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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

We made it through April without any major weather setbacks. May is a busy month...May Day, Star Wars Day, Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day and, of course, Memorial Day. We will be having our three ceremonies at the cemeteries...Pleasant Hill at 9 a.m., Voss Mohr at 9:45 a.m., Mt. Auburn at 10:20 a.m., and then back to the Post for our program. If you missed last years' service at the Post, don't miss this one. It will be special. Also, we will be presenting our continuous membership pins that day.

The chow line will open after the Award Ceremony. Last year we ran out of food, but this year we won't. Hopefully I will have all the flowerpots planted on our back patio by Memorial Day so it will be more inviting for people to use it this year.

AARP is holding a shredding event on Saturday, June 1, from 9 to noon in front of our Post. If you need anything shredded, come in.

Nominations are in for our future Post officers. There is only one contested position, Finance Officer. Make sure you come in and vote for either Lyle or Jen. Voting will be on the meeting day, May 15, from 11 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. Show your card and ask Kathy for a ballot. Congrats to our members who decided to run for Post offices. They will be leading our Post into the future.

Semper Fi! Gary Sempek



SAL NEWS

Happy May everyone! With the cold weather behind us, it's time to focus on yard work, grilling and summer fun!

The SAL awarded two scholarships this year, congratulations to the winners!

We would also like to congratulate the four officers who were re-elected: John Polson, Commander; Randy Young, Vice Commander; Jim Wentz, Membership; Bobby Sempek, Finance. In addition, congratulations and thank you to the two appointed positions: Eric Brink, Chaplain, and Gordon Mix, Sergeant at Arms.

Please mark your calendars for May 25th when the Post color guard will be participating in the annual Patriotic Parade in downtown Omaha at 10:00 AM and May 27th, when the Post will be participating in Memorial Day presentations at three cemeteries and one at the post around 11:15, followed by lunch.

Our annual Trash Can feed is scheduled for July 27th, which is always a great time!

Saturday June 1st we will be having a shredding party from 9-12. Feel free to bring any documents you want destroyed to the Post for confidential destruction. This is a free event!

We look forward to seeing you at the Post!

“When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us.” —Helen Keller

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

ADJUTANT NEWS

Identity theft is big business. Millions of dollars are stolen each year leaving its victims feeling vulnerable, violated and financially burdened, and it seems that it's only getting worse. With everything being online, social media, e-mail scams and through many other digital means, our data is vulnerable to hackers and scammers - people who don't have to work very hard to make themselves rich at your expense.

There are things you can do to better protect yourself: use complex passwords; store passwords in password vaults; 2 factor or multifactor authentication; personal vpn's and be wary of "free Wi-Fi" locations.

Checking your bank account from Starbucks isn't a good idea. Neither is throwing away papers that contain Personally Identifiable Information. Anyone can go through your trash when it's on the curb, even more so when it's in a landfill. It's still not safe.

This is why the Millard American Legion is teaming up with AARP to do a free community shredding day, and cardboard recycling on Saturday, June 1st from 9am to noon. Bring the pile of papers you've set aside to burn, or shred, but just haven't gotten to yet. Bring your neighbors and friends. Learn about services that the AARP provides and come inside the legion for a cold drink and meet some new friends. More information will be coming as we get everything finalized. Mark your calendar, collect those old documents, and let's protect ourselves from those who would take advantage of us.
Marty Timberlake, Adjutant

COLOR GUARD

Team, please mark your calendars for the following upcoming events: Omaha Beef; May 4th & 11th. May 11th is Military Appreciation night, and we will be joined by the Honor Guard.

Patriotic Parade; May 25th at 8:00 AM and Memorial Day on May 27th at 8:00 AM.

Storm Chasers baseball on June 7th, July 19th, August 30th, and September 13th. Thank you in advance for your continued participation and service to our Post!

Randy Young

Post 374 Color Guard Commander

PINOCHLE

Played Every Tuesday
at 11:00 am.

For more info contact:

Sandie Stagner
402-593-6887



AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,
Spring is finally here!

We approved 2 scholarships for \$500 each thanks to the Lori Wentz Memorial Fund. Lori's fund also paid for 4 girls to attend Girls State and we still have some left for next years' scholarships! Rest in peace, Lori, we miss you.

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

We're having elections this month, so if you want to volunteer for an office, you will need to come to the May 14 meeting to get nominated and then we will have a vote.

We will sell desserts for Taco night on Monday, May 6. Please let me know if you can bring a dessert. Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. and we will draw the winner for the Fly-Fishing Pole.

I hope to see you all on Memorial Day for the ceremony at the Post.

Karen Brink, President 402-740-1455

HOUSE COMMITTEE NOTES

The House Committee is spring cleaning around the Post. Several items have accumulated in the lost and found over the winter. If you are missing a coat, jacket, or sweater, ask one of the bartenders to let you check the lost and found in the office. Items not claimed by May 15th will be donated.

We continue 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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P.S. Shane's email got misspelled in my April email. (my mistake) His email should be renbear25@yahoo.com as spelled above.

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.**



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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★★ Friday, MAY 17 ★★

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Card Of Thanks

Our family cannot put together words to properly express our thanks to you for your service and services you provided at the funeral of our father, father-in-law, and grandfather, Robert Morris True Sr. on March 27. Such an honorable tribute to and for him. We are forever grateful to you!

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Morris True, Jr. & family

Thank you so much for providing the rifle volley at my husband, Joseph Baldassano, Jr.'s funeral service. You were given very short notice, and I didn't know until I saw you standing in formation that you'd be there.

This was a very important component for us, as my husband served at Ft. Myer VA, the home of the 3rd infantry, where the soldiers provide support for military funerals at Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

He was involved in many, many services, and always loved the firing of the rifles as a tribute to soldiers and veterans. My children and I truly appreciate the effort and dedication that each of you represents in our veterans.

Jane Baldassano

AUXILIARY DUES

Please renew your Auxiliary dues! The cost is \$35.00 Jr Auxiliary are \$10.00 We hope you will take the time to renew your membership and remain a part of our organization. Thank you!

Please send your check to:
Millard Post 374 - Attn: Patty Polson
PO Box 390698 - Omaha NE 68139

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There is one pot each for the SAL drawing (Sunday), Auxiliary drawing (Tuesday) and Legion drawing (Wednesday). You must register to win.

Tatum Harmsen - Auxiliary Winner

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MILLARD POST #374 - DUES 2024

Legion.....	\$45.00
SAL	\$30.00
Jr. SAL	\$10.00
Dual Legion/SAL.....	\$65.00
Auxiliary	\$35.00
Jr. Auxiliary (17 and under)	\$10.00
ALR	\$15.00

Pork Chops

Wednesday, May 8 - 5:30 PM



Fantastic Flavor

Wednesday

May 15 - 5:30 PM

Delicious

Chicken & Noodles



Buddy Check 22

There are two Buddy Check events that happen in the Omaha area. The first is Buddy Check 22, which happens on the 22nd of each month from 8-10pm at DJ's Dugout on 114th and Miracle Hills Dr. The second Buddy Check is on the second Tuesday of each month at Frank's Pizzeria at 5413 S 72nd St in Ralston. Both events are to help veterans support each other, reduce and eliminate veteran suicides, and get back the feeling of camaraderie that we had when we were in the military. For us, the mission isn't over until every veteran is living a happy, healthy life. Come join us if you can.

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ALR

Director.....	Matt Schnabel.....	402-871-5421
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MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Italian Sausage & Peppers Wednesday, MAY 29 - 5:30 PM			1 FOOD Tenderloins 5:30 	2 Kitchen Closed Open Cribbage 	3 FOOD Broasted chicken 5:30 	4
5	6 FOOD Legion serving tacos 5:30 ----- SAL Mtg 7:30	7 Pinochle 11:00 AM 	8 FOOD Pork Chops 5:30 ----- Vietnam Vets Mtg 6:30	9 Kitchen Closed Open Cribbage 	10 FOOD VFW serving hamburgers 	11
12 5:30	13 FOOD ALR serving tacos 5:30 	14 Auxiliary Mtg & elections 7:00 Pinochle 11:00 AM 	15 FOOD Chicken & Noodles 5:30 ----- E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	16 Kitchen Closed Open Cribbage 	17 FOOD AMVETS serving CFS or CFC 5:30 	18 ALR Poker Run
19	20 FOOD SAL serving tacos & quesadillas 5:30	21 Pinochle 11:00 AM ALR Mtg 7:30	22 FOOD Burgers 5:30 ----- Bunco 6:30 	23 Kitchen Closed Open Cribbage 	24	25
26	27 FOOD Memorial Day services ----- KITCHEN CLOSED	28 Pinochle 11:00 AM 	29 FOOD Italian sausage & peppers 5:30	30 Kitchen Closed Open Cribbage 	31	June 1 Shredding Event 9 - 12

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Fri May	3 Broasted Chicken
Wed May	8Pork Chops
Fri May	10VFW serving burgers
Wed May	15 Chicken & Noodles
Fri May	17 Chicken Fried Steak or CFC dinner
Sat May	18 ALR Poker Run
Fri May	29Italian Sausage & Peppers
Sat Jun	1 Shredding Event
Sat Jul	27 SAL Trash Can Feed

We want you to help the post save money!

Send us your email address so you can get the monthly newsletter via email. It will cut down on postage costs. Email your full name & email address to news@post374.Org

If you call the post leave your full name and email address with the bartender.

If you've already done this, thank you!