



Commander's Column

Fellow Legionnaires, First of, I want to thank all of you for all of the hard work you put in over the last year. We just had our workers' picnic a week ago, and things went well.



We still need help, so if you can, get a hold of one of the officers and let us know.

There is a new drop point for retired Flags at the Aberdeen Police Department. If anybody asks were they can dispose of warn American Flags, please let them know the box is there. There is still a box at the old Runnings location on south 5th, as well, though we are not sure how long it will stay there.

Tom Perrizo
Commander
Sidney L. Smith Post #24

From the Adjutant

Hopefully your summer has been a pleasant one! As for Post 24 we are slowly settling in our office at City Lights (former Eagles) . We still have a ways to go but for the most part we do have a rented home!



As you have heard the American Legion is 100 years young and still pushing legislation/promoting Veteran causes. Post 24 is 100 years as well. We have pictures from the early 20's up to the present of our many activities which ranges from the Drum and Bugle Corps to Smitty's baseball. What concerns me is preserving this history. Some of the Drum & Bugle Corps items are in the hands of the Brown Co. Museum but most of the history is in boxes. Not a good idea to say the least. The Museum has only so much room. What is needed is a active and young membership who will carry on the history into the immediate future. Just a thought! Please consider working for the future by joining the Post 24 with your energy and signing up others veterans for this organization!

Our National Office saved the Bladensburg WWI Veterans Memorial from being moved off Public Land. That case was settled by the Supreme Court on a 7 to 2 Vote. Additionally we are noting

that the GI Bill was signed into law 75 years ago. This landmark legislation was written on a hotel stationery by The American Legion Past National Commander Harry Colmery Dec. 1943 and passed into law later in 1944. It took much urging on by the American Legion then, as well as now, to maintain this great bill to this day. This is another reason to join, and maintain your membership in, The American Legion - so Veterans are not forgotten whether in school, work and or the hospital!

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

Booth at the County Fair

District 14 will once again sponsor an American Legion booth at the Brown County Fair (Aug 12-18).

Post 24 is looking for members who are interested in spending a few hours during fair week, to help man the booth. Interested persons should contact one of the post officers, or send an email to Post24@aberdeenlegion.org

Day and evening shifts are available, and the time truly does go by quickly while you are there. Please consider helping out, by helping spread word of our organization and all we do in the community.

"281" Ride

There will be a nationally organized ride of Legionnaires from border-to-border along "The American Legion Memorial Highway" (US-281). Riders will start at both the Canadian and Mexican borders, and meet in Kansas. Along the route, the ride will be stopping at Centennial Posts (those constituted 100 years ago, along with The American Legion) located on/near the Highway.

The South Dakota portion of the ride will be Friday, August 2nd, with the hand-off of banners at the SD/ND state line approximately 7:30am. The ride will then come south to Fredrick and then to Aberdeen, where the post is welcoming them at Stutsman Harley-Davidson (717 385th Ave, 1 mile west of the US-281 intersection on US-12) approximately 9:10am.

All post members are welcome to stop out for a short program commemorating the ride, and 100 years of the Sidney L Smith post in Aberdeen.

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

Activities

The time from just after Memorial Day until mid-August is traditionally a slow one for the post, without many activities for the members. Keep in mind, though;

The Firing Squad (Military funeral honor guard) is always on call when needed, and can always use your time if you have it to give.

Membership renewal for 2020 will be starting in July. Even though your 2019 membership is good through the end of December, please consider renewing early and help recruit others to join.

The Brown County Fair / Chili Cook Off will be coming up in mid-August (as mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter).

Monster Burgers will be returning in September and we can always use help with this, our post's largest fund raiser.

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)



South Dakota State Chili Cook Off

Post #24 is once again co-hosting the South Dakota State Chili Cook Off - an ICS world cook off qualifying event. The cook off is held on the Saturday of the Brown County Fair (Aug 17th, this year) in the east part of the Centennial Village lot on the fairgrounds.

Registration opens at 7:30, though you must have an ICS cook number, and its strongly encouraged that you pre-register for the event at www.chilicookoff.com

Volunteer judges are welcome, and should report to the registration desk at the event no later then 10:30 that day. There will be a judges meeting/orientation at 11:00 and the first round of judging starts at 11:45 with the "Homestyle" (formerly known as "Cowboy Chili") category.

Public tasting tickets go on sale at 1:00, with the public tasting starting at 2:00. Tickets are 4 for \$1, with each ticket redeemable for a 1 oz sample from the cook of your choice (while supplies last).

Volunteers to help sell tickets, setup, and tear down are always needed.

TAPS

The following members transferred to
Post Everlasting:

Francis Walth

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Upcoming Events:

Jul 1st (Mon) - Executive Committee meeting, 8pm
in meeting room A at City Lights.

Jul 4th (Thr) - *Independence Day*

Jul 15th (Mon) - **Post meeting**, 8pm in meeting
room A of City Lights

Aug 2nd (Fri) - The American Legion Memorial
Highway ride - South Dakota leg. Stopping in
Aberdeen (Stutsman HD, west hwy 12) at
9:00am

Aug 5th (Mon) - Executive Committee meeting,
8pm in meeting room A at City Lights.

Aug 12 to Aug 18 - Brown County Fair

Aug 17th (Sat) - SD state chili cook off, 7am to 5pm
in Centennial Village at the Brown County
fairgrounds. Public tasting starts at 2:00.

Aug 19th (Mon) - **Post meeting**, 8pm in meeting
room A of City Lights

Sep 2nd (Mon) - *Labor Day* - NO Executive
Committee meeting

Sep 9th (Mon) - MONSTER BURGERS return,
5pm-7pm in the ballroom at City Lights.

Sep 14th (Sat) - POW/MIA remembrance ride,
registration starts 10am in the Wylie Lake
parking lot.