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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Another month down in a screwed up year. Hope everyone is coping well. Schools are kind of open, so please watch for any kids going to school.

Went on the ALR poker run and had a lot of fun...met new people and had a chance to chat with members of other posts. We are getting some work done on the Honor Guard/Color Guard bus. Should look pretty sharp when it's done. The Post is starting to do better. Remember, you must wear a mask to enter our Post.

Everyone stay safe. We can beat this thing.

Semper Fi Gary Sempek

SAL NEWS

Well, fall is approaching, and it will be a fall like none of us has ever witnessed before. One without Husker football! Memorial stadium will not be the third largest population center in the state on Saturdays; no Sea of Red; no hotdogs launched into the stands, no welcoming smell of Runza's; no releasing of thousands of red balloons into the crisp Nebraska skies...and no ringing of the Husker bell at the Post, that is unless you have an overwhelming desire to buy a round of drinks for everyone? When will this all end?

At this time, we are still planning to have our color guard missions for Millard football, but the schedule is rather fluid and therefore subject to change; we will let you know as things develop.

We want to say thank you to everyone who attended our last meeting. We had a very good turnout and a few "lively" discussions; it was great to have so much input on the business of the squadron. Please continue your participation and encourage your fellow Sons to do the same!

The third Monday of the month is SAL taco night; our night in August broke the all-time sales record! Pretty remarkable given the current environment. We would like to ask that a few more of you step up and volunteer some of your time. It's been the same 2-3 people that have done taco night for over a year, please help us!

The next SAL meeting is **Monday September 14 at 7:00 pm.**

As a reminder, the SAL dues are now \$30.00 and the Jr. Son's is \$10.00.

Stay well! We are family!

John Polson Commander; Randy Young Vice Commander

APPOINTMENT

I have been appointed by our Commander to spearhead the repairs and vehicle wrap on our donated bus which is capable of transporting 13 members of our Honor Guard to grave-sites, churches, and funeral homes for Honor Guard Duties.

To date over one million military personnel have given the ultimate sacrifice for our Freedoms. I believe that the last Honor we can reward our comrades with is Military Honors.

The cost for the body work repairs is estimated to be \$3,200.00 I am collecting donations for the repairs and future maintenance of the bus to lessen the burden on the Post.

When you donate your contribution will be acknowledged by your name being placed on the inside wall of the bus. Questions and concerns can be directed to Brad Petersen 402-679-5132 or Gary Sempek at the Post. *Thank You, Brad Petersen*

NEBRASKA VETERANS COALITION

Hello from the Nebraska Veterans Coalition! If you're from Nebraska and are a veteran or a supporter of veterans, your support is needed to improve Nebraska's efforts to attract and retain veterans! We have been advocating for veterans with the Governor, the Legislature and city/county leaders since 2014. If you're not registered to vote, please make that a priority. We also provide considerable information to veterans on a wide variety of topics as well as guide them toward agencies that can help them. We do not ask for, solicit or accept funding/donations for our efforts. If you're not already a member of our group of over 4,300 friends, please check us out on Facebook (Nebraska Veterans Coalition) and 'friend' us.

We also send emails to over 2,000 addresses, some of whom forward them to additional addressees. We've created a website; www.NebraskaVeterans.org. You can read many of our informational postings there. You can email us at nevetscoalition@outlook.com to be placed on our email distribution list. Please forward this invitation to your friends who are from Nebraska, are veterans, or who support veterans. We will respond to any questions you may have. Check us out!

You'll be pleased. Ronald Dupell, CMSGT USAF (Retired) Elkhorn NE; Dean Kenkel, CW5 US Army (Retired) Omaha NE; John Stewart CMSGT USAF (Retired) Kearney NE

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

This year in place of donating school supplies to area schools, we made a monetary donation to 3 schools within the Millard district. Thank you to the SAL and the legion for their donation, it was very helpful and greatly appreciated!

Color Guard is getting ready to start again with the High School football games. We are very much looking forward to getting back out there.

Also, remember that your membership is renewing starting now for 2021. Get them sent in as soon as you can. Auxiliary is \$30 and Junior Auxiliary is \$8.

Our next meeting is Tuesday Sept. 8 at 7:00 p.m.

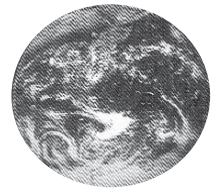
God bless you all!

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



It has been a busy July and August getting ready for our annual Poker Run. This year we planned our route to stop at American Legion Posts; this was a bit tougher to make sure they would be open and the roads would be in good shape to ride. We had a record turnout, about 140 riders. It was a free will ride, which turned out great. There a lot of generous people out there that like to ride. We totaled about \$4800 from the ride. At our monthly meeting we voted to divide the money between three local Veterans organizations: JAVELAN, Moving Vets Forward and New Visions Center. After that we added to our OCW funds and will be sending them a check. Marty found out about a project called Exoskeleton (a suit made to help wheelchair ridden vets stand); we were able to see the video and we voted to send them a check to help with their project.

All of this sounds like we got a lot done with our money. But if it were not for the help we get from the Legion Family through taco night raffles, we would never be able to do these things. It's more than just one small group raising money. THANK YOU EVERYONE! A special thanks to Greg Petersen (our resident cook) and our bartenders for all the help. Let's not forget Kara, her mom and the rest of the family for running our registration table and raffles. Thanks to all of the folks that donated items for raffle. All of the help is what made this run a success.

Schoe update: Sounds like he is healing up very well. The plan at this point from what I understand will be a trip to Maryland. There they will get him ready for a prosthetic. I look forward to seeing him walk into the Post again.

Arlin Kirchhevel
Asst. ALR Rider 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](https://join.freeconferencecall.com/adj374)

Or by calling Dial-in Number

(US): (605) 475-4928

Access Code: 463168



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There are five 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.

Congrats to recent winners:

Robin Rainey – Auxiliary

Bob Sempek – SAL

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POST TRIP INFORMATION THIS TRIP HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED!

The European Post trip in 2021 will be in Bavaria Germany from May 28 through June 8. This trip will include going to some of the oldest breweries in Germany, one with a 26 generation brew master. The trip will start in Munich and will include the following cities and sites: Bamberg, Eagles nest, Regensburg (home to the world's oldest continuous run restaurant 1320 AD); Rothenburg, Nuremburg, Dachau Memorial, Neuschwanstein castle, Salzburg in Austria and more. We will also be attending Bergkirchweih –the world's oldest Beer festival; this festival is always ranked in the top 10 fests in Germany.

The cost (\$2429 per person plus air; dual occupancy) will include hotels; entry in some sites/events, chartered bus transportation, and some meals/beverages on the bus. We need to limit the trip to around 30 people. If you would like to go please contact me ASAP so I can get you registered. Send an email to adj@post374.org with your contact info so I can send you the information as I get it.

Greg Petersen, Adjutant

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

Do I need Medicare with my VA Benefits?

The VA strongly recommends that all veterans with VA health care also enroll in Medicare Parts A & B.

Veterans have OPTIONS! Call now to learn more.

MEDICARE BENEFIT PLANNING

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dave@apomaha.com

USPS News

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Thank you.

Broasted Chicken

FRIDAY

Sept. 25

5:30 PM



Millard Legion Post #374 Raffle

13913 S Plaza

Omaha, NE 68139-0698

Hand Made Custom Bench

**\$5.00 Each or
5 Ticket for \$20.00**

Need not be present to win.

**Drawing: Friday, October 2, 2020
(During the Octoberfest Party)**



**See bartender
for tickets**

"Proceeds are for the benefit of Millard Legion #374 activities"
"Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions." State ID 35-234125

Italian Sausage W/Peppers Sandwich

Only \$7.00

**Wednesday. Sept. 16
5:30 PM**



FUNERAL HONOR DETAIL



Legion Post 374 / VFW Post 8334

John H. 'Gara 7.17.2020
John E. Holcomb 7.30.2020
John D. Condon..... 8.17.2020

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★★ OCTOBER 2020 ★★

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE
(NO Later Than Friday, September 18)**

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SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 FOOD Tenderloins 5:30 Only \$5.00	3	4 FOOD Chicken Parmesan 5:30	5
6	7 LABOR DAY Post open Kitchen Closed	8 Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	9 FOOD Burgers 5:30 	10	11 FOOD Hot Beef Sandwich 5:30	12
13	14 FOOD SAL Mtg 7:00 	15 ALR Mtg 7:30	16 FOOD Italian Sausages/Peppers at 5:30 PM - Only \$5.00 ----- E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	17	18 Kitchen Closed News LTR Articles Due	19 FOOD Corn Beef/Cabbage 1:00 - till we run out
20	21 FOOD TACO NIGHT 	22 Buddy Check Cunningham's Bar 108th/Old Mill	23 FOOD Chicken Fried Steak 5:30 	24	25 FOOD Broasted Chicken 5:30 	26
27	28 FOOD TACO NIGHT 	29	30 FOOD SOS over Mashed Potatoes with Toast 5:30	 Pork Tenderloin Sandwich Wednesday, Sept. 2, 5:30 PM Only \$5.00		

Hot Beef Sandwich

Friday, Sept. 11, 5:30 PM

Only \$9.00



★ Corned Beef & Cabbage ...

★ Corned Beef Sand. \$6.00
★ Irish Stew.....\$7.00

Saturday,
Sept. 19.
1:00 PM TILL
We Run Out



UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Monday, Sep 7.....KITCHEN CLOSED

Sat., Sep 19 ... Halfway to St Patrick's Day-CornBeef/Cabbage

Friday, Oct 2..... Oktoberfest

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!