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Commander's Column



Greetings Legionnaires,

Hard to believe that 2026 is half over already, I hope you are enjoying this cooler weather before the heat of summer kicks in.

This past weekend was the Department convention in Aberdeen. We got to hear reports about all the things The American Legion is doing in our great state. Each committee chair reported on all the things that happened last year within their respective committees. That all happens because of the dedication of many fellow legionaries. Senator Rounds, Governor Rhoden and National Commander Wiley all spoke to those in attendance. On the national and state level there are many who are fighting for the benefits that we receive because of our service.

Make sure to check out the calendar portion of this newsletter so you can stay aware of upcoming events that your post is involved in. If you want to help with any of these events you can contact me and I will make sure to get you plugged in.

Hope to see you at an upcoming meeting or event, enjoy your summer.

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From the Adjutant



Greetings Legionnaires

I certainly hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the summer! First of all

I want to back up to the last newsletter and add a thank you to each Legionnaire who stepped up to accept an officer position with the Post. It takes dedication and drive to raise your hand and say "I accept the duties of the American Legion". In case you forgot, post elections were held in April. Once again Thank You!

We are mourning the loss of a great American Legion member - Gene Schumacher. Gene held all positions of the American Legion except one - that of National Commander. He lead the post to an all time high in membership, back in the early 70's. He was State Commander as well as National Vice Commander and of course Post Commander twice. He accepted the position of Post Adjutant which he held for 15 years after retiring from Northwestern Energy. I could go on and on about all of the tasks he did for Post 24. I want to express my deepest sympathy to his Family.

Post 24 just completed hosting the annual American Legion state convention, at the Aberdeen Best Western. I want to thank Dale Strom for heading up this huge task. The event came, and has gone, without many hitches. Also I need to thank members of the Post 24 and the District 4 Auxiliary President, Deanne Hoyle. It is a big job well done!

This article might be getting long but please do not forget that we have a county veterans service officer, on-line VA newsletter as well as The American Legion *Up to Now,* and the *National Dispatch*. You can follow what is new and/or what The American Legion is doing to represent veterans, whether in South Dakota or in DC.

Please note, we have outdoor flags for sale, and Post meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month at the Union Hall just south of Town and Country Lumberyard.

Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

Volunteer Picnic

The Post will be hosting our annual volunteers appreciation meal on Wednesday, July 22nd at Shelter D in Wylie park. There will be a 5:00 social time and the meal will be served at 6:00. If you have volunteered for any of the Post's activities over the past year, and wish to join us, please contact the commander or email the post (post24@aberdeenlegion.org)

Fair Burgers

Yes, we ***are*** again going to serve ½ pound burgers on the opening night of the Brown County Fair (Monday, Aug 10th). We will need volunteers to help with the event itself, as well as helping us to spread the word. $15, fixed the way you want and served with a bag of chips.

We will be serving from 4pm to 7pm, and are considering advanced sales ahead of the event - join as at the next meeting for details.

Fair Booth

District 4 of the South Dakota Department of The American Legion will also have a booth at the Brown County Fair, Aug 11 through Aug 15. Post 24 is looking for volunteers to help man the booth through the week.

Roll Call

2026 - 2027 Post Officers

Commander	Darvin Vetter
1st Vice Commander	Mark Wolf
2nd Vice Commander	Charlie Aldentaler
Adjutant	Gary Warne
Finance	Steve Nemmers
Americanism	Dale Strom
Chaplain	Pat Steele
Sergeant at Arms	Larry Ligtenberg
Asst Sgt at Arms	Sid Beckler
Children And Youth	Doug Roggow
Athletics	Conald Burgard
Employment	Gary Warne
Historian	Jan Vetter
Service	Mark Wolf
Legal Officer	Tom Tonner
Recording Secretary	Ruth VanSteenwyk

Sizzlin' Summer Nights

The post will again have a information booth at the summer car show. We are always looking for members to hang out and chat with passers by about The American Legion.

Convention

I wish to thank everyone in the Post who helped make the 2026 SD State Legion Convention a success! It has been a quarter century since we last hosted one, so there were bumps and lessons along the way, but it was very well received and a great feather in the Post's cap. Thank you all again - Dale Strom, convention chair

Don't Forget

Our Post Meetings are 7:00pm on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Post Home: 617 S 15th St, Aberdeen.

Independence Day Events in Aberdeen



Pancake feed from 7:00am to 10:00am at the Historic Milwaukee Road Depot (1 N Main). Provided by Aberdeen Area Veterans. Donations will be accepted, but the breakfast is free for all who attend. (Note: Volunteers needed to help serve)

Patriotic Pet Parade at 9:00am in Dakota Prairie Museum parking lot.

"Spirit of '76" Parade starting 10:00am. Route is Main Street, from Railroad Ave to the Malchow Plazza

Wylie Park celebrations all day long, with concert and fireworks 7pm-11pm

For more information, or to register for the events, please visit: https://aberdeensd.com/america-250/

TAPS

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

Wesley Merle Brick

Effie Alena Larson

Gene Schumacher *+

* Denotes a member of Post 24
\+ Past Commander of Post 24

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Upcoming Events:

Jul 4th (Sat) - *Independence Day*
- USA250 celebration events (see above)

Jul 6th (Mon) - Executive Committee meeting, 7pm at Post Home.

Jul 20th (Mon) - **Post Meeting**, 7pm at Post Home.

July 22nd (Wed) - Post volunteers appreciation picnic, 5pm social hour, 6 pm meal - Wylie Lake Park, Shelter D

Aug 3rd (Mon) - Executive Committee meeting, 7pm at Post Home.

Aug 10th (Mon) - Fair Burgers at the Brown County Fairgrounds club house, 4pm - 7pm

Aug 11th-15th - Brown County Fair

Aug 17th (Mon) - **Post Meeting**, 7pm at Post Home.

Aug 22nd (Sat) - Sizzling Summer Nights car show, downtown Aberdeen, 4pm-8pm