



# MILLARD AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

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## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Another month gone. Looks like we're getting the summer heat early this year. Not a lot going on. The College World Series is over. Still listening to all the hype about Nebraska football. I hope they're right.

People ask how the Post is doing. We're getting along fine. We're thankful for our members and public support. When you come in for our food nights, it really helps. We'll still be serving food all summer. Check the calendar to see what and when. We'll try to keep it on the lighter side during the hot summer months. Due to the holiday weekend, the kitchen will be closed on July 3rd. We could definitely use a couple more people to help in the kitchen on taco nights. The patio is open. When it cools down, it's a great place to have a drink.

Hopefully you will get this newsletter in time to purchase fireworks from the Wild Willy's Legion Fireworks tent in the Hobby Lobby parking lot. Part of the proceeds go to our Post.

We are still waiting on a lease from the church. They tell me it's coming.

Everyone have a good summer, and watch for kids and bikes.

*Semper Fi! Gary Sempek*

## SAL NEWS

Greetings to you all!

If anyone knows how to do a rain dance, we could sure use your help as we are in dire need of a good soaker!

Congratulations to the Omaha Beef for winning the indoor football championship; it was the first time the championship game was held in Omaha. Go Beef!!

This month we will be hosting our third annual trash can feed on Saturday July 22, from 5:30 until we sell out. \$10.00 per plate. The all-Veteran band **Ground Zero** will provide entertainment and we'd like to offer our heartfelt thank you to three SAL members who donated the funds for the band! Their names are listed under the calendar.

2024 membership cards should be out soon so plan to pay your dues please.

John Polson, Julie Polson, Karen Brink, and Randy Young attended the annual Legion convention in Kearney last month; our Post was well represented, and I think we made you proud!

Due to the 4th of July holiday, our next SAL meeting is slated for Sunday July 2 at 3:00 PM. Please plan to join us! Our next SAL taco night is Monday July 17.

**"Never give up on a dream just because of the time it will take to accomplish it. The time will pass anyway." —Earl Nightingale**

We look forward to seeing all of you at the Post! We ARE family!

*John Polson, Commander and Randy Young, Vice Commander*

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

July is when we collect donations of school supplies for the Millard schools. There are lots of children in need of our help, especially with the costs going up. Please send any monetary donations or drop them off at the post by Monday, August 7th. It will be put to good use for the new school year.

At the June meeting, we had some good ideas on projects for this next year. Once we get some dates set, I will make you aware of them.

Buy your fireworks from the stand at Hobby Lobby! Our Post is the sponsor so we get a percentage of the sales.

If you haven't paid your membership yet, please send it in right away!

We have some raffle tickets for the \$500 Visa gift card for sale behind the bar at the post or you can also purchase them from Auxiliary members, so let us know if you need any. They are only \$5.00 each and we're only selling 500 tickets!

We will be selling individual desserts on Monday, July 10 from 5:30 to 7:00 during taco night. Please let me know if you can bring a dessert. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 11 at 7:00 p.m. See you then! *I hope you enjoy our Independence Day! Thanks!*

Karen Brink, President 402-740-1455

## BUDDY CHECK 22

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month at DJ's Dugout (114<sup>th</sup> & 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.

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS

The heat is here and fireworks are going to be out very soon. Please help support the American Legion by buying your fireworks at the Hobby Lobby off of Millard Ave.

In July there will be a few events if you choose to participate. Saturday July 8 is the Fun Run up to Bob's Bar and then heading to Columbus to hang out with our fellow friends at the Legion Post 84.

Some of us are spending the night, and if you choose to, we will be at the Sleep Inn across the street from the Legion. July 18 is our monthly meeting. We will be going to 100 Block on Thursday July 20.

Lastly, there will be a fun run up to Soldier Iowa. Keep an eye out on the Monday emails for more details.

Update on our Poker Run. We collected \$6000. Last meeting, we decided to donate \$2000 to Moving Vets Forward, \$2000 to Javelan, \$1500 to New Visions Veteran Homeless Shelter, and \$500 to Operation Comfort Warrior. Thanks again to all the Legion Families for helping support this Poker Run, we couldn't have raised the money without you; *THANKS!*

*Ride Safe! Matt Schnabel, Director*

## RECRUITING COMMITTEE

A recruiting committee has been established at the Post. If you have information on upcoming events, or events you would like us to attend, please contact Gordon Mix, Jim Persson, Eric Peterson, Jay Quick, or Rebecca Wesch.

## COLOR GUARD NEWS

Our team presented the colors for each of the Omaha Beef home games again this year concluding with their championship games on June 17.

The Ashland Stir-Up days parade is scheduled for Saturday July 15; we need to be in Ashland and ready to line up at 8:30 AM so please plan to be at the Post by 7:15 that morning.

The Millard Days parade is scheduled for Saturday August 26, additional details forthcoming.

Thanks to the team for all you do to represent our Post!!

*Randy Young,*

*Post 374 Color Guard Commander*

## 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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*Darrel Swenson, Chairman*

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at 11:00 am.**

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# Card Of Thanks

Gentlemen of Post 374,  
I wanted to thank you for your service at my husband, EW1 Edward D Sewell's, burial on May 15, 2023. I so appreciate you helping to render him his final honors. He would have been blessed to watch. Thank you all. God bless you and God bless America. - LuAnn Sewell

American Legion Post 374,  
I would like to express my gratitude for the opportunity to attend Boys State. I enjoyed it so much! I believe that the week changed my life for the better. - Thanks again, Aidan Herman

Dear Millard American Legion,  
I wanted to thank you for selecting me to receive a scholarship. This money will most definitely help me and fund my dreams of being a veterinarian. It is not going to be easy, but I am always up for a challenge. Thank you so much!

Makennah Kienow



## Broasted Chicken

June 7, 5:30-7:30 pm

**Great Dinner  
for The  
Whole Family**



Wednesday, July 12, - 5:30 - 7:00 PM



## Chicken, Bacon & Swiss Sandwich

Saturday, July 22  
5:30 PM - Until We Sell Out



## TRASH CAN FEED

**Fantastic Food**

*"Come Early"  
"Leave Late"*

## 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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**There is one pot each for the SAL  
drawing (Sunday), Auxiliary drawing  
(Tuesday) and Legion drawing  
(Wednesday).**

**You have to register to win.  
Winner Buddy Davis**

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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 (17 and under) .....	\$8.00
ALR.....	\$15.00

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## JULY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Chicken, Bacon &amp; Swiss Sandwich</b>		Wednesday, July 12 5:30 - 7:00 PM				1
2 SAL Mtg 3:00 (Note the different day & time)	3 KITCHEN CLOSED	4 Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> !  Post open limited hours	5 FOOD Tenderloins 5:30 	6 'Open play' cribbage 7:00 	7 FOOD Broasted chicken 5:30 	8
9	10 FOOD ALR in the kitchen  Taco Night 	11 Pinochle 11:00 ----- Auxiliary Mtg 7:00 	12 FOOD Chicken, bacon & Swiss sandwich 5:30 ----- Vietnam Vets mtg 6:30	13 NO CRIBBAGE	14	15
16	17 FOOD SAL in the kitchen 	18 Pinochle 11:00 ----- ALR Mtg 7:30 	19 FOOD Kitchen open 5:30 ----- E-Board mtg 6:30 General mtg 7:30	20 'Open play' cribbage 7:00 	21 CFS/CFC 5:30	22 SAL Trash Can Feed 5:30 until we sell out
23	24 FOOD ALR in the kitchen 	25 Pinochle 11:00 ----- House Committee Mtg 7:00 	26 FOOD Burgers 5:30 	27 'Open play' cribbage 7:00 	28	29
30	31 FOOD Legion in the kitchen 	 <b>TRASH CAN FEED</b> Fantastic Food! "Come Early" / "Leave Late"		Saturday July 22 5:30 PM Until We Sell Out		

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Sun July 2..... SAL Mtg  
 Fri July 7..... Broasted chicken  
 Fri July 21..... CFC/CFS  
 Sat July 22..... SAL Trash can feed

### Ground Zero Band

Will Be Playing July 22

After The S.A.L. TRASH CAN FEED

Thank You to the sponsors: Roger Mlady,  
 Jim & Jo Shuey, and Darrel Swenson