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## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Only one more month of summer left. Good thing about that is the kids are back in school and football is starting. We will be opening the Post earlier for 11 a.m. games on Saturdays and noon games on Sundays. Nebraska games will be pot luck unless otherwise posted. Watch our web site. My prediction for this year is 9 and 3, but what do I know??

Thanks to everyone who helped tear down the deck. Now we have the tables and chairs set up on the patio for your use.

Unfortunately our Honor Guard has been very busy, which means many veterans are passing on. We take great pride in doing their military honors at the grave sites. The Legion Family did Vince Mahoney's internment at Fort McPherson in Maxwell, Nebraska. Our Post should be proud. We had our full Honor Guard and Color Guard, Legion, S.A.L., and Auxiliary officers, and the bus was escorted 240 miles by our A.L.R., which went through a hellish rain storm as soon as we left Omaha. Great job by everyone who participated in the service. Special thanks to Kathy for her hard work to put this together. Without her and the S.A.L., it would not have happened.

I have appointed Matt Schnabel as Second vice Commander to finish the year until our next election.

Everyone have a safe time the rest of the summer. Look both ways! Instead of closing with my normal "Semper Fi," I'm changing it up a little.

*GO BIG RED! Gary Sempek*

## SAL NEWS

Fall is fast approaching and with it comes the return of football season. Let's hope the Huskers can have an improved year. Go Big Red!

The SAL recently held a trash can feed with sausage, carrots, cabbage, onions, and corn on the cob. If you didn't come to the Post for this, you missed a wonderful meal! But fear not, we will most likely be doing it again at some point.

As you will recall, we conducted a beef raffle this past spring and we plan to hold another one. Most likely we will begin to sell tickets for this early in the first quarter of 2022.

You may have noticed the deck out back has been removed. It was an eye sore and no longer safe. At this time, we have no plans to replace it, but if you have an opinion on it, we welcome your comments.

2022 membership cards are at the Post so if you haven't paid your dues, there's no better time than now!

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday September 13 so please take an hour out of your day and join us! We look forward to seeing you the Post!

*We are family! John Polson, Commander and Randy Young, Vice Commander*

## COLOR GUARD NEWS

On Friday August 20 our color guard had the sad honor of participating in the funeral services for Vince Mahoney; we hope we made you proud Vinny! I'd like to extend a very special thank you to the Auxiliary for their much-appreciated help preparing sandwiches for the bus ride to Maxwell! Thank you to the Legion Riders for escorting the bus!

Our color guard missions for Millard football have resumed and we presented the colors for the first game on August 27. The following is the regular season schedule: September 3, 10, 17 & 24; October 1, 8, 15, & 22. Any post season games TBD.

The Millard Days Parade was held on August 28 and our color guard looked as sharp as ever! Thank you to all who participated!

We could use some new members and I would appreciate it if you would consider joining the color guard.

*Randy Young, Post 374 Color Guard Commander*

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

Thank you so much for your donations of school supplies for the kids. Between the Legion, the SAL and the Auxiliary monetary donations, we were able to send three checks for \$400 to three different Millard schools for their school supplies! We also donated school supplies from all of you to schools as well. The Legion Riders will be donating money as well, so we can send a check to a fourth school! I'm so happy that our Legion family is working together to help so many kids returning to school!

At our last meeting, we enjoyed listening to two of the Girls State delegates tell us about their experience this summer and a third delegate sent us a letter. We enjoyed listening to these impressive young women and we know they will be successful in whatever path they choose.

We will be drawing the winner for the \$500 gift card raffle for Cabela's/Bass Pro on Saturday, Sept. 4 so be sure to get your ticket before then.

Don't forget to send in your membership dues for the 2022. Our next meeting is Tuesday Sept. 14 at 7:00 p.m. We will serve desserts for Taco Night on Monday, Sept. 13 at 5:00 p.m. Let me know if you can bring a dessert.

Thanks! Karen Brink, President (402) 740-1455

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS

Riders, thanks to all who braved the ride out to Fort McPherson for the internment of our fellow rider Vince Mahoney. The weather was less than favorable and instead of turning back you put your heads down and rode through some very heavy rain, truck traffic, and high humidity. Thanks to our Road Captain Marty Timberlake (Brakes) for getting everyone home safely. Those who could not make it, including myself, our prayers were with you. Marty and all Riders were recognized for their skills and professionalism by our Post Commander Gary Sempek for meeting a difficult timeline in those conditions.

This year's OCW Run is over and though we did not reach our goal of \$5000.00 we came very close ~\$4600.00 and a rock. Yes, someone placed a rock in our Freewill donation bucket for the pulled pork sandwiches. I consider this rock a sign of "good luck" and will be in all Freewill buckets for the ALR going forward. If you are missing a rock and would like it back the cost is \$400.00 which is the amount short of our OCW goal. We had approximately 80+ riders in our group which is a good number considering that the Omaha area had 2 other major Poker Runs going on at the exact same time.

The Honorable Don Bacon was also in attendance at our Poker run to speak to the assembly regarding his work and goals for the Veterans and constituents that he represents. Don is a Legion member and Rider for Papillion Post 32. (Please note that we are not affiliated with any political party but Don Bacon does currently represent Millard in Congress at this time.)

Two members of our Riders received Challenge Coins at the OCW Run: Steve Sladek - Steve earned this award for his spirit of volunteerism and his "can-do" for all tasks presented to him. He fills in regularly at the Monday Night Raffle, provides food (his world famous baked beans) for the OCW run, provided storage for our trailer, and helps riders in other matters during their time of need. Thank you Steve and thanks also to your wife Laura.

## Rider News Continued

Erica Roberts - Erica is a new member of the ALR Family and was recruited by Marty Timberlake. Erica is an active service member in the Navy Reserve and lives outside the Millard community; about 100 miles outside the Millard Community. This distance does not cause a problem for Erica but only gives her an excuse to put more miles on her "new to her" Harley. Erica displays a positive attitude and a willingness to help out her new ALR family. She has made several new friends within the Legion and brings with her a strong set of welding skills that will be needed. Look her up if you need some work done.

*Keep up the good work riders!*  
Semper Fi Steve Lahrs, ALR Director

## BUDDY CHECK 22

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



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| Legion.....                        | \$45.00 |
| Auxiliary .....                    | \$30.00 |
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| SAL .....                          | \$30.00 |
| Jr. SAL .....                      | \$10.00 |
| ALR .....                          | \$15.00 |

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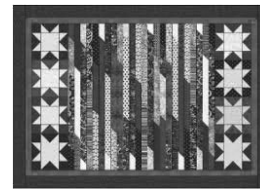


# Card Of Thanks

Thank you for the respectful manner in which you honored our beloved Verdel Boettcher. Words cannot describe the peace and gratitude during the ceremony. It was a moment when time stood still and we reflected on all the wonderful memories.

Thank you for your service,  
Marietta Boettcher & family

This Quilt  
Picture May  
Not Represent  
Actual Design of  
Quilt You Might  
Receive.



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 [qovf.org](http://qovf.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*

## BY-LAWS REVIEW

The Post By-Laws need to be reviewed. They will be reviewed by a committee but the committee need all Legionnaires to be involved. You can read them by going to the following link:  
[http://post374.org/documents/post\\_374\\_bylaws\\_updated\\_2015.pdf](http://post374.org/documents/post_374_bylaws_updated_2015.pdf)

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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 are three 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**

**Randy Young - SAL winner**

**Patty Polson - Auxiliary winner**

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| Sunday | Monday   | Tuesday                         | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday                                       | Saturday  |
|--------|--|---------------------------------|--|---|--|---|
|        | <b>Taco's Only</b><br>\$1.75   |                                 | 1 <b>FOOD</b><br>Tenderloins 5:30<br> | 2 Kitchen Closed<br><b>Cribbage</b> 7:00<br>    | 3  | 4 <b>NE vs Fordham</b><br>11 AM<br>      |
| 5      | 6 <b>LABOR DAY</b><br>Post Open<br>Kitchen Closed  | 7                               | 8 <b>FOOD</b><br>Kitchen open<br>    | 9 Kitchen Closed<br><b>Cribbage</b> 7:00<br>   | 10   | 11 <b>NE vs Buffalo</b><br>2:30 PM<br> |
| 12     | 13 <b>FOOD</b><br>SAL Mtg 7:00<br><b>Taco Night</b><br> | 14 <b>Auxiliary Mtg</b><br>7:00 | 15 <b>FOOD</b><br>Kitchen open<br>E-Board Mtg 6:30<br>General Mtg 7:30   | 16 Kitchen Closed<br><b>Cribbage</b> 7:00<br> | 17 <b>Newsletter articles due</b>            | 18 <b>NE vs Oklahoma</b><br>11 AM<br>  |
| 19     | 20 <b>FOOD</b><br><b>Taco Night</b><br>                 | 21                              | 22 <b>FOOD</b><br>Kitchen open<br><b>BUNCO</b> 6:30  | 23 Kitchen Closed<br><b>Cribbage</b> 7:00<br> | 24   | 25 <b>NE vs Michigan State</b><br>     |
| 26     | 27 <b>FOOD</b><br><b>Taco Night</b><br>                 | 28                              | 29 <b>FOOD</b><br>Kitchen open<br>  | 30 Kitchen Closed<br><b>Cribbage</b> 7:00<br> | <b>TRY OUR FANTASTIC BURGERS &amp; FRIES</b> |   |

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Sat. Sept. 4..... Aux. Cabela's raffle  
 Sat. Sept. 4..... NE vs Fordham  
 Sat. Sept. 11 ..... NE vs Buffalo  
 Sat. Sept. 18..... NE vs Oklahoma  
 Sat. Sept. 25..... NE vs Michigan State  
 Sat. Oct. 2..... NE vs Northwestern  
 Sat. Oct. 9..... NE vs Michigan

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