



# MILLARD AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

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## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Spring has sprung. Everything is starting to look good. Hope everyone had a great Easter. If you haven't been down to the Post lately, you are in for a surprise...the parking lot is fixed! We always said it would take an act of God to get anything done, and the church came through. Now you don't have to put your vehicle in four-wheel drive to get to the Post.

Fish fries are over and they went great. This was the best Lent we've ever had. I would like to thank the fish fry crew who gave up their Friday nights for seven weeks for the good of the Legion. We will go back to our broasted chicken on the first Friday of the month and the chicken fried steak or chicken fried chicken on the third Friday of the month. I am sure we will probably have some special meals on a few other Friday nights throughout the year. The first Friday of May is Cinco de Mayo and we will have enchiladas, rice and beans. We will move the broasted chicken to May 12. We will have Karaoke on the third Friday of the month after dinner.

Memorial Day will be here soon. Once again, we will have our morning services at Pleasant Hill at 9 a.m., Voss Mohr at 9:40 a.m., and Mt. Auburn at 10:15 a.m., then back to the Post for a special service. Werner Enterprises, as well as OPPD, will have their patriotic trucks in our lot. There will be a special exhibition by the Millard South ROTC Drill Team and a ceremony by our Honor Guard and Color Guard. This will be followed by lunch which will include featherbones, sloppy joes, smoked beans, pasta salad, potato salad, and chips. At lunch we will honor our 50-, 60-, and 70-year members. I would love to see a big turnout for this event. I know there is a lot going on that weekend, but we sometimes need to take a step back and honor our fallen. We are trying to have some media coverage to bring awareness to Veterans organizations. *Hope to see you at the Legion. Semper Fi! Gary Sempek*

## PUBLIC RELATIONS NEWS

**Hello everyone. It's just about time for our annual Memorial Day Service.**

**Here are some of the details about this year's ceremony:**

**When:** Monday, May 29, 2023

**Where:** Millard American Legion Post 374 (Front parking lot)

**Time:** 11:00 A.M.

**Program includes:** Patriotic truck displays, Legion Riders, Auxiliary wreath presentation, bagpipes, guest speaker (Former Air Force Weather Agency Commander), performance by the Millard South AFJROTC Exhibition Drill Team, as well as Presentation of the Colors and Rifle Volley followed by TAPS. All of this will be followed by Longevity Membership presentations and a great lunch. Hope to see you there. *Mark E. Gadzala, Public Relations Officer*

## SAL NEWS

Greetings to you all. We hope you're enjoying springtime in Nebraska!

We would like to remind everyone, if you're a member of our Post for a minimum of two years, your son, daughter, or grandchildren are eligible to receive a \$500 scholarship to the institution of their choice. Scholarships can be awarded to someone for two years, so please take advantage of this opportunity! Information regarding next year's scholarship opportunity is forthcoming.

This year the SAL will be awarding two scholarships; one each in the name of past commanders: Mr. Curt Jordan and Mr. Dean Carlsen. Both are gone too soon, and both are missed.

Congratulations to this year's winners of the two sides of beef! It was another successful raffle for the SAL and we'd like to thank everyone for your participation.

The SAL donated to Children and Youth in the amount of \$300. Thanks to the membership for approving this donation. We are planning to conduct the popular Trash Can Feed again this summer; the third annual event is scheduled for Saturday July 22.

If you have not paid your 2023 dues, you're LATE, so make sure your membership is current.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday May 1, during which time we will conduct our officer elections; your vote counts, so please plan to attend.

Our next SAL taco night is May 15.

**"You've got to get up every morning with determination if you're going to go to bed with satisfaction." —George Lorimer**

*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 is finally here! The Kids Easter Party last month was a lot of fun! Thank you to all the volunteers from our Legion Family that helped with food, desserts, decorations, crafts and organizing the party.

We will start selling raffle tickets for the \$500 gift card on May 15! The tickets are only \$5.00 each and we will be selling a limited amount so get yours right away.

We are having our elections this month, so if you want to volunteer for an office, you will need to come to the meeting to get nominated.

We will sell desserts for Taco night on the following Mondays: May 1 and May 15 at 5:30. Please let me know if you can bring a dessert on either night. Many thanks to Kylea Pestel for working the extra dessert night for us!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there! Enjoy your Mother's Day and I hope to see you all on Memorial Day!

*Karen Brink, President 402-740-1455*

## RECRUITING COMMITTEE

A recruiting committee has been established at the Post. If you have information on upcoming events, or events you would like us to attend, please contact Gordon Mix, Jim Persson, Eric Peterson, Jay Quick, or Rebecca Wesch.

We will be at Bellevue University on Saturday May 6 (10-2) for the "Meet Your Army" event. Stop by our table to say hello!

## 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.

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS

Days are getting longer and the temperatures are getting warmer. Motorcycle season is upon us so be on the lookout for our two wheel friends.

This is a big month for the riders as we have two events that we will be participating in. One of them is our Poker Run on Saturday May 20. This event is open to anyone that wants to help raise money for 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 wheel vehicles. Flyer's for this event are out. At the end of our Poker Run we will be raffling off our Flat Top Grill that we've been selling tickets for. Tickets are \$10; if you're interested in buying a ticket, get with one of our Riders and we will get you one.

The second event is Memorial Day. Before Memorial Day we will put flags on Veterans graves at three different cemeteries. We are planning on doing that on May 25, at 5:30 PM. We will also provide escort for our Honor Guard on Memorial Day morning. We would like to get a lot of people to join us for that day. This will be a white shirt and vest day. After the Cemeteries there will be a final ceremony at the Millard American Legion. Please come to honor our fallen Veterans. *Ride safe!*

*Matt Schnabel, Director*

## COLOR GUARD NEWS

We have two remaining Omaha Beef games this month. The final game on May 27 is Military Appreciation night and our Honor Guard will be present to honor the military with a 21-gun salute. Also, on May 27 we will be participating in the Patriotic Parade in downtown Omaha; the parade begins at 10:00 AM and we'd love to see you there.

On May 29 we will be honoring the fallen by visiting cemeteries and presenting the colors. We will conclude the day with a special ceremony at the Post sometime around 11. Please plan to join us on this very important day!

*Randy Young, Post 374 Color Guard Commander*


## 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*

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## PINOCHLE

**Played Every Tuesday  
at 11:00 am.**

For more info contact:  
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★ **JUNE Newsletter Articles** ★

**Due No Later Than**

★★ **Friday, MAY 19** ★★



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# Card Of Thanks

Thank you for honoring 'Cowboy George' on December 21, 2022. He was the best dad, grandpa and friend ever! George loved his friends on the Honor Guard and everyone at the Legion. He passed away serving others and doing what he loved surrounded by his friends. Thank you to the Honor Guard for the touching tribute at his service and at the cemetery. Thank you to Kathy and everyone who helped us celebrate his life at the luncheon. We are forever grateful and appreciate your kindness and support. We hope you continue to remember his big smile and heart. Thank you all for your service.

*The Kaplan Family*

Thank you for your service and being there for the funeral honor detail and flag ceremony for Robert Markt. Sherrill Markt



## Broasted Chicken

May 12, 5:30-7:30 pm

**Great Dinner  
for The  
Whole Family**



## ENCHILADAS

Friday, May 5, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

*Hand Made Delicious Dinner*



## Salisbury Steak Dinner

May 10, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

*Enjoy This  
Fantastic  
Dinner With  
a Friend  
and Family*



## 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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**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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## 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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## MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>FOOD</b> Legion In the kitchen ----- SAL Mtg 7:00	2 <b>PINOCHLE</b> 11:00 am. 	3 <b>FOOD</b> Tenderloins 5:30 	4 <b>Open play cribbage</b> 7:00	5 <b>FOOD</b> Enchiladas 5:30 	6 'Meet your Army' at Bellevue Univ. 10 -2
7 Sox baseball fundraiser 12 - 5	8 <b>FOOD</b> ALR in the kitchen  Taco Night	9 Auxiliary Mtg 7:00 <b>PINOCHLE</b> 11:00 am. 	10 <b>FOOD</b> Salisbury steak dinner 5:30 ----- Vietnam Vets 6:30	11 <b>Open play cribbage</b> 7:00	12 <b>FOOD</b> Broasted Chicken 5:30 	13
14	15 <b>FOOD</b> SAL in the kitchen Taco Night 	16 ALR Mtg 7:30  <b>PINOCHLE</b> 11:00 am. 	17 <b>FOOD</b> Kitchen 5:30 ----- E-Board Mtg 6:30 Legion Mtg 7:30	18 <b>Open play cribbage</b> 7:00	19 <b>FOOD</b> CFS/CFC dinner 5:30 ----- Karaoke after dinner ----- NL articles due	20 ALR Poker run 
21	22 <b>FOOD</b> ALR in the kitchen ----- Buddy Check at DJ's	23 House Committee Mtg 7:00 <b>PINOCHLE</b> 11:00 am. 	24 <b>FOOD</b> Burgers 5:30 	25 <b>Open play cribbage</b> 7:00	26	27 Patriotic parade downtown Omaha 10:00
28	29 Memorial Day services 11:00 ----- Kitchen closed	30 <b>PINOCHLE</b> 11:00 am. 	31 <b>FOOD</b> BLT's 5:30 			

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Fri.....May 5 ..... Enchiladas  
 Sat.....May 6 ..... 'Meet your Army' at Bellevue University  
 Sun.....May 7 ..... Sox Baseball Fundraiser  
 Fri.....May 12 .....Broasted Chicken  
 Fri.....May 19 ..... CFS/CFC Dinner  
 Sat.....May 20 ..... ALR Poker run  
 Mon ....May 29 ..... Memorial Day Service

**On The Third Monday  
 Of The Month,**  
 In Addition - The Regular Menu,  
**SAL Serves Quesadillas**  
 Your Choice Of  
 Beef, Cheese  
 or Chicken.

