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Commander's Column



Fellow Legionnaires,

We've just returned from the Department Midwinter Conferences, and were harshly reminded that it *is* only the middle of winter. Blizzard conditions required us to cancel Past Commanders' Night and limit our time outside for a few days. Still, spring is just around the corner, and while May is not as busy for the Post as it used to be, we will still have a full plate in front of us.

Monster Burgers are ongoing, Boys State applications are coming in, and Youth Trooper Academy applications will start soon. Running for Veterans (5k run/walk), and Memorial Day still need to be planned and executed. Bicycle Safety Day will follow soon after, and in the middle of it all we have the election of new officers for the Post in April. So yes, spring time is a busy time for your Legion Post.

It's also a time to think of the future direction of the Post. Of what more we can do to help our community, and our fellow veterans.

So I encourage you to consider becoming more active with the Post. Join us for meetings, volunteer to help with some of the events, and share your thoughts on the things that we can, and should, be doing. The post is the sum of its traditions, and its members, and it takes all of us to keep it moving forward.

Dale Strom
Post Commander

From the Adjutant



Greetings Legionnaires.

As many of us look forward to spring this Adjutant is looking forward to wrap the 2022 membership drive. If you have not renewed your membership yet please drop a check in the mail to

PO Box 2052 or better yet go on-line to: mylegion.org. Additionally I or a Post Officer will be happy to come by if you are in the Aberdeen area, so just call me at 605 225 1647. Membership is $40.00.

Post 24 has been busy this past 12 months. We have assisted with donations for Honor Flights, American Legion Scholarship fund, VA Volunteer Services, VA popcorn fund, Boys State, Special Olympics and many misc donations.

None of this would be possible without the hard work of our members who have chosen to give their time and money to help serve fellow veterans. We have been busy with Monster Burgers and military

rites. There is always a need for more hands to assist with our activities and programs.

At the National level the American Legion is seeking better changes to the GI Bill, fix Walter Reed barracks, rescue Afghan interpreters and service at the VA Hospital and claims department. At the State level the American Legion is rubbing elbows in Pierre with the legislators .

Please remember Monster Burgers are on Mondays at 5-7 with monthly meetings on the 3rd Monday 8pm City Lights.

Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

Election of Officers for 2022

The April post meeting will feature the election of new officers for Sidney L Smith post #24. Other than Adjutant and Recording Secretary, all of the offices listed at right (under Roll Call) are elected by the floor during the meeting.

If you are interested in running for an office in 2022, please speak with one of the existing officers, and attend the March meeting to announce your interest. (You are not required to do so, but it does help for people to know that you're interested.)

Football Books

The conclusion of the Super Bowl means that the football book fund raiser has concluded for the year. 19 prizes, totaling $980 have been handed out to the winners.

Thank you to all who participated this year, books for the 2022 season will go on sale in July.

Memorial Day 2022

The tentative plan for Memorial Day is for the primary program to be at 10:00am at Sunset Memorial on the east side of Aberdeen. The short programs will be 8:00am at Riverside, 8:45am at St Mary's, and 9:15am at Sacred Heart.

There is the possibility of highway construction on US-12, however, which could cause us to switch Sunset and Riverside, making the later the main, long, program. Please watch for more information in the next newsletter.

Roll Call

2021 Post Officers

Commander	Dale Strom
1st Vice Commander	Pat Steele
2nd Vice Commander	Brian Bengs
Adjutant	Gary Warne
Finance	Mel Volk
Americanism	Steve Nemmers
Chaplain	Dan Vetter
Sergeant at Arms	Larry Ligtenberg
Asst Sgt at Arms	Sid Beckler
Children And Youth	Elizabeth Maier
Athletics	Tom Perrizo
Employment	Gary Warne
Historian	Dale Strom
Service	Pat Steele
Legal Officer	Brian Bengs
Recording Secretary	Lloyd Just

Department Oratory Contest

Congratulations to Fiala Herceg of Aberdeen Central, who represented District 4, and our post, in the Department oratorical contest held February 20th in Oacoma, SD. Six of the eight districts in South Dakota had a contestant in the contest, and Fiala finished in second place.

South Dakota Boys State

Registration for American Legion Boys State is currently open, if you know of a Junior (or Senior who has not attended) boy that may be interested, encourage them to check the program out, and apply:

https://www.southdakotaboysstate.com

There is no cost to the student to attend, the program, meals, and rooms are all paid by the sponsoring post.

Don't Forget

Our Post Meetings are 8:00pm on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Post Home (inside *City Lights*, 316 South 2nd St, Aberdeen)

MyLegion.org

Each member of The American Legion can create their own account on the mylegion.org website, which allows them to update/correct their name and address, and access the list of current partnership benefits (deals available to Legion Members through agreements made with the companies by the national organization).

If you don't already have an account, you can set one up for yourself as long as you have your membership number (on your Legion Membership card) and working email. Simply go to mylegion.org and click on the "Register" option in the top right corner of the page.

TAPS

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

Dr Edward Brown*
Garry Gene Clark
Larry Eugene Erdmann*
Frank M Felix
Richard Fischbach
Dean Ivan Gilborne*
Douglas Smith

* Denotes a member of Post 24

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Upcoming Events:

Mar 2nd (Wed) - AAVI meeting, 6:30pm in the Moose lodge.

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

Mar 17th (Mon) - **Post Meeting** - 8:00pm in meeting room A at City Lights event center.

Mar 26th (Saturday) - District 4 meeting in Stratford. 1:00 social, 2:00 meal, 3:00 pm meeting.

Apr 4th (Mon) - Executive Committee meeting, 8pm in meeting room A at City Lights

Apr 6th (Wed) - AAVI meeting, 6:30 in the Moose Lodge.

Apr 17th (Sun) - *Easter*

Apr 18th (Mon) - **Post Meeting** - 8:00pm in meeting room A at City Lights event center.

May 2nd (Mon) - Executive Committee meeting, 8pm in meeting room A at City Lights

May 16th (Mon) - **Post Meeting** - 8:00pm in meeting room A at City Lights event center.

May 21 (Sat) & 22 (Sun) - River Run wreath laying ride to Pierre (Legion Riders)

May 30th (Mon) - *Memorial Day*