



# MILLARD AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

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## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and Happy New Year. We had 43 kids for the Christmas Party which I thought was great considering all that's going on in this world. So now the Santa suit is retired for another year.

We had a Special E-Board Meeting to discuss joining together with the VFW. It was decided that, at this point in time, it was not appropriate. We can look at this again in the future.

I don't know if our members know how much our Honor Guard does. We do well over 100 military honors a year. Sometimes it feels like a full time job instead of an honor for our fallen comrades. Recently the transmission on our Post's van went out. We would like to thank Peter Fink of Certified Transmission for repairs so we can continue this service to our Veterans. Keep him in mind if you need transmission service.

Sadly, we lost another of our volunteers, Dave Rainey. He would pick up our liquor orders from the distributors, and was a great guy to sit with and have a cocktail and B.S. He will be missed by many.

We had a fish fry Friday night...practice for fish fries during Lent. We had some new faces in the kitchen, which worked well. Thanks for all who came in to support the Post. The VFW had Karaoke that night and had a very good turnout. We are looking forward to having them again.

We are going to have entertainment on one Friday night a month. One of our S.A.L. members has solicited area businesses to sponsor bands with no cost to the Post. Friday, January 28 entertainment will be the Ground Zero Band, sponsored by Amtech Auto Care Center, 8202 S. 48th St, 402-734-2865. Thanks to Amtech for providing this entertainment.

Well, on to a new year. Thanks for supporting your Post.  
Semper Fi! Gary Sempek

## SAL NEWS

Happy New Year and welcome to 2022!

We hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas and that Santa was good to each of you!

As we begin the New Year and put 2021 behind us it is comforting to know in the midst of all the continuing chaos, runaway inflation, and everything costing more, your dollar still goes a long way at our Post.

As a reminder, the SAL will begin selling meat raffle tickets soon. You will have an opportunity to win one of two sides of Nebraska beef! And we are planning a Friday night dinner on January 28; marinated chicken thighs, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables and a dinner roll all for the low price of \$9.00! Additionally, we will be holding our annual soup & sandwich event on Saturday February 5. \$9.00 all you can eat! Don't miss it!

Our next two meetings are scheduled for January 3 & February 7. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend! Dues, dues, dues. If you have not paid them, please do so.

I would like to extend a special thank you to all who stepped up and served on the Color Guard!

We look forward to seeing you at the Post.

"Learn from the mistakes of other people because you can't make them all yourself" – Unknown.

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



## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS

By the time you read this newsletter the holidays will be behind us and the newly elected Director Nate White will be taking over.

To say I am walking away with no regrets would be a lie. I will miss the interaction and debates with Marty, I miss and continue to miss the brothers that we laid to rest in the past three years. I miss Greg in the kitchen on Taco Mondays telling me, "you're late again Marine" with a smile on his face, and Vinnie telling me stories for the umpteenth time how the Riders used to do things when they were first starting out. I will also miss the true brother/sisterhood that many of us feel when we get together.

Nate, you are taking over a group that will test you. There are strong personalities amongst the Riders but to thine own self be true.

Thank you for the past 3 years everyone.

*Semper Fi Steve Lahrs, ALR Director*



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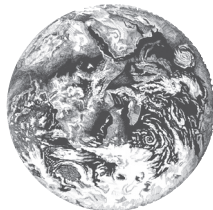
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## AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to 2022! Let's make this year a good one!

Thank you for all of your help and donations to this year's packing party and a special thanks to all the shoppers that do all of the leg work for us so we could package the 63 boxes that we sent to the Middle East.

We all had a great time at the kid's Christmas party. Planning these parties takes a huge amount of time and our thanks go to Kathy, who always does a great job putting it all together! Thanks also to all the Auxiliary, SAL, Legion Riders and Legion members that volunteered their time and money to help with this party.

We will serve desserts for Taco Night on Monday, Jan. 3 at 5:30 p.m. Let me know if you can bring a dessert. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 7p.m. Join us at this meeting to give us ideas for 2022.

*Thanks! Karen Brink, President*  
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## BUDDY CHECK 22

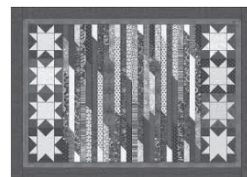
On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month at Cunningham's bar on 108th & Old Mill Rd there is a special gathering of Veterans dedicated to reducing and eliminating Veteran suicide. We continue our service by gathering with fellow Veterans. We call and reach out to others that served at our side. We stood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

## BY-LAWS REVIEW

The Post By-Laws need to be reviewed. They will be reviewed by a committee but the committee need all Legionnaires to be involved. You can read them by going to the following link:

[http://post374.org/documents/post\\_374\\_bylaws\\_updated\\_2015.pdf](http://post374.org/documents/post_374_bylaws_updated_2015.pdf)

**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 not-ed needs within the Legion and to help Military Families.**



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 [qovf.org](http://qovf.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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## SECOND VICE NEWS

As we welcome in the New Year, I would like to let you know that scholarships are coming soon. I know this may seem early, but Millard Post 374 families will again be awarding \$500 scholarships to high school graduates who are the children or grandchildren of members who have at least two years of paid membership. Applications can be picked up at American Legion Post 374 or by emailing [secondvice@post374.org](mailto:secondvice@post374.org). Applications will have to be returned to the Post by March 25, 2022.

Another event accepting applications soon is the American Legion Cornhuskers Boys State. This event is held annually for students before their senior year of high school. Millard Post will select high school juniors to attend the program and also pay to sponsor those individuals. For more information you can go to the following link: <http://www.nebraskalegion.net/Programs/BState.html> or you can email [secondvice@post374.org](mailto:secondvice@post374.org) for questions. Here's to a great year.

Air Power, Matt Schnabel, Second Vice

### To Our Members

May the New Year bring you peace,  
happiness, and prosperity.  
Wishing you a joyous 2022!  
It is time to forget the past and celebrate a new start.

### 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.



#### FUNERAL HONOR DETAIL

Legion Post 374 / VFW Post 833



Richard J. Ficke..... 12.3.21  
David L. Rainey ..... 12.8.21

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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.

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### 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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★★ FEBRUARY 2022 ★★  
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE  
(NO Later Than Friday, January 21, 2022)



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## JANUARY 2022

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	<b>Taco's Only</b> <b>\$1.75</b>					<b>1</b> <b>Happy New Year!</b> <b>The Post is open</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>FOOD</b> <b>LEGION in the kitchen</b> <b>Taco Night</b> <b>SAL Mtg 7:00</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>FOOD</b> <b>Pork tenderloins 5:30</b> 	<b>6</b> Kitchen Closed <b>Cribbage 7:00</b> 	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>FOOD</b> <b>ALR in the kitchen</b> 	<b>11</b> <b>Auxiliary Mtg 7:00</b>	<b>12</b> <b>FOOD</b> <b>Grilled Chicken/Swiss sandwich 5:30</b>	<b>13</b> Kitchen Closed <b>Cribbage 7:00</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>FOOD</b> <b>SAL in the kitchen</b> <b>Taco Night</b> 	<b>18</b> <b>ALR Mtg 7:30</b>	<b>19</b> <b>FOOD</b> <b>Soup &amp; grilled cheese sandwich 5:30</b> ----- <b>E-Board Mtg 6:30</b> <b>General Mtg 7:30</b>	<b>20</b> Kitchen Closed <b>Cribbage 7:00</b> 	<b>21</b> <b>Newsletter articles due</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Buddy Check at Cunningham's bar</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>FOOD</b> <b>ALR in the kitchen</b> 	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>FOOD</b> <b>Hamburgers 5:30</b> ----- <b>BUNCO 6:30</b>	<b>27</b> Kitchen Closed <b>Cribbage 7:00</b> 	<b>28</b> <b>FOOD</b> <b>SAL serving dinner 5:30</b> <b>Ground Zero Band</b> <i>Sponsored By AMTECH</i>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>FOOD</b> <b>LEGION in the kitchen</b> <b>Taco Night</b>	<b>The SAL is serving dinner on Friday January 28 from 5:30 - ???</b> The menu is marinated boneless chicken thighs and side dishes for \$9.00. Ground Zero band will be playing so come have a delicious dinner and stay for some great entertainment! <b><i>Sponsored By AMTECH</i></b>				

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Fri. Jan 28..... SAL dinner  
 Sat. Feb 5..... SAL Soup & Sandwich  
 Sat Feb 12..... St Patrick's Day parade  
 Sat Mar. 26 ..... SAL Chili Cook-off

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