



Election Results

April is a time of change in your American Legion post, as new officers are elected to lead the post for the coming year.

In addition to those officers listed, four people were elected to fill vacant spots on the Executive Committee; Pat Steele (automatically on committee as the outgoing post commander), Rich Kezar, Gene Schumacher, and Gary Warne

The Adjutant position, to which Larry Nupen has been appointed by the new Commander, will not be officially filled until the May executive committee meeting when they confirm him.

in the Army; Vietnam and Germany. I was employed with the Aberdeen American News for 40 years and am now currently retired. My wife Pat and I have two children and two grandchildren. We enjoy camping, fishing and traveling.

May is a busy month for the legion with activities such as Memorial Day, Legion Horse Racing, Running for Veterans, bike safety, decorating the graves and the honor guard. So if you're contacted by our legion members to assist with these activities, your willingness to volunteer is greatly appreciated.

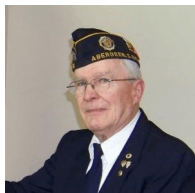
I encourage you to attend our legion post meetings which are held inside the Eagle's building every 3rd Monday of the month at 8:00 p.m. You can stop in before the meeting and enjoy a monster burger anytime between 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Membership in the Legion and the VFW is very essential for all former military personal in an effort to maintain and improve benefits and services we earned through serving our country.

Mel Volk
Commander
Sidney L. Smith Post #24

From the Adjutant

Thanks to the new commander, Mel Volk, for the confidence in me. I reluctantly accept the job, and hope I can do it satisfactorily for 1 or 2 years. It has been done for a long time by the dedicated "Gene".



Our post needs more workers; Horse Racing jobs, Memorial Day Programs, Funeral Details/Color Guard, Membership Go-Getters, Charity Nights, Monster Burgers, and many others.

To the critics of the work we have done, or are doing, remember, The Job is always open!

Larry Nupen
Post Adjutant
(Pending confirmation)

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAMS
Monday, May 26th, 2014

8:00 AM Riverside Memorial (by GAR statue)

Welcome... Mel Volk - Legion Commander
Roll call... Mel Volk - Legion Commander
Prayer... Ruth Van Steenwyk - Chaplain
Rifle Salute... Legion Firing Squad
Taps... Jeanna Jerde

8:45 AM St Mary's Cemetery

Welcome... Chip Swanson - VFW post 17
Roll call... Chip Swanson - VFW post 17
Payer... Father Joe Holzhauser
Rifle Salute... Legion Firing Squad
Taps... Jeanna Jerde

9:15 AM Sacred Heart Cemetery

Welcome... Chip Swanson - VFW post 17
Roll call... Chip Swanson - VFW post 17
Payer... Father Shane Stevens
Rifle Salute... Legion Firing Squad
Taps... Jeanna Jerde

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM
Sunset Memorial Cemetery
Monday, May 26th, 2014 - 10:00 AM

WELCOME... Dale Strom
ADVANCE OF COLORS... Color Guard
STAR SPANGLED BANNER... Jeanna Jerde
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE... Girl Scouts
INVOCATION... Chaplain, Aberdeen DAV
GEN. LOGAN'S ORDER... Boy Scouts
GOLD STAR MOTHERS... Dale Strom
FORMER POWS... Dale Strom
SILENT PRAYER FOR ALL POW/MIA

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS
ADDRESS OF DAY... Gordon Richard
ROLL CALL... Dale Strom
RIFLE SALUTE... Legion Firing Squad
TAPS... Jeanna Jerde
BENEDICTION... Ruth VanSteenwyk
RETIRE COLORS... Color Guard

Roll Call

2014 Post Officers

- Commander... Mel Volk
1st Vice Commander... Earl Schultz
2nd Vice Commander... Dale Strom
Adjutant...
Finance... Rich Kezar
Americanism... Sam Olson
Chaplain... Ruth Van Steenwyck
Sargent at Arms... Larry Lightenburg
Asst Sgt at Arms... Sid Beckler
Children And Youth... Steve Nemmers
Athletics... Tom Perrizo
Employment... Gary Warne
Historian... Dale Strom
Service... Pat Steele
Attorney... Tom Tonner

Commander's Column

Fellow Legionnaires

Thank you for electing me as your post commander. I'll do my best, along with the other post officers, in representing Legion Post 24.



Let me introduce myself as a long time Aberdeen resident, a graduate of Aberdeen Central High School. I served three years

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 Second-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.

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Know your Legion Benefits

Want to send somebody flowers for Mothers Day? Call 1-800-356-9377 or visit www.1800flowers.com, and use Promotion Code "Legion" to receive 15% off your order.

Or, maybe you want to visit in person; Rent a car from Alamo, Avis, Budget, or National and get 25% off with your Legion Membership. (Or 15% from Hertz.)

TAPS

The following members transferred to Post Everlasting in Mar/Apr of 2014:

Warren C Grebner

Joseph A Schneider

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Upcoming Events

May 04 (Sunday) Bicycle Safety Day, 1pm-3pm Expo Building at Brown County Fairgrounds

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

May 21 Flagging of Graves - Meet at Riverside Memorial (south of Melgaard) at 6pm to help place American Flags at the markers for Veterans in Riverside.

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

May 26 (Monday) Memorial Day program (details on front page)

May 29 Retrieve flags placed at Riverside. Meet at Riverside Memorial at 6pm to help collect the flags placed the previous Wed

June 5 "Blue Cap Day" at American Legion Boys State on the campus of Northern State, stop out and see this great program in action.

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