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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Fish fries and Easter are finally over. We had a lot of good people helping. Thanks to the volunteers, things ran smoothly. We sure could use a couple more volunteers to help in the kitchen.

May is a busy month at the Post. We will be holding elections for Commander, First and Second vice Commanders, Finance Officer, and three E-Board positions. Voting will be held on Wednesday, May 18, from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The results will be announced at the meeting that night. Marty told me I can run for Commander again this year, so I will.

The S.A.L. took on the task of paying to have all the tall bar chairs recovered. The Honor Guard is paying to have our track lighting upgraded to LEDs, and a donation was made at the S.A.L. meeting for a new TV behind the bar. These were some of the upgrades that our House Committee has recommended. I have been in touch with our property manager about fixing our patio out back.

For all you Star Wars fans, may the fourth be with you. Speaking of the fourth, we will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo that day. We will be serving beef enchiladas with rice and beans for \$9 from 5:30 to 7:00, plus Kathy will have a special on Margaritas.

Don't forget that May 8 is Mothers' Day. May 30 is Memorial Day. We will be holding services at our three cemeteries and at our Post home that morning: Pleasant Hill at 9 a.m., Voss Mohr at 9:40 a.m., Mount Auburn at 10:15 a.m., and the Post home at 11 a.m., followed by a light lunch at which we will honor our continuous members. If anyone would like to give a short speech (under 5 minutes) at one of the cemeteries, please let me know. At the Post home, we will have a special service by the Millard South ROTC Cadets folding a flag and presenting it to the Post, followed by a rifle volley and taps, and a short speech by Mark Gadzala.

We will be doing our kitchen cleaning on Sunday morning, May 15 starting at 8 a.m. This usually takes about four hours to complete, and we sure could use some bodies for this. We move all the kitchen equipment outside and clean them while the floors and walls get cleaned inside, so you can see why we need help.

I have been asked by many people when we are going to have broasted chicken again. Unfortunately, I have not a clue how to do it. But I have a person of interest that I heard is the king of chicken broasters, and will hopefully teach me. With that said, we will have broasted chicken on Friday, June 3. Hopefully I'm a quick learner and you can, once again, enjoy our broasted chicken dinners. We are planning on having a Friday night dinner two times a month, broasted chicken on one Friday and chicken fried steak or chicken fried chicken by the AMVETS on the third Friday of each month (that starts May 20). I told you May is going to be a busy month, so come in and enjoy all the activities. *Happy Mothers' Day! Semper Fi! Gary Sempek*

SAL NEWS

We hope everyone is well and had a wonderful Easter! May marks the beginning of nice weather and we hope you will get out and come by the Post!

The SAL had another successful beef raffle despite the escalation in price. Congratulations to the winners, Julie Polson & Jimmy Deeds, and a BIG thank you to all who purchased tickets and to all who helped sell them. We could not have done it without you.

The Post had a great fish fry season, during which the SAL sold raffle tickets for items on the "goodie" cart. A big shout out to the Ladies Axillary for helping us with this; especially Julie Polson, Kim Peterson and Jamie Rudnick. Thank you, ladies!!

If you have not paid your 2022 dues, please take care of this, your dues are what keeps us going.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 2 and its officer election night, so please plan to attend and let your voice be heard. Saturday May 7 we're planning a spring-cleaning day. If you can spare a couple hours, we could sure use your help. Please step up and show your support! The next SAL taco night is May 16 and as always, we could use your help!

The Post will soon begin the process of re-covering the high-top chairs. This will be done in phases and the SAL will be contributing to this effort.

We look forward to seeing you at the Post. John Polson, Commander and Randy Young, Vice Commander

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

Spring is finally here and we're looking forward to a busy summer!

We have selected 2 students to receive a scholarship of \$500 each! Congratulations to both of them and we wish them luck with their future plans.

We have started selling raffle tickets for the \$500 Cabela's/Bass Pro gift card! The tickets are only \$5.00 each and we will be selling a limited amount so get yours soon!

We will be selling individual desserts on Monday, May 2 from 5:30 to 7:00 during taco night. Let me know if you are able to bring a dessert.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m. We will be electing officers!

*Enjoy your Mother's Day
and see you on Memorial Day!
Thanks! Karen Brink, President
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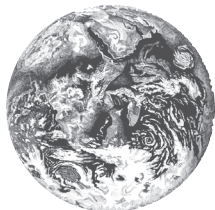
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HONOR GUARD

We'd like to thank all of you on the Honor Guard for stepping forward to help. Jerry Uhing – I can't say enough to thank you for what you do.

2021 was a bad year for the Honor guard. Dennis Guinane hit a patch of ice with his truck. It rolled down a hill three times landing on its top and he was upside down hanging by his seat belt. He is still seeing a doctor. Vince Mahoney & John Herrmann were riding their motorcycles in Colorado when a truck pulling a trailer tried to pass. The truck pulled back in the lane, hitting and killing Vince. John laid his bike down. He got his leg free from under the bike and tried to crawl to Vince but couldn't. John will be under a doctors' care for a long time. Brad Petersen was found dead of a heart attack in his home. Unfortunately, 2022 is picking up where 2021 left off. John Herrmann's wife Mary died of cancer. Mike Brookover, who was very active in the Legion, died of cancer.

In February 2010 my wife died. One night I said "Lord why did you take her from me?" He said "I didn't take her from you, I loaned her to you for 47 years. I wanted her home" We are here on loan - you never know when you will be called home. Are you prepared?

Rod Mach, Chaplain

Honor Guard – 2021

Funerals - 131 (72 at ONC)

Miles - 7,233

Hours - 3,459

Pickles - .. \$8,222

COLOR GUARD NEWS

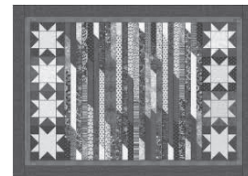
We are down to our last two Beef games and as usual, it has been a pleasure to present the colors to their fans.

Saturday May 28 is the annual Patriotic Parade in downtown Omaha. The parade will begin at 10:00 am. Please plan to bring your families, cheer us on and show your support!

Thank you to all the color guard team members!

Randy Young,

Post 374 Color Guard Commander



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

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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House Committee Notes

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The Post 374 House Committee is planning a spring clean-up on Sunday May 15th. We are looking for volunteers to help clean and spruce up the Post. Please consider volunteering. The ROTC will be there to help with any climbing and lifting. We will start around 8:00 am and finish before 11:00.

Please stop by the Post and look for the other changes.

*If you have ideas please let me know,
either at the Post, or
by email. darrel3010@gmail.com
Darrel Swenson*

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

Dear Millard American Legion members,

*Thank you so very much for the
contribution to the Robert Swanson
Memorial Scholarship fund! My dad left
big shoes to fill & this scholarship is
one way to help vets going forward!*

With much love & thanks,

Cindy (Swanson) Siadek

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Legion Post 374

VFW Post 833

James R. Hunter..... 4.8.22
Clyde D. Durham..... 4.15.22
Eugene M. Dennis..... 4.16.22
Whitney C. Bonifant..... 4.18.22

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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.

Recent winners:

**Legion – Larry Gress and Gary Sempek
SAL - Rodney Saathoff**

Auxiliary – Jo Shuey

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POST #374 DUES

Legion.....\$45.00
SAL.....\$30.00
Jr. SAL.....\$10.00
Dual Legion/SAL.....\$55.00
Auxiliary.....\$30.00
Jr. Auxiliary (18 and under).....\$8.00
ALR.....\$15.00

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S.A.L.

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MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 FOOD Legion – kitchen ----- SAL Mtg 7:00	3	4 FOOD Enchiladas 5:30 – 7:00	5 Kitchen Closed League Cribbage 7:00	6	7 Millard Sox fundraiser 2 - 7
8	9 FOOD ALR – kitchen Taco Night	10 Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	11 FOOD Tenderloins 5:30 ----- Vietnam Vets Mtg 6:30	12 Kitchen Closed Summer cribbage 7:00 	13	14
15 Post Spring Cleaning 8 - 11	16 FOOD SAL – kitchen Taco Night 	17 ALR Mtg 7:30	18 FOOD Legion Elections 11 – 7:30 ----- Goulash 5:30 ----- E-Board Mtg 6:30 & General Mtg 7:30	19 Kitchen Closed Summer cribbage 7:00 	20 FOOD AMVETS dinner 5:30 ----- Newsletter articles due	21
22 Buddy Check at Cunningham's Bar	23 FOOD ALR – kitchen 	24	25 FOOD Burgers 5:30 ----- BUNCO 6:30	26 Kitchen Closed Summer cribbage 7:00 	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day Services ----- KITCHEN CLOSED	31	Wednesday, May 4 5:30 to 7 PM Enchilada with rice, beans \$9 <i>Kathy Will Have A Special On Margaritas!</i> 			

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Wednesday, May 4 Enchilada, rice, beans
 Saturday, May 7 Millard Sox fundraiser
 Sunday, May 15 Spring cleaning
 Friday, May 20 AMVETS dinner
 Monday, May 30 Memorial Day
 Friday, June 3 Broasted Chicken

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