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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Well, here we are cruising through the summer. I hope everyone is enjoying themselves. Whether it's college world series, major league baseball, NASCAR, or the World Cup you can enjoy a cold one at the club.

We are working on the new place as I write this. If you are able and want to help, either call and ask when help is needed or look for a note on the door if you stop in. Also, if you have a specific talent (painting, drywall, construction, etc.) and want to help out please reach out to us. Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

A hui hou- Eric Peterson

SAL UPDATE

Greetings to you all - This month marks the 250th birthday of our great nation; Happy Birthday America! We hope you are planning something special this July 4, and please show your pride in being an American by flying the flag of our country.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday August 15th and join us for our annual Trash Can Feed. Watch for final details in next month's newsletter.

WE'RE MOVING! The Post will be relocating to a new building by the end of the year. We've taken possession of the new facility, and we have volunteers renovating it now. If you can help, please call the commander, Eric Peterson to ask what you can do. You can also call the Post and leave a message Watch for the exact moving date and additional details in the coming months..

Our next meeting is Monday July 6, and our next SAL taco night is Monday July 20.

"You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them."—

Maya Angelou

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

John Polson, Commander and Randy Young, Vice-Commander

SECOND VICE COMMANDER NEWS

I just wanted to say that I think this year's Memorial Day Ceremony was a great success. I had so many compliments that day as well as for weeks afterward. It seems we have more in attendance every year.

This event takes a lot of time and effort to put together, and it is not done by just one person. I had so much help this year and I wanted to make sure to let everyone that helped me in any way know my appreciation. I can't individually list everyone because the list is way too long, but I wanted to make sure I recognize a few people that were instrumental to the days success.

First, my greatest of thanks to Jay Quick. All of the vehicles, from the police cars to the Patriot Flag truck, to the big rig and more, were all due to him. He made sure we had a great sound system for everyone to be able to hear the speech and the amazing singer of our National Anthem (thank you Amber). He also lined up our guest speaker, and she did a wonderful job.

Finally, this event could not have been a success without some great food. On behalf of this Post, I would like to thank the entire kitchen crew for their efforts. We didn't run out of food, and no one was left out. That's a lot of time and effort donated and we say, 'Thank You.' Again, anyone who helped from set-up / tear-down, kitchen staff, Honor Guard, Color Guard, Auxiliary, VFW, JROTC cadets, Riders, first responders and our bar-tending staff, I say **"THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart!"**

Mark Gadzala, Second Vice Commander

AUXILIARY NEWS

Let me start by saying HAPPY 250th BIRTHDAY USA!!! What a time for us as an organization to truly give thanks for being in this wonderful country, and able to support the men and women who fought for the freedoms we have today!

In Auxiliary news, we will be busy this month hosting the raffles on Taco Mondays! It is a fun time and has been very profitable for our unit. We will also be in the kitchen making tacos and rice bowls on Monday the 27th. If you haven't had the chance to help out with these events, we are always looking for volunteers! Or if you are a baker, we will have our ever-popular Dessert night on Monday the 6th. Please consider bringing a sweet treat to help us raise funds!

Also, this month, we will be kicking off our annual School Supply Drive. We will have a bin at the Legion to collect pencils, crayons, markers, notebooks, folders, etc. Or you are welcome to make a cash donation to help us assist local children who need all of the things for a successful school year. Every little bit helps!

Last but not least, we are continuing to offer raffle tickets for two individual Visa Debit Cards worth \$250 each! We will hold the drawing at our meeting Tuesday, August 11, so don't miss your chance to get LUCKY!! After all of that, please let me end by saying that we hope to see you at our meeting this month on Tuesday the 14th! *Rebecca Wesch, President*
(580) 458-8409

Join us for SPIRIT DAYS!

Wednesday July 1 – wear something with the American flag on it.

Thursday July 2 – proudly wear something with your favorite military branch on it

Friday July 3 – wear something R.E.D for our deployed troops each day you participate, see the bartender for your free raffle entry!

**Raffle prize is a basket full of gift cards, alcohol and other fun USA themed goodies!

Winner drawn on Saturday July 4. You do not need to be present to win.



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported our poker run on May 23. It was a tough weekend since we were competing with graduations and the start of summer vacations; however, we still had a great turnout, and we raised a little over \$7000 that will go directly to helping out our veterans.

We also participated in the Memorial Day services at our 3 cemeteries, followed by an amazing display of patriotism at our Post. The riders take a lot of pride in honoring our fallen brothers and sisters. We want those memories to carry on.

We have a number of rides and events we will be participating in the next few months. More updates to follow. Remember, look twice, save a life!

Marty Timberlake, Director



PINOCHLE
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at 11:00 am.
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If you move, **PLEASE** let the Post know your new address. USPS doesn't forward third class mail and the Post pays for each returned newsletter.



You can renew your SAL dues by coming to the Post or by sending a check (payable to Post 374) for \$30.00

to: Millard Post 374

Attn: Jim Wentz

PO Box 390698

Omaha, NE 68139

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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.

Congrats to

Jim Shuey -- SAL winner

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Members and Family Members:

When doing your estate planning please remember American Legion Post 374. Those contributions help us in our Building Fund and other noted needs within the Legion and to help Military Families.

MILLARD POST #374 - DUES 2026	
Legion.....	\$55.00
SAL	\$30.00
Jr. SAL	\$10.00
Dual Legion/SAL.....	\$75.00
Auxiliary	\$35.00
Jr. Auxiliary (17 and under)	\$10.00
ALR.....	\$15.00

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We continue 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

COLOR GUARD NEWS

Thank you to those who participated in our Memorial Day observances. It is a privilege to honor those who gave their lives while serving in the armed forces. We also participated in the Bennington Daze parade and, dare I say, we looked good.

We are scheduled to march in

- Ashland Stir-Up Days on Saturday July 18
- Millard Days on Saturday August 29.

Please note your availability on the Color Guard discussion group.

The Color Guard needs you! If you are interested in joining, please contact Gordon Mix or Robert Kahl for more details.

Robert Kahl, Color Guard Commander

WANTED

A kitchen cashier for one or two Wednesdays per month.

It doesn't take a lot of time, and you'll have fun! You will be trained.

If interested, please call or text Lisa Petersen 402.250.7254

You can renew your dues for 2026

The cost is \$35. Jr Auxiliary are \$10. We hope you will take the time to renew your membership and remain a part of our organization. *Thank you!*

Please send your check to

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Attn: Patty Polson

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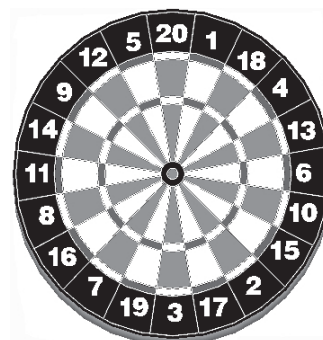
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**AUGUST Newsletter
Articles Due
News Letter**

Friday, JULY 17th

Card Of Thanks

To the Honor Guard,
Thank you so much for the service and honor you gave my father, Thomas M Andrews Sr., at his graveside. It meant the world to us.
Sincerely, Thomas Andrews Jr. & Terri Smith



Open Play Darts

League Tuesdays at 6:00 thru August 25. Draw for a partner every week. \$5.00 per person. You'll play 301, 501 and cricket. Questions?

Call Kathy 402.895.1324

★ French Dip ★

Wednesday, July 8 - 5:30 PM



BLT's

Wednesday,
July 15,
5:30 PM



Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken

Friday, July 17, 5:30 PM



Chicken

Salad Sandwich

Wednesday,
July 22,
5:30 PM

TACO'S & RICE BOWL



Monday,
July 27
5:30 PM

TACO'S & QUESADILLAS



Monday,
July 20
5:30 PM



Italian Sausage

Wednesday,
July 29,
5:30 PM

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JULY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	FOOD		1 FOOD Tenderloins & burgers 5:30 	2 Open play cribbage 7:00  Kitchen Closed	3 Kitchen closed	4 Happy Independence Day! ----- Post open limited hours
5	6 FOOD Legion serves tacos 5:30 ----- SAL Mtg 7:00	7 Open play darts 6:00  Pinochle 11:00 am.	8 FOOD French Dip sandwich 5:30 ----- Vietnam Vets Mtg 6:30	9 Open play cribbage 7:00  Kitchen Closed	10 FOOD VFW serves burgers 5:30 	11
12	13 FOOD ALR serves tacos 5:30 ----- VFW Mtg 7:00 	14 Open play darts 6:00 ----- Auxiliary Mtg 7:00 Pinochle 11:00 am.	15 FOOD BLT's 5:30 ----- E-Board Mtg 6:30 ----- General Mtg 7:30	16 Open play cribbage 7:00  Kitchen Closed	17 FOOD AMVETS serves CFC/CFS 5:30 ----- ★ August newsletter articles due	18
19	20 FOOD SAL serves tacos & quesadillas 5:30 ----- ALR Mtg 7:00	21 Open play darts 6:00  PINOCHLE at 11:00 am.	22 FOOD Chicken Salad 5:30 ----- Bunco 6:30	23 Open play cribbage 7:00  Kitchen Closed	24	25
26	27 FOOD Auxiliary serves tacos & taco rice bowls 5:30	28 Open play darts 6:00  PINOCHLE at 11:00 am.	29 FOOD Italian sausage 5:30 	30 Kitchen Closed ONCSC Mtg 6:00 ----- Open play cribbage 7:00	31	

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Friday.....July 10VFW serves Burgers
 Friday.....July 17AMVETS serve CFS/CFC
 Saturday .Aug 15SAL Trash Can feed
 Wed.....Aug 26 – Sun Aug 30Millard Days

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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 or, if you call the Post, leave your full name and email address with the bartender. If you've already done this, thank you!