



Commander's Column

Fellow Legionnaires, Volunteers are the backbone of our legion and we can not fulfill our mission without each volunteer's commitment to serve.



So I want to thank Gordon Campbell for 25 years and Chuck Webster for 12 years of serving on our Legion honor guard and color guard. They will be surely missed.

Charity Night/Turkey Shoot was a success. I'd like to thank Dale Strom, chairman of the event, and his many volunteers for their outstanding effort in making this event a fund-raising success.

Military/Veterans Dinner - There will be a free dinner to honor military/veterans and their families at the First United Methodist Church, 502 Lincoln St., on Sunday, November 6th at 12:30 p.m. Please RSVP by calling the church office at 225-5680 by Nov. 2nd in order to give a count of how many veterans and family members will be served.

Ringing bells for the Salvation Army will be November 19th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please call me at 380-0725 to set up a 2-hour time slot for which you would like to volunteer.

Veterans Support Group - Pastor John Hisel, a veteran of the Vietnam War, is holding a Veterans Support Group meeting every 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in Room 205 at the First United Methodist Church, 502 S. Lincoln St., Aberdeen, SD. All veterans of all ages are welcome.

Monster Burger Night is on Monday nights 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Come out and enjoy a burger! We are still looking for help to set up and prepare the meal; show up at 1:00 pm or 4:00 pm as we have jobs for you.

Volunteers are still needed for the Honor Guard so we can have a full squad present at our fellow veterans' memorial services. We have uniforms available. We just need an hour of your time for a fellow veteran, to give her or him the military honors they deserve for their service. Please contact me at 380-0725.

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From the Adjutant

Soon you will be asked to chose new leaders in the local and national levels. Be sure to register and vote. Quiz the candidates about veterans issues and make your choice. The American Legion encourages you to support those who support veteran issues.



Veterans Day is coming soon thus the early bird feed is Nov. 10th. We appreciate members who are paid up prior but thankful for all who pays their 2017 dues. You can pay at the door but much easier to have your card in advance.

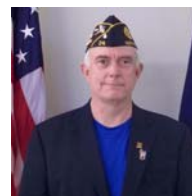
I have been notified Government Days for High School students in Brown Co. had to be cancelled this year due to lack of students. Apparently schools felt Tuesday Oct. 25th was too close to football playoffs. Those students who missed out on learning about County Govt will need to either attend next year or learn on their own. I cannot ever remember a year this has happened and hopefully never again. I attended such in 1964 at DeSmet, SD. Please encourage students to learn about their county government!

We are praying for our Finance Officer Rich Kezar to get well!

Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

Membership

Time is flying this year, by the time this reaches you the Early Bird dinner will be just a few days off, as is our tradition, on the evening before Veterans Day. The meal begins at 6:00 pm on Nov 10, with the social hour beginning at 5:00 pm. Come early to socialize with other members, and to pay your dues if you have not yet done so. To all those who have paid their dues, or will before the Early Bird dinner, thank you. Turning your dues in early saves a great deal of time on effort that is otherwise spent getting those last few people.



A few words about dues and membership. The post has 369 memberships paid for 2017 so far, this does include the PUFLs, leaving 211 to reach this year's goal of 570 members. We finished the 2016 membership year with 532 members, so adding 38 more would seem to be achievable. This does not take into

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 Ligtenberg
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

account those who have passed away or dropped from our rolls. If you know someone either ask them or send me their contact info so I can ask them.

By now the second dues notice from National should have been sent out, so you may have seen that in your mailbox. Our post dues are \$40 per year, with our membership year being Jan 1 to Dec 31, and the dues are collected ahead of the membership year. If you are interested in being a paid up for life member, let me know.

The American Legion Auxiliary is looking for people interested in joining their group. If you are a wife, daughter, granddaughter or great granddaughter of a Legion member (or deceased Veteran) you are eligible. Contact Jacki Omland at 605-228-1827. Dues are \$20 per year, \$5 per year for junior members

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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)

Politics and The American Legion

While neither the post nor it's officers have any intention of telling you HOW to vote, we would like stress how important it is that you DO vote. Voting is one of the key rights, and also one of the big responsibilities, of living in a free republic, so please participate responsibly.

Know the candidates and the issues that will be on the ballot in a few days. South Dakota has **fifteen (15)** non-candidate questions to consider this year, between Constitutional Amendments, Initiated Measures, and Referred Laws - one of which is 80 pages of legalese.

Pundits will try to reduce this complexity down to 15 second sound bytes on TV and radio adds, but please try to read a summary of both sides' arguments, at your own pace, before the election.

You can pick up a sample ballot from the courthouse, or see the Secretary of State's website:

<https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/assets/2016%20BQ%20PamphletCover.pdf>

(Or sdsos.gov, then click on "Elections & Voting", then "Ballot Question Info Packet")

TAPS

The following members transferred to Post Everlasting:

Roland Benson

Robert Harold Fulker

Paul A. Heinz

Chuck Ingerson

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Upcoming Events:

Nov 7th (Monday) - Executive committee meeting, 8pm in Legion office at the Eagles Club.

Nov 10th (Thursday) - **Early Bird** Membership dinner, 6pm in the Ballroom at the Eagles (social hour starts at 5pm).

Nov 11th (Friday) - Veteran's Day Program, 10:00am at Aberdeen Central HS gymnasium.

Nov 21st (Monday) - Post meeting, 8pm in Room A

of the Eagles Club.

Dec 5th (Monday) - Executive committee meeting, 8pm in Legion office at the Eagles Club.

Dec 7th (Wednesday) - Pearl Harbor Day

Dec 19th (Monday) - Post meeting, 8pm in Room A of the Eagles Club.