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Commander's Column



Greetings Legionnaires,

Hard to believe summer is over and school has started. I hope you all had a great summer and accomplished the things you wanted to this summer.

Thank you to all our volunteers, it was great seeing a lot of you at the annual volunteer picnic at Wylie Park. Out post can not do the things we do without you.

We had another successful night selling burgers at the brown county fair on Aug 10th. Hopefully this can continue to be an annual event for us. It is a great fundraiser for the post.

Coming up we have our annual turkey shoot on October 23rd. More info to come in the next newsletter. If you are wanting to get involved and help out with the turkey shoot get ahold of one of the post officers or better yet come to the monthly meetings.

Our honor guard is in need of more volunteers to help with posting colors and honoring veterans at funerals. We have had quite a few members that had to step down due to different reasons. I would really like to see our younger members get involved with this great service to veterans and the community. If interested in joining the honor guard contact Mel Volk at (605) 380-0725.

As always the best way to get your voice heard and bring your ideas to the membership is by attending monthly meetings.

You can always contact me at (605) 824-0081, or djvetter@live.com.

Darvin Vetter
Commander TAL Post #24

From the Adjutant



Greetings Legionnaires

Where does time go? We are now looking to the fall activities which includes Gypsy Day parade on Sept 26, Post turkey shoot on Oct. 23, and District 4 meeting at Leola. We always are looking for members to get involved with any or all of the Legion Post activities.

The following is very important information concerning American Legion supported bills on the Hill. I am repeating a article from our Dept. Adjutant CP Van DeList which came out in August 2026 newsletter - Up To Now.

"Right now, a rare opportunity is available to deliver 62 bipartisan bicameral bills The Legion has previously supported. The Take Care of America's Veterans Act (TCAVA) includes priorities like the Major Richard Star Act, the Love Lives On Act, the Vital Act, the Honor Act, the Saves Act and 57 others delivering benefits, health care, education, and essential services to combat-injured veterans, surviving spouses and families.

"For the first time in a generation the votes and resources line up for moving dozens of long-stalled bills. Rather than letting the moment pass and have veterans wait indefinitely for single-issue bills to pass one by one we can capitalize on it.

'You can contact your representative at: https:www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home."

Please note: I have, and hope you will as well.

By the way we always can use more members for military rites or color guard details. Contact me at 605 216 1647.

Enjoy the fall!

Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

Editor/Publisher Sought

The post will be losing our long-term editor and publisher for our bi-monthly newsletter, and we are looking for someone to stand up and step in to take over the position.

Printing can be done in the Post's office, but you will need to have a computer or tablet, and be comfortable using word processing to create the newsletter from the information provided to you by the officers.

USO style show

The Satin Dollz patriotic female vocal and dance quartet, will be performing in the Johnson Fine Arts Center at NSU on Thursday, Nov 12th, at 7:00.

Post 24 is one of several sponsors of the event, but details are still being worked out. Please keep an eye out for more information in the next newsletter.

SD State Fair Legion booth

The American Legion State Fair Booth is looking for Volunteers to help greet fairgoers, visit with fellow veterans, share information about the Legion, and enjoy all the fun the fair has to offer!

Whether you can help for a few hours or several days, we'd love to have you join our team. It's a fantastic opportunity to support veterans, promote patriotism, and represent one of South Dakota's finest organizations.

Interested? Contact Past Dept Commander Gary Wolkow, 605-203-0226

Roll Call

2026 - 2027 Post Officers

Commander	Darvin Vetter
1st Vice Commander	Mark Wolf
2nd Vice Commander	Charlie Aldentaler
Adjutant	Gary Warne
Finance	Steve Nemmers
Americanism	Dale Strom
Chaplain	Pat Steele
Sergeant at Arms	Larry Ligtenberg
Asst Sgt at Arms	Sid Beckler
Children And Youth	Doug Roggow
Athletics	Conald Burgard
Employment	Gary Warne
Historian	Jan Vetter
Service	Mark Wolf
Legal Officer	Tom Tonner
Recording Secretary	Ruth VanSteenwyk

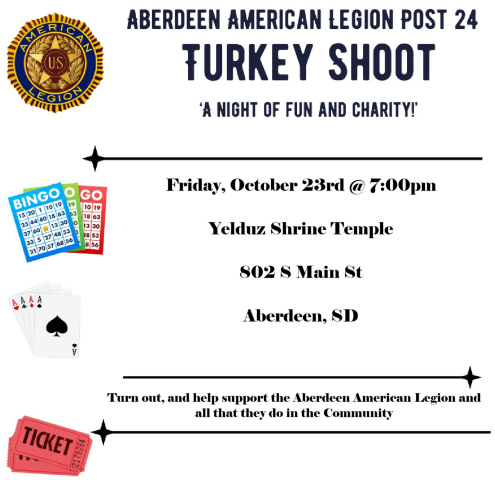
2026 Turkey Shoot

The post will be holding our annual charity night (Turkey Shoot) on Friday, October 23rd.

It will be held at the Shrine temple this year, but will feature the same games as we've had in the past.

Don't Forget

Our Post Meetings are 7:00pm on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Post Home: 617 S 15th St, Aberdeen.



Volunteers to help out with the event are always needed. If you are able, and willing, to help, please contact the post commander or adjutant (see their articles on front page for numbers).

Even if you are not available to help at the event, you can still help with it, by spreading word of the date, time, and location. Word of mouth remains the best advertising we have, so please tell your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to come out and join us for fun games and the chance to win food prizes - including, of course, Turkeys.

TAPS

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

Wesley Merle Brick
Ronald Allen Droog*
Vernon Korab
Theodore Henke
Melvin T. Serfoss
Gary Sieber
Lyle Johnsen
Robert S. Uttermark*

* Denotes a member of Post 24
+ Past Commander of Post 24

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Upcoming Events:

Aug 28 to Sep.3 107th Annual National Convention – Louisville, Ky

Sep 7th (Mon) - *Labor Day*
No Executive Committee meeting

Sep 19th (Sat) - Legion Rider POW/MIA ride

Sep 21st (Mon) - **Post Meeting**, 7pm at Post Home.

Sep 26th (Sat) - NSU Homecoming

Oct 5th (Mon) - Executive Committee meeting, 7pm at Post Home.

Oct 10th (Sat) - Department Commander's Homecoming, Sioux Falls. 4:30 social. Dinner & program follow

Oct 17th (Sat) - *Pheasant Season opens*

Oct 19th (Mon)- **Post Meeting**, 7pm at Post Home.

Oct 23rd (Fri) - Turkey Shoot, 7pm in The Shrine on South Main St.

Oct 24th (Sat) - District 4 Fall Meeting in Leola, 11:30 Social, 12:00 meeting, 2:00 meal

Nov 3rd (Mon) - Executive Committee meeting, 7pm at Post Home.

Nov 11th (Wed) - *Veterans Day*