



Commander's Column

Fellow Legionnaires,

I would like to begin with a Thank You, to everyone who helps with the work of the Post. We just held the annual turkey shoot, and again many members stepped up to help by rounding up prizes, setting up, working the event, and a dozen other jobs that go with putting on any event. Thank you.



Several months ago the Department and National organizations asked that all Posts review and revise their Constitution and Bylaws. This is necessary since the passage of the Legion Act changed the eligibility dates for membership. I asked Brian Bengs to lead that effort, and the results have been brought to the Executive Committee for review. We will be voting to approve the revisions at the December meeting on Dec 21. If you would like to review the documents before the meeting contact the Post by mail at the address on this newsletter, or by emailing post24@aberdeenlegion.org.

Veterans Day is approaching. Our Americanism Officer, Brian Bengs prepared a short announcement and is working with the VFW and the Aberdeen Schools to have it read in the schools on Veterans Day.

We are looking for ways to improve communications at all levels of the American Legion. The Department sent every member the Legion News, our Department newspaper. They would like your feedback on the paper and ideas on how to defray the cost of printing and mailing it. Contact info is on page 2 of the paper. The Department also has a website at https://www.sdlegion.org/, and a Facebook page which can be found at https://www.facebook.com/sdamericanlegion/. There is also a bi-weekly newsletter called the Up To Now that has information on what is happening around the state. You can sign up to have it emailed to you at https://www.sdlegion.org/up-to-now/, or can just visit that site to read it on-line.

At the Post, we also have our website and Facebook (https://aberdeenlegion.org/ and https://www.facebook.com/aberdeenlegion). If you would like to help with these sites let me know, or if you are involved in some activity that promotes the ideals of the American Legion, please feel free to post it. You can also follow the Post and Department Facebooks pages to see what is happening.

Let's use these social media tools to let the rest of the world know about the good work that we do.

Steve Nemmers  
Commander

From the Adjutant

As your adjutant I have been looking for your 2021 membership renewal payment. We have reduced our activities due to COVID-19 but membership is even more important now to maintain veteran benefits. The new billing is out so please drop a check in the mail, renew on line or call me at 225-1647. I will make sure someone comes by. Dues are \$40.00.



We have a need for additional members on funeral detail. Military rites take a hour or two out of the day but we are over working the members who answer the call. Let me know if you are available.

Join in with me to congratulate Kevin Fielder of Ken's Super Fair as they are the winner of the 2020 State and National American Legion employment award for hiring the Older Workers. Thank you Kevin, for your hiring practices. Please note back in 2017 Ken's won the State and National Award for hiring veterans.

Next up on the November calendar is the Early Bird feed on Nov. 10th at City Lights. We are making plans to have a safe but excellent meal for all paid up for 2021 members. Mark your calendar.

Final word - I want to thank the crew who worked the annual Turkey Shoot. Everyone worked hard to make this event happen. Pat yourself on your back!!

Gary Warne  
Post Adjutant

Veteran's Day Program canceled

With the ongoing health concerns, the VFW and school system have decided not to hold the Veterans Day program at Aberdeen Central High School this year.

Early Bird Membership Dinner

On Nov 10<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) the post will hold our traditional Early Bird meal - a free supper for any member of the Sidney L Smith post who has paid their 2021 Legion dues prior to the start of the meal.

Roll Call  
2019 Post Officers

Commander	Steve Nemmers
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Pat Steele
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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

REMEMBER TO VOTE!

Tuesday, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> is Election Day, please exercise your right to participate in choosing our leadership. Learn the issues, know the candidates, and VOTE.

Follow the post On-line

Members who have Facebook accounts are encouraged to follow us there, and share the post's activities:

www.facebook.com/aberdeen.legion

Or you can follow us on our web page:

abereenlegion.org

The post is looking for members who are interested in sharing our activities on other social media platforms as well. We are also looking for someone to take over the website. If interested, please Email Post24@aberdeenlegion.org

Don't Forget

Post Meeting is 8:00pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at the Post Home (inside City Lights, 316 South 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Aberdeen)