



Commander's Column

Fellow Legionnaires,
First of all I want to thank you for electing me as your commander for another year.



We are getting to a very busy part of the year with the 5K run, Horse Racing, and Memorial Day all this month. We can use your help. If you wish to help, get hold of myself or Gary Warne.

Remember Memorial Day where we honor our heros and our departed military family members.

We still need membership to reach 100%, if you haven't paid your 2018 dues yet, please do so now.

We hope all of you have a great summer. Don't forget to get out and VOTE!

Tom Perrizo
Commander
Sidney L. Smith Post #24

From the Adjutant

We are looking forward to the spring and summer Legion activities such as working the Horse Races in May. Also the 5K walk and Run is coming up as well on Sat. May 26th. The horses will run the last two week ends of May but not on Memorial Day. Memorial Day program is about ready so stay tuned for more information. This means we will need to recruit workers for each event plus flagging of the veteran graves (May23) and picking (May30) of flags at Riverside, at 6PM each date.



Also the DAV is seeking volunteer drivers for the DAV Van to transport Veterans to the Sioux Falls VA. Please contact Ben Kitto a DAV rep. for additional details. His telephone number is: 605 216-1226. Also Mr. Kitto is the contact if you need a ride to the Sioux Falls VA for a schedule appointment.

The American Legion supported bills in Pierre fared reasonably well this year. I do not have room to write on each one but the most notable bill passed was the establishment of a East River Veteran Cemetery. The SD Community Foundation is now accepting donations for maintenance funds for operation needs.

You can send donations to: PO Box 296, Attn: State Vets Cemetery Fund, Pierre, SD 57501.

Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

Running for Veterans

The 8th Annual Running for Veterans 5K run/walk event will be held on Saturday, May 26th at Wylie Park. Event is open to runners and walkers of all ages, and the flag drops at 8:00am.

Registration opens at 7:00am that day, or you can pre-register by printing/returning the form found on the post's webpage:

www.Aberdeenlegion.org

Horse Races

Horse racing returns to Aberdeen for four days this year; May 19, 20, 26, & 27.

Post 24 will again be manning the beer concessions, and selling split pot tickets, at the event. This remains one of our bigger fund raisers.

Volunteers are always needed, so if you have time and interest, contact 2nd Vice Dale Strom (216-3458) to sign up.

Flagging Veteran Graves

Post 24 will be placing American Flags on the markers of veteran graves at Riverside and Riverside Memorial cemeteries on Wed, May 23rd, starting at 6:00pm. If you'd like to help, please show up at Riverside Memorial (south of Melgaard) between 5:45 and 6:10.

No experience needed, we'll gladly train new recruits

Will be picking them up again on Wed, May 30th, also at 6:00pm

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is officially observed on May 28th this year. As always, Post 24 will be conducting 3 short programs, and one main one, that day. See schedule on back page for details.

Boys State

South Dakota Boys State is held in Aberdeen, SD - on the campus of NSU - each year, and will be May 28th to June 1st this year.

Thursday, May 31st is "blue cap day"

Roll Call
2018 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 VanSteenwyk
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

where Legionnaires are encouraged to drop in and see the program first hand. If you have time, you should drop by for a couple of hours. American Legion Boys State is one of the premier youth civics programs in the country, and its made possible by members like you. You really should stop in to see it in action.

Chili Cookoff

The South Dakota State Chili Cookoff, which is co-sponsored by Post 24, will be held on Saturday, August 18th (during the Brown County Fair) this year, at Centennial Village.

We are looking for chili cooks to help make the event great. Prizes of up to \$500 (depending on category) are available. For more information, contact Dale Strom (216-3458), or stop in at the post meeting.

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)

2018 Memorial Day Schedule

Monday, May 28th, 2018

Short Programs (Welcome, roll call, prayer, taps, rifle salute)

8:00am at Riverside Memorial GAR memorial
8:45am at St Mary's Cemetery North of chapel
9:15am at Sacred Heart Cemetery East end, by the cross

Main Program, 10:00am at Sunset Memorial - Veterans memorial park

Opening (Welcome, Posting Colors, National Anthem, Invocation, Pledge)
Guest Speaker
Laying of Wreaths
Roll Call, Prayer, Taps, Rifle Salute
Closing (Benediction, Retire Colors)

Please bring your own folding chair.

In case of bad weather, program will be moved to the Eagles Club (316 S 2nd Ave)

TAPS

The following members transferred to
Post Everlasting:

Ralph Hartford
(Oct of 2017)

Ray W. Rystrom

Wilford L. Gisi

John A. Malsom

Charles DeVoss Jr.

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Upcoming Events:

Apr 30th (Mon) - *LAST MONSTER BURGER* night for
the summer, returns, Sept 10th.

May 7th (Mon) - Executive Committee meeting,
8pm in the Legion Office

May 12th (Sat) - Boys State orientation - Legion
office at 1:30pm

May 19-20(Sat/Sun) - Horse Racing at Brown
County Speedway. Noon - 5:00pm

May 21st (Mon) - Post Meeting, 8pm in meeting
room A of the Eagles Club.

May 23rd (Wed) - Placing flags on veteran's graves.
Riverside Memorial at 6:00pm

May 26th (Sat) - Running for Veterans 5K run at

Wylie Park (see page 1)

May 26-27(Sat/Sun) - Horse Racing at Brown
County Speedway. Noon - 5:00pm

May 28 (Mon) - **Memorial Day**

May 30th (Wed) - Pick up flags from veteran's
graves at Riverside. 6:00pm

May 31st (Thr) - Blue Cap day at Boys State (NSU)

Jun 4th (Mon) - Executive Committee meeting, 8pm
in the Legion Office

Jun 7-10: SD Legion Convention in Spearfish.

Jun 18th (Monday) - Post Meeting, 8pm in meeting
room A of the Eagles Club.