

# MILLARD AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

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# **COMMANDER'S COMMENTS**

Our new normal is really starting to suck! I had to shut down the Post due to a few people getting sick. We will open again on November 1. We purchased a sanitizing misting machine like the ones used in schools and other gathering places. I have been sanitizing the Post every other day even with no people using it. We are trying to be overcautious to safeguard our members.

Nebraska football has started again, so we will be able to watch it at the Post starting November 7. We will be doing food on Mondays and Wednesdays. Friday will probably be on hold for a while. I am not sure if we will have our annual all-you-can-eat wings the night before Thanksgiving.....have to wait and see what the virus throws at us.

Color Guard is over for the season and our Honor Guard has stopped doing funerals for the foreseeable future. The graphics on the bus have gotten some very good compliments.

Check us out on our website at www.Post 374.org for updates.

Hope everyone has a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Semper Fi Gary Sempek

Greetings to you all,

## SAL NEWS

Well, November is here, the leaves are departing the trees and the inevitable cold weather and snow will soon be upon us once again!

And 2020 is nearing the end! I'm sure, considering all we have experienced, you're most likely happy to know 2020 will soon be in the rearview mirror! In many ways 2020 will be known as the forgotten year: our health has been put at risk, we've been isolated from one another, our economy was eviscerated and a "new normal", (whatever that may be) seems to be the way of the future.

Yet, November also means Thanksgiving. Despite the trials and tribulations we still have much to be thankful for. Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday and I predict there will be an abundance of celebrating this year. For we are Americans, all proud citizens of this great country and we can overcome anything; we've proven that for 244 years! May you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

As with the United States of America, the Legion was founded on an ethos that has and will continue to guide us towards our common goal of being good citizens and service to others.

As a reminder, SAL dues - \$30, Dual - \$10 Jr. - \$10. If you have not already done so, please pay your dues.

The Moving Vets Forward barrels are still at the Post and we could use your donation, every little bit helps! Please consider dropping something in them.

Remember, bartenders are volunteers so please tip them!

We look forward to you joining us at our monthly meeting which is held on the first Monday of the month, (holiday Monday's being the exception).

Stay well! We are family!

John Polson, Commander and Randy Young, Vice Commander

#### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Hello everyone,

The pandemic is starting to hit close to home. Our members and everyone's health is in our thoughts and prayers for quick recoveries.

The Color Guard has enjoyed presenting colors for the football games at Millard South the past few months. We have enjoyed getting out and representing the Legion again.

We are still planning on doing the 50/50 raffles during the Husker games. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Just a reminder, dues for 2021 for Auxiliary senior is \$30 and junior is \$8. We appreciate the dues paid in a timely manner!

We will provide desserts for Taco night on Monday, Nov. 2 at 5:30 and our next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving!

God bless you all! Tara Scott. President 425-577-2242



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Auxiliary	\$30.00
Ir. Auxiliary (18 and under)	\$8.00
SAL	\$30.00

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#### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS



Fellow Riders, By the time you get this

newsletter we will be in November. Our riding days are coming to a close for the winter months but you can still get a few more rides in before the snow flies.

2020 has been a difficult year with our brother Schoe and sister Kara both going down hard, the loss of a dear friend "Sarge" (Jeffrey Boyden, a former Riders Director/Post Commander), Marty's brother being in the hospital, and our own personal losses of friends and family. As your Director I have seen us face these challenges with an Esprit De Corps that has made me proud to be associated with you. From the Rider volunteers that helped build the steps and platform for Schoe's trailer, the Riders that escort our fallen, the Riders that stand for hours in Flag Lines, to the constant volunteers that show up to help with raffles, tacos, poker runs, and chip in a few dollars here and there to make ends meet. If you have not looked at the patch you wear on the back of your vest lately please do so, you have all earned the privilege and honor to wear it.

Our Christmas party will be coming up soon; please plan to attend. Those that have yet to attend it is a great time, lots of laughs, and it's a catered event so Greg doesn't have to work in the kitchen. If you want to bring your kids that is fine but I will let you know that like a movie rating I would consider it a PG-17 event, it gets a little crazy!

Be safe and see you soon. Semper Fi Steve Lahrs. ALR Director

#### **BUDDY CHECK 22**

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month at Cunningham's bar on 108<sup>th</sup> & 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.

NEW FEATURE

If you cannot attend a General. SAL, Riders or Auxiliary meeting in person you can do it remotely:

Join the Online Meeting: https:

//join.freeconferencecall.com/adj374 Or by calling Dial-in Number (US): (605) 475-4928 Access Code: 463168



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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.

**Bev Unger - Auxiliary Winner** \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$



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We appreciate the military honors you presented for our dad, Richard Peters, on July 3 at St. Mary Magdalene cemetery. It was a breathtaking sight pulling up the drive to his grave seeing the men in formation.

Dad would've been overwhelmed by the patriotic ceremony. Thank you for taking the time to honor our veterans.

God bless you all, The Peters family

Thank you so much for the way you honor our veterans, and for giving so much of your time to honor those who have passed. God bless you all, Allida Lentz



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 qovf.org

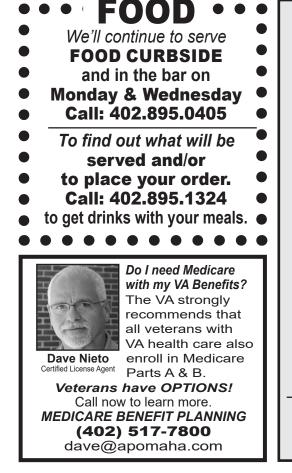
Please forward the name of any veteran to Dennis Guinane (Post 374 Chaplain) by way of the Honor Guard box in the Post business office, or you can mail the nomination to the Post:

PO Box 390698 Omaha NE 68139 Attn: Dennis Guinane. Include your contact information so I can follow up with you. *Thank you! Dennis Guinane* 

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Curbside & Inside Food Tacos On Mondays Cooks Choice On Wednesdays & Fridays Call 402.895.0405 For Details American Legion Post 374 PO Box 390698 Omaha, NE 68139-0698

Return Service Requested

	NOVEMBER 2020									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedne	sday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
1	2 FOOD SAL Mtg 7:00 TACO NIGHT's	3	4 Tender Sandwic		5	6	7 NE v Northwestern			
8	9 FOOD	10 Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	11		12	13	14 NE v Penn State			
15	16 FOOD	17 ALR Mtg 7:30	18 E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30		19	20	21 NE v Illinois			
22	23 FOOD	24	25		26 Happy Thanksgiving! Post closed	27	28 NE v Iowa			
29	30 FOOD									
UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST   Sat., Nov 7   Sat., Nov 14   Sat., Nov 21   Sat., Nov 21   Sat., Nov 28				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 Thank you to the members who have done this!						