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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

The holiday season is fully in swing. Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and is getting ready for a wonderful Christmas.

It took a while, but the cooler/freezer is up and running, and the breezeway was closed in before any bad weather hit. Greg is installing the security system for our early morning deliveries.

Our Color Guard had a busy Veterans Day with three ceremonies, and our Honor Guard helped us out with another one at Holling Heights Elementary. Thanks to all our volunteers who take time out during the busy holidays to make our Post run so well.

Our Honor Guard and Color Guard will be doing Wreaths across America at the National Cemetery on December 14 at 11:00 a.m. where a wreath will be placed at every headstone of our fallen comrades.

Kathy has a bus trip planned on December 7 to look at Christmas Lights. Additional information is in this newsletter. Remember the kids' Christmas Party is on Sunday December 15. This year the adult Christmas Party will be combined with New Year's Eve.

'Tis the season to be kind to one another. Smile, be happy, and have a safe holiday.

Semper Fi Gary Sempek

SAL NEWS

Hello!

I would like to start by thanking two special Auxiliary members for their help on November 18 at the SAL taco night. We were shorthanded and they stepped up to help. Thank you!

I'm still looking to see some new faces in our meetings. They are held the first Monday of the month (as long as it's not a holiday).

Get ready for our annual soup and sandwich night. It will be held on Saturday February 8. If you would like to donate a soup a sign-up sheet will be available at the bar soon.

Also, mark your calendar for the Nelson Scholarship Bowling and chili cook off on Saturday March 7. It's always a good time and a great cause.

Sharing another definition:

Volunteer: Activities performed willingly and without pay to provide goods or provide services for others.

We are family! John Polson, Commander

POST TRIP INFORMATION

The European Post trip in 2020 will be in Bavaria Germany from May 30 through June 10. This trip will include going to some of the oldest breweries in Germany, one with a 26 generation brew master. The trip will start in Munich and will include the following cities and sites: Bamberg, the Eagles nest, Regensburg (home of the world's oldest continuous run restaurant 1320 AD); Rothenburg, Nuremburg, the Dachau Memorial, Neuschwanstein castle, Salzburg in Austria and more. We will also be attending Bergkirchweih –the world's oldest Beer festival; this festival is always ranked in the top 10 fests in Germany.

The cost (\$2429 per person plus air; dual occupancy) will include hotels; entry in some sites/events, chartered bus transportation, and some meals/beverages on the bus. We need to limit the trip to around 30 people. If you would like to go please contact me ASAP so I can get you registered. Send an email to adj@post374.org with your contact info so I can send you the information as I get it. If you told me you want to go please email me so I can keep you informed.

Greg Petersen, Adjutant

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

We will have a packing party on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 2:00 p.m. for 73 soldiers from Nebraska. Remember they are out of the country and not able to be home for Christmas, so we want them to know we appreciate the sacrifices they make. Please drop off your donations at the Post right away. I want to thank all of you that have already donated to help us cover the costs.

The children's Christmas party will be Sunday, Dec. 15 from noon to 2. Bring the kids in to eat, play and see Santa & Mrs. Claus! Please let me know if you can help or bring cookies.

Our next meeting, Tuesday Dec 10 at 7:00, will be our Christmas party. Feel free to bring a snack to share. We will have a gift exchange of not more than \$10 if you would like to participate, but it is not required. Please bring your gift wrapped.

We will provide desserts for Taco night on Monday, Dec. 2 at 5:00. Please let me know if you can bring a dessert.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

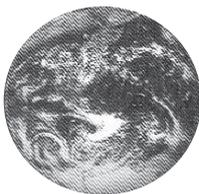
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Charlie Odorizzi - I am a Veteran

RIDERS NEWS

Well it's December and the bikes are all tucked away for a long winters nap. My update will be short this month.

Our beloved Schoe made it home from Iraq along with the lucky coin. Channel 6 news was at our Post as the coin was handed back to its rightful owner. We are glad to have you and the coin home.

This year found all the riders safe with no bike related accidents.

I wish you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Semper Fi - Steve Lahrs, Director

The Post will start Opening at 12:00 for NFL football on Sundays

If we do not see an increase in business then we will go back to opening at 2:00 PM. We do have the NFL Package so you should be able to watch your favorite team.

Thank You

I would like to thank the volunteers who came to clean the kitchen: *Terry Knobbe, Vince Mahoney, Jeri Petersen, John Polson, Gary Sempek, Jim Shuey, and Jim Wentz. I'm sure I missed a couple people (sorry!).*

Also thank you to the volunteers who helped build the breezeway: *Gene Kirchhevel, Vince Mahoney, Gary Sempek, Bob Sempek, and Randy Young.*

**Greg Petersen,
Kitchen Manager**

NEW FEATURE

If you cannot attend a General meeting in person you can do it remotely by going to:

Join the Online Meeting:
<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/adj374>

Or by calling Dial-in Number (US):
(605) 475-4928

Access Code: 463168



The Legion has one cemetery plot at Westlawn-Hillcrest Cemetery for sale. It is a double depth vault for two people. The cost is \$7,195 or best offer. If you would like to purchase it please contact

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There are three pots for the Legion drawing (Wednesday) and one pot each for the auxiliary drawing (Tuesday) and SAL drawing (Sunday). You have to register to win.

**Congrats to Roger Lockhart
S.A.L. Winner**

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POST #374 DUES

Legion	\$45.00
Auxiliary	\$30.00
Jr. Auxiliary (18 and under)	\$8.00
SAL	\$25.00
Jr. SAL	\$7.50

Card of Thanks

We thank the Legion for letting our family use your hall! It was very much appreciated!
Thank you,

Geoff Horejs and Jason & Donna Wallin

Thank you to all of you that conducted military honors at our father's funeral. My dad was a past commander and held many other officer and volunteer roles from Hamburger night to entertainment acts. Our family has a long history with this Post and were honored to have you there.

Thank you and God Bless
Robert Osterman Family

Dear military Honor Guards from Legion Post 374,

Thank you so very much for the military honors you bestowed upon my husband Ed Worthington. The memorial service at the Omaha National Cemetery was awe inspiring and honorable. I will treasure the memory of your tribute forever.

Love Judy & family



There is a **BELL** at the Post that is to be rung **ONLY** when the Huskers get a touchdown. If you ring it at any other time you will have to buy a round of drinks for the **ENTIRE BAR**.



FUNERAL HONOR DETAIL
Legion Post 374 / VFW Post 8334



"No One Earned Their Wigs"

USPS News

If you move, let the Post know your new address. USPS doesn't forward third class mail. The Post pays 55¢ for every returned newsletter.
Thank you.

Due to the Post being booked for numerous Christmas parties there is **NO** December birthday bash. **Sorry for the inconvenience.**



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★★ **JANUARY 2019** ★★
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE
(NO Later Than Friday, December 20)

Mondays - \$1.50 Taco Night 5:30 – 7:30
Tuesday - Hamburger Night - 5:30 -7:30
Thursday - Dinner 5:30 – 6:45 (menu varies)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 FOOD SAL Mtg 7:00  TACO'S "PUBLIC WELCOME"	3 FOOD  BURGER'S "PUBLIC WELCOME"	4	5 FOOD Cribbage 7:00  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	6	7 Packing party 2 PM ----- Christmas Lights Party Bus 6 - 10
8	9 FOOD  TACO'S "PUBLIC WELCOME"	10 FOOD Auxiliary Mtg 7:00  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	11	12 FOOD Cribbage 7:00  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	13	14
15  Kid's Christmas Party 12-2 PM	19 FOOD  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	17 ALR Mtg 6:30 ----- KITCHEN CLOSED	18 E-Board Mtg 6:30 ----- General Mtg 7:30	19 FOOD Cribbage 7:00  "PUBLIC WELCOME"	20 News LTR Articles Due	21
22	23 FOOD  TACO'S "PUBLIC WELCOME"	24 Post closing early ----- KITCHEN CLOSED	25 Merry Christmas! POST CLOSED	26	27	28
29	30 FOOD  TACO'S "PUBLIC WELCOME"	31 Adult Christmas/New Year's Eve Party ----- KITCHEN CLOSED				

• UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST •

- Saturday Dec 7.....Christmas Lights Party Bus Tour
- Sunday Dec 15..... Kids Christmas Party
- Tuesday Dec 17ALR Christmas Party
- Tuesday Dec 31 Adult Christmas Party/New Year's Eve Party
- Saturday Feb 8.....SAL Soup/Sandwich Night
- Saturday Mar 7..... Nelson Scholarship Bowling/Chili Cook Off

Christmas Lights Party Bus Tour Saturday, December 7 6:00 – 10:00 PM

- ★ Snacks at 5:00 before the bus leaves
- ★ Alcohol & beer on the bus
- ★ The bus will stop at 2 bars
- ★ Limited to 42 people
- ★ \$30 per person Pre-Pay Kathy

