The American Legion

"For God and Country"

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Commander's Column



Fellow Legionnaires,

I want to start by thanking all of the Post's volunteers that helped out over the past week during the Brown County Fair. We had members helping with the District 4 American Legion booth, the Aberdeen Area Veterans booth and the South Dakota State Chili Cook Off, which is a joint fund raiser for the post, the Aberdeen Optimists, and the Aberdeen Knights of Columbus. To top things off on an already busy week, the color guard was also called upon for a funeral Saturday. It was a busy week for your post of The American Legion, and I appreciate the efforts of everyone who helped out.

Monster Burgers will, hopefully, start up soon as well, though we have moved that target date from Sept 12th to Oct 3rd. For most of the past decade, this program has not only keep the Legion name in the public eye, it has also been The fund raiser that has allowed the post the fiscal ability to rent space for an office, meetings, and events. It is, also, a program that requires a LOT of work, which has been mostly provided by a relatively few members for that decade. Life situations change, and we find ourselves short on workers for the program this year, specifically cooks - so if you can help at all, please contact the post adjutant (see below) to volunteer. It would be great to have enough people to trade off nights and spread the burden out more. Even having some bodies "on call" to help when others can't make it would be a big benefit, and would contribute to keeping the Post active with our programs in the community. Please consider volunteering, if you are able to help.

September also means that school is back, so its time to start talking to students about some of our programs. The Oratorical Scholarship programs Post Level contest will be in December, but students need to know about the program now to start writing their speeches. American Legion Boys State, and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State are next spring, but getting the word out to students know will help garner interest and awareness in the program when registration does start. The post is working to get time with each of the high schools in Aberdeen to address the student body about our programs this fall, but if you have, or know of, a young person who could be interested in, or benefit from, these programs, please pass the word on to them.

Fall also means that we are coming up on two of our traditional events; the Turkey Shoot (see article below) and the Early Bird Membership diner (Thursday, Nov 10th - see next newsletter for details). I hope to see you there, and would love to see you at our post meetings as well.

Dale Strom
Post Commander

From the Adjutant



Greetings Legionnaires

I am wondering where the summer went, as fall is right around the corner and we are now planning the fall activities.

First of all we are in the midst of deciding if Monster burgers can survive. We are short on volunteers to cook and handle all of the duties involved to make this successful event.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience if you can help out to cook, do food prep and or set up the eating area. (605 225-1647 and leave a message).

On the National level we are excited to see the PACT act passed Congress and into law. Please contact the VA for additional information as they are setting up a registry.

Additionally the 988 suicide and crises lifeline is now available. The 988 number will connect everyone (including Veterans) to the National Suicide Preventive Lifeline. If you are having a crisis or seeing a loved one having such.

Trivia pointer - Most Legion Posts begin post meetings with reciting the Legion Preamble. The first part "for God & Country we associate ourselves together". This declares the Legion recognizes the Almighty God in all worthwhile endeavors and declares allegiance to both God & the Nation.

See you at the next post meeting or any of our functions.

Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

POW/MIA Ride

The American Legion Riders will hold their annual POW/MIA awareness ride on Saturday, September 17th. Registration will be at 10:00am in the parking lot north of Wylie Lake, and the ride will depart at 11am. All street legal vehicles are welcome, and the ride does include a meal at the Veblin American Legion post.

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

Turkey Shoot - New Date

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

The post decided last fall to experiment with a different date then our traditional 3rd Friday in October, so this will be a change for long-term members. We do hope, however, that we can still count on support from our members to keep this a great event, just on a different date.

Don't Forget

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

SD State Chili Cook Off

Congratulations to Pat Steele, who represented the Post at the State Chili Cook Off again this year. Pat placed 2nd in Homestyle Chili. Pat is show here with Jr Miss Aberdeen, Kyanne Galbraith.



TAPS

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

Terry D Brown
Donald Fischer*
Thomas Lee Dahl

* Denotes a member of Post 24

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Upcoming Events:

Sep 5th (Mon) - *Labor Day* - NO Executive Committee meeting.

Sep 17th (Sat) - Legion Riders POW/MIA awareness ride - registration 10am at Wylie Lake parking lot

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

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

Tentative restart date for Legion Monster Burgers

Oct 17th (Mon) - **Post Meeting** - 7:00pm in meeting room A at City Lights event center.

Oct 28th (Fri) - **Post Turkey Shoot** - same event, new date!

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

Nov 10th (Thr) - Early Bird Membership Dinner

Nov 11th (Fri) - *Veterans Day*