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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Happy Independence Day to all of our members; hope you have a safe fourth.

The adjutant and I attended the State Conference in Kearney last month. What that means is you will soon be receiving your 2016 dues notices. If you send them in right away you will be entered into the early bird drawing. By paying them early it saves the Legion money as they do not need to send second and third notices out. You can also pay them on line.

If you have been in on a food night you should have seen the flyer asking for kitchen help. We need food runners, taco makers and a cashier on Mondays; we also need a cook, runner, and cashier on Tuesdays. The volunteers in the kitchen have trips planned and Legion business to attend to so they will not be available. If we don't get help in the kitchen on those nights there will not be food. If you can help there will be a meeting on Saturday July 18 at noon at the Post; if you can help but cannot make the meeting please contact me.

On Friday July 10 there will a spaghetti feed at 5:30. This is a fund raiser to help offset some expenses that were incurred helping a Legion Family member in need. Please remember that we are a family and family helps each other so come and help support your family.

Something to keep in the back of your mind: the 100th birthday of the American Legion is coming up in 2019. What do we as a Post want to do to bring this to the attention of the community? If you have any ideas let me know. Jennifer Salak and I noticed that our charter was signed November 7, 1958; from what we can see there is only one Post member of the original members who is still with us today. I would like to thank Andrew Anderson for being one of those charter members.

As I mentioned last month there is a \$1000 accidental death insurance policy for all Legionnaires; you just need to apply. I received word last month that it is open to all Legion family members. You only have to sign up once and as long as you renew your dues each year you do not need to renew it as you had to in the past. If you do not have a computer to sign up please call the Post to set up an appointment and someone can assist you, usually after 4:00 PM. The website is www.thelit.com

Can you use \$500.00? It surprises me that we only have about 30 legionnaires sign in on Wednesdays for the drawing. We currently have two pots at \$500.00 and the third one is growing. You have to come in and register to win. It surprises me that the number of non-winners who have been drawn live right here in Omaha. I could understand if it was an out of town member so what's your excuse for not signing in?

HOOAH! Greg Petersen, Commander

S.A.L. NEWS

Summer is here. The temperature is up, the College World Series was in town and the parades are starting. Your color guard will be at Ralston Independence day parade on the 4th of July. Come out and see us.

We are raffling off a 16GB iPad Air 2. The drawing will be held at the August 3rd Sons meeting, so you have time to get your tickets from the bartenders. Thanks to Scott Kienow for helping out with the purchase.

July is renewal time for your 2016 Membership Card. Renew early so you don't get notices in the mail from national saying you haven't paid.

Remember to thank all the volunteers down at the post when you come down to cool off this summer. The next Son's meeting is Monday July 6.

Have a safe 4th of July, and many thanks to those that have served and are serving this **country**. Dean Carlsen, S.A.L. Commander

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

Thanks to all involved in the District 8 pulled pork dinner. It was a great success!

July is when we collect donations of school supplies for the schools in our area. Some people think of Millard as a wealthy area, but there are lots of children in need of our help. Please pick up some items (pencils, crayons, notebooks, rulers, glue sticks, etc.) and drop them off at the Post. Whatever you can donate will help a child with their education.

We are planning to have a rummage sale on Saturday August 8 to help build our funds for scholarships, girl's state, children & youth, veteran's homes and the many other projects that we fund throughout the year. There will be many exciting products for you to purchase (clothes, furniture, books, knick-knacks & other unique items). If you have any items in your home that you are not using anymore, please drop them off at the post by Friday, August 7. Whatever we do not sell, will be given to Victory Apartments, veteran's homes, etc.

The Auxiliary Cooks night is on Tuesday, July 21st from 5:30 to 7:30. This month we will be cooking gourmet burgers, fries & onion rings. Our next meeting is July 14th at 7:00 p.m.

God bless you all, Karen Brink, President

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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS

I am immeasurably honored to be selected as your new director. Whether you call it at the "yoke", at the "helm", "point", etc., I am overwhelmed with your confidence in my leadership abilities, and I will do my very best to keep this Chapter moving in the right direction.

I deeply feel that the Officers selected to assist me are a wonderful mix of talents. We have some new blood (Myself, Tony and Kara), and some who possess invaluable experience (Jennifer, Vince, Marty and Jeff); to keep us structured and focused on our current and future endeavors.

My intention is to provide a forum in which all are comfortable in introducing/ presenting new ideas, as well as retaining everything that has worked to our benefit. Furthermore, I firmly believe that when I ride my motorcycle, while wearing my vest and patch; I am in uniform; a representation of my ALR Chapter.

As we are tremendously aware, those who are in uniform are quickly judged. Sadly, the recent tragedy in Waco, Texas has adversely impacted us. There are local establishments that prohibit the wearing of our vests (cuts and colors) on their property; which, understandably, is their right. Some may be frustrated by this decision, however I view it as an opportunity to change minds.



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We are not a motorcycle club, but in fact, a family-oriented activity for members of The American Legion. If you are as compelled as I am, please join me in doing your best while "in uniform" to be polite, kind, and friendly. One smile or one endearing word can go a long way in changing attitudes and perceptions about who we are as a group, and what cause we represent. Plus, I want to convey a positive demeanor at all times.

Also, our Chapter is indeed growing, and I'll be looking for ways to keep it growing and improving. Should you find yourself riding with others, please be vigilant, and look at them as potential new members. Invite them to one of our meetings or one of our rides. Remember, new members are always welcomed.

Again, I am proud to be selected as Director of Millard ALR Chapter 374, and I humbly look forward to serving in this capacity for my fellow riders. God Bless you all. Ride safe – Ride on! Don Labrie, Director, Millard ALR Chapter 374

Our Color Guard at the Healing Wall





There are currently three pots for the Legion drawing (two at \$500.00) and two pots for the Auxiliary drawing.

The SAL drawing is Sunday, the Auxiliary drawing is Tuesday and the Legion drawing is Wednesday.

You must register to win.

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IS YOUR BIRTHDAY IN JULY?

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POST #374 DUES

POSI #3/4 DOLS			
Legion	\$37.00		
Auxiliary	\$25.00		
Jr. Auxiliary (18 and under)	\$3.50		
SAL	\$20.00		
	\$7.50		

** AUGUST **

NEWSLETTER

ARTICLES ARE DUE

(No Later Than

JULY 18

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JULY 2015 - Saturdays - Hotdogs served starting at Noon

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	Summer cribbage 7:00	3	4 HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!
5	6 FOOD SAL Mtg 7:00	7 FOOD Kitchen open	8	9 Summer cribbage 7:00	Spaghetti dinner fundraiser 5:30	11
12	13 FOOD	Liver & Onions for lunch & dinner	15 E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	Summer cribbage 7:00	17	Kitchen volunteer Mtg 12:00 News LTR Articles Due
19	20 FOOD	21 FOOD Auxiliary cooks 5:30ALR Mtg 7:30	22	Summer cribbage 7:00	24	25 FOOD Broasted Chicken dinner 5:30Birthday Bash!
26	27 FOOD	28 FOOD Kitchen open BUNCO 6:30	29 TRIVIA 7:00	30 Summer cribbage 7:00	31	

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

• Friday July 10	Spaghetti dinner fundraiser
Saturday July 18	Kitchen volunteer Mtg 12:00
Saturday July 25	Broasted chicken/Birthday bash
Tuesday July 28	BUNCO 6:30
• Wednesday July 29	Trivia night 7:00
Saturday August 8	Auxiliary Rummage sale

ATTENTION:

Prior to ordering your food please tell the cashier if you are using cash, a credit/debit card or if you want to add it to your bar tab. Thank you!