



Commander's Column

Fellow Legionnaires, I would like to start by thanking everyone who has devoted time and energy to the various projects and events the Post has been involved in over the past several months.



For a while it didn't look good for many of our events. While at times it seemed like everything stopped in its tracks the reality was that nothing really stopped. Some events, like the Chili cookoff, had to be cancelled, others required some (significant) adjustments to be able to proceed.

The Memorial Day program went forward, since we needed to minimize the number of people at the cemeteries, we found a way to get the program on the radio, on the public access channel, and on Facebook, allowing even more people to see what we were doing. We hope to be able to continue doing this in the future. Thanks to all involved, too many to be named individually here.

We have participated with the Department Children and Youth in Operation Homefront in partnership with the Dollar Tree stores to collect school supplies. The Aberdeen store collected over 1400 items in a few short weeks. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Our membership goal this year stands at 452, which is about where we were at the end of the previous year. With the changes to the membership requirements, opening membership to all who served after WWII, the goal is attainable. We have had nearly half that many members, 212, renew their membership already. I would like to thank all those who have sent in their dues for 2021.

Finally, I am asking everyone to help promote the organization and look for those who may be eligible to join. Those of you who use social media can go to Facebook and search for "aberdeen.legion", which should pop up our page. Point out the Memorial Day program, comment on something you see there, post a picture of a Post related activity. We have to tell our story if we are going to get others to join us, and thank you for doing that.

Steve Nemmers
Commander

From the Adjutant

I certainly hope each of you have been healthy during this stressful time due to COVID-19. The situation has not been good for anyone especially the healthcare workers and those who were laid off from their jobs.



Post 24 activities came to a halt, but we need to look ahead. We do know military funerals need volunteers as a few members are no longer able to participate. Looking forward, resuming Monster Burgers seems iffy due to COVID-19. Some members have not attended meetings due to health reasons and the need to social distance.

Membership notices are out for 2021. If you have paid thanks, but if not please drop a check in the mail for \$40.00. The future of the American Legion depends on members. That is where we draw our strength to assist veterans at all levels. Note: You can pay on-line at mylegion.org.

Looking ahead there are plans to hold a Turkey Shoot in October. Pheasants Forever will be also in the building thus we look forward to a good fundraising night. Keeping my fingers crossed. Workers certainly will be needed for this evening as well.

Wish everyone the best of health and a cure for COVID-19.

Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

Turkey Shoot - Annual Charity Night

The posts annual "Turkey Shoot" fund raiser will be held on Friday, October 16th in the City Lights building.

Come on out and play games of chance to win food prizes while supporting the Aberdeen post of The American Legion.

In an interesting twist this year, we will be sharing the building with the Pheasants Forever fundraiser (we will be in the Ball Room while they are in the former Bingo Hall), and we've agreed with them to open the doors between rooms and let guests move back and forth between the two.

As always, volunteers are needed for the event, so if you would like to help out and haven't been contacted already, please send an email to the post (post24@aberdeenlegion.org).

Roll Call
2019 Post Officers
Commander Steve Nemmers
1st Vice Commander Pat Steele
2nd Vice Commander Dale Strom
Adjutant Gary Warne
Finance Mel Volk
Americanism Brian Bengs
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 Brian Bengs
Recording Secretary Lloyd Just

Membership Dues Renewals

It's membership season again, with renewal notices going out to all members from National Headquarters. Even though your Legion Membership runs concurrent with the calendar year and is good through Dec, 31, 2020, please consider paying your 2021 dues now.

Early renewal helps the post as it spreads out the work of maintaining the membership roster, and it helps you to have one less expense due at the end of the year.

Early Bird Membership Dinner

The annual membership dinner, for members of Sidney L Smith post #24 who have paid their dues by then, will be held on Tuesday, Nov 10th in the Ball Room of City Lights event center.

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)

## Monster Burgers Return... but we need your help!

American Legion Monster Burgers are set to return to the City Lights event center Mondays, from 5pm to 7pm, starting Sep 21<sup>st</sup>. Come out for our signature 3/4 pound hamburger and fries.



Volunteers ARE NEEDED, however, to keep this fund raiser going for the Post. We need prep people able to help out from 1pm to 4pm, and kitchen help from 4pm until cleanup is done around 8:30pm. There are several positions where you can help out, so please contact the post adjutant or email ([post24@aberdeenlegion.org](mailto:post24@aberdeenlegion.org)) if you want to be part of the team. If we can't field a team, burgers have to end!

## TAPS

The following members transferred to Post Everlasting since February of 2020:

Arthur Dahme

Roy Henry Gruenstein

Earl Wayne Kruse

Allen E. Monson

Mark Nuese

The American Legion, Post #24  
PO Box 2052  
Aberdeen, SD 57402-2052

Non Profit Org.  
US Postage Paid  
Aberdeen, SD  
Permit No. 75

### Upcoming Events:

- Sep 7<sup>th</sup> (Mon) - *Labor Day* - no Executive Committee meeting.
- Sep 18<sup>th</sup> (Fri) - District 4 Fall Meeting in Akaska Community Center. 6:00 social, 6:30 meal, 7:30 meeting.
- Sep 19<sup>th</sup> (Sat) - POW/MIA awareness ride (open to motorcycles or cars) registration 10-11 AM, Wylie Park Lake parking lot.
- Sep 21<sup>st</sup> (Mon) - Monster Burgers return (tentatively - see article)
- Sep 21<sup>st</sup> (Mon) - **Post meeting**, 8pm in meeting room A of City Lights

- Oct 5<sup>th</sup> (Mon) - Executive Committee meeting, 8pm in meeting room A at City Lights.
- Oct 16<sup>th</sup> (Fri) - Turkey Shoot (Charity Night, Fund Raiser, call it what you wish)
- Oct 19<sup>th</sup> (Mon) - **Post meeting**, 8pm in meeting room A at City Lights.
- Oct 31<sup>st</sup> (Sat) - *Halloween*
- Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> (Mon) - Executive Committee meeting, 8pm in meeting room A at City Lights.
- Nov 10<sup>th</sup> (Tue) - Early Bird Membership dinner in the ballroom of City Lights.