



Commander's Column

Fellow Legionnaires,
Wishing all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Monster burgers is big part of the money we use to support the Legion programs. We are looking for additional volunteers on Mondays anytime between 1:00 - 8:00 pm to help with set up, cooking, serving and clean up.

I want to thank all the Legionnaires who signed up to ring bells at Running's for the Salvation Army.

The Aberdeen Legion Post 24 Oratorical Contest was December 13th, and the winner was Margaret Fouberg. She will go on to compete in the district competition in Redfield.

Volunteers are still needed for the Honor Guard. We need to have a full squad present at our fellow veterans' memorial services.

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.

Reminder: Legion Post meetings are held inside the Eagle's building every 3rd Monday of the month at 8:00 p.m.

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
Post Commander
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From the Adjutant

First of all I want to wish everyone a blessed Christmas and Happy 2017. Secondly I want to thank each of you who have paid 2017 membership dues.



My phone # is: 225-1647 and my email is: warne_gary@hotmail.com. I, or any of our membership workers, would be happy to come by if you ask.

Additionally Post 24 is mourning the loss of Rich Kezar who recently passed away. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

Membership

Since this newsletter will likely be reaching you after Jan 1, if you have not paid your 2017 dues by Dec 31, your membership has expired.



Please send your membership dues in. The membership dues are \$40 for the year, the membership year is the same as the calendar year, Jan 1 to Dec 31.

The Posts address is PO Box 2052, Aberdeen, SD 57402-2052.

The target membership goal for the post this year is 570. As of this evening (Dec 12), 468 members have paid their 2017 dues, leaving the post 102 members short of the goal and at about 82% of the target.

Thanks

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 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

The American Legion Oratorical Scholarship Program - Post Winner

Post 24 congratulates Margaret Fouberg, a Junior at Aberdeen Central, for being this year's winner of the Oratorical Contest at the post level.

Boys State

Registration will soon be opening for the 75th session of SD American Legion Boys State, and for SD American Legion Auxiliary Girls State.

Registration for Boys State will be on-line: http://www.southdakotaboysstate.com/.

Registration for Girls State will be through the Auxiliary, and the HS councilors office will have the information for how to apply.

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)

Past Commanders Memorial Night

The February meeting of the Post will, as is traditional, be preempted for the Past Commander's Memorial - a night when the living past commanders of the Post gather together to pay tribute to our comrades who have transferred to Post Everlasting - all post members who passed away in the last year, and all of the past commanders of Post 24.

The memorial is open to the public, and we encourage members, and family of members who passed in the last year, to attend.

Post Elections coming up in April

The election of post officers for the 2017-2018 year will be held at the end of the post's regular meeting on April 17th, with a report from the nominations committee being read at the March meeting. While nominations can always come off the floor at the time of the election, if you are interesting in taking on a leadership role in the Post, we encourage you to contact an current officer now, to get your name to the nominations committee so they know you are interested.

TAPS

The following members transferred to Post Everlasting:

Jack J. Barr
Lawrence Reinbold
Lawrence Wolff
Arnold R. Goldade
Richard L. Kezar
Albert Kuebler
Elton M. Herman

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Upcoming Events:

Dec 26th (Monday) - NO MONSTER BURGERS

Jan 2nd (Monday) - Executive committee meeting,
8pm in Legion office at the Eagles Club.

Jan 16th (Monday) - Post meeting, 8pm in Room A
of the Eagles Club.

Jan 21st (Saturday) - District Oratory Contest, 2pm
at the Redfield Middle School.

Feb 6th (Monday) - Executive committee meeting,
8pm in Legion office at the Eagles Club.

Feb10th-Feb 12th (Fri-Sun) - Midwinter Conferences
in Oacoma (Cedar Shores Hotel)

Feb 12th (Sun) - Department Oratorical contest,
10am at Cedar Shores convention center.

Feb 20th (Monday) - Past Commanders Night and
Memorial, 8pm in the Ballroom of the Eagles
club - NO MEETING THAT NIGHT.

Apr 17th (Monday) - Post election of officers for
2017 (during the regular post meeting)