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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

All we have to do is make it through another month and we'll start seeing some hints of spring.

I went to the District 8 Convention last week, and our Post won numerous awards thanks to Adjutant Marty Timberlake's hard work filing all the paperwork.

Our Post home is going through a little spring cleaning/decluttering. We will soon have a fresh coat of paint, and the entrance should be more appealing. We want it to look like a Legion Post, not like a bulletin board. Along with the new paint, we now have a House Committee that will recommend what will be rehung on the walls. They will meet once a month, and will let us know what needs to be done or replaced at the Post.

Our fish fries will start March 4 and continue every Friday night through April 15. This year we will not be having steak on our fish fry menu due to the high cost of meat. If you don't like fish, we will have chicken strips, along with the fries and coleslaw. Mac & Cheese will be served too.

On Saint Patrick's Day, we will be serving corned beef and cabbage and Irish stew starting at 2 p.m. and going until 8 p.m. The cost will be \$10 for a dinner or \$8 for the sandwich or the stew. Also, Kathy will have drink specials and Guinness. Come in and lie about being Irish.

Once again, I can't express enough thanks to our volunteers who make this Post the best in the state.

See you at the Post. Semper Fi! Gary Sempek

SECOND VICE NEWS

Spring is just around the corner and I wanted to remind you that the Millard American Legion Post 374 scholarships applications are due on March 22, 2022. These are \$500 scholarships to high school graduates who are the children or grandchildren of Post 374 who have at least two years of paid membership. Applications can be picked up at the American Legion Post 374 or by emailing secondvice@post374.org. I will also need some assistance in determining who gets these scholarships. If you want to take part in the selection process please let me know.

We had a great turn out for Boys State Applications. We will be doing those interviews on two Saturdays - March 5 and March 12 from 08:00-13:00. If you are interested in the interview process, please let me know. *Air Power! Matt Schnabel, Second-Vice*

SAL NEWS

Well folks, spring is on the way and with it brings a return of green grass, BBQ's, songbirds and a general feeling of hope. With the pandemic subsiding we can all look forward to a return to normal; it's about time!

The SAL is actively selling tickets for our annual beef raffle. If you haven't bought a ticket or tickets, now's the time! \$10 for one ticket, \$50 for six tickets.

On March 26 we will be holding our chili cook-off; the sign-up sheet is at the bar should you have an interest in submitting your favorite chili recipe. A special thanks to Eric Peterson for the excellent paint job! What a difference it made.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday March 7 and we hope you will carve out an hour and join us! And as always, if you haven't paid your dues....Well, please pay them!

"Wolves don't kill unlucky deer; they kill the weak ones. Don't be weak" – Sitting Bull, We look forward to seeing you at the Post!

John Polson, Commander and Randy Young, Vice Commander

MEMORIAL GROUNDBREAKING

Tuesday, March 29, at 2:00 PM

Join Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation, the State of Nebraska, and the City of Papillion as they break ground on the first statewide Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Memorial honoring the service and sacrifices of all Nebraska Vietnam Veterans.

The groundbreaking will be held at SumTur Amphitheater, 11691 S. 108 St, Papillion, NE. We are honored to have Secretary Chuck Hagel, a Vietnam Veteran and Honorary Committee Member, as the keynote speaker for the event. In case of inclement weather, a ceremony will be held at the Papillion Landing, 1046 W Lincoln St, Papillion, NE at 2:00 p.m. on March 29.



RIDERS NEWS

Article Not Available

Members & Family Members

When doing your estate planning please remember the American Legion Post 374 in those plans. Those contributions help us in our Building Fund and other noted needs within the Legion and to help Military Families.

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Charlie Odorizzi - I am a Veteran

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

Girls State applications have been judged and the delegates have been chosen to attend. We had 24 applications of exceptional students this year! We have more of the \$5 patriotic bracelets for sale! Let us know if you want some. They are also available at the

Get your Post #374 scholarship applications turned in by March 25. 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 or it will not be included.

Don't forget about the Legion fish fry every Friday starting March 4 through April 15. The SAL chili cook off is on Saturday, March 26. Sign up at the bar if you want to bring your crockpot of chili.

We will sell desserts for Taco night on Monday, March 7 at 5:30. Please let me know if you can bring a dessert. Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there! Karen Brink. President

COLOR GUARD

Color guard season is about to begin, and we have a few events this month.

We will be marching in Omaha's annual St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday March 12. I will reach out to vou with additional details.

We plan to once again present the colors at the Omaha Beef games. Their first home game is March 5 followed by a game on March 12. Polish your boots and let's enjoy a full season of honoring our country. Randy Young, Post 374 Color Guard Commander

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.





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 govf.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 vou 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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St. Patrick's Day

Thursday, March 17

★ Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner....\$10.00

★ Corned Beef Sandwich\$8.00

★ Irish Stew.....\$8.00

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.



FRIDAY, March 4 5:30 - 7:30

MENU:

- Fried Pollock
- Chicken Strips
- Stuffed Salmon
- Mac/Cheese

Shrimp

- Fries
- Cole Slaw
- •Rye Bread

(Prices Vary)



S.A.L. Sons of American Legion **Chili Cook Off**

March 26 - 5:30 PM

Entires Must In By 12 Noon - The sign-up sheet is at the bar. Should you have an interest in submitting your favorite chili recipe.



Card Of Thanks

To Am. Legion #374 & #8334, Thank you for the beautiful military honors given to my husband, Roger D. Burns, on Dec. 6, 2021. I'm sorry the weather didn't cooperate!

Joanne Burns

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There are five 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.

Congrats To Sal Winner

★ Eric Brink

Congrats To Legion Winner

★ Randy Pfeiffer

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POST #374 DUES	
Legion	\$45 .00
SAL	\$30 .00
Jr. SAL	
Dual Legion/SAL	\$55 <u>.00</u>
Auxiliary	
Jr. Auxiliary (18 and under)	\$8 <u>.00</u>
ΔIR	\$15.00

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★★ <u>APRIL 2022</u> ★★ <u>NEWSLETTER</u> ARTICLES ARE DUE (NO Later Than Friday, March 18, 2022)

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MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Taco's Only \$2.00	1	Tenderloins 5:30 - 7:00	3 Kitchen Closed Cribbage 7:00	4 FOOD Fish Fry 5:30 – 7:30	5 Boy's State interviews 8:00
6	7 FOOD Legion – kitchen Taco Night SAL Mtg 7:00	8 Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	9 FOOD Kitchen open 5:30 – 7:00 Vietnam Vets #279 Mtg 6:30	10 Kitchen Closed Cribbage 7:00	11 FOOD Fish Fry 5:30 – 7:30	12 FOOD Boy's State interviews 8:00 St Patrick's Day parade
13	ALR - kitchen Taco Night	15 ALR Mtg 7:30	16 FOOD Kitchen open 5:30 – 7:00 E-board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	Corn Beef/Cabbage 2:00 - 8:00 NO CRIBBAGE	Fish Fry 5:30 – 7:30 Newsletter articles due	19
20	SAL - kitchen	22 Buddy Check at Cunningham's bar	23 FOOD Hamburgers 5:30 - 7:00 BUNCO 6:30	24 Kitchen Closed Cribbage 7:00	25 FOOD Fish Fry 5:30 – 7:30	SAL Chili Cook-off 5:30
27	28 FOOD ALR - kitchen	Vietnam Vets Memorial groundbreaking at SumTur amphitheater	30 FOOD Kitchen open 5:30 – 7:00	31 Kitchen Closed Cribbage 7:00	April 1st Fish Fry 5:30- 7:30 Ground Zero Band Playing	DUNDEE BARBER 103 N 50th St 402-553-9707

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Fri. Mar. 4 thru Fri. Apr. 15	Fish Fry
Fri. Mar. 4 thru Fri. Apr. 15 Sat. Mar. 12	St Patrick's Day parade
Thur. Mar. 17	
Sat. Mar. 26	SAL Chili Cook-off

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