



Commander's Column

Fellow Legionnaires, I wish all of you a happy holiday season.



Thanks to all of the people who helped with the Turkey Shoot. It was a successful event and remains one of the main fund-raising nights for the Post.

Now down to business; if every one of us would get a new member signed up for the post, we could make goal. We have not done that for some time, and it would be nice if we could. Membership allows the post, as well as the Department and National organization, achieve the things we want to do for veterans and our community.

We still need help on Monday nights after Monster Burgers, cleaning up and a few other things.

A reminder; the Veterans Day program will be at Aberdeen Central High School's auditorium on Monday, November 11th. The program does start at 10:00am, please arrive before then to be seated.

The Post's Early Bird membership dinner will be held on Saturday, November 9th, and we will start serving at 5:30pm. Both the day and the start time are earlier than normal. The meal will be held in the west room of City Lights, 316 S 2nd St, Aberdeen.

Tom Perrizo
Commander
Sidney L. Smith Post #24

From the Adjutant

Season Greetings. Hard to believe we are that close to Thanksgiving and Christmas but it is per the calendar.



The VA Flu clinic was held locally on October 24th and 31st but you can still call the clinic to schedule a flu shot. The local number is: 605-229-3500. You must be an enrollee in the VA Health Care System.

The State American Legion has established a Educational Scholarship program to replace the old loan system. Please refer college or vocational students to The American Legion, Department of South Dakota in Watertown, SD (57201)

at PO Box 67, or on line at: http://www.sdlegion.org/ for additional details. Note: the deadline to apply is Dec. 5th.

The American Legion recognizes employers who hire Veterans, especially ones who make it a practice to do so. If you would like to promote an employer who does so, please let me know at warne\_gary@hotmail.com or leave a message at 225-1647. There are 3 categories (small, medium or large employers), and it is a good way to promote and honor those who hire Veterans!

I want to ask each of you to encourage Veterans to join our ranks, or to renew an existing membership. We have a 100 years of experience at the National, State and local levels looking out for Vets. The job is much easier when we have many hands in the kitchen pulling the weight!

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to you and your family.

See you at the Post meetings every 3rd Monday 8pm - City Lights.

Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

No Monster Burgers on these Mondays:

With the holiday season approaching, the Post has approved suspending Monster Burgers on the following three Mondays:

- November 11th (Veteran's Day)
December 23rd
December 30th

Monster Burgers will be served from 5pm to 7pm on all other Mondays in November and December.

Help is always appreciated, setting up, cooking, or cleaning up after - and we appreciate your support by stopping in for a burger, or spreading the word about them to people you know.

American Legion Oratorical Scholarship Contest

The Post (local) level of The American Legion Oratorical Scholarship contest - a Constitutional Speech program - will be held at the Plymouth CCC church on Melgaard road, Sunday, December 15th at 3:00pm. The contest is open to High School students (including home-schooled) from Aberdeen and requires them to give a prepared 8-10 minute

Roll Call
2019 Post Officers
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2nd Vice Commander Dale Strom
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Historian Dale Strom
Service Pat Steele
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Recording Secretary Lloyd Just

speech on some aspect of the US Constitution, as well as a second 3-5 minute speech from one of five topics chosen at the contest. The winner of the Post level goes on to the District contest, then potentially to the Department and National levels. The National winner earns an \$18,000 scholarship.

Students can participate in the contest multiple years, and starting early can be good experience.

If you know any student who may want to participate, please have them contact Dale Strom at 216-3458.

AAVI Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Aberdeen Area Veterans, Inc. - the non-profit corporation created to own and operate a facility for Aberdeen's veteran groups - will be held Saturday, Jan 11th. See next newsletter for details on time and place.

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)

## Early Bird Membership Dinner

Earlier Day - Nov 9<sup>th</sup>

Earlier Time - 5:30 meal

The Post's annual "Early Bird" dinner, for members who have paid the next year's dues, will be held on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> (two days prior to Veterans Day) in the Ball Room at City Lights Bar and Event Center (316 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Aberdeen).

There will be a social hour starting at

4:30, and the meal line will open at 5:30.

The meal is free to members who have paid their 2020 American Legion dues, as a member of Sidney L Smith post #24, by the start of the meal. The membership chair will have a table set up at the event where members can renew, if they have not already done it before that evening.

**Following the meal**, please stick around for City Lights' Grand Opening celebration, which is going on the same evening.

### **TAPS**

The following members transferred to  
Post Everlasting:

Dean Deuel Jr

Orville Wiest

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### Upcoming Events:

Nov 4<sup>th</sup> (Mon) - Executive Committee meeting,  
8pm in meeting room A at City Lights.

Nov 9<sup>th</sup> (Sat) - Early Bird dinner, 5pm - City Lights.

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> (Mon) - *Veteran's Day*  
Program at Central High, 10:00am  
No Monster Burgers

Nov 18<sup>th</sup> (Mon) - **Post meeting**, 8pm in meeting  
room A of City Lights

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> (Mon) - Executive Committee meeting,  
8pm in meeting room A at City Lights.

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> (Sat) - *Pearl Harbor Day*

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> (Sun) - Post level of The American Legion  
Oratorical Scholarship Contest - 3:00pm at the

Plymouth UCC Church on Melgaard Rd

Dec 16<sup>th</sup> (Mon) - **Post meeting**, 8pm in meeting  
room A at City Lights.

Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> (Mon) - NO Monster Burgers

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> (Wed) - *Christmas*

Dec 30<sup>th</sup> (Mon) - NO Monster Burgers

Jan 1<sup>st</sup> (Wed) - *New Years Day*

Jan 5<sup>th</sup> (Sun) - District 4 Oratorical Scholarship  
Contest - 3:00pm at the Plymouth UCC Church  
on Melgaard Rd

Jan 6<sup>th</sup> (Mon) - Executive Committee, 8:00pm

Jan 11<sup>th</sup> (Sat) - AAVI Annual Meeting - 1:00pm