



MILLARD AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

PUBLISHED BY MILLARD AMERICAN LEGION POST 374
MILLARD, NEBRASKA
Second Largest Post in Nebraska



VOLUME: MAY 2026 • TELEPHONE: 402-895-1324 • EDITOR: LISA PETERSEN
Location address: 13913 S Plaza Omaha NE 68137
Mailing address: PO Box 390698 Omaha NE 68139-0698

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

The Legion elections are being held Wednesday May 20. All positions are open (except Second year E-Board). Polls are open from 11:00 AM until 7:30PM. Show your card and ask Kathy for a ballot.

The Legion and the Millard VFW Post are joining to form the Millard Veterans' Alliance. The two groups will be moving to a new location by the end of the year. It's the old El Bee's restaurant, south of the interstate off 144th street. See more info in the

Millard Veterans' Alliance article from Gary Sempek. We will share more in the coming months.

Join us at the Post for a Memorial Day service, Monday May 25. The bus will leave at 9:00. We will go to the following cemeteries: Pleasant Hill, Voss-Mohr, and Mt. Auburn then return to the Post home for a service and lunch.

A hui hou- Eric Peterson

MILLARD VETERAN'S ALLIANCE

We just finished the first ever Millard Veterans Alliance meeting. We had a great turnout, and we were glad to see so many fellow vets concerned with our future. We've put a lot of time and effort into making this merger of our Posts happen. A great big thanks to Larry Stunkel for everything he has done.

Now comes the fun part at the new location...moving or removing some walls and getting things ready to put equipment in place. We provided questionnaires at the meeting, and these will be put in order that things need to be done. If you don't hear from us right away, it's because we are not yet ready for your expertise. We will be calling in the future. Once again, thanks to everyone for coming to the meeting. It shows you care.

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 25, 2026
Where: Millard American Legion Post 374 (Front parking lot)
Time: 11:15 A.M.

Program includes Patriotic vehicle displays, Legion Riders, Auxiliary wreath presentation, bagpipes, guest speaker, performance by the Millard South AFJROTC Exhibition Drill Team, National Anthem, as well as Presentation of the Colors and Rifle Volley followed by TAPS. This will all be followed by Longevity Membership presentations and a great lunch.

Please come and help us honor those who gave their all protecting our country. Hope to see you all there.

Mark E. Gadzala, 2nd Vice Commander, Public Relations Officer

SAL UPDATE

Greetings to you all and welcome to the return of warm weather. This is a beautiful time of year, as long as we don't experience severe storms.

Congratulations to Cynthia Carter, Brady Wilde and Caroline Mix for being awarded SAL sponsored scholarships. Well deserved.

Also, congratulations to Jill and Larry Druskis for winning this year's meat raffle.

The 2027 membership cards will be available soon, so if you have not brought your membership up to date by paying your 2026 dues, now is the time.

Monday May 25th is our annual Memorial Day presentation at the Post, start time is approximately 11:45; please plan to join us as we remember and honor those who gave all for our country.

"Your mindset is everything. Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right." — Henry Ford

We look forward to seeing you at the Post! We ARE family! John Polson, Commander and Randy Young, Vice-Commander

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,
Spring is finally here! It's time to get those gardens planted and enjoy the outdoors.

We were able to give 2 scholarships this year for \$ 500 each. Congratulations to those students.

We will start selling raffle tickets for the Visa gift card starting on May 12th and draw the winner at our meeting on Aug. 14. The tickets are only \$5.00 each and we will be selling a limited amount so get yours right away. Since this year is our nation's 250th birthday, we will be drawing 2 winning tickets for \$250 each!

The soldier from Des Moines that was killed in Kuwait has a son who is graduating in June without his mother. There will be some graduation cards at the Post for people to sign or feel free to bring your own signed card and Jenny Pedersen will mail them for us. We're hoping to show him a little love from Nebraska.

We will sell desserts for Taco night on Monday, May 4 at 5:30. Please let me know if you can bring a dessert. Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. We will have our elections for officers so be sure to be there to cast your vote!

I hope to see you all on the 25th for the Memorial Day ceremony at the Post. *Karen Mix, President 740-1455*

You can renew your dues for 2026.

The cost is \$35. Jr Auxiliary are \$10. 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**

The Kitchen Hours Are As Follows:

5:30 – 7:00 on Mondays

The kitchen hours are:

5:30 – 7:00 on Mondays,

Wednesdays and Fridays

when the Legion serves food.

When another group (VFW, etc.) serves food, their hours vary.

Call the Post on those nights if you need more info 402-895-1324

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS

Riding season is upon us. Expect to see us out and about more. Our poker run is coming up on Saturday May 23rd, Spring is in the air, and we are excited. Don't forget that we are selling raffle tickets for our wheel items.

Tickets are \$5 each, and you can pick from a 4-burner gas grill, a JBL Flip 7 speaker or a 108-piece Dewalt tool set. Reach out to one of us or buy some tickets from the bartenders at the Post.

We're also accepting donated items for our raffle, as well as cash donations. All proceeds go to local veteran organizations. We have donated over \$100,000 to these organizations over the years, and that's all thanks to you, our valuable supporters.

Our mission isn't over, and we still need your help to keep making a difference, so please help out if you can. Until next time, ride safe riders, and watch out for bikes if you are in your vehicle. *Thank you!*

Marty Timberlake, Director



**Get Ready - Annual Poker Run.
Saturday, May 23rd.**



PINOCHLE
Played Every Tuesday
at 11:00 am.
For more info contact:
Sandie Stagner
402-593-6887



402.895.1030
dkroupains@yahoo.com

Don Kroupa Ins. Agency
Specializing in ALL Types of Insurance

12865 Deauville Dr.
1 Block So. Of 129th & Q St.
Omaha, NE 68137-3293

Fax: 402.895.1118

MOSQUITO
AUTHORITY

Veteran Owned Business & Legion Member

515-402-1444
BugsBITE.com

No Mosquitoes.
GUARANTEED.




Steve Sladek
(402) 330-8911
13302 Millard Ave., Ste. 102
Omaha, NE 68137
Cell: (402) 689-5685
ssladek@farmersagent.com
AUTO, HOME
LIFE, BUSINESS
Veteran Owned Agency

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.



You can renew your SAL dues by coming to the Post or by sending a check (payable to Post 374) for \$30.00

to: Millard Post 374

Attn: Jim Wentz

PO Box 390698

Omaha, NE 68139

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

Members and Family Members:
When doing your estate planning please remember American Legion Post 374. Those contributions help us in our Building Fund and other noted needs within the Legion and to help Military Families.

MILLARD POST #374 - DUES 2026

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Legion..... | \$55.00 |
| SAL | \$30.00 |
| Jr. SAL | \$10.00 |
| Dual Legion/SAL..... | \$75.00 |
| Auxiliary | \$35.00 |
| Jr. Auxiliary (17 and under) | \$10.00 |
| ALR..... | \$15.00 |

Do good by being you.

Contact Kris Morgan at 402-715-8768 to learn more!

Together We Transform Lives

TEAMMATES
MENTORING
of MILLARD

Help us reach our goal of 1000 new matches!

Join our team of 300+ mentor/mentee matches in Millard Public Schools. You don't have to be an expert to be a mentor. You just have to be there.





Joanne Swenson
Income Tax Assistance

Wearne Accounting
7511 S 189th St
Omaha, NE. 68136

402-660-6669
jswenson@wearne.net

HOUSE COMMITTEE

We continue to look for input on new projects. If you have suggestions please let us know, either at the Post, or by email:

Darrel Swenson.....darrels3010@gmail.com
 Kim Peterson.....lilkim9955@cox.net
 Marty Timberlake.....trbolovr71@gmail.com
 Shane Bretey.....renbear25@yahoo.com

Darrel Swenson, Chairman

COLOR GUARD NEWS

On Friday April 10, the Color Guard presented the Colors for the American Postal Workers convention. Thank you to everyone who participated, and special thanks to Gary Sempek and John Hermann who helped fill the ranks.

We even received a round of applause from the attendees! Our next event is Saturday May 9 when we will present the Colors for opening day of Millard Sox baseball. Of course, don't forget our Memorial Day observances Monday May 25 at the three cemeteries.

Robert Kahl, Color Guard Commander pro tem

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. Send your full name & email address to news@post374.org. You can call the Post and leave your full name and email address with the bartender. If you've already done this, thank you!

WANTED:

A kitchen cashier for one or two Wednesdays per month.

It doesn't take a lot of time, and you'll have fun! You will be trained.

If interested, please call or text Lisa Petersen 402.250.7254

**JUNE Newsletter
 Articles Due
 News Letter**

**Friday,
 May 22nd**

ADJUTANT NEWS

-Continued-

There are so many things going on right now, I'm not sure where to start. First, we are about 73 renewals/new members from being 100%. I've sent a lot of letters and emails, but we need everyone's help to get there.

The national commander has a Membership Excellence pin for any Legion member that recruits 2 new members. I have the form at my desk, and I would love to fill one of these out for each of you. So, if you recruit people to join the legion, send me your membership number and the names of your recruits and I will submit this for you. Let's see if we can break some records!

There is a bill - LB1120 - before the Nebraska senate that allows veterans organizations to play a game called Queen of Hearts. It's a fundraising game that many veteran organizations use to raise money. Apparently it's not authorized by the state, but this bill would change that. So, if you can, please reach out to your state senator and tell them to vote Yes on Bill LB1120.

Thursday May 7 there will be a mass internment of 16 service members whose remains have been recovered. This will happen at Omaha National Cemetery at 11:30am. They have located family members for 14 of the 16 service members. If you can, please come out and show your love and support for our fallen heroes and welcome them home.

Friday May 22, at Memorial Park in Omaha there is a 3,000-pound flag they want to unfurl. They are looking for 500 people at 6 pm to help unfurl the flag at Dusk. There will be 400 drones performing a light show as well. *-Continued-*

There will be 17 golf carts picking people up from around the neighborhood and carting them to the event. So, walking shouldn't be an issue.

This is a spectacular event, and I hope to see many of you there. Now to the big question...where is the legion moving to?

The short answer is that we are looking to buy the old El Bee's restaurant on 144th St just south of I-80. We are joining with the VFW to have a Veterans Alliance.

This allows our respective organizations to have a permanent home again. We are working on financing and we're hoping to start fundraising in the community to help make this possible.

We have enough to get this off the ground, but there is some work that needs to be done, and initial expenses to get this process in motion, along with some required maintenance on the building. It's our best shot at having a permanent home. If you are able, or you know anyone that would like to donate to a veteran's organization please let me know.

We would welcome the support and it's for a great cause. Too many of our vets' clubs are closing and there are so many vets that need what we have to offer.

That's it for now. We are still open during this transition so we hope you can come in and support us any way that you can. Even if it's just to say hello, we love to see our members here at the club.

Marty Timberlake, Adjutant

POST 374 OFFICERS

| | | |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|
| Commander..... | Eric Peterson..... | 402-212-4283 |
| Email: cdr@post374.org | | |
| First Vice Commander..... | Matt Schnabel..... | 402-871-5421 |
| Second Vice Commander..... | Mark Gadzala..... | 402-502-1742 |
| Email: secondvice@post374.org | | |
| Adjutant/Membership..... | Marty Timberlake..... | 402-699-1216 |
| Email adj@post374.org | | |
| Finance Officer..... | Jennifer DeBruin..... | 402-637-6388 |
| Service Officer..... | | |
| Chaplain..... | | |
| Sergeant-At-Arms..... | Marty Timberlake..... | 402-699-1216 |
| Public Relations..... | Mark Gadzala..... | 402-502.1742 |
| Executive Board | | |
| First Year | Gordon Mix..... | 402.517-0382 |
| | Rich Wesch..... | 580-458-8408 |
| | Jennifer DeBruin..... | 402-637-6388 |
| Second Year | Bud Kuebler..... | 402-690-9050 |
| | Bob Boroff..... | 402-659-1031 |
| | Gene Kirchhevel..... | 402-637-6669 |
| | Lisa Petersen..... | 402-250-7254 |
| Newsletter Editor..... | | |
| Newsletter email: news@post374.org | | |
| Color Guard..... | Robert Kahl..... | 402-650-9800 |
| Honor Detail..... | Jerry Uhing..... | 402-677-5784 |
| | Ruben Bera..... | 402-416-0797 |
| S.A.L. | | |
| Commander..... | John Polson..... | 402-706-0501 |
| Membership..... | Jim Wentz..... | 402-250-6928 |
| AUXILIARY | | |
| President..... | Karen Brink..... | 402-740-1455 |
| Membership..... | Patty Polson..... | 402-490-4545 |
| ALR | | |
| Director..... | Matt Schnabel..... | 402-871-5421 |

Post Phone: 402-895-1324 Web Site: www.post374.org

\$3.00 Tacos On Mondays
Cooks Choice On Wednesdays

American Legion Post 374
 PO Box 390698
 Omaha, NE 68139-0698

Return Service Requested

Non-Profit Org.
 U.S. Postage
PAID
 Permit No. 15
 Omaha, NE



MAY 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|
|  | Beef & Noodles Wed. May 13 5:30 pm |  | BBQ-Bacon & Cheese Burger Wed. May 20 5:30 pm | | 1 FOOD Broasted Chicken 5:30  | 2 |
| 3 | 4 FOOD Legion serves tacos 5:30 ----- SAL Mtg 7:00 | 5 PINOCHLE 11:00 am.  | 6 FOOD Tenderloins 5:30  | 7 Open cribbage 7:00  Kitchen Closed | 8 FOOD VFW serves burgers 5:30  | 9 |
| 10 | 11 FOOD ALR serves tacos 5:30 ----- VFW Mtg 7:00 | 12 Pinochle at 11:00 am. Auxiliary Mtg 7:00 PM. | 13 FOOD Beef & noodles 5:30 ----- Vietnam Vets Mtg 6:30 | 14 Open cribbage 7:00  Kitchen Closed | 15 FOOD AMVETS serves CFS/CFC 5:30  | 16 |
| 17 FOOD Legion spaghetti feed fundraiser 2:00  | 18 FOOD SAL serves tacos & quesadillas 5:30 ----- ALR Mtg 7:30 | 19 PINOCHLE at 11:00 am.  | 20 FOOD BBQ Bacon cheeseburgers 5:30 ----- E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30 | 21 ONCSC Mtg 6:00 ----- Open cribbage 7:00  Kitchen Closed | 22 NL articles due ★ | 23 ALR Veterans support poker run  |
| 24 | 25 FOOD Memorial Day services at Post ----- Kitchen Closed | 26 PINOCHLE at 11:00 am.  | 27 FOOD Beef or chicken Philly's 5:30 ----- BUNCO 6:30 | 28 Open cribbage 7:00  Kitchen Closed | 29 | 30 |
| 31 |  | Beef or Chicken Philly's Wed. May 27 5:30 pm | Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Fried Chicken Friday, May 15, 5:30 PM |  |  | Tacos & Quesadillas Monday, April 20, 5:30 PM |

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Sun...May ... 17 Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser
 Wed...May ... 20Post Officer Elections
 Sat....May ... 23ALR Veterans Support Poker Run
 Mon ..May ... 25 ..Memorial Day Services At The Post

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. Send your full name & email address to news@post374.org or, if you call the Post, leave your full name and email address with the bartender.
 If you've already done this, thank you!