



Commander's Column

Fellow Legionnaires, I hope everyone survived the winter. We have a lot of work ahead of us.



We must work hard at membership. It is the very heart of our organization. We are behind what we had last year, so we need to get out and work harder at membership.

We will not have horse racing this year, so we lose concessions as a fund raiser. If you have any ideas to help make up this loss, let us know.

We have Boys State coming up at the end of May. If you can make it to NSU on Thr, May 30th, which is "Blue Cap Day", you can see what happens at this great Legion program.

Congratulations to Keilly Gunther, the young lady who won the post Oratorical contest, for winning state and competing at Nationals in April.

I hope you have a great summer, and are ready to get back to work in Sept.

Tom Perrizo
Commander
Sidney L. Smith Post #24

From the Adjutant

Are we safe now to put away our snowblowers and shovels? I did, so look out.



We are close to the end of the 2019 membership year. Those who have not yet, Please consider renewing so this 100 year old veterans group can keep Congress and others on their toes to be mindful of Veteran needs!

We are back or close to it of returning to the old Eagles building (now "City Lights"), though we will be in a different office. Join with us to welcome the new owner - Carol Aberle. We are looking forward having a home! Watch for further news.

Congratulations to this group of Legionnaires who have dedicated a life long membership to the American Legion and veterans. Thanks very much:

- Earl Johnson 75 years! Wow!
Verlan Harr 50 years
Robert Karst 50 years
Larry Ligtenberg 50 years

- Arnold Mehlhoff 50 years
Steve Oakes 50 years
Robert Reiner 50 years
Norman Taylor 50 years
Gary Warne 50 years
Robert Webb 50 years

Once again dues are \$40.00. You can call me at 225-1647 or mail to PO Box 2052.

Have a good summer.

Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

Chili Cook Off

Looking ahead to the Brown County Fair? So are those of us on the Post Chili Committee, as I write this we are only 120 days from those warm days of August.

The Post started participating in this fundraiser a few years ago, and without horseraces this year, it takes on a bit more significance.

We are looking for people who want to cook, judge, or help out in other ways at the 38th annual South Dakota State Chili Cook Off. In addition, we are also looking for sponsors and donations that go to offset expenses and prizes - items that are donated go to the cooks bags and the various prizes given away during the awards ceremony. The top prizes, depending on the category, are between \$250 and \$500. If you have something to contribute let us know.

The winners in our contest advance to the World Chili Cook Off which will be held near Des Moines, IA in Sept. The top prize in the 2018 contest was \$25,000, a trophy, and of course, bragging rights.

For those of you using Facebook, look for our page "South Dakota State Chili Cook Off (2)" and give it a like.

Finally, plan to come out on Aug 17th and taste some chili. See you there!

Steve Nemmers

Running for Veterans

The 9th Annual Running for Veterans 5K run/walk event will be held on Saturday, May 25th at Wylie Park. Registration will start at 7:00am under the big flag, the runners will start at 8:00, and the walkers will follow.

Entrance forms can be downloaded from the post web site:

www.Aberdeenlegion.org

Roll Call
2019 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 Dan Vetter
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

Monster Burgers (limited run)

Monster burgers will return for a limited, three week, run to help City Lights celebrate their grand opening at the start of May, before the post takes the summer off. These (May 6th, 13th, and 20th) are your last three chances to get a monster burger until September 9th, when the weekly event will start again.

Monster Burgers will be served at City Lights Bar (former Eagles Club - 316 S 2nd Street) from 5pm to 7pm.

Post Centennial

Your post of The American Legion, like the organization itself, is 100 years old!

Sidney L Smith post #24 of the Department of South Dakota was founded in 1919, and is celebrating 100 years of serving veterans in Aberdeen.

Don't Forget
Post Meeting is 8:00pm on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Post Home (inside City Lights, 316 South 2nd St, Aberdeen)

# 2019 Memorial Day Schedule

Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> 2019

## 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 (west side)

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 City Lights Bar and Event Center (316 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave)

## TAPS

The following members transferred to  
Post Everlasting:

Gary Dunwoody

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**Aberdeen, SD 57402-2052**

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## Upcoming Events:

May 6<sup>th</sup> (Mon) - Monster Burgers, 5pm - 7pm  
- Executive Committee meeting,  
8pm in the Legion Office  
May 11<sup>th</sup> (Sat) - Boys State orientation - 4:30 in  
Brown County Courthouse community room  
May 13<sup>th</sup> (Mon) - Monster Burgers, 5pm - 7pm  
May 20<sup>th</sup> (Mon) - Monster Burgers, 5pm - 7pm  
- Post meeting, 8pm in meeting  
room A of *City Lights*  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> (Wed) - placing Flags on veteran graves,  
6pm at Riverside Memorial.  
May 25<sup>th</sup> (Sat) - Running for Veterans, 5k (see pg1)

May 27<sup>th</sup> (Mon) - *Memorial Day* - see above  
May 27 to May 31 - Boys State at NSU  
May 29<sup>th</sup> (Wed) - recover flags from Riverside, 6pm  
Jun 3<sup>rd</sup> (Mon) - Executive Committee meeting, 8pm  
in the Legion Office  
Jun 6<sup>th</sup> to Jun 9<sup>th</sup> - 101<sup>st</sup> Department Convention,  
Sioux Falls  
Jun 15<sup>th</sup> (Sat) - Legion Riders "Teddy Bear Run",  
noon at Stutsman HD.  
Jun 17<sup>th</sup> (Mon) - Post meeting, 8pm in meeting  
room A of *City Lights*  
Jun 19<sup>th</sup> (Wed) - Legion Volunteers Picnic, 6pm