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Commander's Column



Greetings Legionnaires

I hope you are all enjoying this fall weather like I am. A BIG Thank you to all that helped with the Turkey Shoot. We can not put these types of events on without the dedication from so many volunteers. A special thank you to Steve Nemmers, Dale Strom and Vern Preszler for the extra time you all put in as a committee to make sure all was in order for a successful Turkey Shoot.

A couple of upcoming events are: our early bird dinner is on 9 November at City Lights, start time 6:00 pm. I would also encourage all that are able, to attend a Veterans Day program in your local area. The one for Aberdeen is on Veterans Day at Central High School in the gymnasium with a start time of 10:00am. This event is put on by our local VFW Post #17. Legion Post #24's color guard will be there to post the colors. Speaking of the color guard we can always use more people to help. If interested contact Mel Volk, 605-380-0725, or anyone else that is a member of the color guard.

Help Wanted: we are still looking for a couple members to step up and fill the vacant slots of 1st Vice, recording secretary and Legal officer. If interested, please contact me or another officer of the post. This is also a good time to put a plug in for membership. The more members we have the stronger the Legion is. If there is anything you would like to see your post do or get involved with, come to the meetings and let us know. We are always looking for more ways to get involved in the local community.

Darvin Vetter
Post Commander
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From the Adjutant



Greetings Legionnaires

First of all I want thank everyone who worked the Post Annual Turkey Shoot Oct. 25th. It takes many hands to pull off a successful fundraiser. Please pat yourself on the back. I do not want to name names but like I said before we are fortunate to have so many who take the time and give their energy to make this event so worthwhile!

Veterans Day is Monday Nov. 11th thus the Post Early Bird Membership Meal will be Saturday Nov. 9th starting at 6pm to 7pm at City Lights. This meal is free for all Post 24 members who have paid up for 2025. Mark this date on your calendar.

The American Legion fights for healthcare and benefits for all Veterans. If you served honorably you are eligible to join this fight. Please contact any Post officer.

Additionally membership benefits and discounts can be found on-line at https://www.legion.org/member-services/discount-center. You can also find VA information on-line as well. The American Legion has worked hard for over 100 years to make sure Veterans are not forgotten.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a early Merry Christmas!!

Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

Veteran Day

There will be a program at Aberdeen Central HS on Monday, Nov 11th, starting at 10:00 am to commemorate Veteran's Day.

Early Bird Membership Dinner

With Veteran's Day on a Monday, the Post's "Early Bird" dinner for paid members will be held on Saturday, Nov 9th.

The dinner will be held in the Ball Room of the City Lights event center (316 S 2nd St) and the meal will be served at 6:00pm, though members are welcome to arrive earlier to socialize before it starts.

Oyster stew will, as is traditional, be an option with the meal.

Post officers needed

The post currently has open officer positions at 1st Vice Commander (who is also the Membership Committee Chair) and Legal Officer.
We are also looking for someone who would be willing to fill the Recording Secretary role - taking minutes at the Post and Executive Committee meetings and reading the minutes back at both.
If you have an interest in filling any of these roles, please contact the Commander or Adjutant.

Oratorical Scholarship Contest

The post level of The American Legion Oratorical Scholarship - a Constitutional speaking contest - will take place at Plymouth Church (431 W Melgaard Rd) on Sunday, Dec 15th. Contestants should arrive by 12:30pm, and the first speaker will take the stage at 1:00.
The contest is open to any Aberdeen High School (including home school) students.

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}



Voting is a right, a privilege, and a responsibility. Take the time to learn the candidates and the issues, and then cast your vote - whether on Nov 5th, or by voting early in person or via absentee ballot.

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)

Turkey Shoot 2024

The annual post charity night ("Turkey Shoot") fundraiser was held Friday, Oct 25th, and the early indications are that it will be one of our more successful events of the last several years. The crowd was large and active, and several games





closed early after running out of prizes.

A formal report of the event will be given at the November meeting of the Post, but early indications are positive.

TAPS

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

Fred Herman, Jr

Richard William Lanz

Donald L Lout*

* Denotes a member of Post 24

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Upcoming Events:

Oct 31st (Thr) - *Halloween*

Nov 3rd (Sun) - Daylight Savings Time ends (set clocks)

Nov 4th (Mon) - Executive Committee meeting, 7pm in meeting room A at City Lights

Nov 5th (Tue) - **Vote**, if you haven't already

Nov 9th (Sat) - Early Bird Membership Dinner (see pg 1)

Nov 11th (Mon) - *Veteran's Day*

Nov 18th (Mon) - **Post Meeting** - 7:00pm in meeting room A at City Lights event center.

Nov 28th (Thr) - *Thanksgiving*

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

Dec 7th (Sat) - *Pearl Harbor*

Dec 15th (Sun) - Post contest for Oratorical Scholarship, 1:00pm Plymouth Church on Melgaard Rd

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

Dec 25th (Wed) - *Christmas*

Jan 1st (Wed) - *New Year*

Jan 5th (Sun) - District 4 Oratory Contest, 1:00pm Plymouth Church on Melgaard Rd

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

Feb 14-16 - Midwinter Conferences in Oacoma