



Commander's Column

Fellow Legionnaires,
Election of officers for our post will be held at the April 17th meeting. Please come and show your support by running for an office or voting for the person(s) you want to lead your Legion post.



Margaret (Maggie) Fouberg represented Aberdeen Post plus District Four, in the State Oratorical Contest. She placed 3rd, congratulations, Maggie.

We have Honor Guard spots open which need to be filled so we can have a full squad at our fellow veterans' memorial services. We have uniforms available. Please volunteer an hour of your time for a fellow veteran in order to give her or him the military honors they deserve for their service to our country. Call me at 380-0725.

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 on Mondays. 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.

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

Greetings fellow Legionnaires. Welcoming spring is on my mind.



I want to update you on one item that the Legion is focusing on - denial of GI School benefits to certain US Army reservist. There are cases where the member was hospitalized due to serious medical conditions while serving overseas and had to be transferred to Germany and stateside. Those members lost time, the VA says, and would not allow them time served for their GI Education rights. Totally wrong, and Legion is on Capitol hill working to get this changed!

The American Legion is a strong voice for wrongs within the VA system but we need more members to be a stronger voice. I beg each of you to pay your dues if you have not. You have earned your Veteran's rights, but it can disappear if we do not step forward!

See you at the next meeting - every 3rd Monday at 8pm - Eagles.

Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

2017 Membership

If you do not have a 2017 membership card, and have not yet paid your 2017 dues, your membership in The American Legion has expired.

Post Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

On Friday, March 31st, the Post will hold our annual appreciation dinner for those who have volunteered at post activities throughout the year. RSVP letters should be going out next week - if you have volunteered in the last year and do not receive a letter by March 7th, please contact the post.

2017 Post Membership

Current Membership: 509
Post's 2017 Goal: 570

Roll Call
2017 Post Officers

To be determined:

Elections will be held at the regular April Meeting (4-17-17) for the following offices:

Commander	1 st Vice Cmndr
2 nd Vice Cmndr	Finance
Chaplain	Employment
Sargent at Arms	Assist. sgt@arm
Historian	Service
Legal	Americanism
Children & Youth	Athletics

Post Executive Committee (3 year term)
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Appointments will also be made for:

Adjutant	Public Relations
Recording Secretary	

If you have an interest in throwing your hat into the ring for any of these spots, please let a current officer know, and plan to be at the April Meeting for the election.

Teddy Bear Ride

The American Legion Riders will be doing a "Teddy Bear Ride" on Saturday, June 10th. Registration will open at noon at Wylie Park (parking lot by the beach), and the cost to go on the ride is \$5 plus "one stuffed animal" (8 inch to 30 inch). **The ride will end at Sanford Hospital in Aberdeen, and all stuffed animals that were collected will be taken in and donated to the Children's Ward.**

The ride is open to all (street legal) vehicles and drivers who wish to participate. It will leave Wylie at 1:00pm and should arrive at Sanford Hospital around 6:00pm.

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 Commander's memorial night
 On Monday, Feb 20th, 2017, past commanders of Sidney L Smith post #24 gather with special guests, and the families of some of our recently deceased comrades, for the 61st consecutive annual memorial service to honor the post's past commanders, as well as members who transferred to Post Everlasting in 2016.

Pictured above, Post Commander Volk presenting the flag set that was used at the 2017 memorial to Department Commander Dunham, at the conclusion of the Past Commanders Memorial.

TAPS

The following members transferred to
 Post Everlasting:

Dr. Donald J. Carrels

Vernon "Bunny" Bunsness

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Upcoming Events:

Mar 6th (Monday) - Executive committee meeting. 8pm in the Legion Office
 Mar 20th (Monday) - Post meeting, 8pm in Room A of the Eagles Club.
 Mar 25th (Saturday) - District 4 Meeting in Redfield. 11am social, noon lunch, 1pm meeting @ post home.
 Mar 31st (Friday) - Worker Appreciation Dinner, 6pm in the Ball Room of the Eagles Club.
 Apr 3rd (Monday) - Executive committee meeting. 8pm in the Legion Office
 Apr 17th (Monday) - Post meeting, 8pm in Room A of the Eagles Club. **Election of 2017 officers**

May 1st (Monday) - Executive committee meeting. 8pm in the Legion Office
 May 15th (Monday) - Post meeting, 8pm in Room A of the Eagles Club.
 May 19th & 20th (Sat/Sun) - Horse racing opening weekend. (Concert Saturday night)
 May 27th (Saturday) - Running for Veteran's 5k run/walk at Wylie Lake. 7am
 May 29th (Monday) - **Memorial Day**, programs start at 8am, main program at 10am.
 May 27-29 (Sat-Mon) - Horse racing