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Commander's Column



Fellow Legionnaires,

May remains a busy month for the post, even if its not quite as full as it used to be when we had horse racing every weekend.

The big program, of course, is Memorial Day. If we break down all that The American Legion does, one way to do so is to say Honoring the Past, Serving the Present, and Preparing the Future.

Memorial Day is a key time to honor the past. Just as the post Color Guard honors our past with the many Veteran's Funerals we do each year.

May is also a time for Preparing the Future with SD Boys State taking place in Aberdeen this month. This is one of the premier civics training programs in the country, training high school Juniors on how government works, and preparing them to be future leaders in the community.

May is indeed a busy month... but its only an exemplar of everything The American Legion does year round. We have programs, and could have more, for the past, the present, and the future of our community. What we need is people to help make them happen.

So, I ask each of you to consider what you feel is the most important thing The American Legion does...and how are you helping us do it? There are lot of answers to the first part of that, the Legion does a lot, and each of us can have our own ideas about what is "most important", but the second part? We all need to ask ourselves if we are helping to make it happen, and if we can do more.

Dale Strom
Post Commander

From the Adjutant



Greetings Legionnaires!

Finally I do believe the snow has given up for the spring/summer season. At least we can hope.

I want to first report we still have openings for local High School Junior/Senior Boys at Boy State. Deadline is May 1st so spread the word! The application can be found on-line. The program is held each year at NSU starting on Memorial Day for 5 days.

Please note it is not too late to renew your membership for 2023, if you have not done so yet. You can mail $40.00 to PO Box 2052, pay on-line at mylegion. org or call me (605) 225-1647. We are just short of making goal so your membership is very important for your local post as well as for veteran affairs on the National and State level. A growing and active membership is vital for the future of this post. Please renew!

May 3 the National Legion Commander will be visiting locally. Time is noon at Schrivers Fellowship hall. This is your chance to meet personally and ask questions of our top leader.

In case you missed it a few months ago we changed our meeting time from 8 pm to 7pm - in City Lights. Please attend and take part in the action. Bring your ideas and learn what we are about.

In closing, please "Be The One" ! The one who carries on the traditions of The American Legion serving Veterans. Also check on fellow Veterans to see if they need assistance or just to visit - the Buddy Check. One final note - we have openings for Funeral detail. We cannot honor fallen veterans unless we step forward.

Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

Special Notice!

Financial business at May Meeting

The post will consider a large (in excess of $80,000), non-routine, expenditure at the May meeting.

This article serves as official notice for all members to attend, if they wish to weigh in on whether or not the Post should spend the funds.

Meeting is Monday, May 15th at 7:00pm in meeting room A at City Lights in Aberdeen.

Running For Veterans - 5K

The annual 5k Run/Walk event will be held on Saturday, May 27th at Wylie Lake Park. Registration will open at 7:00 under the Flag. Runners will start the course at 8:00am, with walkers following them. There is a $20 registration fee, and the event is a fund raiser for the post's emergency veterans relief fund.

Past Commanders Night Memorial

The post will be holding our memorial service for members who transferred to Post Everlasting in 2022, as well as all past commanders of the post who have done so. The memorial will be in May this year, on Wed the 17th. Doors will open at 7:00pm and the memorial will start at 8:00.

Gun Raffle

The Post is currently selling $20 raffle tickets for 5 guns (ticket can only win once) to be given away during the 2023 Turkey Shoot, Oct 27th. Details and the list of guns can be found on the post web page (aberdeenlegion.org). If you would like tickets to sell, or for yourself, please call Mel Volk (605 / 380-0725)

Roll Call

2023 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	Betty Weber
Children And Youth	Henry Artz
Athletics	Conald Burgard
Employment	Gary Warne
Historian	Dale Strom
Service	Pat Steele
Legal Officer	Brian Bengs
Recording Secretary	Jeff Steele

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)

Memorial Day Schedule

8:00 am - Sunset Memorial. With the road construction and wet conditions, this will be an unusually short program and we are asking that only people with family in the cemetery attend.

8:45 am - St Mary's cemetery: Welcome, roll call, prayer, riffle salute, and *Taps*

9:15 am - Sacred Heart cemetery: Welcome, roll, prayer, riffle salute, and *Taps*

10:00 am - Riverside Memorial (south, by GAR statue): main program with laying of wreaths by organizations and individuals.

TAPS

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

Josheph Bosmoe*
Kenneth Buhl
Jerome Hochhalter
Eugene Kline*
Duane C Kolb
Terrance Mullner*
Danial Pennington*

* Denotes a member of Post 24

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Upcoming Events:

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

May 3rd (Wed) - Honor Cord ceremony, 5PM NSU

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

May 17th (Wed) - **Past Commander's Night Memorial Service** 7:00pm in the Ballroom at City Lights

May 20th (Sat) - Legion Riders "River Run"ride to Pierre

May 27th (Sat) - Running for Veterans 7am registration, 8am start.

May 29th (Mon) - *Memorial Day* (program details above)

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

June 8th - 11th - Department (State) Legion Convention in Oacoma.

June 11th (Sun) - Legion Riders 2023 Teddy Bear ride, registration noon at C&S Motor sports

June 14th (Wed) - *Flag Day*

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

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

Jul 4th (Tue) - *Independence Day*