



Commander's Column

Fellow Legionnaires, Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out with all the activities we participated in these past 3 months; your dedication and hard work was greatly appreciated!



We are looking forward to resuming monster burgers on Monday September 12th at the Eagles Club serving between 5 and 7 p.m. We do need more volunteers to help with this event. Even if you're unable to volunteer, we encourage you to come and enjoy a burger; bring a friend.

We are selling football pool books. The cost is \$25 per book. Pay out \$40 each week to the winner and \$200 for the Super Bowl. Check with members of the legion football committee for your book or call me at 380-0725 and we'll get a book out to you. Over 16 chances to WIN! Only a100 books available!

Remember: Legion Post meetings held inside the Eagles building every third Monday of the month at 8 p.m. I'm hoping you will 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.

Mel Volk
Commander
Sidney L. Smith Post #24
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From the Adjutant

Post 24 is looking ahead to increasing our membership - hopefully each of you will help in that cause. Without membership what do we have? We have staff working hard in DC, and also in Pierre, on veteran issues. We need the numbers and of course money to promote resolutions to the needs of veterans. By paying your dues each year and encouraging other veterans to join we can be successful.



A new perk for members came out as I type this article. Best Western announced discounts for military and veterans by

showing your American Legion card. Visit BWmilitary.com.

Be sure to stop by Legion booth at the Brown Co. Fair! We will have a spot this year which will be shared by other Legion post in the area. Good chance to ask questions and get acquainted with the American Legion.

Stay cool and see you all down the road
Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

Membership

The dues for Sidney L Smith Post 24 in Aberdeen are \$40 per year. The membership year follows the calendar, begins on Jan 1 and continues through Dec 31. If you plan to pay your dues before the Early Bird



feed in November please send your dues to American Legion Post 24, P.O. Box 2052, Aberdeen, SD 57402-2052. It is my hope that we can have all dues collected for the current members by the end of November, freeing up time for finding new members for the post.

Speaking of new members, if you know of someone and would like me to contact them, let me know. We are also doing a few new things to get out in front of people who may not see us elsewhere, a booth at the Brown County Fair and the Chili Cook-off, also at the fair.

We have another tool members can use to keep contact information up to date, www.mylegion.org. You can check your membership status, and if needed, update your contact information. If you are a web user, please consider registering on this site as it will help us to manage everyone's contact information.

One last thing, the National organization traditionally begins an automated campaign of sending dues notices for the upcoming membership year in July, which means you may soon (or already have) receive a dues notice for the 2017 membership year from National. They may be a few weeks behind for those who have recently paid your 2017 dues.

Steve Nemmers
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Roll Call
2016 Post Officers
Commander Mel Volk
1st Vice Commander Steve Nemmers
2nd Vice Commander Dale Strom
Adjutant Gary Warne
Finance Rich Kezar
Americanism Sam Olson
Chaplain Ruth Van Steenwyck
Sergeant at Arms Larry Lightenburg
Asst Sgt at Arms Sid Beckler
Children And Youth Mike Jurgens
Athletics Tom Perrizo
Employment Gary Warne
Historian Dale Strom
Service Pat Steele
Legal Officer Tom Tonner

Chili Cook Off

The post is joining forces with the Knights of Columbus and the Aberdeen Optimists Club to host the SD State Chili Cook Off, which will be held at Centennial Villiage (on the Brown County Fair Grounds) on Saturday, August 20th.

This should be both a good PR opportunity for us, and an extra fund raiser, but we do need members who are willing to volunteer to help out. Contact one of the post officers if you are willing to spend a few hours that day.

Booth at the fair

District 4 is having an American Legion booth at the Brown County fair, located near the fair office in the east hallway of the Odde Ice Arena. The booth is mostly geared to explaining the Legion to people who are not familiar with us, but we certainly welcome current members dropping by to chat too.

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)

THE AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please check applicable "Dates of Service" and "Branch of Service":

| DATES OF SERVICE | BRANCH OF SERVICE |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> AUG. 2, 1990 – OPEN | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. ARMY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DEC. 20, 1989 – JAN. 31, 1990 | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. NAVY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUG. 24, 1982 – JUL. 31, 1984 | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. AIR FORCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FEB. 28, 1961 – MAY 7, 1975 | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. MARINES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE 25, 1950 – JAN. 31, 1955 | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. COAST GUARD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DEC. 7, 1941 – DEC. 31, 1946 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> APR. 6, 1917 – NOV. 11, 1918 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. MERCHANT MARINE — DEC. 7, 1941 – DEC. 31, 1946 | |

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

BIRTH DATE

SIGNATURE

If you want to renew your dues for 2017, please fill out the above form and return it with your check for \$40 to The American Legion, PO Box 2052, Aberdeen, SD.

TAPS

The following members transferred to Post Everlasting:

Wayne D Grunendike

Joe C Palmer

Leo C Rystrom

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Aberdeen, SD 57402-2052

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Upcoming Events:

July 18th (Monday) - Post meeting, 8pm in Room A of the Eagles Club.

Aug 1st (Monday) - Executive committee meeting, 8pm in the Legion Office

Aug 6th (Saturday) - Department Commander's Homecoming in Iroquois, SD

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

Aug 16-20 (Tue-Sat) Legion Booth at the Brown County Fair

Aug 20th (Saturday) - SD state Chili Cook Off, Centennial Village 7:00am to 3:30pm

Sept 5th (Monday) - Labor Day

Sept 10th (Saturday) - Legion riders POW/MIA ride, registration at 11:00am at Wylie park, ride starts at noon.