



Commander's Column

Fellow Legionnaires,



Where did July and August go! Hope each of you had a good summer. The brown county fair was exceptional good food and entertainment.

We will be starting up Monster Burger Night again on Monday, September 8th. Come out and enjoy a burger! Better yet come and help set up and prepare the meal, show up at 1:00pm or 4:00pm we have jobs for you.

The District 4 convention will be in Doland, September 13th.

Reminder: Legion Post meetings are held inside the Eagle's building every 3rd Monday of the month at 8:00 p.m. I'm hoping you can find the time to attend.

Membership in the Legion is very essential for all former military personnel to maintain and improve benefits and services earned through serving our country.

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From the Adjutant

Fall is about here, the children are back at school. The fall District 4 meeting will be held at Doland on Sep 13th - social hour at 11:00am, noon lunch, and 1pm meeting - at the R-Bar restaurant, with the Auxiliary meeting at the Senior Center.



The baseball program for this year is over. The Jr Legion tournament was held in Aberdeen. Rapid City won the state A title and advanced to the regional. The Smitty's did well, but were defeated.

Monster Burgers will start up again on the 8th of Sept, hopefully the team of workers are all ready to go. There will be a Turkey Shoot in Oct, and the Early Bird membership feed will be Nov 10th (no

monster burgers that night).

Several members of the post are currently at the National Convention.

We still need more volunteers, especially for funeral details/color guards.

Gypsy Day will be October, and the football season is starting.

Please get your memberships renewed, and give credit to a Go-Getter. We need to get more members to reach our goal for 2015, which was set at 671.

Also, try to keep up with local and national events for the upcoming elections in November. Get out and Vote!

Thanks for the support of the veterans and the local clubs.

Larry Nupen
Post Adjutant

Fall Turkey Shoot

The Post Charity Night (commonly known as a "Turkey Shoot") will be Friday, October 10th starting at 7pm and will be held at the Eagles Club in Aberdeen.

If you are free and can volunteer that evening, we can always use extra help. Or, if you'd rather, please drop by and play the games.

Whether you play Show Down, Chuck-O-Luck, the Horse Races, the Turkey Wheel, or any of the other games, it's always a fun night with plenty of chances to win food prizes, and the proceeds go to support American Legion programs.

Early Bird Membership Supper

Monday, the 10th of November will be the annual Early Bird Feed, a free supper to all members of Sidney L Smith post who have paid their 2015 by the start of the meal. If you haven't gotten your 2015 Membership in by the 10th, Go-Getters will be there to get you signed up the night of the meal.

The oyster stew is always good, or there are other options if you prefer to try something else.

Roll Call
2014 Post Officers
Commander Mel Volk
1st Vice Commander Earl Schultz
2nd Vice Commander Dale Strom
Adjutant Larry Nupen
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

2015 American Legion Oratorical Scholarship Contestants Sought

Know a high school student who enjoys public speaking and is looking for extra help with future college tuition? Sign them up for the American Legion Oratorical contest! Contestants can win \$1,500 scholarships at the Department level, and have the chance to win additional scholarships at National for up to \$18,000.

While the Post, District, and Department contests are all still months away, NOW is the time for students go get their speeches written and rehearsed.

If they are students in Aberdeen, contact the Post Americanism office for details, if they attend school elsewhere, get in touch with the local post and ask if they participate in the program.

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)

Know your Legion Benefits

Need a computer for Back to School (or just looking for one yourself)? Your American Legion membership entitles you to special discounts and offers from both Apple (877-377-6362) and Dell (866-456-0827 use discount code DS35524183).

Call the phone numbers provided and mention that you are a member of The American Legion.

TAPS

The following members transferred to Post Everlasting:

Arther Rau

Charles "Chuck" Sudlow

Dr. John Vidoloff

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Upcoming Events

Sept 8th (Monday) - Monster Burgers return! 5pm-7pm in the ball room of the Eagles Club

Sept 13th (Saturday) - District 4 Fall Meeting, 11am at the R-Bar in Doland, SD

Sept 15th (Monday) - Post meeting, 8pm in Room A of the Eagles Club

Oct 4th (Saturday) - Gypsy Day parade in Aberdeen. 8am on Main Street.

Oct 6th (Monday) - Executive Committee meeting, 8pm in the Legion Office (Eagles Club)

Oct 10th (Friday) - **Turkey Shoot/Charity Night** - post fund raiser. 7pm in the ball room of the Eagles Club.

Oct 20th (Monday) - Post meeting, 8pm in Room A of the Eagles Club

Nov 10th (Monday) - Early Bird membership supper 6pm at the Eagles Club