



# MILLARD AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

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## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

The holidays are behind us. Hope everyone had a great one!

- Thanks to the Auxiliary for a wonderful Kids Christmas Party.
- The Post was well represented at the Wreaths across America at the Omaha National Cemetery. Thanks to the Honor Guard/Color Guard and the Millard South ROTC Cadets.
- The freezer/cooler is up and running...just needs a little organizing.
- The state should soon be sending information to the schools for Boys State/Junior Law. Make sure your kids or grandkids check with their counselors.
- There's still some football to be played, so come on down and watch it on our big TVs.
- The S.A.L. will be having a couple of events coming up in February and March. Read John's newsletter article for details.

With the start of a new year come new challenges. Thanks to our E-Board we will be able to tackle these head-on. Hope everyone has a happy and healthy new year.

*Semper Fi Gary Sempek*

## SAL NEWS

Hello all,

*Hope you had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
Congratulations to Gary Sempek for winning the phone raffle.*

Upcoming events are a Soup & Sandwich night Saturday Feb 8 and Nelson family

Bowling/Chili Cook-off Saturday March 7.

We are family!

*John Polson, Commander*

## FROM THE KITCHEN

*Happy New Year to you!*

With the start of the New Year we will be making some changes to the food nights.

★ On **Monday Taco Night** we will be charging for sour cream. I'm trying to keep the cost of the tacos at \$1.50 (but food costs keep going up.) If you haven't been in for a while, we have added Spanish rice & Refried beans to the menu.

★ On the **third Tuesday (when the Auxiliary was cooking)** we will be serving all you can eat spaghetti. **Thank You Ladies** - hard to believe it was 5 years!

★ "Every couple of months we will serve Liver & Onions on the second Tuesday."

★ **Pay attention to the Calendar for which Tuesday has what meal; it will also be on the Menu Board next to the kitchen door.**

*As always thank you for supporting your Post.*

*Suggestions are welcome. Write them down and put them in suggestion box by the office door.*

*Greg Petersen, Kitchen Manager*

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

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

Thank you all for the donations for the packing party last month and for all the volunteers that helped us with this project. We shipped 21 boxes filled with gifts and food to 73 troops in Afghanistan!

We all had a great time at the kid's Christmas party. Thank you to all the Auxiliary, SAL and Legion members that volunteered their time and money to help with this party. We can't do it with you!

Have you started thinking about what to get Mom for Mother's Day yet? How about a new gun! We are selling raffle tickets starting now until May 3. Price is \$5 a ticket and there will be a limited number of tickets so hurry to get one. The lucky winner will be drawn Monday May 4! Just in time for Mother's Day (which is May 10)! The proceeds will go towards our scholarships and funding to send 5 girls to Girl's state.

We will sell desserts for Taco night on Monday, Jan. 6 at 5:30. Please let me know if you can bring a dessert.

Our next meeting is Tuesday Jan. 14 at 7:00 p.m. God bless you all,

Tara Scott, President 425-577-2242



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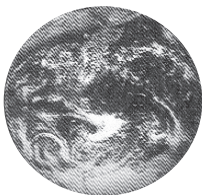
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## RIDERS NEWS

To the American Legion Riders of Post 374 and the other branches that make up truly the best American Legion Post in Nebraska:

I am so excited to be voted in as your ALR Director for another year. Kara will be our Secretary, Arlin will be the Assistant Director, Lyle will be the Treasurer, and Marty will be our Sgt. at Arms. The swearing in ceremony will take place at the next meeting in January.

During the 2019 riding year with the thousands of miles logged and the Poker Runs we attended we had ZERO accidents involving injury. God has truly watched over us and protected us in 2019.

Our Christmas Party was a huge success and thanks to all that brought in the side dishes and desserts. I have never enjoyed a White Elephant gift giving game more than this one. Well done Mike and Nate!!!

Our ALR family continues to grow as the word gets out that our chapter is the one to be a part of. Our Taco Night \$1.00 Raffle had huge returns in November and I expect December to be the same as folks are out and about over the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. Thank you all who volunteer to sell the tickets - it is a lot of fun and a good time plus you get to eat the best Tacos on Earth.

In January we are going to kick-off our planning committees for our ALR's Poker Runs; please be prepared to join a committee, your ideas are essential to their success.

Please remember that one of the largest killer of Veterans today is Suicide. The Army suffered 52% of the suicides from all branches. In 2013, the VA released a study that covered suicides from 1999 to 2010, which showed that roughly 22 veterans were dying by suicide per day, or one every 65 minutes. Some sources suggest that this rate may be undercounting suicides. If you know a veteran that is suffering or not acting themselves please refer them to the Veteran's Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 or dial it for them.

Semper Fi - Steve Lahrs, Director

## 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



The Legion has one cemetery plot at West-lawn-Hillcrest Cemetery for sale. It is a double depth vault for two people. The cost is \$7,195 or best offer. If you would like to purchase it please contact

Rod Mach 402.658.4373



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There are three pots for the Legion drawing (Wednesday) and one pot each for the Auxiliary drawing (Tuesday) and SAL drawing (Sunday). You have to register to win.

Congrats to Tony Vaccaro

SAL Winner

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**Dave Nieto**  
Certified License Agent

### Do I need Medicare with my VA Benefits?

The VA strongly recommends that all veterans with VA health care also enroll in Medicare Parts

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

# POST TRIP INFORMATION

The European Post trip in 2020 will be in Bavaria Germany from May 30 through June 10. This trip will include going to some of the oldest breweries in Germany, one with a 26 generation brew master. The trip will start in Munich and will include the following cities and sites: Bamberg, the Eagles nest, Regensburg (home of the world's oldest continuous run restaurant 1320 AD); Rothenburg, Nuremburg, the Dachau Memorial, Neuschwanstein castle, Salzburg in Austria and more. We will also be attending Bergkirchweih –the world's oldest Beer festival; this festival is always ranked in the top 10 fests in Germany.

The cost (\$2429.00 per person plus air; dual occupancy) will include hotels; entry in some sites/events, chartered bus transportation, and some meals/beverages on the bus. We need to limit the trip to around 30 people. If you would like to go please contact me ASAP so I can get you registered. Send an email to adj@post374.org with your contact info so I can send you the information as I get it. If you told me you want to go please email me so I can keep you informed. We are having an informational meeting Monday January 20 at 7:00PM

Greg Petersen, Adjutant



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**.



## FUNERAL HONOR DETAIL Legion Post 374 / VFW Post 8334



Thomas L. Pettigrew..... 10.19.19  
Wayne A. "Swede" Hanson ..... 12.20.19

## USPS News

If you move, let the Post know your new address. USPS doesn't forward third class mail. The Post pays 55¢ for every returned newsletter.  
**Thank you.**

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★★ **FEBRUARY 2020** ★★  
**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE**  
**(NO Later Than Friday, January 24)**

**January Birthday Bash**  
**will be Saturday,**  
**January 18.**

**There will be**  
**drink specials,**  
**Prime Rib &**  
**entertainment.**














**Mondays** - \$1.50 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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## JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Happy New Year! Post open	2	3	4
5	6 <b>FOOD</b> SAL Mtg 7:00  <b>TACO'S</b> "PUBLIC WELCOME"	7 <b>FOOD</b> Burgers 5:30  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	8	9 <b>FOOD</b> Cribbage 7:00  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	10	11
12	13 <b>FOOD</b>  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	14 <b>FOOD</b> Burgers 5:30 "PUBLIC WELCOME" Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	15 E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	16 <b>FOOD</b> Cribbage 7:00  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	17	18 <b>FOOD</b> Birthday Bash with Prime Rib 5:30
19	20 <b>FOOD</b> Europe info Mtg 7:00 <b>TACO'S</b> "PUBLIC WELCOME"	21 <b>FOOD</b> AYCE Pasta 5:30 ----- ALR Mtg 7:30 "PUBLIC WELCOME"	22	23 <b>FOOD</b> Cribbage 7:00  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	24 News LTR Articles Due	25
26	27 <b>FOOD</b>  <b>TACO'S</b> "PUBLIC WELCOME"	28 <b>FOOD</b> Burgers 5:30  <b>Bunco</b> 6:30 "PUBLIC WELCOME"	29	30 <b>FOOD</b> Cribbage 7:00  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	31	

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

- Sat. Jan. 18..... Birthday Bash
- Mon. Jan. 20.....Europe trip info meeting
- Tues. Jan. 21.....AYCE Pasta
- Sat. Feb. 8.....SAL Soup/sandwich night
- Sat. Mar. 7.....Nelson Scholarship Bowling/Chili cook off
- Sat. May 30 – Wed. June 10.....Post Europe trip

Saturday January 18  
**Prime Rib**  
 5:30 – 7:30



Tuesday January 21  
**"All You Can Eat Pasta"**  
 Pasta, Sauce, Breadsticks, Salad  
 5:30 – 7:30