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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Hope everyone is staying safe. Things are slowly starting to pick up. Thanks to everyone who is helping to keep our Post going.

Our Honor Guard was able to do three funerals this month, and expect many more in the near future as the Omaha National Cemetery has 54 services on hold at this time. On a sad note, Glenn Swoboda of our Honor Guard has passed away; he will be missed. Dale Vangent has retired from our Honor Guard after 17 years and over 1,500 services. Hope he stops in for a donut every now and then.

Memorial Day services were cancelled, but our Post still put flags on graves at three cemeteries. Greg Petersen and I went to the cemeteries on Memorial Day to lower the flags on the flagpoles and play Taps to honor our fallen comrades. A special thanks to our Legion Riders for putting the flags on the headstones at the three cemeteries.

Remember our Post is open during limited hours for food and drink. I heard today that our bar will be able to open at 50% capacity for food and drinks on June 1. Come in and dine in or call ahead for takeout. We'll make it through this mess together. *Semper Fi Gary Sempek*

SAL NEWS

Greetings to all,

I hope you and yours are safe and well as we navigate these unprecedented times. As you probably know, all of our color guard missions have been cancelled until further notice, which is sad and unfortunate. We will be sure to notify you as things change.

The Post has reopened with limitations and we invite you to stop by for a bite to eat and some much-needed camaraderie!

We are once again holding our monthly meetings and I encourage all to participate if possible. As previously stated, we need you!!!

To honor those veterans and their families in their time of need is probably the most important function of the Post. For various reasons, the ranks of the Honor Guard are being reduced and there is a need for people to join this important duty. If you have any interest or desire to join, I encourage you to do so.

We look forward to seeing you at the Post!

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).

AUXILIARY NEWS

Due to current events we have decided to keep most of the officers in the same position for another year. Thank you to the following officers for serving the Auxiliary: Tara Scott as President, Karen Brink as Vice-President, Sally Johnson as Secretary and Historian, Mary Bauder as Treasurer, Patty Polson as Membership and E-Board, and Melissa Steinle as Publicist. Congratulations to our new officers! We are always looking for fresh and new ideas so we welcome you to come to our meetings with your ideas!

We will be drawing the winner for the Cabela's gift card raffle on Monday June 1!

Our next meeting will be Tuesday June 9 at 7 pm. This will be an informal meeting so we can plan events and fund-raisers for the upcoming year. So please plan on attending with your fresh new ideas!

We will tentatively be selling desserts on Monday, June 1st at 5:30 pm for taco night.

Hope you all stay safe! God bless you all, Tara Scott. President. 425-577-2242







I hope this note finds you safe and healthy. It would be an understatement to say that these are difficult times that we are going through both individually and as a country. I too have been effected by this disease with the loss of my job from a business that I know in my heart had to make a difficult decision and to take steps to preserve the company. Well just because

I understand it doesn't make it any easier, but as I watch the news I see that there are others in our country and community struggling in ways much worse than I. I want to ask each one of you that if you know of someone in our ALR family struggling during this time of need to send to us how we can help them to get them through this time.

If it is a prayer, a telephone call, someone to shop for them, anything. We will see what as an ALR Riders Family we can do for them.

Our next meeting is Tuesday June 16 at 7:30.

Semper Fi Steve Lahrs, Director



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Veterans have OPTIONS! Call now to learn more.

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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:

Join the Online Meeting: https://join.freeconferencecall.com/ adj374 Or by calling Dial-in Number (US): (605) 475-4928 Access Code: 463168



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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. SSSSSSSSSSS



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

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

American Legion Millard Post 374, Thank you so much for selecting me to receive the Millard Post 374 scholarship. It means so much to me, I really appreciate it.

It is quite an honor and I will continue to serve the community and be the best I can be in the future. I hope everyone is well during these crazy times.

> Thanks again, Dylan Folda

POST #374 DUES
Legion ^{\$} 45.00
Auxiliary\$30.00
Jr. Auxiliary (18 and under)\$8.00
SAL\$30.00
Jr. SAL\$7.50

USPS News

If you move, let the Post know your new address. USPS doesn't forward third class mail. The Post pays 55¢ for every returned newsletter. *Thank you.*





THANK YOU

The officers and E-board would like to thank everyone who has made donations to the Post for the last couple of months, either through food sales or directly. This has really helped.

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<u>NEWSLETTER</u> ARTICLES ARE DUE (NO Later Than Friday, June 19)



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Return Service Requested

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
There is a BELL at the Post that is to be rung ONLY when the Husk- ers get a touchdown. If you ring it at any other time you will have to buy a round of dinks for the ENTIRE BAR.	1 FOOD Tacos 5:30 – 7:30 SAL Mtg 7:00	2	3 FOOD Tenderloins 5:30 – 7:30	4	5 FOOD Grilled Chicken Breast & Sides 5:30 – 7:30	6
7	8 FOOD Tacos 5:30 – 7:30	9 Auxiliary Mtg 7:30	10 FOOD Hamburgers 5:30 – 7:30	11	12 FOOD Fish Fry Pollock or Shrimp 5:30 – 7:30	13
14	15 FOOD Tacos 5:30 - 7:30	16 ALR Mtg 7:30	17 FOOD Food 5:30 – 7:30 E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	18	19 FOOD Food 5:30 – 7:30 News LTR Articles Due	20
21	22 FOOD Tacos 5:30 – 7:30	23	24 FOOD Food 5:30 – 7:30	25	26 FOOD Food 5:30 – 7:30	27
28	29 FOOD Tacos 5:30 – 7:30	30	Din	LLED CHICKE BREASTS mer & Drink		Friday June 5 th 5:30-7:30 PM 402.895.0405

Sat Aug 15..... ALR OCW Poker Run

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!!