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Commander's Column



Fellow Legionnaires,

Summer is waning and with September's arrival it's time for Post activities to pick up again. The post never shuts down, but we do certainly have times that are busier then others, and early fall is one of those times.

Moster Burgers will be starting on the 20th, and we are still looking for a new "crew boss" to oversee this important fundraiser. As you can see in the articles here, the post will be active in several community programs this month. The 2022 membership drive started in July, but will pick up as we get closer to the Veteran's Day target date and the Early Bird feed. Fall also means the return of our biggest fund raising night, our annual Turkey Shoot in October.

There's a lot to do, so jump in and help us do it.

Dale Strom
Post Commander

From the Adjutant



Where did the summer go? We are now looking ahead to the fall and winter events, but before I do, I want to congratulate the Legion Chili Team and District 4 Legionnaires who took part in the Brown Co. Fair activities. Without these hard working Legion volunteers our presence at the Fair would not have been successful. Pat yourself on the back.

Post 24 will start up Monster Burgers on Sept 20. We are looking for volunteers who can either help every Mon, or be a sub to fill in. A critical need is for setting up and tearing down as well as prep work in the kitchen. Please contact me if you can help at 1pm or 7pm. We certainly will not send you away for working in between.

In October we will have our annual Turkey Shoot (Oct 15th) so please place that on your list to attend and to help.

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 help businesses. Veterans statistically shop small, shop local and have brand loyalty! I hope you agree.

Membership for 2022 notices are out. I am looking forward to processing your dues. Please be aware, the National Legion Office is having on-going computer problems with MyLegion.org, which have caused delays in getting membership dues for 2022 updated correctly. If you have paid (thank you) and get another renewal notice please do not be alarmed. I am working on that issue with National. Hopefully the bugs will be sprayed and the new system fixed. If you have not paid I am looking forward to hearing from you. Dues are still a bargain at $40.00.

Questions? Call (605) 225-1647 and leave a message. I will call you back. Take care!

Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

9/11 Remembrance

The Brown County Teen Court will be sponsoring a program on Saturday, September 11th to honor the victims of the terror attacks on New York and Washington, DC in 2001. They are looking for veterans willing to read a short bio for 3 or 4 of the victims from that day (total of 50 names will be read).

The program will start at 10:00am and is expected to last about 90 minutes.

If you are interested, please contact the post Americanism Officer (email to Americanism@AberdeenLegion.org)

Constitution Day - Flag Ceremony

The post will again be conducting an unserviceable flag retirement ceremony at NSU as part of their Constitution Day program. The time has not been set yet as of this newsletter, but it will tentatively start at 4:00pm on Friday the 17th of September in the Barnett Center Parking Lot. The program will explain how a Flag is deemed unserviceable, and how to properly dispose of it.

Legion Riders 2021 POW Ride

The Warner Chapter of The American Legion Riders will be holding their 10th annual POW/MIA awareness ride on Saturday, the 18th of September. This is a 250 mile ride that includes lunch at the Veblen Legion post and is open to all street legal vehicles. The cost is $20 per person and registration starts at 10am in the Wylie Lake parking lot. The ride will depart at 11:00am.

Roll Call
2021 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	Dan Vetter
Sergeant at Arms	Larry Ligtenberg
Asst Sgt at Arms	Sid Beckler
Children And Youth	Elizabeth Maier
Athletics	Tom Perrizo
Employment	Gary Warne
Historian	Dale Strom
Service	Pat Steele
Legal Officer	Brian Bengs
Recording Secretary	Lloyd Just

Oratory Contest

The post is looking for high school students to participate in The American Legion Oratorical Scholarship Contest. Contestants for this public speaking event can be freshmen through senior year students, and may compete multiple years.

If you know of any students who may be interested, please have them contact the post. The post contest will be held December 5th.

Early Bird membership dinner

The post will be holding our annual Early Bird Dinner on Nov 10th with a social hour at 5:00pm and the meal at 6:00pm. This is a free meal for all members who have renewed their dues for the coming year (2022) by the start of the meal. You will be able to renew and pickup your membership card at the meal, if you like.

Don't Forget

Post Meeting is 8:00pm on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Post Home (inside *City Lights*, 316 South 2nd St, Aberdeen)

Turkey Shoot

The post's annual Charity Night (or Turkey Shoot) will be held on October 15th (night before the Pheasant opener) starting at 7:00pm.

The night features games of chance played for food prizes, including frozen turkeys, steaks, beef sticks, and the ever-popular cheese wheels.

This is one of the biggest single-night fund raisers the post has, and we need your help to make it a success. Volunteers to work the night, donations for door prizes, and just spreading the word to friends and family about the event - please do all you can to help out.

TAPS

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

Richard Daschle

Wayne DeVries

Loren Engler

Al Ferguson

Glenn Kiefer

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Upcoming Events:

Sep 6th (Mon) - *Labor Day* - no Executive Committee Meeting

Sep 11th (Sat) - 9/11 remembrance program, 10:00am at Johnson Fine Arts Center, NSU

Sep 17th (Fri) - Constitution Day program, 4pm at NSU

Sep 18th (Sat) - Legion Riders POW/MIA ride, departs Wylie Lake at 11:00am

Sep 20th (Mon) - Monster Burgers return!

- **Post meeting**, 8pm in room A at City Lights.

Oct 4th (Mon) - Executive Committee meeting, 8pm in meeting room A at City Lights

Oct 15th (Fri) - Legion Turkey Shoot, 7pm in City Lights ballroom.

Oct 18th (Mon) - **Post meeting**, 8pm in meeting room A at City Lights

Oct 31st (Sun) - *Halloween*

Nov 1st (Mon) - Executive Committee meeting, 8pm in meeting room A at City Lights

Nov 7th (Sun) - Daylight Savings time ends

Nov 10th (Wed) - Early Bird membership dinner, 6pm meal in the Ball Room at City Lights

Nov 11th (Thr) - *Veterans Day*