



Commander's Column

Fellow Legionnaires, thank you for your support.

First of all we need your help. We have a 5K run, Horse Racing, Bicycle Safety day, Baseball, and Honor/Color Guard all coming up in May. So get a hold of myself (605/290-6932), Adjutant Gary Warne, activities Chair Dale Strom, or past commander Mel Volk to let us know where you can help.



Tom Perrizo
Commander
Sidney L. Smith Post #24

Post election of officers

Congratulations to Tom Perrizo for being elected the 2017 commander of Sydney L Smith, Post #24. Tom, along with the rest of the officers listed under Roll Call in the next column, was elected during the April 17th regular meeting of the post, and will serve until the April 2018 meeting.

Aberdeen Area Veterans, Inc

The organizational committee for Aberdeen Area Veterans, a collaboration with the Aberdeen DAV, Marine Corps League, VFW, and 40et8, has finished it's work and submitted articles of incorporation to the SD Secretary of State to create a new legal entity: Aberdeen Area Veterans, Inc.

This organization will exist to provide support, and (eventually) a home for all veterans organizations in Aberdeen, and will be run by a board of directors made up of three representatives from each organization.

Directors to represent the Sidney L Smith post will be chosen at the May meeting. The initial election will be for 1 three year term, 1 two year term, and 1 one year term, then one new director will be elected to a three year term each year as the term of an existing director expires.

The board of directors for Aberdeen Area Veterans, Inc will take the lead in organizing fund raising, planning, purchasing, and running a joint-use facility in Aberdeen, so if you have an interest in securing the future of veteran's organizations, including The American Legion, in Aberdeen, this is your chance to take on a key role to help make that vision come true.

7th annual Running for Veterans

The Running for Veterans 5k run/walk event will be held Saturday, May 27th, at Wylie Park. Registration opens at 7:00am, with the runners and walkers starting at 8:00.

Registration forms are available on the post's website (Aberdeenlegion.org) for anybody who wishes to participate in the event, and volunteers are always welcome if you wanted to help out but are not interested in running or walking the course.

Net proceeds from the event, which is being sponsored this year by Premier

Roll Call
2017 Post Officers
Commander Tom Perrizo
1st Vice Commander Pat Steele
2nd Vice Commander Dale Strom
Adjutant Gary Warne
Finance Mel Volk
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
Recording Secretary Lloyd Just

Bookkeeping and Tax of Aberdeen, will be used for emergency veterans relief grants in Aberdeen.

Memorial Day Schedule

Short programs (Prayer, Roll Call, Taps, and Riffle Salute):

- 8:00am Riverside Memorial
8:45am St Mary's Cemetery
9:15am Sacred Heart Cemetery

Main Program (Prayer, Laying of Wreaths, Speaker, Roll Call, Taps, and Salute):

- 10:00am Sunset Memorial

2017 Post Membership

Current Membership: 520
Post's 2017 Goal: 570

From the Adjutant

Greetings fellow Legionnaires.

Lora from the Dacotah Prairie Museum has contacted us concerning setting up a display of Viet Nam Artifacts, as Public Broadcasting will be airing a segment on the war later this year. If you have 3-D or 2-D artifacts or photo's in a case, wall hanging artifacts and or combat uniforms please contact Lora Schaunaman. She can be reached at 626-7117 or stop in during their business hours. This is a good time to reflect back and educate others about the war.



Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

If you are still pondering about paying American Legion dues for 2017 it is not too late. Remember if we lose you - we all lose. The American Legion represents us in Congress as well as in Pierre. Our power to push for Veteran Rights depends on a large membership! Please join or renew! thanks.

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)



Duane Riedel (left) received his 50 year membership certificate from commander Volk (center) and adjutant Warn (right) during the March meeting. Duane was one of several Legionaries to be recognized for 50 or 60 years of continuous membership.

TAPS
 The following members transferred to
 Post Everlasting:

Claude L. Marzenell Jr.

Arthur F. Lanham

Harvey Warnner

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Upcoming Events:

- 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 Sat night in the club house)
- May 24th (Wed) - Flagging veteran's graves, 6:00pm at Riverside Memorial
- May 27th (Saturday) - Running for Veteran's 5k run/walk at Wylie Lake. 7am
- May 27-May 29 - Horse Races at Brown County Speedway.
- May 27th (Saturday) - Williams and Ree (post volunteers selling beer concessions) at the Expo

- Building.
- May 29th (Monday) - **Memorial Day**, programs start at 8am, main program at 10am.
- May 31st (Wed) - Recover flags from veteran's graves, 6:00pm Riverside Memorial.
- June 5th (Monday) - Executive committee meeting. 8pm in the Legion Office
- June 10th (Saturday) - Legion Riders "Teddy Bear Ride", noon at Wylie Park.
- June 15-June 18 - Department Convention in Watertown.
- June 19th (Monday) - Post Meeting, 8pm in Room A of the Eagles Club.