



# MILLARD VETERANS ALLIANCE NEWS

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## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

As we head through spring and into summer let us be thankful for all we have.

I'm finally excited to share the good news that we have closed on our property for our new Millard Veterans Alliance which is comprised of the Millard American Legion Post 374 and the Millard VFW Post 8334 (and their families). The property is the old El Bees restaurant located on 144th street just south of the interstate. Thank you to all the board members who have helped us through this process, it has been a lot of work. I want to give special thanks to Larry Stunkel who has done a tremendous amount of work on this project. We've had endless meetings, emails, and text messages going on for some time and he's been the anchor. Thank you Larry.

I also want to thank everyone who helped with our Memorial Day services. Things like putting flags out, our cemetery services, our Post service, the food, picking up the flags and anything not mentioned....thank you!! A couple of shout outs go to Jay Quick and Mark Gadzala for the awesome services they put together for us all to see.

Everyone is very excited about our future as a club; a place we can really call our home. Stop in to have a cold one and talk about what's happening. Also, look out for the flyers that will have information on fundraising for the new club. Please consider donating; anything helps and this is an extremely important part of our move.

*A hui hou- Eric Peterson*

## SAL UPDATE

Greetings to you all and welcome to summer.

To all who may be hitting the road for a summer vacation, please be safe out there!

We would like to take this opportunity to give a huge shoutout to Mark and Jay for all their hard work in arranging another great Memorial Day presentation! It's always an honor to remember those who gave all to our country, this year was especially memorable as we prepare to celebrate our nation's 250 anniversary.

Our officer elections were held last month, and all four officers have retained their positions. All four of us are here to serve you and the Post!

Our annual Trash Can Feed will be held in late July or early August. Exact date and price will be published in the July newsletter.

**"Attitude is a choice. Happiness is a choice. Optimism is a choice. Kindness is a choice. Giving is a choice. Respect is a choice. Whatever choice you make, makes you. Choose wisely."** — Roy T. Bennett

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

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

## SECOND VICE COMMANDER NEWS

Hello everyone. Summer is approaching and I hope everyone has had a good year so far.

I just wanted to give an update on some of the programs for students in our legion Post sponsorship area. This year was a really good year. Working together with the Legion Riders, we awarded six \$500 scholarships for students going to or already attending college. This year's Boys State was a big success. With funding (\$5700) from the Legion, SAL, Riders, the Legion Honor Guard and the VFW Honor Guard, we sent 12 students to the program. Also, Department sponsored one student, so we had a total of 13 students. One application was sent for the Junior Law program, but I have heard nothing on that so far. I would like to thank everyone who helped me get this done. This is important to the students and each of them deserves an opportunity to shine. Thanks again.

Finally, the June newsletter deadline will have passed before our annual Memorial Day Ceremony so I will address that in the July newsletter....More to come.

*Mark E. Gadzala, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander / Public Relations Officer*

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Summertime Greetings!

Hoping this finds everyone enjoying all of the sun and fun that the season has to offer!

The Auxiliary has been busy running the Taco Night raffles on Mondays in May. We are off for the month of June but will be back at it in July! If anyone would like to volunteer to help sell tickets, please reach out and let us know! We also are in the kitchen on the fourth Monday of the month and can always use additional help then too. Both events are fun, and a great way to get to know your fellow Auxiliary members!

We are currently selling raffles tickets to win one of two \$250 Visa gift cards. They are \$5 each, and only a limited number will be sold. The winners will be drawn at our meeting on Tuesday, August 14!

We are also sponsoring Spirit Days at the Post the first three days of July! More details are in this newsletter; it will be a Fun and Free opportunity to show your spirit and win one of three raffle baskets!

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00. Hope to see you there!

Rebecca Wesch, President  
(580) 458-8409

### 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*

**Millard Post 374**  
**Attn: Patty Polson**  
**PO Box 390698**  
**Omaha NE 68139**

### 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

We had a good turnout for our poker run. We had a great time, and we raised money to support some local veteran organizations. Once we have final numbers, we will figure out how to split that up between them.

Today was also a somber day as we performed our annual Memorial Day observance. We started out by escorting the Honor/Color Guard for services at the 3 cemeteries we support, followed by the observance at the Post afterwards. It was great to see so many people come out to remember those that gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Looking forward we have a number of parades, escorts, the Legacy Run and the Wall of Heroes escort. It's going to be a busy summer. We'll keep you posted!

Marty Timberlake, Director



**PINOCHLE**  
Played Every Tuesday  
at 11:00 am.  
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## NOTICE

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

Leonard "Bud" Kuebler -- 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.....	<b>\$55.00</b>
SAL .....	<b>\$30.00</b>
Jr. SAL .....	<b>\$10.00</b>
Dual Legion/SAL.....	<b>\$75.00</b>
Auxiliary .....	<b>\$35.00</b>
Jr. Auxiliary (17 and under) ....	<b>\$10.00</b>
ALR .....	<b>\$15.00</b>

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## HOUSE COMMITTEE

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

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, we presented the Colors for opening day of Millard Sox baseball. The ball fields were full, and we received a gracious welcome from the crowd. Thank you to all who participated.

### We have the following parades scheduled:

June 6 ..... Bennington Daze  
 July 18 ..... Ashland Stir-Up Days  
 July 25 ..... Gretna Days  
 August 29 ..... Millard Days

Please ensure you let me know on the Color Guard discussion group whether you can participate.

*Robert Kahl,*

*Color Guard Commander protem*



## Enchiladas

**Wednesday, June 24**  
**5:30 - 7:00 PM**

### 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

**JULY Newsletter**  
**Articles Due**  
**News Letter**

**Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**

## Card Of Thanks

Members of the American Legion 374,

I want to express my sincere gratitude for your presence at my father's graveside service and for honoring him with the three-volley salute. Your participation meant more to us than words can express. The dignity, respect and tradition you brought to the service provided a powerful tribute to my father's life and service, and it gave our family great comfort during a difficult time. We are deeply appreciative of your continued dedication to honoring veterans and supporting families like ours. Thank you for taking the time to recognize my father and for preserving these meaningful traditions.

Thank you! Scott Brown & family

Millard American Legion #374,

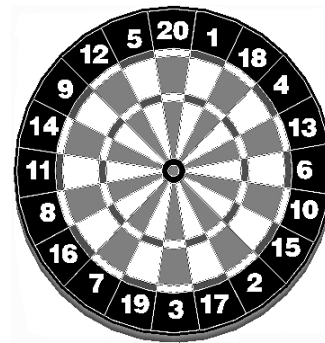
The family of Dean Culbertson thank you for the military honor detail on May 1, 2026. The service was a beautiful honor for Dean and a blessing for our family.

*Kathleen Culbertson*

I would like to thank you for the generous scholarship you have provided me. As I plan on attending Wichita State University, your gift will help ease the financial burden on me and my family, allowing me to focus on my studies more. Thanks again. *Cynthia Carter*

Thank you to the Scott Brown family for the incredibly generous donation they made to the Honor Guard.

*Millard Legion & VFW Honor Guard*



## Open Play Darts

League Tuesdays at 6:00 PM starting **June 2 thru August 25.**

Draw for a partner every week. \$5 per person. You'll play 301, 501 and cricket. Questions?

Call Kathy 402.895.1324

## TACO'S & RICE BOWL

Monday, June 22 - 5:30 PM

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## JUNE 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1 FOOD</b> Legion serves tacos 5:30 ----- SAL Mtg 7:00	<b>2</b> Open play darts 6:00  Pinochle 11:00 am.	<b>3 FOOD</b> Tenderloins or Burgers 5:30 	<b>4</b> Open play cribbage 7:00  Kitchen Closed	<b>5 FOOD</b> Broasted Chicken 5:30 	6
7	<b>8 FOOD</b> ALR serves tacos 5:30 ----- VFW Mtg 7:00	<b>9</b> Pinochle 11:00 am. Open play darts 6:00  Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	<b>10 FOOD</b> Goulash 5:30 ----- Vietnam Vets Mtg 6:30	<b>11</b> Open play cribbage 7:00 	<b>12 FOOD</b> VFW serves burgers 5:30 	13
14	<b>15 FOOD</b> SAL serves tacos & quesadillas 5:30 ----- ALR Mtg 7:00	<b>16</b>  Open play darts 6:00  PINOCHLE at 11:00 am.	<b>17 FOOD</b> Chicken Parm 5:30 ----- E-Board Mtg 6:30 ----- No General Mtg	<b>18</b> Open play cribbage 7:00  Kitchen Closed	<b>19 FOOD</b> AMVETS serves CFC/CFS 5:30 ----- NL Articles due 	20
21	<b>22 FOOD</b> Auxiliary serves tacos & rice bowls 5:30	<b>23</b>  Open play darts 6:00  PINOCHLE at 11:00 am.	<b>24 FOOD</b> Enchiladas 5:30  Bunco 6:30 PM	<b>25</b> ONCSC Mtg 6:00 ----- Kitchen Closed Open play cribbage 7:00	26	27
28	<b>29 FOOD</b> Legion serves tacos 5:30	<b>30</b>  Open play darts 6:00  PINOCHLE at 11:00 am.	<b>Goulash</b> Wednesday, June 10, 5:30 PM 	<b>Chicken            Parmesan</b> Wednesday, June 17, 5:30 PM 		

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Friday.....June . 5..... Broasted Chicken  
 Friday.....June 12..... VFW Services Burgers  
 Friday.....June 19.....AMVETS serve CFS/CFC

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