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Commander's Column



Fellow Legionnaires,

This is a full newsletter already, so I will try to be short with my remarks, but I do want to thank the members for the opportunity to lead the post this year. We have a tremendous post, that is part of a great organization and it is a privilege to be elected commander for another year.

Monster Burgers may be over for the summer, but we have a long Memorial Day weekend coming up, starting with Running for Veterans (see back page), and then the four memorial programs on Monday. The post's honor guard will remain busy with military honors and posting the Colors for events, the Department Convention is right around the corner, Legion Baseball is underway, and, always foremost in our thoughts, there are still fellow veterans in our country, and community, who need our support.

I look forward to another productive year from our post, and our members.

Dale Strom
Post Commander

From the Adjutant



Greetings Legionnaires.

First of all I want to thank the workers who put in their time working the Monster Burgers this past eight months. Without you volunteering your time this event would not be successful. Thank you so much.

Post 24 always needs workers who want Post 24 to be successful, no matter what we try to do. I am referring to gaining or preserving Veteran benefits down to Military Rites. Whether you are available for one hour or many we need you.

Most importantly we need every Veteran to join the Post. If your Legion membership card does not say 2022, please give me a call at 605 216-1647, as we need strength thru a large membership to accomplish our goals. Just recently the VA announced Hot Springs is back on the closure list plus some other cuts. We cannot afford to sit back and let hard earned benefits slide away. Please pay your annual dues and invite other fellow veteran to join. It is $40.00 well spent.

The South Dakota Legion News has picked up a few advertisers since the last issue but more is needed to continue this costly publication. Advertising in this paper will help us communicate directly with each of you and your families as well as help businesses. Veterans statistically shop small, shop local and have brand loyalty! I hope you agree.

A side note: we have US flags for sale. They are made tough for the SD weather, as the wind has been unreal this spring.

Another note to remember. On May 10th a B-25 Mitchell will be on display at the Aberdeen Airport from 2:30 to 5:30. This visit is part of a air show to honor 2 South Dakotan's, who took part in the Doolittle Raid on Japan following the events of Pearl Harbor Dec. 7th 1941.

Questions? Call 605 216-1647. Thank you for your service!

Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

Election of Officers for 2022

Congratulations to all officers (see "roll call" list at right) elected at the April meeting to lead the post in 2022. The adjutant and reporting secretary are appointed positions, subject to approval at the May Executive Committee meeting, all others were elected.

Post Meeting Time Changed (For Summer)

Post #24's meetings over the next four months (May-Aug) will be moved up one hour to start at 7:00pm. This applies to both the regular (floor) meeting and the executive committee. We will return to 8:00 meetings in September.

Memorial Day 2022

The primary Memorial Day program will be held 10:00am on Monday, May 30th, at the veteran's plaza in Sunset Memorial Gardens - on the east side of Aberdeen.

Short programs (prayer and military honors) will be held at 8:00am (Riverside Memorial), 8:45am (St Mary's Cemetery), and 9:15am (Sacred Heart Cemetery)

We will be flagging veterans' graves at Riverside on Wed (May 25th) starting at 6:00pm, and will retrieve them Wed, June 1st at 6pm.

AAVI

Aberdeen Area Veterans, is looking for volunteers to help with their fund raising efforts to build the Veterans Memorial Center (name pending) in Aberdeen. This facility, when finished, will be home to several area veterans groups, including this post of The American Legion.

You can find out more information about the project, and contact information if you wish to volunteer, at their web site (aberdeenvets.org), or you may contact the Post Commander.

Roll Call
2022 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	Darvin Vetter
Sergeant at Arms	Larry Ligtenberg
Asst Sgt at Arms	Sid Beckler
Children And Youth	Henry Artz
Athletics	Tom Perrizo
Employment	Gary Warne
Historian	Dale Strom
Service	Pat Steele
Legal Officer	Brian Bengs
Recording Secretary	Jeff Steele

Primary Election Season

South Dakota will hold its political primary elections on June 7th, 2022, and **will include a rare Constitutional Amendment** vote on the ballot. Please exercise your fundamental right to vote, and also your responsibility to research the candidates and issues that will be on the ballot in your area.

Voter Reg. Deadline - May 23, 2022

Absentee voting begins - April 22, 2022

You can refer to the SD Secretary of State's website for more information:

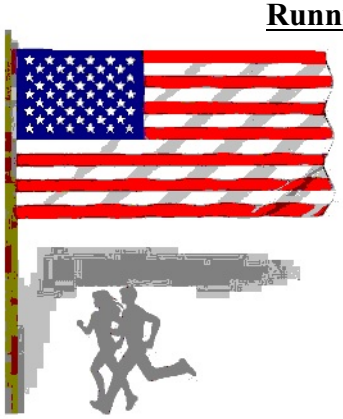
https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/upcoming-elections/general-information/2022-ballot-questions.aspx

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)

* *May - August, then back to 8:00*

Running For Veterans 2022



The 11th Annual 5K run/walk event will be held May 28th at Wylie Park in Aberdeen. Registration will open at 7:00am, and the runners will take the course at 8:00am, with the walkers to follow them.

Net proceeds from the event are used to fund the emergency veteran's relief program.

Pre-registration forms are available on the Post's web page, for anyone who wishes to sign up early and support the event.

TAPS

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

William Michael Bierne

Albert J Fischer

Jackie Odean Johnson

* Denotes a member of Post 24

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Upcoming Events:

May 2nd (Mon) - Executive Committee meeting, **7pm** in meeting room A at City Lights

May 4th (Wed) - Honor Cord ceremony for graduating veterans. 6:00pm NSU Science Center.

May 4th (Wed) - AAVI meeting, 6:30pm in the Moose lodge.

May 14th (Sat) - Legion Riders trip to Eden memorial to present new flags. Depart City Lights at 1pm (weather permitting)

May 16th (Mon) - **Post Meeting** - 7:00pm in meeting room A at City Lights event center.

May 21st (Sat) - Legion Riders "River Run", Pierre memorial ride.

May 25th (Wed) - flagging veteran graves, 6:00pm Riverside Memorial Cemetery

May 27th (Fri) - 5k setup - 7:00pm Wylie Lake

May 28th (Sat) - Running for Veterans, 5K (see above).

May 30th (Mon) - *Memorial Day*, (see front page)

June 1st (Wed) - AAVI meeting, 6:30pm in the Moose lodge.

June 6th (Mon) - Executive Committee meeting, 7pm in meeting room A at City Lights

June 12th (Sun) - Legion Riders "Teddy Bear Ride" - 12:00 registration at C&S Motorsports

June 16-19 - SD Legion Department Convention - Watertown

June 20th (Mon) - **Post Meeting** - 7:00pm in meeting room A at City Lights event center.