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Commander's Column



Greetings Legionnaires,

It is hard to believe that my year as commander is almost over. Speaking of the year coming to a close, elections are coming up in April. If you are interested in being an officer or chairman of a committee please let me or a post officer know. I would highly encourage each member to get involved in just one program within the Legion. It takes every member being involved to have successful programs. We do have some very dedicated members that have been involved for many years and to those members I want to say Thank You.

Speaking of membership, we still have some members that have not paid their dues for this year. If you are one of those that have not yet paid your dues you can pay on line at mylegion.org, mail your dues to the post mail box (PO box 2052, Aberdeen, SD, 57402), or give me a call, (605) 824-0081, and I will come and pick it up. The more members we have the more we can do for our fellow veterans here in Aberdeen.

Your legion post has the opportunity to sell burgers at the brown county fair, Monday night during the rodeo. If you are available to help we would appreciate the help. Come to the post meeting on 17 March to give your input on if we should proceed with this fund raiser. It would be a great fund raiser for the post and another way to get our name out to the public.

During the March 17th meeting we will also be voting on possibly renting the labor temple to use as our post home. If you want to know more or have your voice heard we need to see you at the meeting in March.

Make sure to check out the calendar in this newsletter to stay informed with upcoming events

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From the Adjutant



Greetings Legionnaires

As your Adjutant I am always looking forward to processing American Legion membership. Please take the time to forward your 2025 dues to me. If there is an issue paying the dues we certainly would like to hear from you. I can be reached by phone or text at: 605 216 1647. Feel free to discuss any issues you may have. Rumors can be cleared up this way! Dues are $45.00 and can be mailed to PO Box 2052 or paid online at: mylegion.org. A 3 year plan is still available which can save you some money too.

Post 24 congratulates Ada Sharp for winning the District 4 Oratorical contest and placed 3rd at the State event Feb. 16th. Ada is a 9th grader at Aberdeen Central HS. Well done Ada! She will receive a $500.00 Scholarship for her efforts.

Boys State applications are open for area High School Juniors and Seniors. The 2025 dates are June 2nd to June 6th this year and held at NSU. Please encourage any young man to apply if they are in these classes. I can assure you they will enjoy the experience! The cost is $250.00 per boy, which is paid by Post 24. Sponsors are welcomed.

You can be assured the American Legion has been watching and sponsoring Veteran bills during the current SD legislature. We need your support to get the job done for Veterans. Membership numbers count big whether at Pierre or DC!

Enjoy the thoughts of spring. It will come sooner or later. Take care!

Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

American Legion Legacy Scholarships

Children of post-9/11 veterans having been assigned a combined disability rating of 50 percent or greater, or who died while on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001, are eligible. All applications, new or renewal, must be submitted using the online scholarship submission system, NO LATER THAN Wednesday, March 26, 2025. Total amount awarded in 2024: $1,645,558 https://www.legion.org/get-involved/scholarships/the-american-legion-legacy-scholarship

2025 American Legion Department College

The 2025 South Dakota American Legion College will be April 26 & 27th. Training will include Organizational Structure, How to Run a Meeting, Mentorship, Resolution Writing,Train-the-Trainer and a Capstone Project. The course is designed to help current and future leaders to gain a better understanding of the American Legion and its operations.

Course goers will receive per Diem at the department rate for travel, food and lodging. Class size is limited to ten (10). Applications can be found at https://sdlegion.org/ufile/f1/pdf/training/department-training-tools/2024-SDLC-Application.pdf

Post Home location change

Discussion will be held at the March regular meeting of the Post (March 17th, 7:00 pm in Meeting room A of City Lights) on the possibility of moving our office and meeting space to a new location. All members are encouraged to attend and voice your opinion.

Roll Call

2024 - 2025 Post Officers

Commander	Darvin Vetter
1st Vice Commander	{open}
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	{open}
Recording Secretary	{open}

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)



Congratulations to Ada Sharp, the Post #24 and District #4 representative at the 2025 Department of South Dakota high school oratorical contest. Ada placed 3rd in her first year participating as a freshman from Aberdeen Central High

She is shown here, receiving her trophy from Department Commander Kevin Morello, while on the stage with the other 2025 contestants.

TAPS

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

Donald Neal Jondahl

Harold Miller *

Edward Bohlander *

Donald Maunu

* Denotes a member of Post 24

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Upcoming Events:

Mar 3rd (Mon) - Executive Committee meeting, 7pm in meeting room A at City Lights

Mar 9th (Sun) - *Daylight Savings Time* begins

Mar 12th (Wed) - The American Legion birthday.

Mar 17th (Mon) - **Post Meeting** - 7:00pm in meeting room A at City Lights event center.

Mar 23rd (Sun) - District 4 Spring Meeting - 1:00pm at Cressbard community center (lunch follows).

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

Apr 15th (Tue) - Tax Day

Apr 20th (Sun) - *Easter*

Apr 21st (Mon) - **Post Meeting** - 7:00pm in meeting room A at City Lights event center. *Election of 2025-2026 Post Officers will take place at this meeting*

June 2nd - June 6th - South Dakota Boys State at NSU campus.

Jun 5th (Thr) - "Blue Cap Day" at Boys State, all Legionnaires encouraged to wear your cover and take in the program at NSU