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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

I challenge you!

For my year as Commander, I have purchased "Commander's Coins" – a challenge coin you can use against your buddies in the Post. The coin is shaped like a dog tag with the American Legion emblem on the front and the 4 pillars of service on the back. It also incorporates a bottle opener to show that we like to have fun while still serving our veterans, our current service members, our youth and communities. It is awarded to those people who have done great things for our Legion Post and those we serve. In September, the following people were awarded coins:

1. Lisa Petersen
2. Greg Petersen
3. Gary Sempek
4. Dean Carlsen
5. Sally Johnson
6. Karen Brink
7. Kathy Bartsch
8. Cindy Sherrow (for donations to our Legion Baseball Teams)

I also challenge you to bring in friends, family and others into our Legion Post Home. Why? At our All-Family Meeting held September 10, it was revealed that most of our current members became members because someone brought them to our Post Home. They originally had no intention of joining, or even thought about it. But, once they were in the door and they saw the great comradeship, the calling we all have, and the fun environment – they chose to join our ranks. So, even though your friends or family may not be eligible to be a member – a friend or family member of THEIRS may be. So, bring a friend!

More about challenges and challenge coins inside the newsletter.

Until next month,

Commander Doris

Veterans Crisis Hotline: 1-800-273-8255

S.A.L. NEWS

Hello Legion Family,

Color Guard is in full force Friday nights at Millard South for football games.

We served burgers and brats at the Victory Apartments on September 30. We also presented colors for my wife's (Julie) father's services as he was finally entered to rest at the National Cemetery. It was an honor to be a part of it. I can't thank our Legion Family enough for all of the support that was shown to our family.

Come join us on Saturdays for Husker Football. Kathy has great drink specials.

Friday, October 13 is the Adult Halloween and costume contest. Dress up and join the fun!

As always, thank our volunteers and help out if you can! Our next meeting is October 2 at 7:00 pm. The November meeting is on the 6 at 7:00 pm.

We are family,

John Polson, Commander

SERVICE OFFICER INFORMATION

10 Veterans Benefits you may not know about:

- 1) Long Term care 2) Care giver support 3) Death Benefits 4) Certification Programs
5) Transferring GI Bill Credits 6) Free Tax Preparation 7) Life Insurance 8) Mortgage Help
9) VA Foreclosures 10) American Corporate Partners For further information about any of these benefits, contact the Douglas County Service office at (402) 444-7180. Note that this office has full time personnel who work with these types of programs on a regular basis.
Hugh Spellman, Post Service officer

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

We had a great time at the Wine Tasting in September. Kathy did a wonderful job getting all the wines donated and Sally Johnson, Vicki Cyboron & I donated the food, so all the money we raised will be going for the Christmas packages for the troops (David Burns Memorial fund). A big thanks to all the other helpers as well: Tara Scott, Melissa Steinle, Mary Bauder, Julie Polson & Eric Brink. Postage is very high on these packages and we will need more funds to ship them, so we can take monetary donations at any time!

The children's Halloween party will be Sunday, Oct. 29 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Kathy always does a fantastic job setting up the kid's parties so bring the kids in costume to enjoy the food & games!

We have the 2018 lottery calendars for sale for \$50. There will be a drawing every day throughout 2018 for at least \$50 and up to \$1,000! Your number can be drawn more than once, so you could win multiple times. Congratulations to all the winners of 2017 and good luck to everyone in 2018!

The Honor Guard needs volunteers and they are able to take Auxiliary members. If you are available during the day and want to help, call John Herrmann. His number is in the officer's box in this newsletter.

I have witnessed several instances lately that compel me to remind myself and also all of you to forgive people that didn't do or say something in the same way that you would have. None of us are perfect, but we all have our strengths. If we can't forgive those that we believe have done wrong, we end up complaining and living a bitter, angry life. We can't control anyone else's actions so don't let them control how we feel or what we do. Forgive them so we can keep moving forward with the Legion's programs.

We will provide desserts for Taco night on Monday, Oct. 2 and will cook gourmet burgers on Tuesday Oct 17 starting at 5:30. We can always use help so let me know if you're available.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Have a safe & happy Halloween!
God bless you all,

Karen Brink, President
402.740.1455

Card Of Thanks

Thank you so much for making our dad's funeral a very honorable and memorable commemoration.

God Bless, Sincerely

The family of Melvin L. Burge
Karen, Steve & Keith

Pinochle Group

Pinochle group is looking for more players. They meet Tuesdays at 11 AM at the Post. For more info, call

Dave Anson 339-4751

Harlan Holmes 553-3360

RECENT WINNERS

SATURDAY 'LONG SHOT'

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There is now a daily \$1 longshot in addition to the daily quarter drawing.

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

Congratulations

Larry Gress – SAL winner

Rod Mach – Legion winner

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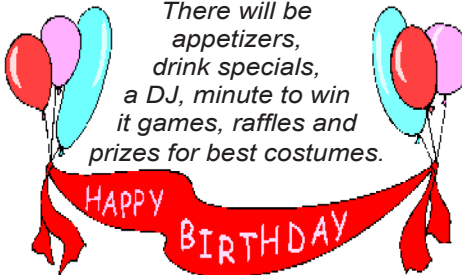
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The October Birthday Bash will be the same night as the Adult Halloween Party - Friday October 13 at 7 PM.

There will be appetizers, drink specials, a DJ, minute to win it games, raffles and prizes for best costumes.



ALR NEWS

Officially, fall has arrived, but if you look at this weather



we are having, summer isn't ready to let go yet, which is good news for us riders. It means we can still be out there, doing what we love to do; riding and helping Veterans. Speaking of helping Vets, the numbers are in, and the total amount that we raised for our Operation Comfort Warrior Poker run was \$5,000. Great Job! Also, a few of us rode, through the rain and chilly weather to support Post 1 ALR's Corndog Classic poker run, which ended at our Post, and despite the weather, it was a great turnout.

During the ALR meeting we voted to sponsor another service dog, trained by Russ Dillon, for a local Veteran in need. We will be writing a check to JAVELAN very soon. We will continue to ride, and help the community, as long as the weather lets us, so keep praying for good weather for us! David Schoenagel, Director

USPS News

If you move, let the Post know your new address. USPS doesn't forward third class mail. The Post pays \$1.22 for every returned newsletter.

Thank you.

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POST #374 DUES

Legion.....	\$37.00
Auxiliary	\$25.00
Jr. Auxiliary (18 and under)	\$5.00
SAL	\$25.00
Jr. SAL	\$7.50

The Challenge Coin and how to "Challenge"

Challenge coins are normally presented by unit commanders in recognition of special achievement by a member of the unit. They are also exchanged in recognition of visits to an organization. The Post 374 Commander's Coin is such a coin. It is my intention to personally award each coin so that I can say my personal "thank you" to each and every volunteer who has earned one. However, I have a busy travel schedule and may ask my First Vice Commander to do the honors so that the award can be more immediate and, therefore, impacted.

The tradition of a challenge is the most common way to ensure that members are carrying their unit's coin. Everyone being challenged must immediately produce the coin for their organization and anyone failing to do so must buy a round of drinks for the challenger and everyone else who has their challenge coin (if they were also challenged). However, should everyone challenged be able to produce their coin, the challenger must buy a round of drinks for the person/group. The rules of a challenge are:

The challenge only applies to those members that have been given a coin formally by their unit (hence, their names will be published in the newsletter). The act of challenging is called a "Coin Check" and is usually loudly announced.

The challenge, which can be made at any time, begins with the challenger drawing his/her coin, and slapping or placing the coin on the table or bar. In noisy environments, continuously rapping the challenge coin on a surface may initiate the challenge. (Accidentally dropping a challenge coin is considered to be a deliberate challenge to all present.)

While most holders of challenge coins usually carry them in their pockets or in some other readily accessible place on their persons, a challenged person is allowed "a step and a reach" to get their coin (for example, if the coin is in their purse or coat pocket), or if an individual has an extra coin to pass it off to the person closest to them.

★★ NOVEMBER ★★

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE (NO Later Than October 21)



FUNERAL HONOR DETAIL



Legion Post 374 / VFW Post 8334

Thomas Leroy Workman	8.21.17
Earl E. Gruhn	8.27.17
Norman W. Storm	9.5.17



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.

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 The Bar Opens At Noon On Sundays	2 SAL Mtg 7:00	3 FOOD HAMBURGER Nights 5:30-7:30 PM 	4	5 FOOD Cribbage 7:00 	6	7 FOOD NE vs Wisconsin 
8 The Bar Opens At Noon On Sundays	9 FOOD TACO Night 5:30-7:30 PM 	10 FOOD Liver/Onions & Burgers for dinner ----- Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	11	12 FOOD Cribbage 7:00 	13 Adult Halloween Party/Birthday Bash 7 PM	14 FOOD NE vs Ohio State 
15 The Bar Opens At Noon On Sundays	16 FOOD TACO Night 5:30-7:30 PM 	17 FOOD Auxiliary serving Burgers 5:30 ----- ALR Mtg 7:30	18 E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	19 FOOD Cribbage 7:00 	20	21 FOOD Air Force ROTC Spaghetti Dinner News LTR Articles Due
22 The Bar Opens At Noon On Sundays	23 FOOD TACO Night 5:30-7:30 PM 	24 FOOD BUNCO 6:30 	25	26 FOOD Cribbage 7:00 	27	28 FOOD NE vs Purdue 
29 Kids Halloween Party 12 - 2 	30 FOOD TACO Night 5:30-7:30 PM 	31 <u>KITCHEN CLOSED</u>	Visit our Web Site www.post374.org		Pinochle <u>every Tuesday</u> at 11:00. <u>Everyone</u> is welcome to play	

• • • • • UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST • • • • •

- Saturday Oct. 7NE vs Wisconsin
- Tuesday Oct 10Liver/Onions & burgers dinner
- Friday Oct 13..... Birthday Bash/Adult Halloween Party
- Saturday Oct 14NE v Ohio State
- Saturday Oct 21Air Force ROTC Spaghetti Dinner
- Saturday Oct 28 NE vs Purdue
- Sunday Oct 29..... Kids Halloween Party
- Tuesday Oct 31KITCHEN CLOSED
- Saturday Nov 11.....Pork Loin Dinner
- Wednesday Nov. 22AYCE wings

YOU CANNOT BRING FOOD INTO THE POST

when the kitchen is open.
NO DRINKS can be brought into the Post at any time.