



# MILLARD AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

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## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

I keep saying spring is coming but, as I look outside, it's snowing like hell. It's still February, so we have a ways to go.

Legion meeting nights are pretty sad around here. We have roughly 1200 members and can't get 12 people to show up to make a quorum to hold a meeting. We need to step it up a little bit. Remember, it takes you to make this Post work.

The additional fire sprinkler heads we needed in the cooler and freezer are now installed and our kitchen sink is redone and up to city code. I need to give a giant THANKS to the S.A.L. for footing the bill to have the added sprinklers installed and to John Polson for upgrading our kitchen sink.

Fish fries start February 24. It will be nice to see if everyone remembers what to do. There is always a glitch or two on the first night. Check out the menu in this newsletter and come in hungry. You probably figured out that there will be no Broasted chicken or Am Vets chicken fried steak dinners until after Easter. Also, Ground Zero Band will be playing March 17 (St. Patrick's Day) after the fish fry. The S.A.L. taco night, which is the third Monday of each month, will have a new menu item. They will be offering beef, chicken or cheese quesadillas in addition to the regular menu.

Once again, I am asking if anyone is interested in joining our Honor Guard. Five years ago we had 34 members. Today we have 17. Due to some snowbirds, and shoulder, knee and other surgeries, this puts us down to about 12. So if you can join and even do a couple funerals a month, it would be a big help. Call John Herrmann at 402-895-0367 for more information. This is a great service to our fallen comrades, and is greatly appreciated by their loved ones.

On Wednesday, March 29, we will be celebrating Vietnam Veterans Day by having a special ceremony at the Post starting at 4:30 with two speakers and the presentation of three Quilts of Honor. The Daughters of the Revolution will also entertain. Dinner will be provided starting at 6 p.m. Come on down and honor our Vietnam Veterans.

Once again, our bartenders are volunteers and only make money from tips. Please treat them as they treat you, with respect.

*Semper Fi! Gary Sempek*

## SAL NEWS

Greetings everyone and welcome to March, spring is right around the corner, hopefully!

The delicious and ever popular Fish Fry has returned and will be offered each Friday night until the final one on April 7; which is also when we will be drawing the winning names for our SAL Beef Raffle. If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, they are available at the bar. \$10 per ticket or \$50 for six. Approximate value is \$1,500 per side. Nebraska raised beef, packaged and ready for the grill.

To all of you who are KC Chiefs fans, congratulations on the Super Bowl win!

Please remember to take a moment to say thanks to everyone who volunteers their time and energy at the Post, and if you're not actively volunteering, we can always use your help!

If you haven't already done so, please remember to pay your dues!

Our next SAL meeting is scheduled for March 6, and our next SAL taco night is March 20. During our April 3 meeting, we will conduct officer nominations, your voice counts so let it be heard.

"The same boiling water that softens the potato hardens the egg. It's what you're made of. Not the circumstances."

—Unknown

*We look forward to seeing all of you at the Post!*

*We ARE family! John Polson, Commander and Randy Young, Vice Commander*

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

Spring will be here soon - don't forget daylight savings on Sunday, March 12.

Girls State applications have been judged and the delegates are chosen to attend. We had 25 applications of exceptional students this year!

Get your Post #374 scholarship applications turned in! You need to have an Auxiliary member in good standing to apply for the Auxiliary scholarship. Make sure everything is filled out correctly or it will not be included.

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

The St. Patrick's Day parade is March 11 and our color guard is honored to march in it.

We will sell desserts for Taco night on Monday, March 6 at 5:30. Please let me know if you can bring a dessert. Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!  
*Karen Brink, President - 402-740-1455*

## CONGRATULATIONS

to Post 374 member James Wands! His name was drawn in the Department early bird contest as the grand prize winner. He received \$150 from State. Way to go!

## BUDDY CHECK 22

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month at **DJ's Dugout (114<sup>th</sup> & Miracle Hills Drive)** 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.

★ **APRIL Newsletter Articles** ★  
**Due No Later Than**  
★★ **Friday, MARCH 17** ★★

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## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS

As we leave February behind us, we can look forward to spring this month. Spring means warmer temperatures and motor-cycle season will be upon us very soon. Riders be careful of gravel left from the ice and snow that we received. All others, look twice for the folks on two or three wheels as we are not used to them being on the road.

The only thing scheduled for March as of right now is the ALR meeting. May is starting to fill up with events, one of them being our Poker Run on Saturday May 20. This event is open to anyone who wants to help raise money for our Veterans. We are looking forward to not only the many bikes that will participate, but also the people wanting to participate in their own four-wheeled vehicles. Flyer's for this event will be out this month.

Some of the other events for May will be going to the 100 Block in Council Bluffs (May 18), Nebraska Medal of Honor Hwy 20 run (May 26 & 27), Thunder on the Missouri (May 28), and our Memorial Day escort for our Honor Guard (May 29). If you are planning on riding the Medal of Honor run, please let us know ASAP as we will try to block off some rooms in Valentine, since they will be filling up fast.

*Matt Schnabel, Director*

## PINOCHLE

Played Every Tuesday  
at 11:00 am.

For more info contact:  
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## SECOND VICE NEWS

March is here and that means that the Legion Scholarships are due. The final day to submit these Scholarships is Friday March 24.

Once I get all of them, I will get a board together to make a decision on who will be receiving these \$500 scholarships.

If you are interested in helping with the judging of these applications, please let me know. You can email me at [second-vice@post37.org](mailto:second-vice@post37.org). We should have a decision made by mid-April. Good luck to all applicants. *Second vice, Matt Schnabel*

## HOUSE COMMITTEE NOTES

The house committee continues 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

This month kicks off another season beginning with the Omaha Beef and the St. Patrick's Day parade which will take place on March 11.

Here is the Omaha Beef schedule:  
March 4, April 29, & May 27: 6:30 kick.  
March 10, April 8, & May 13: 7:00 kick.

Please note, for the 6:30 games we will depart the post at 5:00; the 7:00 games we will depart at 5:30. *Randy Young, Post 374 Color Guard Commander*

## Vicki Kovar

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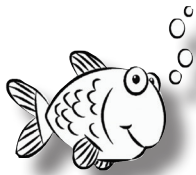
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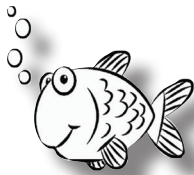
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# FISH FRY



**FRIDAY'S**  
**March 3**  
**Thru April 7**  
**5:30 – 7:30**



## Menu:

### DINNERS (Prices vary):

- ★ Pollock
- ★ Stuffed Salmon (Limited Amount)
- ★ Grilled Salmon
- ★ 8 Piece Shrimp
- ★ NY Strip Steak

*Each Dinner Comes With Fries, Cole Slaw & Bread & Butter.*

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Mac & Cheese*



# Vietnam Veterans Day Celebration

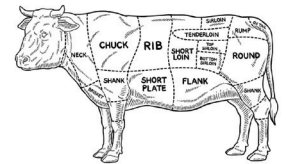
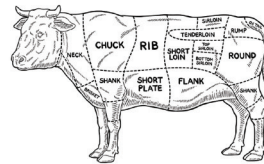
**Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:30.**

There Will Be Speakers,  
Entertainment And Dinner.

Please Come To Honor  
Our Vietnam Veterans.

## S.A.L. BEEF RAFFLE

*Win One Of Two Sides*



### Premium Nebraska Raised Beef.

Tickets Are Available For  
**\$10.00 Each or \$50.00 For 6 Tickets.**  
See a bartender or any SAL member to buy your tickets.  
***Drawing will be held on Friday, April 7,***  
during the last fish fry. (Need not be present to win)

## 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.

## Card Of Thanks

Thank you for your presentation at the John Albino funeral. It was so appreciated.

*The John Albino family*

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**There is one pot each for the  
SAL drawing (Sunday), Auxiliary  
drawing (Tuesday) and Legion  
drawing (Wednesday).**

**You have to register to win.**

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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.



## MILLARD POST #374 DUES 2023

Legion.....	\$45.00
SAL .....	\$30.00
Jr. SAL .....	\$10.00
Dual Legion/SAL.....	\$55.00
Auxiliary .....	\$30.00
Jr. Auxiliary (17 and under) .....	\$8.00
ALR .....	\$15.00

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### ALR

Director .....	Matt Schnabel.....	402-871-5421
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# MILLARD AMERICAN LEGION POST 374 FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**This Scholarship Application is due: 03/24/2023**

\$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 03/24/2023. . **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME OR SIGNATURE ON ANY OTHER SHEET; USE YOUR SPONSORING MEMBER'S CARD NUMBER.***

Name of Sponsoring Member \_\_\_\_\_

2023 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 2023 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 03/24/2023– 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  
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Signature of parent or guardian of applicant. \_\_\_\_\_ Date

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## MARCH 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>St. Patrick's Day "PARADE"</b> Saturday, March 11 			<b>1 FOOD</b> Tenderloins 5:30 		<b>3 FOOD</b> Fish Fry 5:30 	
<b>5</b>	<b>6 FOOD</b> SAL Mtg 7:00 ----- Legion in the kitchen <b>Taco Night</b>	<b>7</b> <b>PINOCHLE</b> 11:00 am. 	<b>8 FOOD</b> Spaghetti 5:30 ----- Vietnam Vets Mtg 6:30	<b>9</b>	<b>10 FOOD</b> Fish Fry 5:30 	<b>11 FOOD</b> St. Patrick's day parade 
<b>12</b>	<b>13 FOOD</b> ALR in the kitchen 	<b>14</b> Auxiliary Mtg 7:00 ----- <b>PINOCHLE</b> 11:00 am. 	<b>15 FOOD</b> Kitchen open 5:30 E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	<b>16</b>	<b>17 FOOD</b> Fish Fry 5:30 ----- Ground Zero band 7:00 	<b>18</b> <b>April Newsletter Articles are Due NLT Friday March 17</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20 FOOD</b> SAL in the kitchen 	<b>21</b> ALR Mtg 7:30 ----- <b>PINOCHLE</b> 11:00 am. 	<b>22 FOOD</b> Burgers 5:30 ----- Buddy Check 22 @ DJ's Dugout	<b>23</b>	<b>24 FOOD</b> Fish Fry 5:30 	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27 FOOD</b> ALR in the kitchen 	<b>28</b> House Cmte Mtg 7:00 ----- <b>PINOCHLE</b> 11:00 am. 	<b>29 FOOD</b> Vietnam Vets Celebration 4:30	<b>30</b>	<b>31 FOOD</b> Fish Fry 5:30 	

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Fri ..... Mar 3 ..... Fish Fry  
 Fri ..... Mar 10 ..... Fish Fry  
 Fri ..... Mar 17 ..... Fish Fry/Ground Zero Band  
 Fri ..... Mar 24 ..... Fish Fry  
 Wed ... Mar 29 ..... Vietnam Veterans Celebration  
 Fri ..... Mar 31 ..... Fish Fry  
 Fri ..... Apr 7 ..... SAL Beef Raffle Drawing  
 Sat ..... May 20 ..... ALR Poker Run

### GROUND ZERO BAND

Will be playing on **Friday, March 17** from 7-10.

The public is welcome and there is  
**NO COVER CHARGE.**

They are an all veteran Omaha area band  
 playing classic rock & surf music.

(Thank you to Sean Kelly Owner of Bellevue  
 Golden Corral who is sponsoring the band)