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# COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Summer finally caught us. It's nice to see all the kids and adults out having fun in the evenings. Hope everyone wintered well.

Looks like you have me as Commander for another year. We have only one new E-Board member this election - welcome aboard Mark.

By the time you read this, the mask mandate will be over. Pretty much everyone who comes into the Post has been vaccinated for quite a while. If you still want to wear a mask, have at it.

The Fourth of July is coming at us very fast. The Post does have a fireworks permit. The more fireworks our tent sells, the more money our Post makes. So, tell your family and friends to purchase at our tent. Check with the Post for the tent location.

Please read Roger Mlady's article on his idea for a one-Friday-a-month dinner. We need new ideas like this. Remember, the only bad idea is the one that's never brought up.

Once again, I want to thank all our volunteers. They are the life blood of our Post.

Semper Fi Gary Sempek

### SAL NEWS

Happy summer to everyone! June is upon us and with it brings warm weather, the sound of lawn mowers and the smell of BBQ grills, FINALLY!

There is continued good news on COVID, the citizens of our country are becoming fully vaccinated, restrictions are being lifted and life seems to be returning to normal, FINALLY!

At last month's meeting our annual elections were held and the results of the elections are: John Polson was re-elected Commander, Randy Young was re-elected Vice Commander, Bobby Sempek was re-elected Finance Officer, and Jim Wentz was re-elected Membership Officer. Congratulations to all!

The SAL voted to donate two rifles to the JR ROTC, and we are proud of our continued support of these valuable young patriots.

It was announced the Ralston 4th of July parade will be held this year and our Posts color guard will be participating once again. We will update you on the exact details once they become available.

The SAL is having a Friday night meal in June. You can read more about it on the calendar page. Hope you can make it! Also remember Monday night is taco night and the third Monday of the month the SAL mans the kitchen, so come to the Post and show your support.

We would like to see more of you attend our monthly meeting which are held the on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm, (holiday Monday's being the exception)

If you have not already done so, please pay your dues! We look forward to seeing you at the BEST Post around!

We are family! John Polson, Commander and Randy Young, Vice Commander

#### SECOND VICE-COMMANDER

Hello everyone,

During our June meeting we will be having the election of officers. This will also be our planning meeting for our events for the year. So please plan on attending with your fresh new ideas!

There are still plenty of raffle tickets for the Cabela's gift card. Please see the bartender, Karen or myself if you'd like to purchase a ticket, they are \$5 a ticket. This weather is starting to get nicer; I'm sure you could use some new gear or a new gun!

Color Guard has been staying busy with Omaha Beef and the Patriotic parade last month.

We will be selling desserts during taco night on June 7 from 5:30 - 7pm, and our next meeting will be Tuesday June 8 at 7pm. Hope to see you all there!

God Bless you all! Tara Scott



#### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS

I want to thank you for your spirit of patriotism and volunteering. Our May meeting spoke of many activities that are coming in this riding season. It is important that you come to the monthly meeting to hear about upcoming rides that our Post and others are participating in, along with hearing about the volunteer opportunities that we have coming up.

This past meeting we finally passed our by-laws thank you again to the committee that helped get this done. This was 3 years in the making it is not a lot of fun going through each section and amendment but it is part of our Riders Directive and it feels so good getting it done!

We have two major committees going on at this time: The first is the OCW Poker Run; the Co-Chairs are Kara Petersen and Marty Timberlake. This is our only Poker Run that we manage and support. Last year with everything going on it snuck up on us pretty fast but it was still a success. This year I want to get out ahead of it and I would like evervone to think of their favorite merchant/ bar/restaurant that they frequent and ask for a charitable contribution. This gift will be used as a raffle or auction item at the Poker Run. The second committee is the \$1.00 Raffle and Volunteer Committee, Chairman is Bob Dean. This committee is extremely important to the Riders because the \$1.00 Raffle on Mondays is our life blood in giving back to the community. It is our only permanent fund raiser which supports Military/Veteran organizations in our community. This raffle has become extremely popular over the years and it is at the point that the "old ways" need to be tweaked a little in order to have better financial accountability, scheduling of helpers, and supplies for the raffle. If you have some suggestions or want to participate in this please get in touch with Bob. I am looking forward in hearing what this committee comes back with.

Our Treasurer Lyle Krueger informed us at the meeting that it was time to spend some money! With that said we gave donations to the following organizations: Millard South JROTC; Javelin; New Visions and Gifts for Yanks

Keep our brother Shrek in your prayers as he recovering from a trip to the hospital. Semper Fi

Steve Lahrs, ALR Director

### **BUDDY CHECK 22**

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month at Cunningham's bar on 108<sup>th</sup> & 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.

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Card Of Thanks

Thank you for participating in JD's memorial. He was very proud of his service in the US Navy during the Korean War. Lynda Farris

American Legion Auxiliary, Thank you for your generous gift. Your belief in my continued success means a great deal and is a big part of limiting my stress as I move forward in my college career. I will put this to good use as I pay for my courses. I appreciate you and your organization. Sincerely, Alex Herman This Quilt Picture May Not Represent Actual Design of Quilt You Might Receive.





Our American Legion Post is presently involved in taking names of veterans to be nominated to receive a Quilt of Valor, presented by the Quilts of Valor Society of America. The Society awards quilts to a service member or veteran who has been touched by war.

To learn more the website is qovf.org Please forward the name of any veteran to Dennis Guinane (Post 374 Chaplain) by way of the Honor Guard box in the Post business office, or you can mail the nomination to the Post:

## PO Box 390698 Omaha NE 68139 Attn: Dennis Guinane.

Include your contact information so I can follow up with you. *Thank you! Dennis Guinane* 

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"VOTED" The Best Legion TACO'S in Town Only \$1.50 Each		1	2 FOOD Tenderloins 5:30	3	4	5
6	7 FOOD SAL Mtg 7:00	8 Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	9 FOOD Kitchen open 5:30	10	11	12
13	14 FOOD Taco Night	15 ALR Mtg 7:30	16 FOOD E-Board Mtg 6:30 NO GENERAL MEETING	17	18 July Newsletter articles due	19
20	21 FOOD Taco Night	22 Buddy Check at Cunningham's bar	23 FOOD Kitchen open 5:30	24	25 FOOD SAL Dinner Goulash 5:30 - 7:30 ★★★★★★	26
27	28 FOOD Taco Night	29	30 FOOD Kitchen open 5:30	TRY OUR FANTASTIC BURGERS & FRIES		
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