



Commander's Column

Fellow Legionnaires,
First of all I wish to thank you who helped us in the month of May, which was very busy.



With July coming up, we get into renewal of membership. Please pay your dues, and if you know someone who is not a member but is eligible to join, please ask them to do so.

The baseball season is starting to come to an end, with the District and State tournaments in late July. If you have not gone to a game, get out to see one.

We have a new State Commander in Denny Brenden, who is from Watertown; get out and support him and his programs. His Homecoming is August 4th in Watertown.

I hope you have a great Fourth, and the rest of summer.

Tom Perrizo
Commander
Sidney L. Smith Post #24

From the Adjutant

Greetings Legion Members,

First of all I want to thank each of you who worked so hard for the American Legion especially during the month of May. We did not have Monster Burgers but we were busy with Boys State, Horse Races, Flagging graves, 4 Memorial Day programs, and funeral details. I am sure I missed an activity as well.



We are looking ahead to a new Legion year with new State Commander - Dennis Brenden of Watertown. He was the State Adjutant for a number of years thus he knows the ropes and Veterans you will be well served. Please get behind him and recruit new members as well as renew for 2019!

Did you know the American Legion will be 100 years old in 2019? Ideas are needed on how to celebrate this milestone. If you got ideas please share them with us.

We meet the first and third Monday at 8pm - in the Eagles Club (316 S 2nd St). Come and join us!

Additionally, the membership dues for 2019 will remain at \$40.00.

Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

Chili Cookoff

Post 24 will once again be co-hosting the South Dakota State Chili Cookoff in 2018. This will be the second year we've been involved with the event, and we need your help.

If nothing else, please spread the word, and let others know that the cook off will be held on Saturday, August 18th (during the Brown County Fair), in the east end of Centennial Village. Public tasting of the chili, at \$1 for 4 samples, is one of the primary sources of funding for the event, and the more people who attend, the better this event will be for Your American Legion post. Tickets for the tasting go on sale at 12:30 that day, and the tasting begins at 2:00.

We are also, however, always looking for chili cooks to help make the event great. Prizes of up to \$500 (depending on category) are available, and there is a separate award handed out for first-time cooks. This is an ICS (International Chili Society) sanctioned event, and qualifier for the ICS World Chili Cookoff, so you will need an ICS number to enter, but they have come out with a special, "one event" (per year) membership option that is only \$10 annually.

Not a cook, but want to help? Judges, scorers, and people to sell sample tickets and raffle tickets are also needed for the event.

For more information, contact Dale Strom (216-3458), or stop in at the post meeting.

Running for Veterans

The 8th Annual Running for Veterans was held on Saturday, May 26th at Wylie Park, with 47 registered participants. The first runner to finish was Paul Hopkins, of Aberdeen, SD, with a time of 21 minutes and 14 seconds for the 5k (3.1 mile) run.

Congratulations to Paul, and to all of the participants. Full results can be found on the post's webpage:

www.Aberdeenlegion.org

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

Post Centennial next year

In one year, the post will be marking its 100th year of existence!

Exploratory work started sooner, and Aberdeen sent a delegation to the State Organizational Meeting, in Vermillion, on May 15th, 1919, but the post was officially issued our "temporary" charter by the US Congress on July 14th, 1919. Meaning that Sunday, July 14th, 2019 will be the Post's 100th anniversary.

As mentioned in the Commander's column, the Post is looking for thoughts on appropriate ways to celebrate this milestone, and promote it to the general public. Anybody who wishes to be on the Centennial Committee, or who just has a thought on activities we should include, please contact the Commander or Adjutant, or stop in at the next 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)

Thank you to our Volunteers

May is always a busy month for the Post, and this year was no exception. In a 12 day period from May 19th to May 30th, Legionnaires from the Aberdeen post were involved with the following activities: Concessions at Horse Racing, Flagging Veterans Graves, the Running for Veterans 5K run/walk, the Memorial Day programs, military funeral details, and South Dakota Boys State.

In those 12 days, 28 Legion Members donated over 450 man-hours to these programs (and were joined by non-member volunteers, as well). Truly this is our busiest two weeks of the year, but it is still only the tip of the iceberg for the thousands of man-hours donated to the post, and all of our programs, over the course of a typical year.

If you are one of the many volunteers who helped, this month or through the year, the Post is truly appreciative of your time and effort. If you aren't? Well, there is always more work to be done in the future...

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TAPS

The following members transferred to
Post Everlasting:

Ronald Adam Hauck

Otto Paul Friske

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Aberdeen, SD
Permit No. 75

Upcoming Events:

Jul 2nd (Mon) - Executive Committee meeting, 8pm
in the Legion Office

Jul 4th (Wed) - *Independence Day*

Jul 16th (Mon) - Post Meeting, 8pm in meeting room
A of the Eagles Club.

Aug 4th (Sat) - State Commander's Homecoming in
Watertown

Aug 6th (Mon) - Executive Committee meeting,
8pm in the Legion Office

Aug 14-19 Brown County Fair

Aug 18th (Sat) - SD State Chili Cookoff 7am-4pm,
east end of Centennial Village in the Brown
Count Fairgrounds

Aug 20th (Monday) - Post Meeting, 8pm in meeting
room A of the Eagles Club.

Aug 24-30 National Convention in Minneapolis

Sep 10th (Mon) - Monster Burgers return. 5pm-7pm
in the Eagles Club.