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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Another month gone. My beard is getting longer for the kids Christmas party.

Good news! We now have a new three-year lease signed, sealed and delivered.

We are letting everyone know early that we are going to have a comedian at the Post on December 1st. This is an X-rated show, so no kids and no one that can't take a joke. December 1st is a broasted chicken night, so the show will start at 8:00. With autumn back, we will try to start having comfort food on Wednesdays. Friday October 27, we are going to have a choice of liver and onions or baked chicken from 5 to 7 (starting and ending a little earlier than usual for this meal).

Thank you to Brien McCullough's family for the memorial check in his honor. This donation will help those in need. We have a nice new flag picnic table on the patio that was donated to the Post.

The Huskers clawed their way to a 2 and 2 record. Now they need to kick it in gear.

I'm kind of brain dead on writing this. Elections don't come up until May, but it's time for someone to start thinking about running for commander. Once again, I can't thank all our volunteers enough for the wonderful job they do to help run this Post. *Semper Fi! Gary Sempek*

ADJUTANT NOTES

Happy fall! Summer is slowly slipping away from us, and fall weather is quickly approaching. Membership renewals are in full swing. Membership is critical to the survival of our Post. We lose many members each year to attrition, unfortunately. Most of our WWII veterans have preceded us, and many of our Korean veterans as well. We still have a large number of Vietnam era vets, as well as many that have served since then. The biggest struggle we find is trying to recruit new members. We do a pretty good job of it here, but we lose more than we gain. This is an unfortunate trend across the country. We have a great Post with a lot of great people. I am proud to call this my home. Any chance I get, I am always shaking someone's hand and having conversations with everyone, especially new faces I see. We have some people on the Recruiting Committee, and every one of you are also recruiters. Many of the younger generation veterans don't understand who we are or why we exist.

I encourage each of you to find just one person you know that served in the military since 1941, and talk to them about The American Legion. If you haven't been here in a while, come in and see us again. If it's hard to get here due to medical or physical issues, we have some folks that like to make house calls and would love to come and visit. With your help, we can continue to grow, support our military men and women and their families, and support our community and our children and youth programs. We look forward to your continued support, and please let us know if there is anything we can do for you. You can either call the Post, or call me. The numbers are below. Thank you again for your service!

Marty Timberlake, Adjutant.

**The Post phone is 402-895-1324. My cell is 402-699-1216.
If I don't answer, leave a message. I will call you back as soon as I can.**

SAL NEWS

Happy October everyone! Where has this year gone? I swear the older I get the faster the clock moves!

October offers the chance of snow, cold temperatures and of course Halloween, so stock up on candy and what you don't pass out, bring it to the Post. I'm sure someone will enjoy it.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Beginning January 1, the SAL dues for dual memberships are increasing from \$10.00 to \$20.00. If you're a dual member, now is a good time to pay for 2024! Also, please pay your 2024 SAL dues.

Teaser announcement: On Sunday November 19 the SAL will be conducting Bingo day/night; we're calling it "Cluck'n, Sunday, Funday, Bingo"! We will have prizes for each game, a 4th & 8th inning stretch to recharge and a Grand Prize game at the end. You DON'T want to miss this exciting event. Look for complete details in the November newsletter and at the Post.

Our October meeting is October 2 and our SAL taco night is October 16.

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn" – Ben Franklin

We look forward to seeing all of you at the Post! We ARE family!

John Polson, Commander and Randy Young, Vice Commander

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

Our Visa card raffle is done for this year. Congratulations to the winner: Tarrence DeBruin.

The kid's Halloween party will be on Sunday, Oct. 22 at noon. Bring the kids in their costumes and have some fun! Husker games and the 50/50 drawings are still a lot of fun at the Post whether the Huskers win or lose! Check the calendar for all the fun events and food specials going on this month.

We are working on a fun event for April, but I'll give you more details when we get closer.

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2024 and sign someone else up too!

Our next meeting is Tuesday Oct. 10 at 7:00 p.m. We will serve desserts for Taco Night on Monday, Oct. 2 at 5:30 p.m. Let me know if you can bring a dessert.

Thank you, Karen Brink,
President 402-740-1455

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS

Fall is here and the nights are getting longer, but the temperatures are ideal for riding. Last month some of our Riders went to Hero Stock and presented Wheels for Warriors with a \$3000 check. They were extremely appreciative of the generous donation and said that is enough money to sponsor a bike for a Veteran and as we all know, there's nothing better than wind therapy for those bad days.

We don't have a lot planned for October except for our monthly meeting in which we will nominate for the positions of Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer, Secretary, and Sgt at Arms. If anyone is interested in a position, please come to the meeting on Tuesday Oct 17 at 7:30. We will vote November 21 right before the meeting. Please make sure you are current with your membership. This means ALR and whatever Legion Family you belong to. If you are not current then you will not be able to vote.

Stay safe and always be on the lookout for our brothers and sisters on 2 or 3 wheels. Ride safe! Matt Schnabel, Director

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COLOR GUARD NEWS

Millard football is in full swing, and we will be presenting the colors each Friday of the month with playoffs to follow.

We will also be part of the Veterans Day event at Wheeler Elementary on November 11. The program will begin at 8:00 AM. Additional details to follow.

*My thanks to the team
for your participation!*

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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Mary Timberlake trbolovr71@gmail.com

Darrel Swenson, Chairman

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

On the 22nd of each month at DJ's Dugout (114th & Miracle Hills Drive) 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. More info at www.bc22vsa.com



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Card Of Thanks

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to all who were a part of the interment of our father, John Giordano, at ONC on August 18. We were deeply touched by the sound of taps, the honor guards three rifle volley and flag folding and presentation. He proudly served his country and it was a privilege to witness him receive military honors from uniformed service members and fellow veterans. Thank you for your support during such a solemn ceremony and for your service to our nation. *Sincerely, Lynn Giordano*

Thank you for providing military funeral honors for Richard L. Graniewski. *The Graniewski family*

Our sympathies are with the family of
John R. (Dick) Hinkle who died on May 29, 2023.



FUNERAL HONOR DETAIL

Legion Post 374 / VFW Post 833



Gerald W. Plucker.....	11.12.22
David S. White.....	11.24.22
Alyn W. Saalfeld	6.9.23
John E. Mayo.....	6.14.23
John F. Kmiecik	6.20.23
David A. Millep.....	7.15.23
Brien E. McCullough.....	7.24.23
Robert L. Elsasser Sr	7.29.23
Kenneth C. Watkins.....	8.13.23
Richard L. Graniewski	8.15.23
Donald L. Case.....	8.26.23
Leonard F. Yakus.....	8.26.23

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.

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There is one pot each for the SAL drawing (Sunday), Auxiliary drawing (Tuesday) and Legion drawing (Wednesday).

You have to register to win.

Gene Kirchhevel -SAL winner

Bob Sempek – SAL winner

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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

Saturday, October 14

4:30 pm – 7:00 pm

AFJROT

Spaghetti feed



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"All You Can Eat" Only \$9.00

Friday, October 20

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

AMVETS

Delicious

Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Fried Chicken



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Friday, October 27

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Kitchen Serving Choice o

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Liver & Onions or Baked chicken



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ALR

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OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 FOOD Legion serving tacos 5:30 ----- SAL Mtg 7:00	3 Pinochle 11:00 	4 FOOD Tenderloins 5:30 	5	6 FOOD Broasted chicken 5:30 ----- NE vs IL football 7:00 	7
8	9 FOOD ALR serving tacos 5:30 	10 Pinochle 11:00 ----- Auxiliary Mtg 7:00 	11 FOOD Beef & Noodles 5:30 ----- Vietnam Vets Mtg 6:30	12	13 FOOD Adult Halloween party 7:00 	14 FOOD AFJROTC all you can eat spaghetti feed 4:30
15	16 FOOD SAL serving tacos & quesadillas 5:30 	17 Pinochle 11:00 ----- ALR Mtg 7:30 	18 FOOD Kitchen open 5:30 ----- E-board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	19	20 FOOD AMVETS serving CFS or CFC dinner 5:30 	21 FOOD NE vs Northwestern football 
22 FOOD Kids Halloween party 12- 2  	23 FOOD ALR serving tacos 5:30 	24 Pinochle 11:00 ----- House Cmte Mtg 7:00 	25 FOOD Burgers 5:30 ----- Bunco 6:30 	26	27 FOOD Liver/onions OR Baked chicken 5:00 – 7:00	28 FOOD NE vs Purdue football 
29	30 FOOD Legion serving tacos 5:30	31 Pinochle 11:00 	Delicious Beef & Noodles Wednesday, OCT. 11 530 - 7:00 pm			

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Fri Oct 6, Sat Oct 21 & 28..... NE football
 Fri Oct 6..... Broasted chicken
 Fri Oct 13..... Adult Halloween party
 Sat Oct 14..... AFJROTC spaghetti
 Fri Oct 20..... AMVETS serving CFS or CFC
 Sun Oct 22..... Kids Halloween party
 Fri Oct 27..... Liver/onions or baked chicken



Adult Halloween party

Friday, October 13 • Starts at 7:00

Costume contest, games, prizes, raffle
 baskets, drink specials, food and a
 HOWLING good time.

Kid's Halloween party

Sunday October 22 • 12:00 – 2:00

Costume contest, games, crafts & food

