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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Everyone's getting geared up for some warm weather, May flowers, and barbeques. Remember that all the kids and people on their phones are out now that the weather's nice. Do a double take for motorcycles.

Congratulations from our Legion family to all of the scholarship winners.

We will be having enchiladas on Cinco de Mayo, Wednesday May 5. May also brings elections to the Post on May 19. Voting is open at the Post from 8:00 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. followed by the meeting. Whether running for a position or not, I would like to see more people at our meetings. On Friday, May 21, we will be serving Po'boy sandwiches or chicken tenders and fries from 5:30 to 7:30. That will be followed by entertainment from DJ Amp featuring music, Bingo and trivia from 8:00 to 10:00. Come in for food and fun!

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Our Legion Color Guard will be marching in the Patriotic Parade in downtown Omaha on Friday, May 28, which will be followed by a music tribute by Lee Greenwood. Start off your Memorial weekend by attending this tribute to our fallen comrades.

On May 31, our Color Guard/Honor Guard and ALR will be doing Memorial Day ceremonies at three cemeteries (Pleasant Hill, Voss Mohr, and Mt. Auburn) as well as at our Post. If anyone is interested on giving a SHORT speech at one or more of these locations, please call the Post and let us know. After our Memorial Service at the Post, food will be served.

Stay safe. Semper Fi Gary Sempek

SAL NEWS

There are several items we'd like to draw your attention to.

At some point in May we are planning to conduct a thorough cleaning of the kitchen and we could really use a few of you to volunteer a couple hours of your time. The more help we have the easier and faster it goes. This cleaning will most likely be on a Saturday or Sunday morning. Please let us know if you will help!

The SAL beef raffle was very successful, and the two winners were awarded their side of beef on April 2 during our last fish fry of the season. One winner purchased only one ticket and the other one purchased five! We would welcome your input, but we are strongly considering making this an annual event.

We awarded five scholarships this year, yet another example of the contributions the SAL makes to our community!

As a reminder, 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! Additionally, the Post's color guard will be visiting cemeteries on Monday May 31 to celebrate and honor those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom. We will end with a flag service at the Post somewhere around noon. We would love to have you join us in this important event.

Once again, if you have not paid your 2021 dues, please do so. During our May meeting, scheduled for May 3 at 7:00 pm, we will be voting on SAL officers; please plan to attend and let your voice be heard!

And finally, if you happen to be working in the kitchen and notice that the bucket of pickles in the cooler has nothing but pickle juice, please DO NOT discard the juice!!!!!!

We look forward to seeing you at the Post!

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

SECOND VICE-COMMANDER

Hello all,

We had a good year for Children and Youth.

Interviews for Boys State were in February. We nominated 8 boys to attend in Lincoln. Unfortunately, because of Covid, the State Headquarters was not able to have enough kids do a 'virtual' attendance instead of live participation. These boys have gotten recognition from the state and each will be awarded a certificate.

This month we awarded a \$500 scholarship to each of six high school seniors. I would like to recognize and congratulate the following students: Paige Davison, Alyssa Fleck, Haley Gosch, Alexander Herman, Taylor Pfeifer and Abigail Schnabel. I cannot talk enough about this benefit. All members should be aware that your sons, daughters, and grandchildren are eligible to apply for a \$500 scholarship from each of the family organizations. These kids can apply to all three organizations if they qualify as SAL, Legion or Auxiliary members. We do this every year in March. Wish all the kids who have participated in these programs well.

Again, congratulations!

Vince Mahoney,
Second Vice-Commander

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS

Hello Riders,

This month during our meeting we had to review our by-laws. This has not been done in several years so thank you for your patience while doing that. Thank you to the committee members that gave of their personal time to review and approve of the by-laws prior to the meeting. Please note that in order for everyone to hear and participate in our meetings we are required to follow "Roberts Rules of Order". We have gotten away from this and many side-bar conversations occur while someone else is speaking. I ask you to please be courteous and I am hoping that this friendly reminder is all that is required to remind ourselves of the proper decorum for our meetings.

We have some rides starting which appear to be a lot of fun, the first of which is the Medal of Honor Ride which will be taking place the week-end prior to Memorial Day. We will be leaving out early Friday morning in order to get out to Lutz WY which is close to the kick off point for the next day's ride. Please consider going if you can.

I want to talk about safety for just a moment, a lot of things happen to your bike when it is in storage. Just because you are not riding doesn't mean some wear isn't occurring. Please check your brakes, air pressure, hoses, seals, and cables prior to heading out to your rides. The greatest piece of safety that you have is your helmet. Those must be replaced every 3 to 5 years as the sweat, UV light, and oils break down the protective cushioning inside the shell.

Lastly thanks to all the Riders that volunteer on Mondays to help out on Taco night. I can't thank you enough for all that you do.

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.

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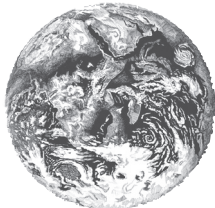
If you move, let the Post know your new address. USPS doesn't forward third class mail. The Post pays for every returned newsletter.

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Kathy Bartsch, Bar Manager

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May 19, 2021

8:00 am to 7:30 pm

ELECTIONS

Friday, May 28

Patriotic Parade being held in downtown Omaha

Monday, May 31

Memorial Day

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 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 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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MAY 2021

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"VOTED" The Best Legion TACO'S in Town <i>Only</i> \$1.50 Each						1
2	3 FOOD SAL Mtg 7:00 Taco Night 	4	5 FOOD Happy Cinco De Mayo! <u>Enchiladas</u> served 5:30	6	7	8
9	10 FOOD Taco Night 	11 Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	12 FOOD Hamburgers 5:30 	13	14	15
16	17 FOOD Taco Night 	18 ALR Mtg 7:30	19 FOOD Legion Elections 8:00 am - 7:30 pm ----- General Mtg 7:30	20	21 FOOD Po'boy sandwiches or Chicken Tenders 5:30 ----- DJ 8 - 10	22
23 Kitchen Cleaning 8:00 <i>Please Help</i>	24 FOOD Taco Night 	25	26 FOOD Hamburgers 5:30 	27	28 Patriotic Parade being held in downtown Omaha	29
30	31 Memorial Day ----- Kitchen Closed	TRY OUR FANTASTIC BURGERS & FRIES				

Wednesday, May 5 - 5:30 pm *Happy Cinco De Mayo!*

Enchiladas



Friday, May 21 - 5:30 PM

Po'boy Sandwiches

or

Chicken Tenders

DJ at 8:00 pm -10:00 pm



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