



Commander's Column

Help Wanted!!

We need help in all our programs - we can use your help with everything. If you want to give us any, let us know. Get a hold of one of the officers - myself, Gary Warne, Mel Volk, or any of the others.



Next we need to talk about membership. Without members we can not fund our program, so make sure to your dues as soon as possible. The national organization is losing members, also, so this funding will be felt by everyone. So please pay your dues and recruit some new members.

Thank you for your help,

Tom Perrizo
Commander
Sidney L. Smith Post #24

Legal Notice
Post Spending

At the November 19th regular post meeting, discussion will be held, and a vote taken, on allocation of post funds to support building a new veteran's building in Aberdeen.

While the amount to be spent will be determined by the floor at the meeting, the recommendation from the Executive Committee is \$50,000.

Expenditures over \$1500 require approval of the floor, after written notice to each member - this newsletter serves as such notice.

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

From the Adjutant

Greetings to all members. By the time you read this newsletter (hopefully you are) we have been busy with the annual Turkey Shoot and had escorted High School students from all over Brown Co. around the various offices at the courthouse. Also military funerals never seem to quit which is a given. But what we would like to be busy doing is sending out membership cards to new and renewed members!



In Nov. you will be asked whether the Post should contribute to a Veterans' Building for Aberdeen. Please report to the November Post meeting and make your ideas and wishes known.

Also be sure to Vote on Election Day! We all served so we can have this freedom to vote for the candidate of choice.

Additionally I want to wish all of you safe and blessed Thanksgiving/Christmas.

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

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.

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

National Commander's Visit

Brett Reistad, National Commander of The American Legion, will be visiting SD in November. As part of that visit, he will be having dinner at the Groton post on Monday the 5th. There will be a social hour at 5:00pm and dinner at 6:00. RSVPs are requested by Nov 1st for the meal:

Robert Wegner
701 E 5th Ave
Groton, SD 57445
605-397-7579
rwwegner@nvc.net

The following morning (Nov 6th) there will be a breakfast in Aberdeen at Schriver's fellowship hall (414 5th Ave NW). The doors will open at 7:00am and the breakfast will be from 7:30 to 8:30. There is no cost to attend, but you must RSVP with Mel Volk (mgvolk24@gmail.com) by Friday, November 2nd.

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)

Remember to Vote!

Tuesday, Nov 6th is election day in South Dakota, your chance to execute one of your most fundamental American liberties. Educate yourself on the candidates, referendums, initiated measures, and proposed amendments to the State Constitution, so that you may make an informed choice at the ballot box - wherever you reside.

South Dakota has three constitutional amendments (W, X, and Z), and two initiated measures (24, and 25), on the 2018 ballot, covering campaign finance laws, constitutional limits on future initiatives and referendums, post secondary technical education funding, changing the way future constitutional amendments may be submitted, and increasing the percentage of votes required to pass future constitutional amendments.

Details on all of these measures can be found on the SD Secretary of State's web page (<https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/upcoming-elections/general-information/2018-ballot-questions.aspx>) along with links to statements about each measure from the Attorney General, the South Dakota legislative research council, and others

TAPS

The following members transferred to
Post Everlasting:

Ervin Kusler

Gregory E. Welch

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Upcoming Events:

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

Nov 5th (Monday) - Executive committee meeting,
8pm in Legion office at the Eagles Club.

- National Commander's Dinner in Groton,
5PM

Nov 6th (Tuesday) - *Election Day*

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

Nov 11th (Sunday) - *Veterans Day*

Nov 12th (Monday) - Veterans Day program at
Aberdeen Central HS gymnasium (doors open at
10am)

Nov 19th (Monday) - Post meeting, 8pm in Room A
of the Eagles Club. (Special Vote, see note on
page 1)

Nov 22nd (Thursday) - *Thanksgiving*

Dec 3rd (Monday) - Executive committee meeting,
8pm in Legion office at the Eagles Club.

Dec 16th (Sunday) - post level - Legion Oratorical
Contest, 4pm at Plymouth Congregational
church (431 W Melgaard Rd)

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

Dec 25th (Tuesday) - *Christmas*