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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Since my article is at the top of the page, I get to be the first one to brag about the fantastic job Brad Petersen did to get our family bus fixed up and wrapped. It will be a definite plus for our Honor Guard/Color Guard and other activities for our Legion family. Thanks, Brad, for all your hard work.

Football is back!! No fans in the stadiums, so come to the Post to cheer on the Huskers. We'll have drink specials and food and a lot of cheering for our team. Our Color Guard is presenting the colors at Buell Field every Friday night for the high school games. On September 11, we had the Legion, VFW and ROTC Color Guards march out and present the colors. The Honor Guard lined up and they did a rifle volley and taps after the national anthem. They got a great cheer from those attending the game.

The Post is slowly getting back to what we'll have to start calling normal. We still require a mask to be worn into the Post but you can remove it when drinking or eating.

We are having an Oktoberfest on October 2. There will be an outdoor beer garden with socially distanced tables. Chef Greg will be serving Bratwursts, Schnitzel sandwiches and BIG pretzels. Kathy will have different German beers. We could definitely use some help setting up the beer garden, fence boundaries, and tables & chairs on Thursday, October 1.

We have the NFL games on Sundays. Just ask the bartender to put your favorite team on one of the TV's. As for our bartenders, I would like to thank them for all their hard work. Remember they are volunteers as is our kitchen help. Your tips are greatly appreciated.

Stay healthy and be proud to be a member of Post 374.

SAL NEWS

Greetings,

Well, it appears there will be Husker football after all. Big 10 play is scheduled to begin October 24; however, no fans will be allowed in stadiums but better than nothing! Be sure to make plans to join us at the Post to cheer on the Big Red! I look forward to once again hearing sounds of the Husker bell!!!

The SAL donated all the leftover raffle items to the Legion Riders amounting to \$117.00 to aid in their continuing efforts to support and supply service dogs to wounded vets.

We have the new bus back at the Post, complete with a new wrap displaying the logos of the entire family along with the VFW, each branch of service and the US flag. It looks amazing and will certainly make a bold statement when we arrive at an event!

On Friday September 11th, our Post color guard, the Honor Guard, the VFW color guard and the JR. ROTC presented the colors along with a rifle volley at Millard South in memory all those lost on that horrific day 19 years ago. It was a real honor to be a part of it!

We want to encourage every one of you to vote on November 3rd, be it by absentee ballot or in person at your assigned polling location. This is assuredly one of the most important elections in many years, perhaps ever! We must all remember the right to vote is something we should not take for granted. Voting is a symbol of the abundance of freedoms we enjoy as Americans and serves as a stark reminder of the sacrifices made by those who paid the ultimate price! Freedom is NOT free!

Just a reminder, SAL dues are \$30, Jr. SAL dues are \$10 and dual is \$10. Please pay your dues in a timely manner.

The Moving Vets Forward barrels are still at the Post and we could use your donation; every little bit helps!

The amazing, hardworking bartenders are volunteers so please remember to tip them!

We look forward to you joining us at our monthly meetings which are held on the first Monday of the month, Holiday Mondays being the exception. Stay well! We are family!

John Polson Commander; Randy Young Vice Commander

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

As all of you are aware, the pandemic has cancelled several functions this year and as a result, we won't be having a Halloween party for the kids. We are hopeful that we'll be able to have a Christmas party in December.

The Big 10 has decided to play some football! We will be having 50/50 raffles during the games starting on Oct. 24th, so be sure to stop in for the fun. This fund raiser is extremely important, since we haven't been able to raise funds for the Troop packages in December, the scholarships for college kids or Girls State for next spring. If you can't stop in for the games, remember we can take monetary donations at any time!

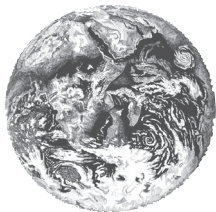
We will provide desserts for Taco night on Monday, Oct. 5 and our next meeting is Tuesday October 13 at 7 PM.

Have a safe & happy Halloween! God bless you all!
Tara Scott, President 425-577-2242



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Legion.....	\$45.00
Auxiliary	\$30.00
Jr. Auxiliary (18 and under)	\$8.00
SAL	\$30.00
Jr. SAL	\$10.00

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS



We are into my favorite time of the year, cool mornings and warm days. Please

continue to look at our Facebook Page for Rides, Rallies, Flag Lines, Funeral Escorts and announcements. There are multiple rides every weekend and if you do go to one of these events please wear your vest. Be proud of the patch!!!

Our photo album is up and running on our wall. Thanks to Marty for donating the AV unit. We got it hung and running with a lot of positive feedback coming from folks that have seen the pictures. We are some good looking folks if I do say so myself. Our OCW Poker Run was a huge success with over 140 bikes. The freewill donations exceeded expectations and thus we were able to give to multiple organizations including: Javelin, OCW, Exoskeleton fund raiser, Moving Veterans Forward, and New Visions Homeless services. Great job everyone!!!

Our brother Schoe has a new leg! Looking at the pictures he is moving around quite well on it. I am not sure if he can get it tattooed but if I know Schoe he will figure out a way :-)

Our \$1 raffle on taco Mondays is taking off like gang busters and is almost back to its old form. Please consider helping out on Monday's starting at 5:30 until approximately 7:00 pm. This is a great way to meet our Legion Family and help out the Patch. Thank you to all members that give on a weekly basis to the \$1 raffle; those dollar bills add up quickly to be large sums of money where we are able to help our Legion and local veteran community. I can assure you that the Riders will continue to be good stewards of your donations.

I can't end this update without giving a HUGE THANK YOU to our Sons of the American Legion. Since the Fish Fries were cancelled due to COVID19 they had candy and other products left over that they were going to raffle off. They donated the candy and goods to the Riders to be used during our raffle nights. They are very generous to the Legion and the Riders. Thank you so much for your support.

Please continue to look out for vehicles when crossing intersections and be aware if you are driving in someone's blind spot. We have had enough Riders go down this year.

Semper Fi - Steve Lahrs, ALR Director

BUDDY CHECK 22

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

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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.

Legion winner - Rhea Larsen

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UPDATE ON THE BUS

There is much progress to report. The body work has been completed, interior and exterior cleaned, and the stripping/wrap completed. There's been a lot of positive comments and accolades. Much thanks to those who have contributed donations. It's fun to drive and have people honk or wave in appreciation.

If you want to donate, send checks to Post 374 c/o Adj. Greg Petersen PO Box 690398 Omaha NE 68139.

Or you can drop them off at the Post. On the memo line write "Bus donation" *Thank you! Brad Petersen*



PARTY - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

Barry Boyce will play your favorite polkas, the kitchen will be serving tasty German food and

Kathy will have excellent German beers!

The fun starts at 5:30!

FOOD

We'll continue to serve food curbside and in the bar on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday.

Call 402.895.0405

to find out what will be served and/or to place your order.

Call 402.895.1324

to get drinks with your meals.



Dave Nieto
Certified License Agent

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(NO Later Than Friday, October 23)

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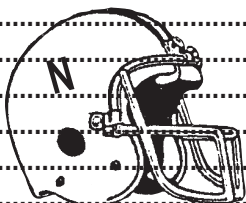
OCTOBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Thank you</i> to the Legionnaires who've renewed their dues. The Early Bird winner is Edwin O'Connor. Congratulations! Greg Petersen, Adjutant/Membership</p>				1	2 FOOD Oktoberfest Party! 5:30 Barry Boyce band playing	3
4	5 FOOD SAL Mtg 7:00 	6	7 FOOD Tenderloins 5:30 	8	9 FOOD Wings 5:30 	10
11	12 FOOD 	13 Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	14 FOOD French Dip sandwich 5:30	15	16 FOOD Fish Fry 5:30  Ground Zero Band 	17
18	19 FOOD TACO NIGHT 	20 ALR Mtg 7:30	21 FOOD Irish Stew 5:30 E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	22 Buddy Check 22 at Cunningham's bar - 108/Old Mill	23 FOOD Prime Rib 5:30  News LTR Articles Due	24 NE vs Ohio State 11:00 
25	26 FOOD 	27	28 FOOD Reuben sandwich 5:30	29	30 FOOD Meatloaf 5:30 	31 NE vs Wisconsin 

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

- Fri Oct 2.....OKTOBERFEST
- Fri Oct 23.....PRIME RIB IS BACK!
- Sat Oct 24.....NE vs Ohio State
- Sat Oct 31.....NE vs Wisconsin
- Sat Nov 7.....NE vs Northwestern
- Sat Nov 14.....NE vs Penn State
- Sat Nov 21.....NE vs Illinois
- Sat Nov 28.....NE vs Iowa



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 govf.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*