



Editor's Note

If you are thinking that this edition follows closely after the first one, you are not wrong. Our first newsletter was slated to go out in January and cover the first two months of the year, but was delayed because of an issue with the mail permit. By the time we had that fixed, the January newsletter didn't go out until mid-February, creating a very short turn around before the March issue. Now that we are up and running, we should be able to stay on the bi-monthly schedule.

We are still looking for 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@aberndeenlegion.org.) to the post as well.



Nupen Recognized

Larry Nupen was recognized for years of continued service to the Aberdeen

American Legion at this year's Past Commanders Night. Larry was active in many of the post's programs last year, including Horse Races, Monster Burgers, Honor Guard, and the Turkey Shoot. In recognition of all his hard work, the Past Commanders Association presented him with an engraved clock during the program February 17th.

Larry (on the right) is shown here with Dale Strom, Past Commanders secretary, receiving the award.

Spring will finally arrive and our post will hold an election of officers in April and the new leadership will need workers for the horse races in May. If you are able to help with the activities please let us know when you are available.

Thank you for still serving America.

Patrick Steele
Commander
Sidney L. Smith Post #24
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Honor Guard Help

The veteran's Honor Guard (firing squad) answers one of the truest calls to duty we have, performing the final military rites at funerals in Aberdeen. When our fallen comrades are laid to rest, it's our honor to provide this service to them and their families, but we need your help to do it.

Right now we have a dedicated, but small crew of volunteers willing to answer the call, but more members serving on the honor guard would help to spread the load out, and allow for times when current members are unavailable for a funeral. If you would be willing to help, we'd love to have you. Please contact the post Adjutant at 216-0536 to volunteer.

April Elections

The election of post officers for the 2014 year will be held at the April meeting (Monday, the 21st). If anybody is wishing to become more involved in the leadership of the post, this is your chance. All positions but Adjutant (appointed by the Commander) are open to nominations from the floor at the meeting, and we could use candidates for all of them. Of particular need though are Historian, and Children & Youth - we have good people there now, but they've held the position for a long time and we need members who are interested, and willing to bring a fresh perspective to the positions.

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,

We have had a busy winter. Your post was represented at the state Midwinter Conferences in Huron this January where we learned of challenges and opportunities for the Department of SD.



In February we held our Past Commanders Memorial and our Worker Appreciation Supper, both at the Eagles in Aberdeen. Both events reminded me of the passage of time and the need to constantly renew our pool of officers and worker-volunteers to continue the work of our Post 24.

From the Adjutant

March is here and it still feels like December outside, but things are still happening in The American Legion. Regular meeting night is the 3rd Monday of every month. Memorial Day is just around the corner - the Legion puts on this program every year. Also May means that horse races are getting close. Boys State will be the first week of June this year. On a sad note, the funerals keep going on and on. The American Legion in Aberdeen does all the military rites when called upon to do so.



Membership to date for 2014 is 550, so we still have some work to do here.

As you can see, we do keep busy in the Aberdeen American Legion. If, per chance, you want to get active, give me a call, I'm in the phone book

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)

Volunteers Needed

May is always one of the busiest months on Post 24's calendar. Between Horse Racing, Memorial Day, Bicycle Safety Day, and Running for Veterans, we have a full slate of weekends ahead of us again this year in May.

The dates are listed in "Upcoming Events" at the bottom of this page. If any members are willing to help out at these events, please contact the Post, or First-Vice Dale Strom (605-216-3458) to volunteer.

Most of the events only require a few hour commitment, and no prior experience, so please sign on to help out.

Know your Legion Benefits

Need a Vacation? Veteran's Holidays may be the answer. For just \$369, you can book a 7 night stay in a resort condominium ranging in size from studios to 2 bedrooms (two to six people), many of which include on-site recreational facilities, living room and full kitchen.

These are basically unused time-shares, so the locations available will change, and may be limited, but look on-line: http://www.veteransholidays.com/veterans_search_space_a to see what's available, your Legion membership makes you eligible, and you may just find a place you want to go for a week.

TAPS

The following members transferred to Post Everlasting in Jan/Feb of 2014:

Alvin Aman

Leon Schwab

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Upcoming Events

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

March 8, 9, 22, & 23 Boys State Interviews, Legion Office

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

Apr 07 (Monday) Executive Committee, 8pm, Legion office in the Eagles Club, Aberdeen

Apr 07 (Monday) District 4 Spring Meeting, 6pm, Civic Center in Hosmer, SD

April 21 (Monday) **POST MEETING**, 8pm, meeting room A, Eagles Club, Aberdeen

May 04 (Sunday) Bicycle Safety Day (tentative, waiting on confirmation) Expo Building at Fairgrounds

May 10, 11, 17, 18, 25, & 26 Horse Racing - Brown County Fairgrounds.

May 24 (Saturday) Running for Veterans annual 5K run/walk. 7am at Wylie Park.

May 26 (Monday) Memorial Day program (details in next newsletter)

June 19-22 SD American Legion Convention, Pierre (Best Western Ramkota Hotel)