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Commander's Column



Greetings Legionnaires

I hope everyone has had a great summer so far, hard to believe that August is almost over with. I want to thank Vern Preszler for putting together our annual volunteer picnic. It is always good to see so many members putting in volunteer time to assist the post with its many programs. The post couldn't continue to be active in the community without such great volunteers. I want to Thank each of you that give of your time throughout the year.

We have a little less than 60 days before our annual turkey shoot on 25 Oct. If you would like to volunteer to help with the turkey shoot, get in contact with me. Thank you to all that have volunteered in the past and are again volunteering this year. With no monster burgers the Turkey shoot is our biggest fund raiser of the year.

Help Wanted: we need members to step forward to fill the following positions: 1st Vice Commander, Recording Secretary, Legal Officer, and Public Relations. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in filling one or more of these positions contact myself (605 824-0081) or the post adjutant, Gary Warne (605 216-1647).

Darvin Vetter
Post Commander

From the Adjutant



Greetings Legionnaires

Summer is fading into fall and along with that comes the excitement of fall sports and so on.

Your Post will be selling raffle tickets for several prizes: Fishing rods, framed set of Redlin prints (3), plus a few rifles and pistols. This is a significant fund raiser so we can assist veterans causes. Cost is $20.00 per ticket. Please contact me at: 605-216-1647 or Mel Volk at 605-380-0725. Please note - Ken's Super Fair Foods has donated these 3 Redlin prints which Post 24 greatly appreciates. Thanks Kevin!!

Post 24 will be represented in the Gypsy Day parade which is October 5th. Always looking for good legs to throw candy. Call me if you are interested.

The Annual Post Turkey shoot is coming up Friday Oct. 25th. As always we can use volunteers. You can call either Mel or myself. This is a main fundraiser for Post 24 as we no longer cook Monster Burgers.

The SD State Legion golf tournament is Sept. 7 & 8 starting 9am at Webster. Details can be found at the SD American Legion Dept website.

Additionally, there will be a Welcome Home Honor Flight 21 event September 25th at 9:30pm in Sioux Falls.

Finally Post 24 wants to welcome all new members to the Post as well as to thank each member who has paid for either 2025 and beyond on the 3 year plan. As always I look forward to meeting each one of you. Dues are $45.00 per year.

Have a healthy and wonderful fall.

Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

Veteran Discounts in Aberdeen

The Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce maintains a list of buisnesses in Aberdeen offering discounts for Veterans and active military. The list can be found online at:

aberdeensd.com/living-here/shopping-service/

Please verify contact information

We are asking each member to please check (and correct if needed) their information. You can do this online at MyLegion.org, if you have setup your account there. Login and go to "my account", where you can change your address, phone #, and email - along with other information.

Having current contacts for our members will help us to keep you informed of meetings and other events.

Turkey Shoot Raffle

The post is currently selling raffle tickets in conjunction with the upcoming Turkey Shoot. Tickets are $20 each, with 9 chances to win (though you can only win once per ticket). Prizes include two fishing rod/reels, a set of Redlin prints, and six firearms (winners of the firearms are required to pay for the ATF background check, and there is a cash option if the background check doesn't clear).

If you would like to purchase, you can contact Mel Volk (605/380-0725), if you are out of town, we will email/text you a copy of the filled out form(s) when we receive your payment.

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}

Tickets may be available at the Turkey Shoot, as well, though a limited number have been printed for sale.

Turkey Shoot

The post's annual Turkey Shoot (Charity Night) will be held on Friday, October 25th (this is the Friday after the pheasant opener) at City Lights Event Center in Aberdeen. The event starts at 7:00pm and will run until roughly 10:30pm, if prizes last.
We will be calling to ask for volunteers for the event, and ask all members to help us spread the word of when it will be. Please tell your friends and co-workers to come out and join us for an evening of games.

Thank You Brian Bengs

Our current 1st Vice, Legal Officer, and Recording Secretary, Brian Bengs, has stepped down from those roles, as he is leaving the Aberdeen area. We thank him for his years of work with the post.

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)

DRIVERS WANTED for Aberdeen area Veteran Transportation Service (VTS)

The VTS helps eligible veterans get to and from VA health care facilities, as well as authorized non-VA appointments. The VTS also offers free transportation, in multi-passenger vans, to qualifying injured and ill veterans. Volunteers drive the program's vans, which are coordinated by Hospital Service Coordinators.

Our drivers all have volunteered to serve on the DAV Transportation network to express their appreciation to veterans by providing their spare time to support to the VTS. Volunteering not only benefits the veteran directly. It helps our community and the family members of the veteran that have the immediate need. Service to veterans is the creed of our organizations to do the best of what we can with the understanding and knowledge we have.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver for the VTS or have questions on the requirements to volunteer, please contact Mark Wolf, Aberdeen area Driver Coordinator for Aberdeen, SD at (605) 380-7420 or mwolf@nvc.net.

TAPS

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

Dennis W Goebel

Caroline Grossman

Merle Klein

Gary Allen Schlenker

Donald Glen Steward

* Denotes a member of Post 24

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Upcoming Events:

Sep 2nd (Mon) - *Labor Day*
no Executive Committee meeting

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

Sep 21st (Sat) - Legion Riders POW/MIA ride - registration 10:30 at Wylie Lake

Oct 5th (Sat) NSU Gypsy Day parade

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

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

Oct 25th (Fri) - Turkey Shoot - 7:00pm in City Lights ball room

