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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Man! February was here and gone in no time! Now, it's March and Fish Fries and Madness.

There's one thing that I want my fellow veterans to do this month: PHONE A FRIEND. The American Legion is asking all members to CALL Battle Buddies the week of March 11-18. The Legion is using it as a membership drive (which I think is shameful). I'm asking you to CALL a fellow veteran just to see how they're doing. Don't send an email or a Facebook Post - CALL THEM. You never know what someone is going through and what a simple "hello" can do for someone. CALL THEM - and, sure, invite them to the Post on March 22nd - we will celebrate 100 years of the American Legion. It's our Fish Fry Night and you can get a free piece of BIRTHDAY CAKE!! And sing along with the Come Together Band (Beatles Tribute Band) to "Today's your Birthday!"

There is so much going on in March, from bowling & chili cook-offs, to Scout Spaghetti feed, to Fish Fries, to St. Patrick's Day parade - and so much more. If you can't find it at your Legion, you just can't find it!! Come on by and see for yourself!
Commander's Coin: Steve Lahrs - See you at the Post! - Commander Doris

SAL NEWS

Hello All!

Our soup and sandwich fundraiser went well. Thank you to those that donated a soup and to everyone that came to support us. I hope everyone got full and enjoyed good company.

Hurry and sign up for bowling or make an award-winning chili for our chili competition on March 2nd. Don't forget to come up for our Fish Fry's every Friday through Lent.

Upcoming Events: Bowling/Chili competition – March 2 St. Patrick's Day – March 17

Nominations will be held at the April meeting – I hope to see you all there!

Our Post is the best, because our volunteers are the BEST! Let's give a BIG Thanks to all of them. We can always use more hands, so if you can, please help out!
We are family, John Polson, Commander

FROM THE ADJUTANT

I have been asked to look into a Post trip in 2020 to Europe (end of Apr into May time frame); thoughts are to go to some of the WWII beaches and cemeteries, then go to some cities in Germany and possibly Frühlings fest (Spring Festival) in Munich. The trip would include hotels (dual occupancy); entry in some sites/events, chartered bus transportation, and some meals. We need to limit the trip to around 30 people. If you would like to go please contact me so I can get you registered, see if there is enough interest, and start planning the itinerary.

Please check your membership card and see if it shows 2019; if not please pay your dues.

Thank you! Greg Petersen, Adjutant

PLAN AHEAD For Your Family!

One of the certainties in life is death and in some cases the surviving spouse (or other family member) will be left with many items to do, such as planning the funeral, notifying next of kin, etc. At some point in the process, the surviving spouse will want to notify the life insurance company of their loved one's death. However, many times, the name of the life insurance company or the amount of death benefits, etc. is not known. As the Post Service Officer, I have received calls asking if I knew if their deceased spouse had life insurance, its amount, etc. I do not have any of this type of information.

PLEASE take some time to review the following information with your spouse/family member: The name and phone number of the insurance company and the amount of the death benefit. It is best that this important information be written down and placed in a safe location where the surviving spouse/family member can find it.

Note: As a Legion member whose dues are current, you are entitled to a free accidental death policy if the circumstances of your death meet the insurance company's criteria for "accidental" death. For more information about this contact Legionnaire Insurance Trust 1-800-235-6943 M - F 8 AM – 7 PM *Thanks for your service! Hugh Spellman, Service officer*

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

We are starting to plan the children's Easter party which will be Sunday April 14. We need volunteers, bars, & cookies, so please let me know if you can help.

Also we will be doing a spaghetti sauce cook off on Saturday April 6, so get your recipes fine-tuned. The sign-up sheet is at the bar. There will be prizes and a mystery bottle raffle! Lots of fun to be had!

Don't forget about the fish fries every Friday in March!

If you'd like some help with college expenses, the Post 374 scholarship applications are available. Be sure to get them in by March 23, 2019.

We will sell desserts for Taco night on Monday, March 4 at 5:30 and also Monday, April 1. Please let me know if you can bring a dessert. The Auxiliary Cooks night is on Tuesday, March 19 from 5:30 to 7:30. We can always use some help, so let me know if you are available.

Our next meeting is Tuesday March 12 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there! God bless you all,

Tara Scott, President 425-577-2242

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There are three pots for the Legion drawing (Wednesday), two for the Auxiliary drawing (Tuesday) and one for the SAL drawing (Sunday).

You have to register to win.

Congrats to Kay Cosgrove, Jean Fife, and Lisa Petersen – Auxiliary winners

Congrats to Gary Sempek - SAL Winner

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RIDERS NEWS

As we get closer to riding season the ALR starts looking at Poker Runs, rides, and other activities which will keep us busy. Before all this begins we must focus on safety; checking air pressure in tires, oil changes, tuning, and standard maintenance. One thing that is easily overlooked is your helmet aka "The Brain Bucket". How old is your helmet? If this is your 5th season with it a replacement maybe in the works. Drop by any motorcycle dealer and have yours inspected; the helmet is the most important part of safety equipment you can buy. Please have it checked before this season gets into full swing.

Our Post had a wonderful send off for one of our brothers David "Schoe" Schoenagel. David will be leaving for Afghanistan in March for a 6 month deployment. One of the members of our wonderful Legion has an uncle, Pat, who served in Vietnam and just happened to find a Vietnamese coin while there with his high school graduation year stamped on it. He kept this coin with him, and considered it to be a lucky coin. He has given this coin to family members and strangers before their deployments. They have all come back and returned the coin to him. Pat passed away in December, but his longtime girlfriend wanted to keep the tradition going strong. so David was contacted. He received the coin; this will be the coin's 7th deployment. The family is extremely appreciative of David continuing this great tradition. I just hope doesn't lose this coin...lol! Seriously though this coin has been through Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq, and Afghanistan. We are proud of David and we are glad as an ALR family that he can keep a tradition going. Come back to us safe Schoe and don't forget the coin.

Steve Lahrs ALR Director

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The Korean War Veterans Association

(KWVA) The Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) would like to invite any veteran who has served in Korea or offshore from 1950 to the present to join our organization. Spouses are welcome too. The local chapter meets every second Tuesday of the month (11:30 am) at the Millard VFW Post 8334 Hall (5083 S. 136th St.) for a business meeting, socialization, light lunch and occasionally a guest speaker. You do not need to be a VFW member to join the KWVA. For more info call President Don Kane at (402) 397-7410 (H) or (402) 650-6817 (C) or Vice-president Jim Lane at (402) 697-9625 (H)

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

USPS News

If you move, let the Post know your new address. USPS doesn't forward third class mail. The Post pays \$1.22 for every returned newsletter.

Thank you.

March Birthday Bash

will be Friday

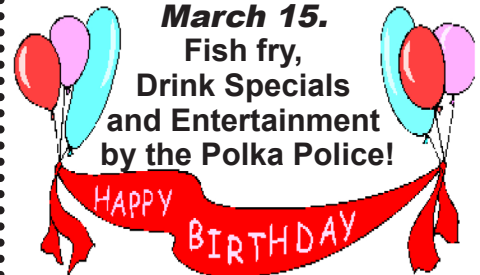
March 15.

Fish fry,

Drink Specials

and Entertainment

by the Polka Police!



There is a **BELL** at the Post that is to be **rung ONLY when the Huskers get a touchdown.** If you ring it at any other time you will have to buy a round of drinks for the **ENTIRE BAR.**

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POST #374 DUES

Legion.....	\$45.00
Auxiliary	\$30.00
Jr. Auxiliary (18 and under)	\$8.00
SAL	\$25.00
Jr. SAL	\$7.50

Card of Thanks

★ Thank you for the use of your room for our funeral luncheon. Everyone in our family appreciates what the American Legion does for all veterans.
Nancy Wolff & Family

COLOR GUARD NEWS

Usually our season doesn't kick off until May, but we started a little early this year. In January we did two Honor Wall Dedications: one at ElkrIDGE Assisted Living and one at ElkrIDGE Retirement. I got to briefly chat with Stan Logan, a former Post Officer and Color Guard member.

The following is a list of dates we already have for our season:

- Saturday March 9 .. St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Friday May 24 Purple Heart Honor Flight
- Monday May 27 Memorial Day 3 cemeteries and Post home
- Storm Chasers Friday night baseball at Werner Park: April 12 & 26; May 3, 10, & 24; June 21; July 5 (special fireworks night) 19, & 26; August 30 Parades so far: Ashland Days/Ralston/Millard Days. I don't have any dates yet for Legion baseball.

We are very proud of our Color Guard members who take the time to honor our flag and represent our Post.
Gary Sempek

ST. PATRICKS DAY SUNDAY, MARCH 17



**Food served
all day starting
at 11:00 am**



**Corned Beef &
Cabbage Dinner
Corned Beef Sandwich**

**Irish stew "If you're lucky
enough to be Irish, you're
lucky enough"**



FUNERAL HONOR DETAIL

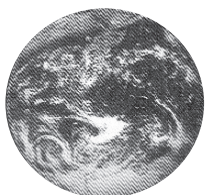


Legion Post 374 / VFW Post 8334

"No One Earned There Wings"



The Post has four cemetery plots that have been donated. They are located at Westlawn-Hillcrest Cemetery; two are in the Veterans area. If you would like to purchase a pair of them please contact an E-Board member.



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★★ **APRIL 2019** ★★

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE
(NO Later Than Friday, March 22)**


Mondays - \$1.25 Taco Night 5:30 – 7:30
Tuesday - Hamburger Night - 5:30 -7:30
Thursday - Dinner 5:30 – 6:45 (menu varies)

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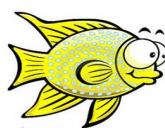
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MARCH 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 FOOD SAL bowling tournament
3	4 FOOD SAL Mtg 7:00  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	5 FOOD  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	6	7 FOOD Cribbage 7:00 	8 FOOD Fish Fry 5:30 Rock & Roll Bingo "PUBLIC WELCOME"	9
10	11 FOOD  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	12 FOOD Auxiliary Mtg 7:00 "PUBLIC WELCOME"	13	14 FOOD Cribbage 7:00 	15 FOOD Fish Fry 5:30 Polka Police "PUBLIC WELCOME"	16
17 FOOD Corn Beef/Cabbage starts at 11:30 am continues until we run out. "PUBLIC WELCOME"	18 FOOD  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	19 FOOD ALR Mtg 7:30  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	20 E-Board Mtg 6:30 ----- General Mtg 7:30	21 FOOD Cribbage 7:00 	22 FOOD Fish Fry 5:30 Come Together Band "PUBLIC WELCOME" News LTR Articles Due	23
24	25 FOOD  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	26 FOOD BUNCO 6:30  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	27	28 FOOD Cribbage 7:00 	29 FOOD Fish Fry 5:30 Ground Zero Band "PUBLIC WELCOME"	30 FOOD Boy Scout Spaghetti feed "PUBLIC WELCOME"
31				SAL Saturday, March 2 BOWLING TOURNAMENT 		

• UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST •

- Saturday March 2SAL bowling tournament
- Friday March 8.....Fish Fries start
- Sunday March 17 Corn Beef & Cabbage
- Saturday March 30 Scout Spaghetti feed
- Saturday Apr 6..... Spaghetti sauce cook-off
- Sunday Apr 14.....Kids Easter Party
- Saturday May 11.....Commanders Baseball Dinner
- Sunday May 12.....Mother's Day Brunch

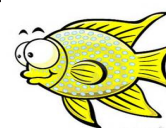


FISH FRY STARTS FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Come in for the best
 (and most reasonably priced)
 food around. We start serving at 5:30

MENU:

Fried Pollock, Grilled Salmon, Stuffed Salmon (stuffed with crab cake), Fried Shrimp, Steak and Mac & Cheese
All dinners come with
 fries, coleslaw, rye bread & butter. (Prices vary by item)



MILLARD AMERICAN LEGION POST 374 FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This Scholarship Application is due: March 23, 2019

\$500 scholarships will be awarded. Competition is OPEN TO BOTH MALE AND FEMALE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS. The Scholarships will be awarded to a member, a child, grandchild, step-child, or step-grandchild of a current American Legion Post 374, S.A.L or Auxiliary Member with membership of at least two years. Information provided directly on this sheet should be neatly printed, handwritten or typed since it does not lend itself to easy use of computer printing.

Which Organizational Scholarship are you applying for Legion ☐ SAL ☐ AUX ☐

If applying for more than one Scholarship from Post 374 then you need to send duplicate paperwork.

Applicant Name: _____

GPA at end of Sem. 1 of Sr. year is _____

☐ If current College student your GPA _____

Applicant Address: _____

Class Rank is _____ out of _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

ACT composite Score: _____

Phone Number: _____

I, _____

(Your counselor's signature is needed on the line above)

Parents Name: _____

certify the accuracy of the GPA, class rank, and ACT Score shown above.

Email address _____

If current college student please list school _____

List your intended college or university. If you are still considering more than one, attempt to list in the order of preference.

List any scholarships for which you have applied:

(1) _____

(1) _____

(2) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

(3) _____

List your intended major: _____

List any scholarships which you have been awarded:

(1) _____ (2) _____

Note: If more room is needed to list the scholarships for which you have applied, or those you have been awarded, mark this box [] and list the information on another sheet.

MILLARD AMERICAN LEGION POST 374 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

*Important - Follow the instructions on the application. **Failure to follow the instructions will eliminate you from consideration.** This information must be at American Legion Post 374 by March 23, 2019. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME OR SIGNATURE ON ANY OTHER SHEET; USE YOUR SPONSORING MEMBER'S CARD NUMBER.***

Name of Sponsoring Member _____

2019 Membership Card # _____ (copy enclosed)

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Phone # _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Enclose with your application: Copy of school records, Three (3) current letters of recommendation, and a one page Essay on Patriotism. Work history, Community Activities, Volunteering and School related activities must also be enclosed. Your grade point average will be considered as part of your application. Enclose a copy of the 2019 Membership Card. Be sure to mark out your name and use the Membership Card Number on ALL documents other than this application.

Applicants Signature: _____ Address: _____

Due by March 23, 2019 – Mail to American Legion Scholarships 13913 S Plaza, Omaha, NE. 68137

Please Mark the envelope Legion, SAL, or Auxiliary Scholarship

I _____, parent or guardian of the above stated applicant, hereby give my
(Printed Name)

Permission to publish my son/daughter's name if awarded the Scholarship.

Signature of parent or guardian of applicant. _____ Date

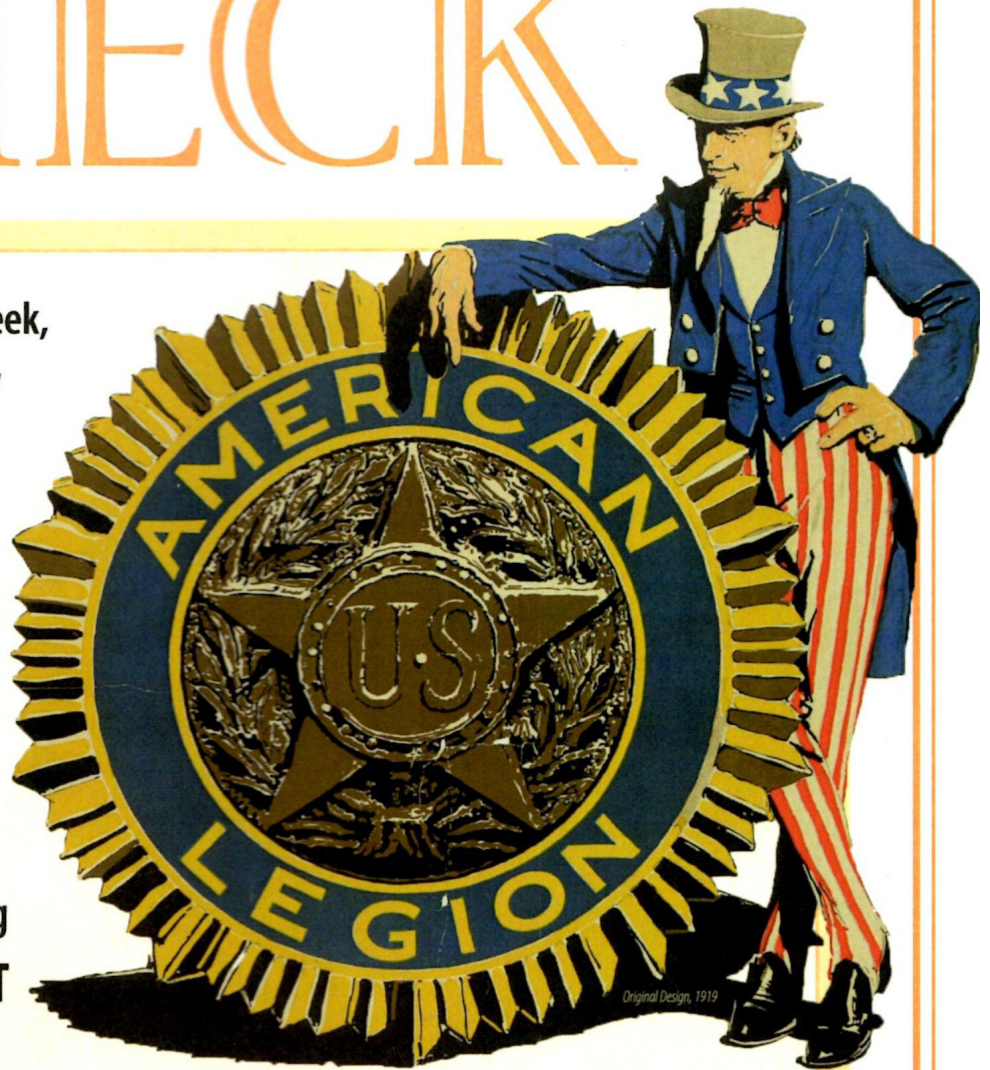
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BUDDY CHECK

During Buddy Check week,
take time to call on any
member or former
member who may
have lost touch with
the post.

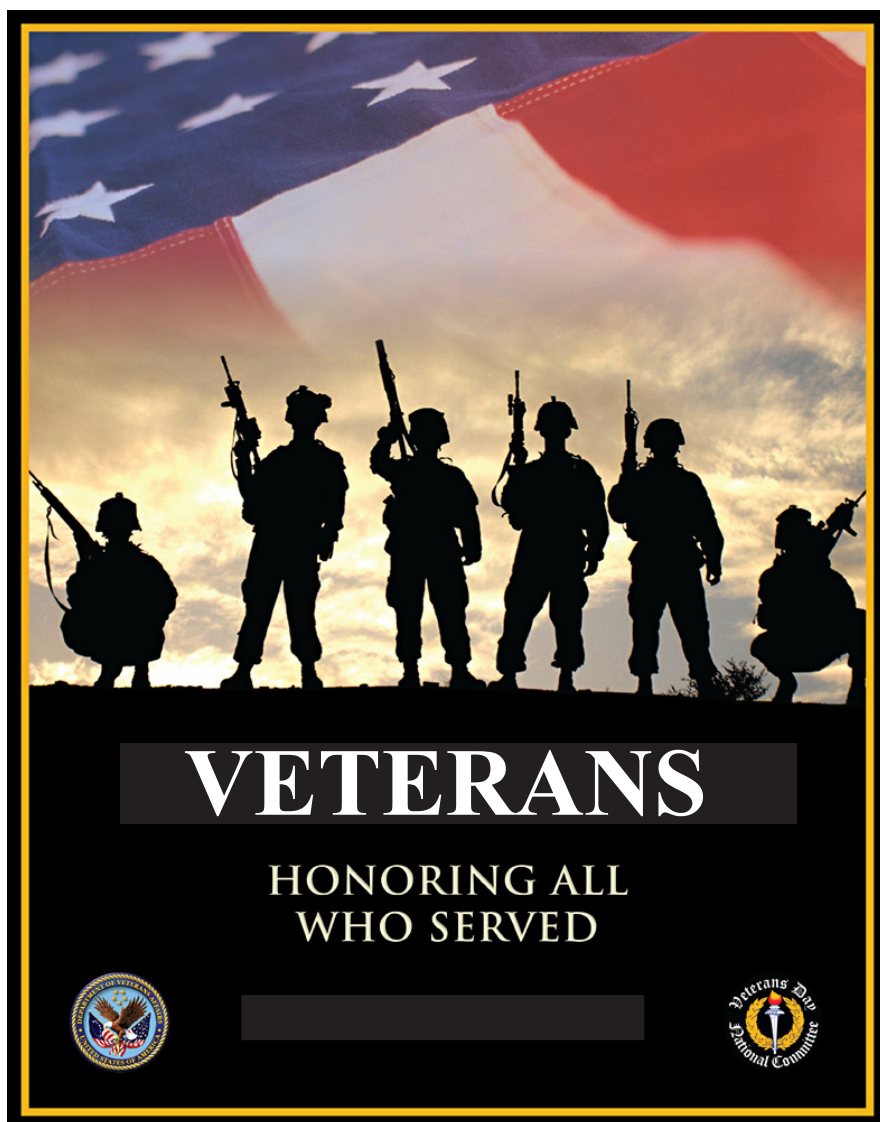
We need them,
and they may need us.

Honor the vision of
our founders by making
PERSONAL CONTACT
with fellow veterans.



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ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP

This is the time for you to get involved in how your Post Home is run.

The Honor Guard and Color Guard need new members; we know that you cannot do every event/funeral but we need members to step up and get involved.

When was the last time you were in the Post Home? Did you like things or think something needs to be changed? If you want things to change you need to come to a Legion Meeting, Auxiliary Meeting or a SAL meeting. We welcome your input; this is how we become better.

Did you know there is Pinochle on Tuesdays and Mahjong on Thursdays? Come in and learn more.

When you come in with your friends do you talk to them and see if they are eligible to join our family? When they ask "why should I"? Your response is you are supporting veterans and with your membership it gives us one more voice to Congress to get veterans issues passed.

Remember to clean your table when you are done, and also clean other tables. Our bartenders are volunteers and can use the assistance. This is your Post home; do you leave your Home a mess when you are done eating or drinking?

