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Commander's Column



Greetings Legionnaires

May was a busy month for the post. It started with the honor cord ceremony at NSU, followed by Past Commanders night, flagging of veteran's graves and Memorial Day services. Thanks to all legionnaires that volunteered and participated in these events. These events put the post in the public eye and let them know that we are still here and active in the community.

I would encourage each member, if physically able, to pick one program that the post sponsors and get involved in it. If you need to know what programs we sponsor you can contact me or any post member and we would love to get you plugged in.

The yearly football books are all printed and put together. If you would like some books to sell contact Mel Volk (605) 380-0725. Also coming up we will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win guns, fishing poles and a painting. The raffle drawing will be during our Turkey shoot in October. Again, if you would like to help sell tickets and/or help with the Turkey shoot reach out to me or any other post officer.

Hope you're enjoying summer and look forward to seeing you at a Legion function.

Darvin Vetter
Post Commander

From the Adjutant



Greetings Legionnaires

Summer is officially here. I sincerely hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the warmth.

I want to take this space to extend thanks to everyone who made the past Legion year of 2023-2024 a successful one. Thanks to those who took part

in the Annual Turkey Shoot, worked membership, the chili contest, the District 4 Legion booth at the Brown Co. Fair, military funerals (50+), Early Bird Membership supper, Color Guard Details, Boys State, Oratorical Contest, Post Finance (very time consuming), attended Post and Executive Meetings, attended District and State conventions, and on and on. Last but just as important, thanks to everyone who paid your 2024 membership dues. Everyone is important in what we do to make the American Legion go.

Please make a spot on your calendar to attend Post meetings. It is always the 3rd Monday of each month starting at 7pm at City Lights. Bring a friend who might be interested in joining and finding out more about the American Legion. Be the One!

Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

On July 24th the post is hosting a picnic at Wylie Park for all members (and a guest) who have volunteered for post functions over the past year. We are providing a "build your own" taco bar and beverages.

Post cards are being mailed out, but we do, unfortunately, miss some names. So if you have pitched in, please call 2nd Vice (and Activities Chair) Vern Preszler (605 226 8610) to let him know if you can join us. We appreciate if you confirm prior to July 10th, so that we can get the meal ordered.

BASEBALL: Veterans and Military Appreciation Day - Free Game

Aberdeen Hardball Association, and the Smittys Legion team, will have free admission to veterans and current military members at the June 29th game. All post members are encouraged to attend, as there will also be a tribute to Past Commander Tom Perrizo, an avid supporter of Legion Baseball and long time athletics chair for the post, at 3:00, before the game starts. The team will be playing a double header against Huron.

The remaining home schedule for the 2024 Smittys team, who are 19-5 as this was written is:

Sat Jun 29 1500 v Huron - Double Hdr

Sun Jun 30 1400 v Harrisburg Gold - Double header and "retro day" wear throwback uniforms/clothes

Tue Jul 02 1900 v SF West - Double header and "Beach and Baseball" wear beach gear

Mon Jul 08 2000 v Groton - Double hdr

Thr Jul 18 1700 v Sturgis - Senior players night and Bryce Anglin awards

Fri Jul 19 1300 v Spearfish - Double hdr

The playoffs will be July 25 - 27, with the state tournament in Brookings July 30th to August 4th. For more information about the team, visit their website at:

https://www.aberdeensmittys.com/

Roll Call

2024 - 2025 Post Officers

Commander	Darvin Vetter
1st Vice Commander	Brian Bengs
2nd Vice Commander	Vern Preszler
Adjutant	Gary Warne
Finance	Mel Volk
Americanism	Dale Strom
Chaplain	Pat Steele
Sergeant at Arms	Larry Ligtenberg
Asst Sgt at Arms	Sid Beckler
Children And Youth	Henry Artz
Athletics	Conald Burgard
Employment	Gary Warne
Historian	Dale Strom
Service	Mark Wolf
Legal Officer	Brian Bengs
Recording Secretary	Brian Bengs

Football Books

Our "Football Book" raffle is underway again. Participants buy a book for $25 which contains a page for each Minnesota Vikings football game in 2024-25, as well as the Super Bowl. One book wins $40 for each page, other than the SB where one book wins $100 and one book (might be the same) wins $200.

If you would like a book, contact post Finance officer Mel Volk (605 380 0725). If you are out of town, you can mail in the $25 purchase price, plus $1 postage if you want the book mailed to you (you don't need it, but may want to follow along).

Gold Star Memorial

Post #24 is supporting the gold star memorial, to recognize all families who have lost soldiers in action, that is being built in Anderson Park. We encourage members to consider making a pledge too, contact Tim Timmerman - 605 228 1101 if you would like more information.

Don't Forget

Our Post Meetings are 7:00pm on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Post Home (inside *City Lights*, 316 South 2nd St, Aberdeen)



Dennis Werlinger presented 50 year membership award



Adjutant and Athletics officer presenting $1500 to baseball (Aberdeen Hardball)



2024 Boys Stater Brian Goebel addressed the post's June meeting

TAPS

The following veterans transferred to Post Everlasting in the past two months:

Richard Leroy French
David A Hanson
James F Kaiser *
Curtis R Kranzler
Kenneth D Pullman
Marvin L Rose
Travis Rux
Lawrence Schmit Jr
Gary Robert Sharp *
John W Teske

* Denotes a member of Post 24

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Upcoming Events:

June 29th (Sat) - Veteran's appreciation game, Fossum Field , 3:00pm (see pg1)

July 1st (Mon) - Executive Committee meeting, 7pm in meeting room A at City Lights

July 15th (Mon) - **Post Meeting** - 7:00pm in meeting room A at City Lights event center.

July 24th (Wed) - Volunteer's picnic, 6:30pm at Shelter D in Wylie Park

Aug 5th (Mon) - Executive Committee meeting, 7pm in meeting room A at City Lights

Aug 12-Aug 18 - Brown County Fair

Aug 17th (Sat) - SD State Chili Cook Off at Centennial Village. Public tasting begins at 1:00pm

Aug 19th (Mon) - **Post Meeting** - 7:00pm in meeting room A at City Lights event center.