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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Another month of the new normal is past. Don't want to get used to this. Well, we are open to 100% capacity now, but would still like everyone to be safe. Only do what you're comfortable doing. Thanks to our members for their support during our limited-open times.

With no Legion conventions happening this year, there is nothing to report on.

With the Fourth of July coming up, people will probably be celebrating more in their own neighborhoods. So, if you're planning on shooting off fireworks, the Legion has a fireworks stand on 177th & Q Street in the Hy-Vee parking lot. The more business this stand does, the more money the Legion will receive.

Our past Color Guard Commander, Hank Kirchhoff, passed away and we had a combined Color Guard and Honor Guard perform military honors at his service. Our Honor Guard will be getting very busy as it is one of only three Posts in the Omaha area doing these services.

With summer upon us, please watch out for kids and motorcycles, and watch out for each other.

Semper Fi Gary Sempek

SAL NEWS

Greetings to you all,

Well, summer in Nebraska is well underway once again, and, thankfully, we appear to have avoided any major damaging spring storms.

The Post is back to full open, meaning you can now be served drinks and food at the bar!!! Finally! We still have some spacing restrictions, but things are moving in the right direction. I'm sure for many of you it's been a while since you were in and we'd love to see you again, so please, stop by and show your support! Unfortunately, all the summer parades and Stormchasers baseball have been cancelled, however, we are hoping for color guard activity for high school football this fall.

The Post has a fireworks stand this year; it's located in the Hy-Vee parking lot on 177th & Q street, so when you're planning your fireworks purchase, please support the Post. And don't forget to tell your friends and family as well!

This July 4th marks the 244th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, laying the foundation for what has become the greatest country on earth. With all the madness, COVID virus and general turmoil we're facing, I can't think of a better year to let your inner Red, White, and Blue shine like never before!

I hope you will all get out and rejoice in the freedoms we enjoy; let's make this year's 4th the biggest and best star spangled banner celebration EVER! *We are family! John Polson, Commander*

THE HIGHEST HONOR

The highest Honor that any Veteran receives is Military Honors upon their death. (At this time one funeral home has 54 funerals to do at just the Omaha National Cemetery, not counting other cemeteries)

With that said the highest honor that the Post can do is giving those honors to our fellow veterans.

The Honor Guard is looking for family members to help to perform these honors. Our Honor Guard conducts about 100 funerals each year, and most members have been doing this for at least 15 years. Can you spare 1 to 2 hours away from a golf game a week to do the right thing?

We know you cannot help out on every funeral but if you can help out once or twice a month that would be great. This is about saying farewell to a fellow veteran (as you hope will be done for you).

KITCHEN NEWS

Thanks to everyone who's been buying food and all of the volunteers who've been helping to cook and serve the food.

We'll continue to serve food curbside and in the bar on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday. Call 402.895.0405 to find out what will be served and to place your order. Call 402.895.1324 to get drinks with your meals.

We will have a Kitchen Cleaning on Sunday July 12 at 8:00. Please come and help if you can. We try to do this twice a year but due to circumstances this year we have not been able to have it.

Thank you for all the donations! Greg Petersen, Kitchen Manager

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

Hope you haven't got too settled in at home with everything going on in the world. We still need you at the meeting. We would love to see new faces! We also need your opinions, ideas and especially your company. If you can't make it to one of the meetings, you can also help out by offering to give rides for some of our elderly members to the Post or to one of our fund raisers. I'm sure they would appreciate getting out of the house even if it's for a short period.

We will be serving desserts from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 6.

Our next meeting is July 14 at 7:00 p.m. We will be practicing social distancing at the meeting! *Hope everyone has a safe Fourth of July,*

Tara Scott, President
425-577-2242

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS



Hello Riders,

The states are starting to lift restrictions on Poker Runs, Motorcycle Rallies, and Fun Runs so please watch our Facebook page as I try to "share" the latest Runs and Rally notifications with you. I will also try and update you via email to the best of my abilities. Our OCW run is back on again! Please stay flexible with us as we work out the details. I know for a fact we will be looking for volunteers to work the "Run" so I hope you are available that day.

Please remember our goal is to remain safe and bring honor to the patch we wear on our backs. When you are riding look out for the cages. Younger drivers and those driving minivans should be your red flags; many are on their phones or are being distracted by things going on in the back seats. Also, we have all seen those riders that weave in and out of traffic, cut drivers off, cause road rage, and bring a bad impression on the riding community. Please remember that you are above the negative emotion that reckless driving causes and while wearing our patch you are a direct representative of the Riders and the Legion so prior to reacting to that driver who just pulled out in front of you or performed some other driving offense think twice about the repercussions.

Sorry I couldn't make the last meetings, my daughter was in town and family events took all of my time. Thank you Arlin for filling in for me. Please stay safe everyone

Semper Fi Steve Lahrs, Director

BUDDY CHECK 22

On the 22nd 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.

NEW FEATURE

If you cannot attend a General meeting in person you can do it remotely by going to:

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There are four 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.

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The Legion has one cemetery plot at Westlawn-Hillcrest Cemetery for sale. It is adouble 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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Jr. Auxiliary (18 and under)	\$8.00
SAL	\$30.00
Jr. SAL	\$7.50



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POST TRIP INFORMATION THIS TRIP HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED!

The European Post trip in 2021 will be in Bavaria Germany from May 28 through June 8. 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, Eagles nest, Regensburg (home to the world's oldest continuous run restaurant 1320 AD); Rothenburg, Nuremburg, 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 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.

Greg Petersen, Adjutant

Card Of Thanks

*Thank you to Ron & Clara Paquin who made a generous donation in memory of
Modere "Ray" Bruneteau III
who served and loved his country.*



This year, if you are going to purchase fireworks please purchase them from **Wild Willy's stand at 177 & Q street.**

We have partnered with them & that stand is the American Legion Post 374 stand (we aren't running it but have the license for it)

So buying fireworks here will support the Post. Thank you!



FUNERAL HONOR DETAIL



Legion Post 374 / VFW Post 8334

Donald D. Welch.....3.2.20
Raymond J. Krupa.....5.21.20
Modere "Ray" Bruneteau III.....5.21.20
Henry "Hank" W. G. Kirchhoff.....6.11.20



Dave Nieto
Certified License Agent

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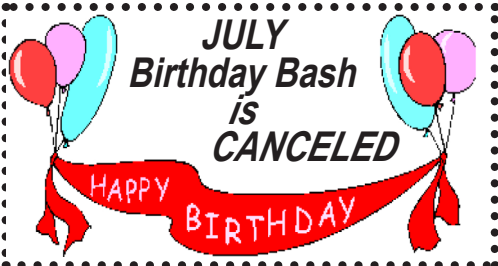
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 FOOD Tenderloins 5:30	2	3 FOOD Brats 5:30	4 Happy 4th! Post open 12 - 8
5	6 FOOD SAL Mtg 7:00 TACO NIGHT	7	8 FOOD  Grilled Chicken Sandwich 5:30	9	10 FOOD Hot roast beef sandwich 5:30	11
12 Kitchen Cleaning 8:00	13 FOOD TACO NIGHT 	14 Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	15 FOOD Stuffed peppers 5:30 E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	16	17 FOOD Wings 5:30 	18
19	20 FOOD TACO NIGHT 	21 ALR Mtg 7:30	22 FOOD Burgers 5:30 	23	24 FOOD Jaeger Schnitzel 5:30 News LTR Articles Due	25
26	27 FOOD TACO NIGHT 	28	29 FOOD Hamburger steak 5:30	30	31 FOOD Food served 5:30	

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

- Friday, October 2, Octoberfest
- Saturday, August 15, ALR OCW Poker Run

Legion membership renewals for 2021 will be sent by National around July 1. Legion dues are \$45. There will be an Early Bird renewal contest – the winner will get \$100 so renew early.

Thank you! Greg Petersen, Adjutant

We want YOU to help the Post save money!

Send us your email address so you can get the monthly newsletter via email. It will cut down on postage costs.

Send your full name & email address to

news@post374.org

Thank you!!