



# MILLARD AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

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## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

The new year is upon us already. Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. The kids' Christmas Party went great. We had 60+ kids and parents attending. Kathy did a great job of figuring out all the arts and crafts. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a success. Santa told me he held the littlest baby he has ever held.

Hope you get this letter before New Year's Eve to let you know we'll be having munchies, champagne toasts, and Kathy's games. We will be entertained by Rockin' Rebecca's Music Trivia.

Starting out the new year we will be having food every Friday night. The first Friday will be broasted chicken. The VFW will have Swiss mushroom burgers on the second Friday. The third Friday is the Am Vets chicken fried steak or chicken fried chicken. The S.A.L. will be having Asian pulled pork on the fourth Friday. So come on down for some good food and no kitchen cleaning afterwards.

Our Honor Guard did military honors for 180+ fellow veterans this last calendar year. Great job guys! Our Color Guard is gearing up to start their new year. They are looking to do a couple more parades. They have some younger members now and looking to present colors at the Omaha Beef football and Storm Chasers games, along with some Legion baseball tournaments.

Even with the changes by the City Council's new fireworks lottery, the Legion did get a permit. This will be a great help for maintaining our programs.

Make sure you read the monthly newsletters because we have a lot of events at the Post. Quick note... the Post is always open to donations to our building fund. We would like to have our own building someday.

Again, thanks to all the volunteers who helped throughout the year. Without you we would have a really hard time existing. *Looking forward to having another great year with our members.*

*Semper Fi! Gary Sempek*

## SAL NEWS

*Happy New Year and welcome 2024!*

We certainly hope each of you had a joyous Christmas spending time with family and friends. The new year brings new hope, new opportunities and new beginnings. We hope 2024 is your best year ever!

The SAL will be conducting another raffle this year. The raffle will be for a custom firepit from Bender Ornamental. 30 inches round and the winner can have their name, or any design custom cut in two locations. Tickets will be available this month for the bargain price of \$1.00 each! Please see any SAL member or the bartenders to purchase. Drawing will be held on Friday March 29, 2024.

The SAL will hold a dinner on Friday January 26, Asian pulled pork with choice of rice or noodles. 5:30 until sold out. \$9.00 per plate.

Our annual soup and sandwich will be held on Super Bowl Sunday, February 11, please join us! This year's chili cook off will be held Saturday March 2, so watch for the signup sheet.

A reminder to **all dual members**. As of this month dual member dues are now a total of **\$65.00**. Our next meeting will be held on January 8<sup>th</sup> and our next SAL taco night is January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**"What happened yesterday is history. What happens tomorrow is a mystery. What happens today makes a difference". – Unknown**

*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 2024!

Thank you for all your help and donations to this year's packing party. Special thanks to Deb Heller & Jean Olig for doing all the shopping for us and Doris Burns for her hard work getting the money and the addresses for us! We packaged & wrapped 185 boxes and sent them to 3 different locations.

We were surprised to have KETV report about it, so hopefully you were able to see it.

We all had a great time at the kids' 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 so much to Lorie Jaeger for all the work she did and all the other Auxiliary members, SAL members, Legion Riders and the Legion members that volunteered their time, money and food for this party.

Let's start the New Year with a new commitment to go to the meetings and help with the decisions that are made with your money! We always want to hear new ideas!

We will serve desserts for Taco Night on Monday, Jan. 8 at 5:30 p.m. Let me know if you can bring a dessert. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 7:00 p.m.

*Karen Brink, President 402-740-1455*

## RECRUITING COMMITTEE

If you have any suggestions, please inform a member of the recruiting committee: *Gordon Mix, Jim Persson, Jay Quick, and Rebecca Wesch.*

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS

Winter is here and the riding is going to be few and far. We didn't have a meeting last month, but we did have a great time for our annual Christmas Party.

Not much is happening during these winter months, but we are still wanting to get together, besides at our monthly meeting. Starting Jan 5 and every first Friday for a while, we are coming together for dinner. See Big's Monday emails for more details on where we will meet up.

We are also getting together to go to our stops for our summer Poker Run. We will meet up starting Feb 10 to get familiar with our route and meet the staff at the bars we will be visiting. We need to support them as they support us, plus it gives us another good reason to get together.

Our Jan meeting will be Jan 16 at 7:30 PM. *Stay warm and stay safe.*

*Ride safe! Matt Schnabel, Director*

## HOUSE COMMITTEE NOTES

The house committee continues 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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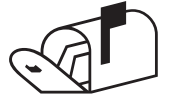
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There is one pot each for the SAL drawing (Sunday), Auxiliary drawing (Tuesday) and Legion drawing (Wednesday).

You must register to win.

Auxiliary Winner – Rebecca Wesch

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★ FEBRUARY Newsletter Articles ★

Due No Later Than

★★ Friday, JAN. 19 ★★

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# Card Of Thanks

Millard American Legion #374

Our family would like to thank you for helping us to honor husband, father, grandfather, & great-great grandfather Lyle Shannon. He was a good man and a hero in many ways. Thank you for your service.

Lyle Shannon family

## Buddy Check 22

There are two Buddy Check events that happen in the Omaha area. The first is Buddy Check 22, which happens on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month from 8-10pm at DJ's Dugout on 114<sup>th</sup> and Miracle Hills Dr. The second Buddy Check is on the second Tuesday of each month at Frank's Pizzeria at 5413 S 72<sup>nd</sup> St in Ralston. Both events are to help veterans support each other, reduce and eliminate veteran suicides, and get back the feeling of camaraderie that we had when we were in the military. For us, the mission isn't over until every veteran is living a happy, healthy life. Come join us if you can.

**Friday, January 5**

## Broasted Chicken



**Friday, January 12**

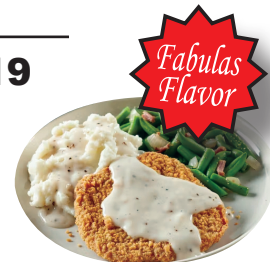
*Delicious*



## Swiss Mushroom BURGER

**Friday, January 19**

## Chicken Fried Steak/Chicken Dinner



**Friday, January 26**

## Asian Pulled Pork Dinner

*Delicious*

## 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.

## AUXILIARY DUES

Please renew your Auxiliary dues! The cost is \$35.00 Jr Auxiliary are \$10.00 We hope you will take the time to renew your membership and remain a part of our organization. Thank you!

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Attn: Patty Polson  
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SAL .....	\$30.00
Jr. SAL .....	\$10.00
Dual Legion/SAL.....	\$65.00
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## JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Post open! ----- Kitchen closed	<b>2</b> PINOCHLE 11:00 am. 	<b>3</b> <b>FOOD</b> Tenderloins 5:30 	<b>4</b> Kitchen Closed Cribbage 7:00 	<b>5</b> <b>FOOD</b> Broasted Chicken 5:30 	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> SAL Mtg 7:00	<b>9</b> Buddy Check - Frank's Pizzeria PINOCHLE 11:00 am. Auxiliary Mtg 7:00 	<b>10</b> <b>FOOD</b> Kitchen 5:30 ----- Vietnam Vets Mtg 6:30 	<b>11</b> Kitchen Closed Cribbage 7:00 	<b>12</b> <b>FOOD</b> VFW - Swiss mushroom burgers	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> ALR Mtg 7:30  PINOCHLE 11:00 am. 	<b>17</b> <b>FOOD</b> Kitchen 5:30 ----- E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	<b>18</b> Kitchen Closed Cribbage 7:00 	<b>19</b> <b>FOOD</b> AMVETS - CFC or CFS 5:30  <b>Articles Due For News Letter</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Buddy Check - DJ's Dugout	<b>23</b> House Committee Mtg 7:00 PINOCHLE 11:00 am. 	<b>24</b> <b>FOOD</b> Burgers 5:30 ----- BUNCO 6:30 	<b>25</b> Kitchen Closed Cribbage 7:00 	<b>26</b> <b>FOOD</b> SAL Dinner Asian pulled pork 5:30	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>FOOD</b> Kitchen 5:30			

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Fri Jan 5 ..... Legion Broasted Chicken  
 Fri Jan 12 ..... VFW Swiss Mushroom Burgers  
 Fri Jan 19 .....AMVETS Chicken Fried Steak Or Chicken Fried Chicken  
 Fri Jan 26 ..... SAL Dinner  
 Sun Feb 11.....Super Bowl & SAL Soup/sandwich  
 Fri Feb 16 .....First Fish Fry  
 Sat Mar 2 ..... SAL Chili Cook-Off

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