

MILLARD AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

The Scholarship fund raffle tickets got mailed in mid-October. I know not all members received them; there was a glitch with the computer. If you didn't receive any or you want more, stop by the Post to pick them up or you can call the Post if you would like them mailed to you. Tickets are \$2.50 each. This is a great opportunity to support the fund and for you to win some holiday cash. First prize is \$400! There are other prizes too.

The kids Halloween party was a great success; we had more kids than last year. Thank you Kathy and the other volunteers.

I know it's early but if you're planning on attending the kid's Christmas party, please call the Post and let Kathy know how many kids (and their ages) are coming. (I am trying to cut down on Kathy's stress level here) We would like every child to receive a gift from Santa. (And not make the elves panic at the last minute because more kids showed up than were expected).

Pay your 2016 dues now—they increase by \$5 starting 1 Jan 2016.

On Veterans Day we will have a ceremony at the Post home at 5:30 PM. Pizza will be served. .

At the November General meeting the Director of the Omaha National Veterans Cemetery will be doing a presentation and Q & A. Did you know that by being a veteran you and your spouse can be buried at a National Cemetery for free as one of your benefits? Come and learn more. There are a lot of rumors circulating about the cemetery so come get the facts.

We're hosting a District 8 membership drive. We need some volunteers to make phone calls. This will be Nov. 5 & 6 from 3 -6 PM. Please contact me if you can help.

Support the Auxiliary when they cook burgers on Nov. 17 and the ALR when they make tacos on Nov. 9. (ALR will also be holding raffles on Monday nights)

We mailed out 10 October newsletters with a colored American Flag on them and yet not one was brought back to the Post, (and these were all mailed within Omaha.) Either the members wanted to save the Post money by not coming in for a free beverage or they just didn't want to come to the Post home. I'm running out of ideas how to get our members to come into the Post home to visit and/or support us. I'm not saying you have to drink but come in and buy a soda and see what is going on. Come in and re-connect with some old friends or make some new ones. We are not strangers we are family - the Sons, the Auxiliary and the Legion all working together to support veterans and the community and to have the BEST Post in Omaha.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving! **HOOAH**! Greg Petersen, Commander

S.A.L. NEWS

Can you believe it, November is here and the holidays are just around the corner.

On October 11, a group of us went to the Victory Apartments for a chili/soup and sandwich lunch for the residents. According to the administrator, we served over half of the residents. I want to thank the Auxiliary for the cookies and for everyone that contributed and helped serve the lunches.

Our future fundraising events are the annual Soup and Sandwich night, scheduled for January. In March, it is time for the Chili competition and the bowling tournament. Get those soup and chili recipes ready. More on these events later.

Just another reminder, if you haven't paid your 2016 dues yet, on January 1, the amount for regular member will increase to \$25. Get paid up before the end of the year and save that \$5.

In closing, give prayers to those service members that are in harm's way and to their families that won't have their loved ones with them this holiday season.

Dean Carlsen, Commander SAL Squadron

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

Congratulations to Nickie Fisk on winning the wine rack! Thank you all for purchasing tickets to help support us. Now we will raffle a space heater to be drawn toward the end of November (just in time for the cold weather!).

At our last meeting, we discussed making a quilt of valor to honor and comfort our veterans. We have several ladies that want to help if anyone has the experience to show us how to make one. Please let me know.

We want to mail Christmas presents to a group of 22 soldiers from Fremont that have been deployed. We will have the giving tree set up at the club for anyone who wants to help us with this project. Keep in mind that we need to mail them by Dec. 1 in order for the soldiers to receive them by Christmas.

We have a few of the 2016 calendars left to sell for \$50. As a reminder, there will be a drawing every day throughout 2016 from \$25 to \$2,500. They have only printed 1,000 calendars, so your odds of winning are pretty good!

We also have some nice bracelets that you can purchase for \$5 each. Let me know if you would like some.

The Auxiliary Cooks night is on Tuesday, Nov 17 from 5:30 to 7:30. This month we will be cooking gourmet burgers, fries & onion rings. Our next meeting is Tuesday Nov 10 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving! God bless you all, Karen Brink, President



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS

Can you believe November is already upon us? Activities are slowing down for the Riders but we are eagerly trying to work on various projects together to keep in touch with each other. Our maiden attempt at preparing and serving tacos for the Post's Monday Night Taco Night went very well. All who helped reported having fun and are very willing to assist again in November.

Look for us to be more active on various Monday and Tuesday evenings, selling raffle tickets and tee shirts; we are attempting to raise more money for our Operation Comfort Warrior organization, and would like to spend more time getting acquainted with other members and patrons of our Post family.

With Veteran's Day just around the corner, some of us, as veterans, will be celebrated for our contributions, and others, as non-veterans, will celebrate Vets' contributions; and some will do a little of both. Be sure to get out there and participate in any one of many Veteran's Day celebrations. Personally, I want to thank each and every one of you for your service and sacrifice for this wonderful country of ours. Never forget that we live in the greatest country on the face of this earth.

Riders, please continue to ride with honor and most importantly, ride safely. Remember, you are ALL valued members of our ALR chapter! Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!

Don Labrie, Director, Millard ALR

Chapter 374



There are two pots for the Legion and the Auxiliary drawing, and one for the SAL drawing. The SAL drawing is Sunday, the Auxiliary drawing is Tuesday and the Legion drawing is Wednesday. You must register to win.

Congrats to Don Schaaf for winning a Legion drawing and Jim Wentz & Neil Sweet for winning SAL drawings!





The Post has four cemetery plots that have been donated to us.

They are located at Westlawn-Hillcrest Cemetery; two are in the Veterans area.

If you would like to purchase a pair of them please contact an E-Board member.

REMINDER PLEASE Do Not Bring In Outside Food when we have THE KITCHEN OPEN.



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We will have SHREDDING available from 12 until 2:00 PM Saturday, Nov 14.

If you have anything that you want shredded bring it to the Post. This is no cost to you. If you can't make it that day drop your items to be shredded at the Post.



Wednesday, Nov 18th at 6:30 PM. Walgreens Will be at the POST HOME to give out Flu shots to Members.

You will need your VA card. They can also bill Medicare if you do not have a VA card and have part D.

They will also try to bill private insurance.

Please call the post home so we can get a count so they can bring enough vaccine.

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POST #374 DUES

Legion	\$37.00
Auxiliary	\$25.00
Jr. Auxiliary (18 and under)	^{\$} 3.50
SAL	\$20.00
Jr. SAL	^{\$} 7.50

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** <u>DECEMBER</u> ** <u>NEWSLETTER</u> ARTICLES ARE DUE (<u>No Later Than</u> <u>NOVEMBER 21</u>)

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Mondays - \$1.25 Taco Night 5:30 – 7:30	ľ
Tuesday - Hamburger Night - 5:30 -7:30	
Thursday - Dinner 5:30 – 6:45 (menu varies)	

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