



Welcome to the first edition

The Sidney L Smith post of The American Legion is proud to once again reach out to our members with a newsletter of post activities and events. The newsletter is set to be published bimonthly for the first three editions, we will then evaluate whether to stay on that schedule, move to quarterly publications, or switch to an irregular schedule (still doing 4-6 issues per year).

We would appreciate member input on how often you'd like to receive a newsletter, and what type of content you would like to see in it. The best way to express this is at the post meetings, but if you are unable to attend in person, you can mail (PO Box 2052) or email (post24@aberdelegen.org.) to the post as well.



2013 Post Oratorical Contest

Three students, all juniors, from Aberdeen Central Highschool participated in the 2013 American Legion Oratorical Scholarship program on Sunday, Dec 15th. Each student was required to present an eight to ten minute prepared speech on some aspect of the Constitution, and then present a three to five minute speech on a Constitutional topic drawn during the contest.

The three students were (left to right in the photo) Emily Meir (1st), Shanae Doerr (2nd), and Jordan Wold (3rd). The post congratulates all three students on an excellent job.

Emily Meir continued on to win the District 4 competition on Jan 12th, and took second place at the state contest in Huron on 26th.

Roll Call

2013 Post Officers

Commander Pat Steele
1st Vice Commander Mel Volk
2nd Vice Commander Dale Strom

Adjutant Gene Schumacher
Finance Rich Kezar
Americanism Sam Olson

Children And Youth Steve Nemmers
Athletics Tom Perrizo
Employment Amy Faye Kamletz

Historian Dale Strom
Sargent at Arms Gary Warne
Asst Sgt at Arms Sid Beckler

Commander's Column

Fellow Legionnaires,



Welcome to the return of our Post 24 newsletter. Your officers decided to close this gap in our Post communications.

We are a very active Post, but have not conveyed reports of our activities to our members for some time. We welcome your feedback on our attempt to give you a better picture of our local activities. We have about sixty volunteers that help us with our many activities throughout the year. We often need a few more volunteers for our big projects. This newsletter will help keep every Legionnaire informed of upcoming events and news.

We provide honor guards for many public events in addition to military rites for Aberdeen funerals of veterans. We are well known in the Aberdeen community for Monster Burgers on Monday at the Eagles and our work at horse races in May at the Brown county fairgrounds. There are many other community and youth projects that this newsletter will provide notice and information.

Thank you for still serving America.
Patrick Steele
Commander

From the Adjutant

Being the first newsletter out to our members, I will just keep it short and sweet.

First, membership. Our post has 534 members for 2014 at this time, so if you have not yet paid your 2014 dues, please, please do so now so we can wrap up our



membership year.

Monster burgers are going great, given we serve 120-150 each and every Monday night. We serve from 5pm to 7pm, come on down and have a great meal at a very reasonable price.

The Legion Firing Squad could use some extra help if you are interested.

I am at the office at 1:00pm Monday through Friday, or call me on my cell: 216-0536.

Gene Schumacher
Post Adjutant

Don't Forget

Post Meeting is 8:00pm on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Post Home (inside the Eagles Building, 316 South 2nd St, Aberdeen)

Worker appreciation night

There will be an RSVP dinner held Friday, Feb 28th, 2014 at 6:00pm for all member-volunteers who helped out with post events and activities throughout the 2013 calendar year.

If you had volunteered in the last year and have not received an RSVP form yet, please contact the post.

Past Commanders night

As normal, the February regular meeting (Monday the 17th) will be suspended so that the post may conduct it's annual memorial service and Past Commander recognition night. We invite all post members, and the families of all our

fallen comrades in the past year, to join us for the memorial that evening. Doors open at 7:30pm and the memorial begins at 8:00.

Know your Legion Benefits

Did you know that all members of the post can receive a free \$1,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance policy through the Legionnaires Insurance Trust program?

You do need to fill out a separate registration form, and renew it every three years, however, so if you have not filled one out recently, contact the post adjutant to get registered

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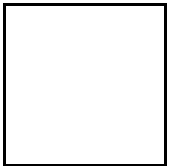
The following members transferred to Post Everlasting in Nov/Dec of 2014:

Ray Schmidt

Harold E Larson

Loy Wilbur Lowery

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Upcoming Events

Jan 12 (Sunday) District Oratorical Contest, 6pm, Eagles Club ballroom, Aberdeen

Jan 20 (Monday) **POST MEETING**, 8pm meeting room A, Eagles Club, Aberdeen

Jan 24 - Jan 26 (Friday-Sunday) Midwinter Conferences, Crossroads Hotel, Huron

Feb 03 (Monday) Executive Committee, 8pm, Legion office in the Eagles Club, Aberdeen

Feb 17 (Monday) Past Commander's Memorial, 7pm, Eagles Club ballroom, Aberdeen

Feb 28 (Friday) Worker Appreciation Supper, 6pm Eagles Club ballroom, Aberdeen (RSVP only)

Mar 03 (Monday) Executive Committee, 8pm, Legion office in the Eagles Club, Aberdeen

Mar 17 (Monday) **POST MEETING**, 8pm, meeting room A, Eagles Club, Aberdeen