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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

March is here already...still waiting for the big dump of snow that is bound to hit us!

Fish fries are going again. Some of our members pointed out to me that our Post is the #3 "go to" fish fry in Omaha (we'll have to work harder!).

This is a busy time of year at our Post. We have interviewed kids for Boys and Girls State. Junior Law applications will be coming in as well as scholarships. Please note to fill out the forms completely. The main reason some applications are rejected is because they are not SIGNED. It's the first thing we look at.

A big thank you goes out to Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers for their donation to our Post. They are supporting the Quilts of Valor Program and invited us to attend their kickoff-off program. They wanted pictures of Veterans groups and took photos of the Veterans in attendance. They also presented checks to those groups in attendance.

St. Patty's day is coming up. Our Color Guard will be marching in the parade downtown on March 14th (we're hoping for good weather).

Thanks to everyone who helped on the Post fundraiser for Dean Carlsen. We are all hoping for the best for him.

Thanks to all our members who support our Post. Check out our menu and bring a neighbor, friend or coworker in for a meal or a drink and to relax.

Easter is coming up so be careful and don't step on any eggs or anything else in your backyard!

Semper Fi Gary Sempek

SAL NEWS

Hello All,

I would like to start off by saying Thank You to everyone who came to support Dean Carlsen's fundraiser. Also thank you to all the people involved to make it a success. It's amazing to see how we all come together to help out one of our own. This is one of the many reasons I'm proud to be a member of this great Post!

Remember, Saturday March 7 is the Nelson scholarship Bowling tournament and Chili cook-off.

We are putting a donation barrel out in the front of the post by the juke box. It is for Moving Vets Forward and New Visions. There will be a list of what is needed. Please, let's try to fill this as many times as we can.

Meeting are always on the first Monday of the month (unless it falls on a holiday), then it will be the following Monday. In the last meeting, we saw some new faces, which was a pleasure to see! Please keep attending.

We are family! John Polson, Commander

Thank You - Thank You

I just want to give a shout out to all those people who helped make my fundraiser a success. The food was great; thanks to Greg and Brad in the kitchen keeping the food coming out and to all the people who took the time to cook the food for the event. The bartenders were great - thanks Kathy, Paige, Julie and whoever helped out behind the bar that I may not have seen. Finally, thanks to my family, my friends, clients and my Legion family for setting this all up for me. Your support was greatly appreciated, I love you all.

Thanks again.

Dean Carlsen

Past Commander SAL Squadron 374

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

There are still some gun raffle tickets available, there's a limited amount left if you still want to purchase one or more!

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

If you'd like some help with college expenses, the #374 scholarship applications are available. Be sure to get them in by March 21, 2019.

We will sell desserts for Taco night on Monday, March 2 at 5:30. Please let me know if you can bring a dessert.

Our next meeting is Tuesday March 10 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

*God bless you all, -
Tara Scott, President
425-577-2242*

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.

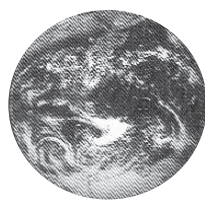
We continue our service by gathering with fellow Veterans. We call and reach out to others that served at our side. We stood together then and we stand together now.



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Charlie Odorizzi - I am a Veteran

RIDERS NEWS

Watching the news the other day some critter in Pennsylvania came out of a hole in the ground and proclaimed an early spring. I have robins in the back yard; my wife, Jean, is talking about what she is giving up for Lent; catchers and pitchers have reported for training camp; Greg is talking about Fish Fries, and Target has their Christmas displays out (just kidding) so yes spring is around the corner.

Our wonderful ALR is growing every month with new members if you haven't been to a meeting for a while come on out and participate; our Riders Family is not the same without you.

If you are a member of the Riders and would like to volunteer for one or more of the following opportunities please reach out to me: my phone number and email address is listed at the bottom of this article. Immediate Needs:

- Looking for a volunteer to take over the Secretary Role. Kara is not going anywhere - she just has a very full plate and is looking for relief.
- OCW Committee Volunteer - see Kara or Marty to give them your name. OCW is our major poker run for the year - it has been growing (almost 100 riders last year!) so to keep it growing we need fresh ideas and folks willing to lend a hand.
- ALR Fun Run Committee - see Bob Rooney. Bob is putting together a run in July for the riders of our Post to do a long weekend together. We will be riding out somewhere "fun" and just hanging out, doing some rides, eating some great food and just getting to know one another. Spouses, partners, friends, and other riders welcome. If you have an idea for a banner for Veterans Suicide awareness please send those to me. I will be compiling your ideas and getting with Beth to create a banner, flag, and patches. This project is close to my heart so I will be taking this on.

RIDERS NEWS-Continued

Our Monday Taco night continues to be a big hit and bringing in more \$\$\$ every week. A huge thanks to Arlin, Carol, and Don (who drives this initiative), and the other Riders who drop by on Monday's to lend a hand. The Taco night raffle is our life blood which allows us to contribute all year long giving to Veterans or Military Organizations looking for help. Please continue to support this initiative.

Semper Fi Steve Lahrs, Director

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



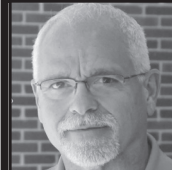
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There are four pots for the Legion drawing (Wednesday) and one pot each for the Auxiliary drawing (Tuesday) and SAL drawing (Sunday). You have to register to win.

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POST TRIP INFORMATION

The European Post trip in 2020 will be in Bavaria Germany from May 30 through June 10. 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, the Eagles nest, Regensburg (home of the world's oldest continuous run restaurant 1320 AD); Rothenburg, Nuremburg, the 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. There are 6 spot still open. We have found airfare for around \$700.00 round trip. But for a limited time.

Greg Petersen, Adjutant

ATTENTION GOLFERS

The Tuesday morning 2020 Legion Golf League, coordinated by South Omaha Legion Post # 331, has openings and is actively seeking teams/golfers. The league starts April 21st, and plays on Tuesday mornings at Tregaron Golf Club in Bellevue, starting at 07:30. It is a 9-hole league but you can play the entire 18 at no additional cost! The league is open to any and all golfers. Last year's cost was \$22 a week, plus an entry fee of \$25 which goes to the prize fund and end of year dinner/Fun Day. The league is seeking interested men and women golfers. This is an enjoyable league with a wide variety of ages and skill levels. If you're interested, please call. If you can't get a team together, call anyway. We will put you on a team or form a new team. There will be a kickoff meeting Tuesday April 7 at 1:30 at the American Legion 331, 4830 S. 21st St. We would like to hear from you prior to the meeting.

Ed Remar 402-238-6813
Tim Yambor 402-889-6929



HONOR GUARD RESULTS for 2019

114 funerals, 3,092 miles, 2,615 volunteer hours.

\$7,120 spent on pickles. There were 58 funerals at the Omaha National Cemetery (that's 51% of the total funerals)

Thanks to all who serve on the Honor Detail.

Rod Mach and
John Herrmann



The Legion has one cemetery plot at Westlawn-Hillcrest Cemetery

for sale. It is a double 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 #374 DUES

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



FUNERAL HONOR DETAIL

Legion Post 374 / VFW Post 8334



1.23.20.....James R. Geiger
1.30.20.....Donald F. Ellis
2.23.20.....Becky Ries

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.

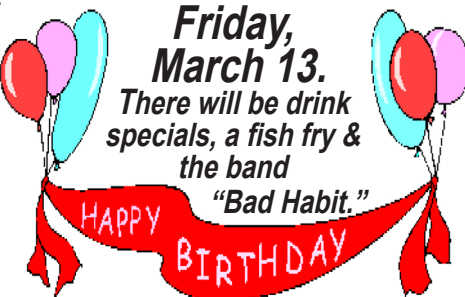
MARCH Birthday Bash

will be

**Friday,
March 13.**

There will be drink specials, a fish fry & the band

"Bad Habit."



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★★ **APRIL 2020** ★★

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE
(NO Later Than Friday, March 20)**

VETERANS

It's time to give the membership a chance to directly support a great Veterans cause. Most of the time we just pay our dues and let our Directors\Commanders\Presidents decide what to do with the money. There is nothing wrong with that, but if you aren't part of the discussion, do you really feel like you are part of the solution? The members I talked to didn't really feel like they were doing enough, but without a focus, it really makes it hard to decide how, or who to help. And the great members of our Post want to help, that's what makes us great.

So, we've come up with a way that the individual membership from all families can directly contribute to helping a homeless Veteran get a second chance. Moving Vets Forward (MVF) is an organization that helps put homeless vets from Iowa and Nebraska into homes. Their goal is to give Veterans the boost they need to turn themselves around and become self-sufficient. Since these vets have nothing, MVF gives them everything they need to get started again, at no cost to the vet. We are going to place a blue 55 gallon drum in the meeting room at the Post as well as a list of things they need. Most of these items are under \$10, so they are pretty reasonable. Each month we will check and see if the needed items have changed, and post a new list. This will be something that continues throughout the year. We know the membership at Post 374 are great with all the raffles, food nights and fund raisers that you support, but I still think there is enough room left to help out these homeless vets that are just trying to get their lives back together.

Here is the current list of items that are needed:

- ★ Brooms\Dustpans
- ★ Can Openers Electric\Manual
- ★ Clorox Wipes
- ★ Comet
- ★ Dish Drying Racks
- ★ HD Antennas for TV's
- ★ Ice Cube Trays
- ★ Silverware Trays
- ★ Small Rugs
- ★ Small Trash Cans
- ★ Toilet Bowl Brushes

This is a great opportunity, as the membership, to show how much we care about the health and well-being of our Veterans, as well as the Pillars of the American Legion Families.

Moving Vets Forward - <https://mvfne.org/>

Thank you!

Marty Timberlake

Nebraska State ALR Liaison

402-699-1216
















Mondays - \$1.50 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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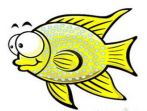
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  There is a BELL at the Post that is to be rung ONLY when the Huskers get a touchdown . If you ring it at any other time you will have to buy a round of drinks for the ENTIRE BAR .	2 FOOD SAL Mtg 7:00  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	3 FOOD  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	4	5 FOOD Tenderloins 5:30 ----- Cribbage 7:00	6 FOOD Fish Fry 5:30 Ground Zero band	7 FOOD Bowling & Chili cook-off Fundraiser 
8	9 FOOD  TACO'S "PUBLIC WELCOME"	10 FOOD Auxiliary Mtg 7:00  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	11	12 FOOD Dinner is SOS 5:30 ----- Cribbage 7:00	13 FOOD Fish Fry 5:30 Bad Habit band ----- Birthday Bash	14
15	16 FOOD  TACO'S "PUBLIC WELCOME"	17 FOOD Corn Beef & Cabbage 11 --??? with Ground Zero Band St. Patrick's Day "PUBLIC WELCOME"	18 E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	19 FOOD Cribbage 7:00  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	20 FOOD Fish Fry 5:30 Bill Sammon Guitarist  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	21 News LTR Articles Due
22	23 FOOD  TACO'S "PUBLIC WELCOME"	24 FOOD Bunco 6:30 ALR Mtg 7:30  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	25	26 FOOD Cribbage 7:00  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	27 FOOD Fish Fry 5:30 Throttle Up Band "PUBLIC WELCOME"	28
29	30 FOOD  TACO'S "PUBLIC WELCOME"	31 FOOD  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	St. Patrick's Day Corn Beef & Cabbage 			
				Tuesday, March 17 11 AM ---??? Corn Beef Dinner \$9.00 <i>Served with Potatoes, Carrots & Rye Bread</i> Corn Beef Sandwich \$6.00 <i>w/Chips & a Pickle</i> Irish stew served with bread \$7.00		

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

- Fri Mar 6 Fish fry with Ground Zero band
- Sat Mar 7 SAL Bowling/Chili cook off
- Fri Mar 13 Fish fry with Bad Habit band
- Tue Mar 17 Corn Beef/Cabbage with Ground Zero band
- Fri Mar 20 Fish fry with Guitarist Bill Sammon
- Fri Mar 27 Fish fry with Throttle Up band
- Fri Apr 3 Fish fry with Guitarist Bill Sammon
- Fri Apr 10 Fish fry with Lucky Lindy the Magician
- Mon May 25 Memorial Day Observances
- Sat May 30 – Wed June 10 European trip
- Sat Aug 15 ALR OCW Poker Run



FISH FRY FRIDAY, FEB. 28 5:30 - 7:30



MENU:

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|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| One piece Pollock... \$9.00 | Shrimp..... \$8.00 |
| Grilled Salmon \$9.00 | Stuffed Salmon... \$10.00 |
| Hand-cut Rib Eye Steak..... \$9.00 | |
| Surf & Turf (Steak/Shrimp) \$15.00 | |

All dinners listed above served with Fries, Coleslaw, rye bread & butter. Add 5 pieces of shrimp to Pollock dinner or either of the salmon dinners for an extra \$5

Get a bowl of Mac & Cheese for \$3.00
or an order of French fries for \$2.50