



Commander's Column

Fellow Legionnaires, First of all, I want to thank all the members that helped out with our Turkey Shoot on Oct 20th.



With Veterans Day coming up I wish to thank all of those who have served over the years, and those who will serve in the future. We all owe you our gratitude for your service.

We still need help with membership. This is the most important thing for The American Legion. Our lobbyists being able to stand up in Pierre and say that they represent over 25,000 South Dakotans gives more weight to their testimony on behalf of veterans's issues than saying they represent less than 20,000. The same is true on a national level, where representing 2 1/2 Million Veterans gets more attention than if the number was under 1 million. Each new member who joins, adds to our ability to fight for veteran's rights and provide programs on the national, state, and local levels.

I hope all of you have read the Aberdeen News on Oct 19th, to see some of what we are doing for or Veterans.

If you do not know, the Smitty's ended up taking 4th place in the state Legion Baseball tournament, which was held this August.

I wish you all a Happy Holidays, and I hope to see you at the next meeting.

Tom Perrizo
Commander
Sidney L. Smith Post #24

Jones made famous "Who going to fill those shoes"? If you know the rest of the words I really wonder who is going fill each of the shoes of those involved in Sidney L. Smith Post and all levels of your great organization. Please do not wait for the other person to step forward. Come and learn what we do in the community, state, and nation. You will be impressed if you are not already.

The State Headquarters in Watertown has a website where you can learn on-line all of the in's and out's of the American Legion. Check it out.

With Veterans Day coming up on Nov. 11th please pay the dues and bring a fellow Veteran friend to the membership supper - Eagles on Nov. 10th starting 5:00 (social hour).

Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

Roll Call 2017 Post Officers table listing officers and their names: 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.



2017 Turkey Shoot a Success

45 volunteer and 500 pounds of frozen turkey (along with steaks, bacon, sausage, beef sticks, candy bars, and 160 wheels of cheese) later, the 2017 Turkey Shoot is in the books and was one of the more successful ones held in recent years.

Every game ran out of prizes right around the 9:30 target time, and the crowd was large, lively, and engaged all night.

Thanks to all of our volunteers, post members and otherwise, who helped make this event work.

Thanks also to JGE equipment rentals who again donated the use of a trailer to haul the prizes to the turkey shoot, and to Kessler's Meat department for their help and support with the prizes.

From the Adjutant

Greetings fellow Legionnaires.

Time sure flies when we work so hard at our projects especially this time of the year.



I want to thank everyone who worked so hard for Post 24's many projects ranging from Govt. Days at the Brown Co. Courthouse, Turkey Shoot, Funeral duty, and Monster burgers. We have a team that works hard to get duties done so well. But that brings up another question. Remember the song that George

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)

“Early Bird” Membership Dinner



The early bird gets the oyster stew...

Nov 10th is the post’s annual “early bird dinner”, a free meal for anybody who has paid their next year’s (2018) membership dues by the time the meal opens. The adjutant and membership chair will take your dues at the door, if you want to pay that night, or you can send them in as long as they are received by the 10th.

The meal starts at 6:00, with a cash bar social hour preceding it. You must have your paid membership card (for the Aberdeen Legion, 2018 membership year) when you go through the line, or get a temporary card from the Adjutant when you arrive.

The event will be held in the Ballroom of the Eagle Club, 316 S 2nd Street, Aberdeen.

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The following members transferred to
Post Everlasting:

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Upcoming Events:

Midnight Nov 4th/5th - Daylight Savings Time ends, set your clocks back an hour.

Nov 6th (Monday) - Executive committee meeting.
8pm in the Legion Office.

Nov 10th (Friday) - Early Bird membership dinner
(see above)

Nov 11th (Saturday) - Veterans Day

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

Nov 23rd (Thursday) - Thanksgiving

Dec 4th (Monday) - Executive committee meeting.

8pm in the Legion Office.

Dec 7th (Thursday) - Anniversary of Pearl Harbor

Dec 10th (Sunday) - High School Oratorical Contest
(post level) 5pm in the Ballroom at the Eagles
Club

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

Dec 25th (Monday) - Christmas Day (NO
MONSTER BURGERS)

Jan 1st (Monday) - New Years Day (NO MONSTER
BURGERS)