2	3 FOOD Cribbage 7:00	4	5 FOOD Birthday Bash & Broasted Chicken
6	7 FOOD SAL Mtg 7:00	8 FOOD Auxiliary Mtg 7:00 "PUBLIC WELCOME"	9	10 FOOD Cribbage 7:00	11	12
13	14 FOOD  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	Auxiliary serving burgers 5:30	16 E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	17 FOOD Cribbage 7:00	18 Legion conference begins in Norfolk	19
20 Legion conference ends	21 FOOD  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	22 FOOD BUNCO 6:30	23	Cribbage 7:00	25	26
27	28 FOOD	29 FOOD	30	31 FOOD Cribbage 7:00	SAL Saturday, Marc BOWLING TOURNAME	

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST**

Saturday January 5 .......Birthday bash/broasted chicken
Friday January 18 ......Mid-Year Legion conference in Norfolk
Tuesday January 22 ......BUNCO
Saturday February 2 ......SAL Soup/Sandwich night
Sunday February 3 ......Super Bowl party

Saturday March 2 .....SAL bowling tournament

SAL

# Soup/Sandwich Fund Raiser

Saturday - February 2 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.