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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

We made it through another year! They seem to go faster all the time. Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's. The kids' party went very well this year with at least twice as many kids as last year. Kathy and the Auxiliary did a fine job of keeping them entertained while waiting for a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

Sometimes it's really hard writing this newsletter article because I have to comment on things that haven't happened yet...like New Year's Eve trivia. It went over really well the day before Thanksgiving and was requested for New Year's Eve. I hope everyone enjoyed it.

With the coming of the New Year, our Post home will have new property management. The Lord of Hosts Church has purchased the building from the Millard Plaza Group. During an inspection of the Post, it was noted we had to put in three new sprinkler heads in our cooler and freezer. This came to a substantial amount of money which our S.A.L. Squadron graciously offered to pay. This is why I tell everyone that we have the best Legion Post around. Thank you very much. We ARE family. In talking with the new owners, one of their first priorities will be the parking lot which needed replacing four or five years ago.

With the New Year, the S.A.L. has a lot of upcoming events. Make sure you read John's article for details, and please support their projects. From the kitchen, we have been doing pretty well. Looking ahead a little, fish fries will start on February 24. I will try to have steaks on the menu for non-fish eaters and, of course, Pollock, grilled salmon & stuffed salmon, and mac n cheese. Instead of having a meal on Ash Wednesday, we will move it to Fat Tuesday, and have some jambalaya or gumbo. On Super Bowl Sunday, we will probably have heavy hors d'oeuvres for the game. Come and join the fun.

Check out the calendar. We are going to squeeze in a couple more Friday meals before Lent starts. One of them will be liver & onions (or pork tenderloin), both with hash browns & gravy, vegetable, & dinner roll. Also check out Rebecca's Facebook page for more information. St. Patrick's Day??? More information next month.

We have some members who volunteered to set up tables at different events around town to promote what the American Legion Family is about and the programs it sponsors. Hopefully this will get new members for our Post. These are the kinds of ideas that make Post 374 the best. We are always looking for new volunteers at the Post. There are many different projects to do.

As of this writing, our Honor Guard has broken its all-time high of 160+ funerals this year. Sadly, though, we did one for one of our own. 'Cowboy George' Kaplan died on Dec. 17 at the cemetery while we were conducting a service. He will be greatly missed. *Best wishes for a safe and prosperous new year. Semper Fi! Gary Sempek*

SAL NEWS

Happy 2023 to all!

We hope you had a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

This month marks the beginning of our annual beef raffle; tickets will go on sale January 14, drawing for each of two sides of beef to be held on April 7. \$10.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$50.00. You need not be present to win but it's more fun when the winners are at the Post.

We are planning our soup and sandwich dinner on February 11 and our chili cook-off for March 25. Mark your calendar for both!

The SAL meeting is scheduled for January 2 and the next SAL taco night is scheduled for January 16.

As I'm sure you're aware, membership is declining at American Legions across the country. We are fortunate to have a relatively healthy membership. However, keeping our current membership base and finding ways to add new members is something the officers of all family members is always discussing. If you have any ideas, we'd love to hear them. We look forward to seeing you at the Post.

"The First Amendment doesn't protect speech you like; it protects speech you don't like!" – Larry Flynt

We ARE family! John Polson, Commander and Randy Young, Vice Commander

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and you are looking forward to 2023!

Thank you for all of your help and donations to this year's packing party. A special thanks to Deb Heller & Jean Olig for doing all of the shopping for us. We packaged & wrapped 63 boxes and sent them to 3 different locations.

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 members of the Auxiliary, SAL, Legion Riders and Legion that volunteered their time and money to help with this party.

The Post Pandemic Party was a lot of fun for everyone! Thanks to Dr. Doris Burns for hosting & planning the party, baking the fortune cookies and also donating the prizes! Thanks to Kathy for coming up with the "shots", Tom Jensen for the delicious food and all the others that helped to make it a success! Here is the link to some pictures that were taken: <https://www.smugmug.com/gallery/n-JF-6ZLR/>

Since the kitchen is closed on Jan. 2, we will serve desserts for Taco Night on Monday, Jan. 9 at 5:30 p.m. Let me know if you can bring a dessert. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 7p.m. *Hope to see you there!*

Karen Brink, President 402-740-1455

BUDDY CHECK 22

On the 22nd of each month at **DJ's Dugout (114th & Miracle Hills Drive)** 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.

★ **February Newsletter Articles** ★
Due No Later Than
★★ **Friday, January 20** ★★

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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 out 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 Post 374 who have at least two years of paid membership.

Applications can be picked up at the Legion or by emailing

secondvice@post374.org.

Applications must be returned to Post 374 by Friday March 24, 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 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 for questions. Here's to a great year.

Thanks Matt Schnabel, Second Vice

HOUSE COMMITTEE NOTES

Happy New Year! As the house committee starts our second year, we are looking for input on new projects. If you have suggestions please let us know, either at the Post, or by email:

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PROUD VOLUNTEERS

We have the best volunteers on the planet. They are PROUD to give a hand for many different projects that need to be done to keep our Post functioning.

The kitchen crews are always on point to provide delicious food to share with all members and guests. They also keep the kitchen in top shape to pass inspections.

The bartenders provide tasty refreshments and interesting conversation.

The maintenance for our facility can be challenging but we have many volunteers who replace or repair things that go wrong and keep our Post in the best shape.

Remember, this is YOUR Post. If you see anything that needs doing, feel free to help out or find an officer and bring it to their attention.

Thanks to ALL the volunteers!

Lisa Petersen



**Broasted
Chicken**
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5:30-7:30



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Card Of Thanks

American Legion members,

I was notified that you have, once again, made a contribution to the Robert Swanson Memorial Scholarship fund. For that I am incredibly grateful. We are slowly working toward our goal of \$50,000 to get the scholarship endowed so it can continue in perpetuity. Thank you so much for helping my dad's legacy continue.
Cindy Siadek

Just wanted to let you know that we received the packages. THANK YOU SO MUCH for sending all of that to our troops. THANK YOU for bringing some Christmas Spirit our way this year! SFC Megan Yada - Operations Sergeant, 1057th MP Co. (Serving in Kuwait & Qatar)

MENU ITEMS

- ★ Taco's & Taco Salads 
- ★ Pork Tenderloins 
- ★ Hamburgers Cheese Burger & Fries 
- ★ Chicken Fried Steak/Chicken - Every 3rd Friday 
- ★ Specials  & Many Other Delicious Items

PINOCHLE

Played Every Tuesday
at 11:00 am.

For more info contact:
Harlan Holmes 402.312.2207



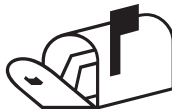
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There is one pot each for the SAL drawing (Sunday), Auxiliary drawing (Tuesday) and Legion drawing (Wednesday). You have to register to win.

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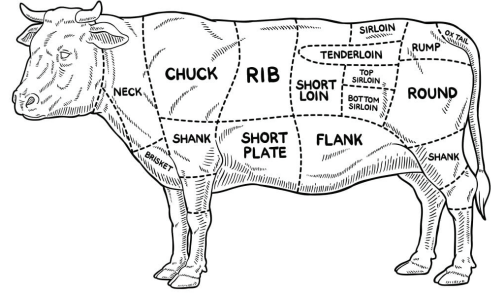
MILLARD POST #374 DUES 2023

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

S.A.L. BEEF RAFFLE

Win One Of Two Sides

Premium Nebraska Raised Beef.
Tickets Are Available For \$10.00 Each or \$50.00 For 6 Tickets. We will begin selling tickets on Saturday, January 14.



FUNERAL HONOR DETAIL Legion Post 374 / VFW Post 833



John Sheehan	11.19.22
Earle L. French	11.26.22
George Kaplan	12.17.22

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.

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S.A.L.

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JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy New Year!	2 FOOD TACO Night  ----- SAL Mtg 7:00	3 Pinochle 11:00 	4 FOOD Tenderloins 5:30 	5 Kitchen Closed Cribbage 7:00 	6 FOOD Broasted Chicken 5:30-7:30 	7
8	9 FOOD ALR in the kitchen 	10 Pinochle 11:00 ----- Auxiliary Mtg 7:00 	11 FOOD Beef & Noodles 5:30 ----- Vietnam Vets Mtg 6:30	12 Kitchen Closed Cribbage 7:00 	13	14 SAL BEEF RAFFLE Win One Of Two Sides  Ticket Sales Start
15	16 FOOD SAL in the kitchen Taco Night 	17 Pinochle 11:00 ----- ALR Mtg 7:30 	18 FOOD Kitchen open 5:30 ----- E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	19 Kitchen Closed Cribbage 7:00 	20 FOOD Country Fried Steak/Chicken 5:30 PM  Febr. News LTR Due ★	21
22 Buddy Check @ DJ's Dugout	23 FOOD ALR in the kitchen 	24 Pinochle 11:00 ----- House Cmte Mtg 7:00 	25 FOOD Burgers 5:30 <i>Delicious</i> 	26 Kitchen Closed Cribbage 7:00 	27	28
29	30 FOOD Legion in the kitchen 	31 Pinochle 11:00 	Tasty BEEF & Noodles January 18, 5:30-7:30 PM <i>"Fantastic Recipe and Out Of This World Flavor"</i>			

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Fri Jan 06Broasted Chicken
 Fri Jan 20Country Fried Steak/Chicken
 Fri Feb 03Broasted Chicken
 Sat Feb 11SAL Soup & Sandwich
 Sun Feb 12Super Bowl
 Fri Feb 17Country Fried Steak/Chicken
 Tues Feb 21Fat Tuesday Dinner
 Fri Feb 24First Lent Fish Fry
 Sat Mar 25SAL Chili Cook-Off

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