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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Another month down the drain. A lot is going on this month at the Post. The holiday season is upon us already. If you are planning on having a holiday party at the Post, you'd better call Kathy to see what dates are open. 402.895.1324

November 10th is the Marine Corp birthday: Semper Fi to all my fellow Marines. November 11th is Veterans Day. Our Honor Guard has three ceremonies to do that weekend and Color Guard has two. There will be a parade in Lincoln on Sunday, November 12 at 2 p.m. Our bus will be in the parade with our family members walking in front of it. Everyone is welcome to participate and can meet at the Post and carpool. Wear your covers and/or a patriotic shirt. Also, on November 11 there will be three Quilts of Honor presented at the Post. It will probably be after the football game. On November 19 the S.A.L. will have Cluck'n Sunday Funday Bingo. Come on down and see what it's all about. Whenever they do something, it's always a lot of fun. On Wednesday, November 22 we will be serving chicken wings with a choice of three sauces. Saturday November 25 will be the Second Annual "Shoot the Minnow" at the Post. The cost is \$30 which gets you the shot of your choice, a minnow, and a shirt to prove you are one of the brave ones. The only way to get a shirt is to shoot the minnow. There will be a DJ that night. December 1 is a broasted chicken night, and dinner will be followed by an adults-only comedy show. So, if you are sensitive to some adult language, this night may not be for you.

As you probably noticed, the wind screens in front of our entry and exit doors are gone. This was ordered by the landlord, so the front of the entire building looks the same. Also, there will be no smoking in front of the building by their request. I do believe this is a federal law anyway, with no smoking within 30 feet of an entry door. We do have our back patio for this. We will see what we can do to get some kind of cover when it rains or snows so there will be some protection from the elements. We all know how hard the wind blows on this hill, so we need to try to enter and exit the building as quickly as possible. In other words, don't hold the door open bs'ing with someone. Enough said. I hope everyone has a safe and HappyThanksgiving.

Semper Fi! Gary Sempek

SAL NEWS

Welcome to the month of November! As the holidays approach us once again, please set some time aside to pay us a visit and join us for some holiday cheer!

The SAL has two exciting events this month. Sunday November 19 is our first annual Cluck'n Funday Sunday Bingo. Lunch of burgers & fries available from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM for \$8.00. We will have prizes for each game, raffles and 50/50. And a final grand prize game! You don't want to miss this!!

On Saturday November 25 we will have our second annual Shoot the Minnow night. \$30.00 for a t-shirt, your favorite shot and of course the minnow. Sign-up sheet is available at the Post! Fish and chips from 5:00 – 7:00. Minnow shots begin at 6:30 and 50/50 raffles throughout the night.

We look forward to seeing you at the Post!

"I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life, and that is why I succeed." —Michael Jordan

We ARE family!

John Polson, Commander and Randy Young, Vice Commander

ADJUTANT NOTES

I went to the district 8 fall roundup and want to pass along a few things. For the first time in a very long time, the National Legion Commander, National Auxiliary President, and the National SAL commander are all focused on the same goal this year. It's called 'Be The One'. The purpose of this program is to reduce and eliminate Veteran Suicides. Be the One means asking the hard question to a veteran that may be contemplating suicide. Being the one to listen to a troubled veteran, and reaching out to get them the help they need. Because we love acronyms, just remember ALR – Ask, Listen, Reach out. We lose about 22 veterans a day to suicide. That's 660 a month, or 8,030 a year. That's more veterans than we lost in both the Iraq and Afghanistan wars combined. I know most of you are thinking, "How can I help? I don't know what to do or say." It's a tough situation to be in, but just remember A-L-R and this number: 988. That's the National Suicide Hotline. You can call that from anywhere in the US and be routed to someone that the veteran can talk to. They have the resources to get that veteran the help they so desperately need. But it starts with you. We can't save them if we don't know who they are. So, if you know a veteran who's struggling, talk to them and find out how they are doing. See if there is anything you can do to help them, and most importantly, ask them if they are contemplating doing harm to themselves. You could be the difference in life or death for that veteran. For more information on the 'Be The One' program, visit this link. <https://www.legion.org/betheone>

Another topic worth mentioning: National has decided to raise their dues by \$5 for 2025. There is also discussion of the state raising theirs by \$5 a year as well. This means that instead of \$45 a year, the new dues would be \$55 a year. Like I mentioned, this wouldn't happen until 2025, but I don't want this to be a surprise to anyone. I know the cost of everything has gone up and our economy isn't the best now. (Continued)

(Adjutant Continued) There are a few options to help. The first would be to switch to a Paid Up for Life option (PUFL). The cost for this varies depending on your age. As an example, I'm 52 and for me it's \$1,025. I can do this all at once, or in 12 monthly payments (roughly \$85 a month). Once you've completed the payments, you will not have to pay dues anymore. Just to see the math $1025/55 = 18.67$ years. Which means, it will pay for itself in 19 years. Even fewer if there are additional increases, which I'm sure there will be in the future. I know this option is still expensive up front, but in comparison to most organizations, we are still cheaper, and we are more focused on our veterans and their families. Additionally, if you are having trouble paying your dues, please reach out to me. We don't want to lose you, and we will do what we can to help keep you a part of our family. We have members that are willing to help supplement the cost of memberships for you if you are struggling.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving! Remember our troops overseas and thank you for your continued support of our Millard American Legion.

Marty Timberlake, Adjutant

Card Of Thanks

Gentlemen,

Thank you for your service detail in honor of our loved one Joe Schuster. Thank you all for your sacrifice and service. May God continue to watch over you and bless you. Stephanie (Schuster) Gessert & family

Thank you for your service at my dad's funeral on August 11 at Omaha National. The family of John Giordano greatly appreciates it. Blessings on all you do. Cindy (Giordano) Bazis

Thank you for your service at the burial of my husband, Bob Grabbert. Fran Grabbert & 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.

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
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MILLARD POST #374 - DUES 2023

Legion.....	\$45.00
SAL	\$30.00
Jr. SAL	\$10.00
Dual Legion/SAL.....	\$55.00
(01/01/2024) Dual Price Is \$65.00	
Auxiliary	\$35.00
Jr. Auxiliary (17 and under)	\$10.00
ALR	\$15.00

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\$2.50 Tacos On Mondays
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NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pork Dinner Wednesday NOV. 8 5:30 - 7:00 pm			1 FOOD Tenderloins 5:30 	2 Cribbage 7:00 	3 FOOD Broasted chicken 5:30 ----- Comedy show 7:00	4 FOOD NE vs MI State
5	6 FOOD Legion serving tacos ----- SAL Mtg 7:00	7	8 FOOD Pork dinner 5:30 ----- Vietnam Vets Mtg 6:30	9 Cribbage 7:00 	10 Veterans Day	11 FOOD NE vs MD
12	13 FOOD ALR serving tacos 	14 Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	15 FOOD Kitchen 5:30 ----- E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	16 Cribbage 7:00 	17 AMVETS serving CFS or CFC 5:30 DEC. News Letter Articles Due	18 FOOD NE vs WI -----
19 SAL Bingo	20 FOOD SAL serving tacos & quesadillas	21 ALR Mtg 7:30	22 FOOD Wings 5:30 	23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING ----- POST CLOSED	24 FOOD NE vs IA 11:00 	25 Shoot the Minnow
26	27 FOOD ALR serving tacos 	28 House Cmte Mtg 7:00	29 Burgers 5:30 	30 Cribbage 7:00 		

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Fri..... Nov 3..... Broasted chicken
 Sat.... Nov 4..... NE vs MI State
 Sat ..Nov 11..... NE vs MD
 Fri... Nov 17..... AMVETS serve CFS or CFC
 Sat.. Nov 18..... NE vs WI
 Fri... Nov 24..... NE v IA
 Fri.....Dec 1..... Broasted chicken & Comedy show
 Sat.. Nov 25..... Shoot the Minnow
 Sat.....Dec 2..... Auxiliary packing party
 Sun..Dec 10..... Kids Christmas party

SHOOT THE MINNOW IS BACK! Saturday, November 25

- Cost for the minnow shot is \$10.⁰⁰
- Cost for the shot & T-shirt is \$30.⁰⁰



There will be a DJ at 7:00
 Fish & Chips will be served
 and there will be a 50/50 raffle.