



Commander's Column

Fellow Legionnaires, We are getting to the busiest time of year for us. We need you to help us. Monster Burgers on the 10th of Sep, so if you wish to help, show up.



In October will be our Charity Night, the Friday before opening day of hunting season (Friday, Oct 19th)

In November we will have the Early Bird feed.

We also need your help with membership; without membership we can not function. We would appreciate each one of you going out and getting one new member.

We have many programs to work, where you can help us.

Tom Perrizo
Commander
Sidney L. Smith Post #24

From the Adjutant

Greetings, We have another membership drive on the way. I want to thank the 240 plus members who have renewed for 2019. Please find your renewal notice and support us while we strive to maintain and enhance veteran benefits in Congress and local government.



I have received notice from the motorcycle group, Old Cronies, that they are going to honor a Gold Star Mother on Sept. 22, 2018 at Anderson Park starting at 1:15. More information will follow per a news release but by all means put this important event on your calendar.

I just returned from the National Convention in Minneapolis where we heard many good speeches and visited with many good Legionnaires around the country plus those who came from Korea, Republic of China and Canada. I feel good that we are still fighting a good fight for veterans in this country but can we sustain it?

Can we make a difference in the next 100 years like we have for the past 100 years?

We can, but only if we pitch in and carry the torch like we have in the past. New and young members are vital!

Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

Bells of Peace

The 100 year anniversary of the end of World War 1 is fast approaching. In the Sept 2018 issue of The American Legion Magazine there was a short article on page 52 about the Bells of Peace. The idea is to have bells toll 21 times on Nov 11 at 11:00 am "as a solemn reminder of the sacrifice and service of veterans of the Great War, and all veterans."

The Post is reaching out to the Aberdeen community to take part in this remembrance through the tolling of bells. You can find more information on this in the magazine or go to ww1cc.org/bells

High School Oratorical Contest

With school back in session, it's time to start thinking about the 2019 American Legion Oratorical Contest. The post level of the contest will be held December 16th so interested students should be starting to work on their speeches now, to be ready.

The contest is open to high school students from 9th grade through 12th, and students may participate multiple years. Prizes range from \$25 for third place at the post level, to an \$18,000 scholarship for winning the national contest.

Interested students should ask the school counselor for information, or contact the post.

Chili Cook-off

The 2018 South Dakota State Chili Cook-off was a great success with 18 cooks and over 1500 spectators on hand.

Thanks to the members who were there to help sell tickets for the public tasting, and those on the committee who helped to make this a great event - and one of the post's more successful fund raisers.

POW/MIA Awareness Ride (drive)

The American Legion Riders are hosting their 7th annual POW/MIA ride on Saturday, Sept 15th. 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

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

presentation before the lunch.

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

District 4 Fall Meeting

The fall District Meeting will be held September 24th (Sunday) in Stratford. There will be a 4:30pm social, 5:30pm joint meal, and 6:30pm meeting. Both the Legion and the Auxiliary will meet at the Community Center.

AAV Building Meeting

The Aberdeen Area Veterans board of directors is hosting a meeting on Thr, Sep 27th at 7pm in the Shrine to discuss plans for a new Veteran's Building in Aberdeen that will serve as home to area veteran service organizations, including Post #24.

Members, auxiliary members, and other veterans are all encouraged to attend. This is your chance to have input on the next Post Home for The American Legion.

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)

3M gets Employment Award



The Aberdeen 3M plant was presented with their state American Legion award for hiring veteran workers, at the August post meeting. 3M was chosen for the award prior to the Department Convention, and was recognized there.

Shown in the photo, left to right are Brandon Wolf (with his daughter), post Employment Officer Gary Warne, Paul Galatro, and Allen Chasteen.

TAPS

The following members transferred to Post Everlasting:

Leo Pius Weber

Arnold L Banik

Albert John Hopfinger

Jerald Bierman

Herman Pfeiffer

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Upcoming Events:

Sept 3rd (Monday) - *Labor Day* - no Exec meeting.

Sep 10th (Monday) - **Monster Burgers** Return, 5:00pm to 7:00pm every non-holiday Monday.

Sep 15th (Saturday) - Legion riders POW/MIA ride, registration 10:00am at Wylie park, ride at 11

Sept 17th (Monday) - Flag Disposal ceremony, 4:30pm at Northern State University.

Sept 17th (Monday) - Post meeting, 8pm in Room A of the Eagles Club.

Sept 23rd (Sunday) - District 4 meeting in Stratford, (see page 1)

Sept 27th (Thursday) - AAV building meeting, 7PM

in the Shrine Hall. (See page 1)

Oct 1st (Monday) - Executive committee meeting, 8pm in Legion office at the Eagles Club.

Oct 15th (Monday) - Post meeting, 8pm in Room A of the Eagles Club.

Oct 19th (Friday) - **American Legion Turkey Shoot**, 7pm to 10pm in the Ballroom at the Eagles Club.

Nov 4th (Sunday) - *Daylight savings time ends.*

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