



Commander's Column

Fellow Legionnaires, I hope everybody had a great summer and a great 4th of July. Now its time to get back to work, we have many things to do, and will need help with getting them done.



Monster Burgers start again shortly, we have our annual Turkey Shoot coming up, the Early Bird membership dinner, and we always need volunteers for the honor guard funeral details.

If you are willing to help, give Mel Volk a call at 380-0725 (or email him - mgvolk1948@yahoo.com).

We also need everybody to help with membership as this the backbone of the organization, without it we don't survive and provide the programs and services we are known for. Go out and ask your friends, neighbors, and co-workers if they are eligible, and get them signed up. You don't need a membership form, just get their name, address, and phone number, and turn that in along with their dues - we can take care of the paperwork.

Hope you have a great day, and a great fall.

Tom Perrizo
Commander
Sidney L. Smith Post #24

From the Adjutant

Greetings once again.

I certainly hope each of you have enjoyed the summer. Fall is right around the corner.



I want to encourage each member to make note of a benefit of paying your American Legion Dues and that is your free Accidental Death Insurance Benefit. The no-cost benefit pays \$1,000.00 (\$5,000 if on Legion business) to heirs if your death is accidental, but you must be enrolled in the program to claim it. If you have not signed up after 8-31-2016 please contact Legionnaire Ins. Trust (LIT) at either 1-800-235-6943 or go on-line at TheLIT.com/LegionCare2. Do this today! Also LIT has other many types of insurance available.

This one is free provided you have paid your 2017 or 2018 membership dues and

certified with LIT. Many of you have not done so!

Dues are \$40.00 and I will look forward to processing your dues.

Hope your summer is going great and pray for more rain!

Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

Chili Cookoff a Success

The SD State Chili Cookoff, which the post co-hosts with the Aberdeen Knights of Columbus and Optimists Club, had 12 teams registered and 39 total entries between the Chili, Verde, Salsa, and Cowboy categories.

This is the posts second year co-hosting the event, and it should continue to be an important activity for us in the coming years.

District 4 Fall Meeting

The fall District Meeting will be held

September 24th (Sunday) in Brentford. There will be a 4pm social, and 5pm joint meal at the Legion Building. The meeting will start at 6pm, with the Legion staying in the Legion Hall and the auxiliary meeting at the UCC church.

POW/MIA Awareness Ride (drive)

The American Legion Riders are hosting their 6th annual POW/MIA ride on Saturday, Sept 16th. The ride (or drive) is 200 miles overall, and includes lunch at the Veblen American Legion.

Registration opens 10:00am at Wylie Park, with the ride starting at 11:00 and lunch at 1:30. There will also be a short POW/MIA presentation before the lunch, and the ride will stop at the veteran's memorial near Eden.

The ride is open to all street legal vehicles and drivers.

Membership Dinner

The annual "Early Bird" dinner, for post members who have paid their membership dues for the next year prior to Veteran's Day, will be Friday, Nov 10th at the Post Home in the Eagles Club. Doors open at 5pm and you can pay your dues then if you haven't done so yet. The chow line will open at 6pm.

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

VA Flu Shot Clinics

Sioux Falls (in Primary Care on 2nd floor):

- 9/29/17 Friday 8 AM-4 PM
10/5/17 Thursday 8 AM-3:30 PM
10/13/17 Friday 8 AM-4 PM
10/18/17 Wednesday 9 AM-12 PM & 1230 PM-4 PM
10/25/17 Wednesday 10 AM-2 PM
11/1/17 Wednesday 8 AM-4 PM
11/15/17 Wednesday 8 AM-4 PM
11/30/17 Thursday 8 AM-4 PM
12/14/17 Thursday 8 AM-12 PM

Aberdeen CBOC:

- 10/18/17 Wed 9 AM-3 PM
10/24/17 Tuesday 9 AM-3 PM

Watertown CBOC:

- 9-29-17 Friday 8:30 AM-4 PM
10-13-17 Friday 8:30 AM-4 PM
10-27-17 Friday 8:30 AM-4 PM

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)

Turkey Shoot - Friday, Oct 20th

The post's annual fundraiser, held the day before the pheasant opener, is coming up fast. Volunteers are always needed, and we count on our members to help spread word of the event to generate a crowd for the night.

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The following members transferred to
Post Everlasting:

Henry J. Nikolas

Thomas Francis Guhin

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Upcoming Events:

Sept 4th (Monday) - Labor Day - no Exec meeting.

Sept 11th (Monday) - **Monster Burgers** Return,
5:00pm to 7:00pm every non-holiday Monday.

Sept 16th (Saturday) - Legion riders POW/MIA ride,
registration 10:00am at Wylie park, ride at 11

Sept 18th (Monday) - Flag Disposal ceremony, 4pm
at Northern State University.

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

Sept 24th (Sunday) - District 4 meeting (see pg1)

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

Oct 16th (Monday) - Post meeting, 8pm in Room A

of the Eagles Club.

Oct 20th (Friday) - **American Legion Turkey
Shoot**, 7pm to 10pm in the Ballroom at the
Eagles Club.

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

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

Nov 20th (Monday) - Post meeting, 8pm in Room A
of the Eagles Club.