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Commander's Column



Fellow Legionnaires,

At the risk of preaching to the choir, or worse, preaching to them and finding out they are all watching the game on their phones, I want to talk again about the need for volunteers to help with Post activities. We have a core handful of people who always help out, but there are times we need more. There's a need for help with the Honor Guard, membership, fund raisers, and being an officer of the post.

We have three people currently pulling double duty as officers, serving in two different posts at the same time, and the post commander position has been filled by just three people in the past 8 years, due to lack of interest.

We have had to reschedule the start date for Monster Burgers several times this year, and have had to cut it down to one Monday a month - due to lack of volunteers to keep the program going weekly.

As mentioned in the short articles here, we also have a need for Honor Guard members, Athletic Officer, and AAVI director.

None of these positions require a huge commitment of time or energy - unless they are all trying to be done by the same few people. If everybody reading this newsletter would add their name to the volunteer roles, we could fill all the positions and be a more vibrant post, and a larger part of the Aberdeen Community. Please consider helping out where you can.

Dale Strom
Post Commander

From the Adjutant



Greetings from your Post Adjutant. Hopefully each of you have been doing well. We at Post 24 are reeling from the loss of two of our very active members - Tom Perrizo and Sam Olson. Each member was a past post commander and a current membership worker. Tom served

5 total years as post commander and Sam one year. Both Legionnaires served many other positions in the Post as well as at the county level.

We need to fill their footsteps as soon as possible! We have the Post Athletic position to fill as well as the Color Guard/funeral detail. In fact, we are always looking for members to become active in any of our ventures.

Please take a moment to make sure you have renewed your membership for 2023. This can be done on line at MyLegion.Org or mail a check to Post 24, PO Box 2052, Aberdeen SD 57401. If you like, you can call me at 605 225 1647 for assistance. Please remember your Membership counts but only if all of us Veterans join for the cause. We have lost 2 very Active members who worked membership for many years.

Hopefully each member will sign up a fellow veteran to join the American Legion. With larger numbers we will have a louder voice whether in Pierre or Washington DC. Post 24 dues are just $40.00 a year. See you at the free early bird supper on Nov. 10th. Pay in Advance to avoid standing in line.

Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

Color Guard/Honor Guard

Volunteers are always needed to help the post Honor Guard with military rights and presentation of Colors for area events. Uniforms are provided, and you can help with just the events you are able to make. If interested, please contact any of the Post officers and let them know, or call Mel Volk at 605-380-0725.

Post Meeting time changed

At the October post meeting, a resolution was passed to permanently move the monthly post meeting, and executive committee meeting, times from 8:00pm to 7:00pm.

Bell Ringers wanted

The post is again ringing bells for the Salvation Army this Christmas season. We are looking for volunteers for two hour shifts on Saturday, November 26th. If you can spare the time to help, please call Mel Volk at 605-380-0725.

Turkey Shoot - New Date

Just a reminder, the post's Turkey Shoot (Charity Night) will be held on Friday, October 28th this year.

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

Open positions

The post currently needs to fill a vacant spot for Athletic Officer, and also needs a Director to represent the Post on the Aberdeen Area Veterans board. If you are interested in either, please contact a post officer or send an email to Post24@aberdeenlegion.org

Post Oratorical Contest

The Post level of the American Legion Oratorical scholarship program will be held on Sunday, Dec 11th in the Plymouth Church fellowship hall. Speakers and judges should arrive by 1:00, and observers before the first speaker starts at 2:00.

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)

Past Post Commanders remembered

Sidney L Smith post #24 had two of our past commanders transfer to Post Everlasting a week apart. Sam Olson (left) and Tom Perrizo (right) have departed, leaving a void in our hearts, and our post.





TAPS

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

Ronald Angerhofer *	Dennis Beckler
Thomas J Bucaro	Theodore Roosevelt Derry
Thomas L Dosch	Harold J Hoffman *
Ervin Adam Joachim	Sam Olson *
James William Parkin	Robert Luis Pence
Thomas Perrizo *	Eddie Dean Swanson
Donald D Van Dover	Donald Whittlinger *

* Denotes a member of Post 24

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Upcoming Events:

Oct 28th (Fri) - Aberdeen Area Veterans pheasant hunt for disable veterans. Volunteers and hunters register at 9:00am in the City Lights parking lot.

Oct 28th (Fri) - Legion Turkey Shoot, 7:00pm at City Lights

Oct 29th (Sat) - District 4 Fall Meeting, 4:00pm Warner Community Center.

Nov 6th (Sun) - Daylight Savings Time ends, set your clocks back.

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

Nov 10th (Thr) - Post Early Bird membership dinner. Social at 5:30, meal at 6:00, Ballroom at City Lights

Nov 11th (Fri) - *Veterans Day*

Nov 21st (Mon) - **Post Meeting** - 7:00pm in meeting room A at City Lights event center.

Nov 24th (Thr) - *Thanksgiving*

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

Dec 11th (Sun) - Post Oratorical Contest, 2:00 pm at Plymouth Church.

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

Dec 25th (Sun) - *Christmas*