



MILLARD AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

We made it through our first fish fry with no major setbacks. Thanks to everyone who came in to support us, and we hope to see you again. Remember to bring some friends. We will have fish fries every Friday through April 2. I would like to give a big thanks to our volunteers who make events like this possible. With the ROTC cadets unable to help this year, it's great to see our members step up to the plate. Yes, we are having St. Patrick's Day, but on a scaled back version. We will have corned beef and cabbage, and Vinny's Irish stew. The hours will be from 4 to 8 or until we run out.

Scholarship applications should start coming in soon. Make sure they are filled out completely and signed. Junior Law has been cancelled again this year due to health concerns and insurance issues. At this writing, we have 19 applications for Boys State....lots of young men interested in government. I'm sure the Auxiliary has similar numbers and interest for Girls State.

Glad to see they caught the two guys that were stealing the catalytic converters off vehicles. (What I want to say isn't printable.)

Kathy does a great job of managing our bar. We are continuing to be as safe as possible, with temps taken and masks required. I'll bet a lot of you don't know that we have 14 domestic IPA's and imports on tap plus bottle beer and your favorite cocktails. Kathy comes up with drink specials to fit the occasion, and is now serving mini pizzas when the kitchen is closed. She is a great asset to the Post and is much appreciated, as are all of our volunteers.

The March E-Board and General Membership meetings will be moved from the 17 to the following week March 24. It's that time of year to start thinking about elections with a little less drama. Elections will be held in May. All positions are open except three E-Board spots. If you are interested in running for an office, please turn your name into an officer or give your name to Kathy. Everyone can come to our E-Board meetings to sit in and listen to what's going on at the Post. Attendees cannot participate in our discussions or vote (officers only), but are able to voice opinions or complaints and vote in the General Membership meeting following the E-Board meeting. We look forward to seeing you at the Post. *Thanks for supporting us.*

Semper Fi Gary Sempek

SAL NEWS

Greeting SAL,

Well, March has arrived, with it comes spring and we can say goodbye to one of the coldest Februaries I can remember! It seems with all we as a country have had to deal with this past year, we just can't catch a break, but maybe our luck is about to change for the better! Fingers crossed.

It's about time of our annual officer's nomination. This will take place during our next meeting, scheduled to be held on April 5 @ 7:00pm. Please plan to attend and let your voice be heard!

As a reminder, the SAL is conducting a beef raffle and if you have not picked up a book of tickets to sell or have not purchased your own tickets, please do so as soon as possible. Tickets are \$10 for one or \$50 for six. With an approximate value of \$1,600, it offers a potential great ROI. We need your help to make this as successful as possible.

Patriotic Productions has scheduled a Patriotic Parade & Concert Friday May 28 starring Lee Greenwood. The parade starts at 6:30 p.m. at Hollywood Candy 12th and Jackson. Gold Star families, along with our color guard and the ALR will lead the parade east on Jackson to 10th, then south to the Durham museum where the concert will be held. Patriotic music by a quartet and Lee will sing God Bless the USA. Mark your calendars and bring your family!

If you haven't noticed, we have a new sign above the entrance, which was donated by the SAL. It looks great and was long overdue! Once again, if you have not paid your 2021 dues, please do so.

We look forward to seeing you at the post AND at our meetings!

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

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

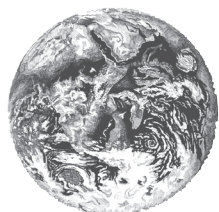
The Fish Frys have started, hope you get a chance to come out and enjoy the good food.

The Post #374 scholarship application is now available. You need to have an Auxiliary member in good standing to apply for the Auxiliary scholarship. Having a Legion or SAL family member included in your application will not make you eligible for the Auxiliary scholarship, only the Legion or SAL scholarships. Also, make sure everything is filled out correctly, signed and returned by the due date.

We will sell desserts for Taco night on Monday, March 1 at 5:30. Please let me know if you can bring a dessert. Our next meeting is Tuesday March 9 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there! God bless you all, Tara Scott, President



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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS

Happy March, Riders!

A friendly reminder that we will be holding a St. Patrick's Day Party instead of our meeting on March 16. Kara will be sending out an email with the details. Please RSVP to her so we can get an accurate head count for the main course. Please plan on bringing a side dish for everyone to share. Please also bring a White Elephant gift to exchange. The gift amount should be approximately \$15.00. Spouses and significant others are invited along with children. Also plan on dressing for the occasion; awards will be provided for the best male and female St. Patrick's Day attire. Please note that if you do plan on bringing a minor the language may cause him or her to ask you some uncomfortable questions as the night goes on.

The elected officers were sworn in by our Post Commander Gary Sempek. The Riders reelected director Steve Lahrs, the Asst. Director is Bob Rooney, Secretary is David St. John, and Treasurer is Lyle Krueger. Bob Dean has accepted the appointment as Chaplain.

We have a Toy Hauler! Thanks to Nate and Beth White, who have donated their covered trailer/toy hauler to the American Legion Riders of Post #374. JAVELAN has offered to pay for the license plates and also dress the trailer with our American Legion Riders logo. This trailer can be used to transport a motorcycle by any American Legion Rider of Post 374 who is in good standing. The user of the trailer must carry their own insurance which covers any damage to the trailer. Please contact me for further details. Thanks again Beth and Nate!

OCW ride - even though there is snow on the ground our OCW ride will be here before you know it please reach out to Sgt. at Arms Marty Timberlake to be part of his committee or to participate in fund raising.

We have a new member joining us from Post 88 in Shenandoah Iowa; his name is Doug Vance. His wife rides also and will be joining our Riders group next month! Welcome both of you.

Please remember to get your COVID-19 immunizations; they are taking appointments for Douglas and Sarpy county residents. The VA is currently immunizing veterans at this time so please call them to verify your eligibility. *Semper Fi.*

Steve Lahrs, ALR Director

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, SAL, Riders or Auxiliary meeting in person you can do it remotely:

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 each for the Auxiliary drawing (Tuesday) and the SAL drawing (Sunday). You

have to register to win.

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POST #374 DUES

Legion.....\$45.00

Auxiliary\$30.00

Jr. Auxiliary (18 and under)\$8.00

SAL\$30.00

Jr. SAL\$10.00



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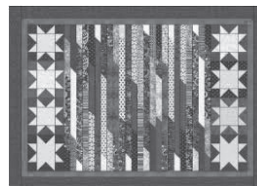
Card Of Thanks

Dear wonderful, honoring,
incredible war veterans,
What an incredible job you did
on Saturday January 30 at
Calvary cemetery as we laid our
dad, Vern Labenz, to rest. You
were professional but
approachable.

To trudge through the slush
and snow and brave the cold
temps spoke volumes to all of
our hearts. May you be blessed
a thousand times over in ways
unexpected for giving us such
a wonderful tribute to our dear
father.

Joani Eledge & family

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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who have done this!



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Legion Post 374 / VFW Post 833

Fred D. Grieb.....	1.8.21
Terry L. Johnson Sr	1.15.21
Charles A. Salter.....	1.26.21
Gerald A. Mohr	1.27.21
Charles F. Walls Jr.....	2.14.21



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S.A.L.

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AUXILIARY

President	Tara Scott	425-577-2242
Membership.....	Patty Polson	402-490-4545

ALR

Director	Steve Lahrs	(402) 417-8345
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★★ **APRIL 2021** ★★

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE
(NO Later Than Friday, March 19, 2021)

MILLARD AMERICAN LEGION POST 374 FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This Scholarship Application is due: Friday, March 26, 2021

\$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 26, 2021. DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME OR SIGNATURE ON ANY OTHER SHEET; USE YOUR SPONSORING MEMBER'S CARD NUMBER.

Name of Sponsoring Member _____

2021 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 2021 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 26, 2021 – 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







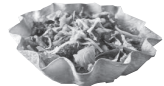







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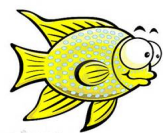
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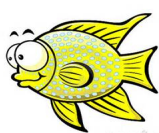
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Taco Night SAL Mtg 7:00 	2	3 FOOD Tenderloins 5:30 	4	5 FOOD Fish Fry 5:30 	6
7	8 FOOD Taco Night 	9 Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	10 FOOD Burgers 5:30 	11	12 FOOD Fish Fry 5:30 	13
14	15 FOOD Taco Night 	16 ALR St. Patrick's Day party 7:30	17 FOOD St. Patrick's Day food 4:00 – 8  	18	19 FOOD Fish Fry 5:30  News LTR Articles Due	20
21	22 FOOD Taco Night 	23	24 FOOD E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 6:30	25	26 FOOD Scholarship apps due!  Fish Fry 5:30	27
28	29 FOOD Taco Night 	30	31 FOOD Burgers 5:30 			



FISH FRY



5:30 - 7:30

CURBSIDE SERVICE is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

MENU:

- ★ One piece Pollock
- ★ Grilled Salmon
- ★ Steak
- ★ Surf & Turf (Steak/Shrimp)
- ★ Shrimp
- ★ Stuffed Salmon

All dinners listed above served with Fries, Coleslaw, rye bread & butter

Prices vary. Call 402.895.0405 for Curbside Service.

St. Patrick's Day

Wednesday March 17

The kitchen is serving Corn beef & cabbage dinners, Corn beef sandwiches & Irish stew starting at 4:00 until we run out.

Kathy will have tasty Irish beers (plus the others you love) so come to the Post to "Get your Irish on"

May your troubles be less and your blessings be more And nothing but happiness come through your door.