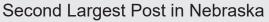


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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

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

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

The kid's Halloween party was a lot of costume contest and made several things for themselves: crafts, dirt pudding, s'mores and caramel apples! Thanks so much the Legion for providing the food for the lunch and all the wonderful volunteers that helped to make it a success! We will be they can hide slippery spots or obstacles. looking forward to the Christmas party on Sunday, December 10th.

Let me know if you would like to help us greet the veterans for the Veterans Day Breakfast at the Stonybrook Hy-Vee on let me know what time you can be there. The date for packing party is set for Saturday, Dec. 2nd at 1:00 p.m. to package the the troops overseas. We're going to send about 180 packages this year!

Thank you all for your continued sup-Husker games.

p.m. and we will serve desserts for Taco Night on Monday, Nov. 6 at 5:30 p.m. Let me know if you can bring a dessert.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving! Thank vou. Karen Brink. President 402-740-1455

RECRUITING COMMITTEE

If you have any suggestions, please inform a member of the recruiting committee: Gordon Mix, Jim Persson, Jay Quick, and Rebecca Wesch.

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 8-10 pm 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.



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS

As the autumn leaves blanket the ground fun this year! The kids had lunch, had a and temperatures start to dip, November presents a unique set of challenges for motorcycle riders. Riding during this transitional month requires special attention to weather conditions, safety measures, and overall bike to our amazing Kathy for arranging it, maintenance. Fall is mating season for many animals, leading to increased wildlife activity. Be extra cautious, especially in wooded areas. Watch for leaves covering the road, as The only thing we have on the calendar for

November is our monthly meeting where we will be voting on all the Officer positions.

The voting will be from 5:00-7:30 PM at the Post. There will be a list of all current members that are eligible to vote. If you are Friday the 10th from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. You not current, then you will have to pay your don't have to stay the whole 4 hours, just dues before you vote. This also means paying for the American Legion Family that you are a member of.

During our last meeting we discussed our Christmas party, and everyone thought that Christmas presents & goodies to send to Potluck would be the best. If you are planning on attending, please send what you are bringing to the Director and or Assistant Director. This list will be put out on our weekport for the 50/50 drawings during the being brought. We also decided to keep the ly email to keep everyone aware of what is White Elephant gift from \$20-\$30. You don't Our next meeting is Nov. 14 at 7:00 have to bring one if you don't want to participate in this event. Ride safe! Matt Schnabel, Director Ride safe! Matt Schnabel, Director

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COLOR GUARD NEWS

In addition to football playoffs, we have two events in November; on the 10th we have our annual presentation at Wheeler elementary school @ 9;00 AM and the 12th is a veterans' parade in Lincoln @ 2:00PM. We will be joined by the honor guard, and we will walk in front of our bus. No uniform for this, just your color guard jacket and

My sincere thanks to the team for all you do to represent our Post!

Randy Young, Post 374 Color Guard Commander

HOUSE COMMITTEE NOTES

The house committee continues 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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Darrel Swenson, Chairman



Pinochle is played every

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

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drawing (Sunday), Auxiliary drawing (Tuesday) and Legion drawing (Wednesday). You must register to win.

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★ DECEMBER Newsletter Articles ★ Due No Later Than ★★ Friday, NOV. 17 ★★



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mentor. You just have to be there.

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 PO Box 390698 Omaha NE 68139

MILLARD POST #374 - DUES	2023			
Legion	\$45 <u>.00</u>			
SAL	\$30 <u>.00</u>			
Jr. SAL	\$10 .00			
Dual Legion/SAL	\$55 <u>.00</u>			
(01/01/2024) Dual Price Is \$65.00				
Auxiliary	\$35 <u>.00</u>			
Jr. Auxiliary (17 and under)	\$10 .00			
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NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pork Dinn Wednesday NOV. 8 5:30 - 7:00 p			Tenderloins 5:30	Cribbage 7:00	Broasted chicken 5:30 Comedy show 7:00	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	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	HAPPY THANKSGIVING POST CLOSED	NE vs IA 11:00	Shoot the Minnow
26	ALR serving tacos	28 House Cmte Mtg 7:00	29 Burgers 5:30	Cribbage 7:00		

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.