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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

I can't believe it is December already...time for the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. The kids' Christmas Party is early this year on Sunday, December 5. At least we are able to have one. If you can spare a little time, come down and help at the packing party for the troops on Saturday, December 4 at 2:00 p.m. On Friday, December 17, we will be having a fish fry featuring fish or shrimp with fries. The Post will be closed on Christmas Day, so everyone can spend the day with family. We will be having a New Year's Eve party to ring in the New Year with Rock 'n Roll Bingo from 7:30 to 9:30 and games to follow. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

I've given up on the idea that I know anything about football. No more predictions (till next year).

The VFW in Millard is closing its doors. We have been approached about joining together to form a Veterans Club. At our last E-Board and General Meetings, we agreed that it's a good idea and has been heading that way for a long time. We are all Veterans and have the same mission in our organizations. There will be a lot of logistics involved in deciding how, when and where this will take place. At least we are working towards a common goal.

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Semper Fi! Gary Sempek

SAL NEWS

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving; we all have a great deal to be thankful for!

It's hard to believe we are about to close the books on yet another year; it seems 2021 has flown by, in fact the past two years is somewhat a fog with so much happening in our country and the world in general. It's nice to know we can take comfort in the fact that we have a rock solid foundation called the American Legion.

Rumor has it that the main man himself will be making an appearance at our Post again this Christmas season. Yes, Santa and his Mrs. will be riding their sleigh all the way from the North Pole directly to our Post.

We have begun to, once again, offer dinner on some Friday nights and plan to continue this so check out the menu board when you're at the Post. As previously communicated, the SAL will be conducting a beef raffle with tickets going on sale after the first of the year. In addition, we will have a soup and sandwich night Saturday February 5 with special entertainer the Amazing Lindy, a magic show not to be missed.

Our next two meetings are Monday December 6 and January 3. Please mark your calendars to attend!

The third Monday of the month is SAL taco night and we can always use a few more volunteers, so please step up.

As a reminder, please pay your dues if you haven't already done so.

Here's wishing each of you a very Merry Christmas!

In life people don't burn out and quit because of what they do, people burn out and quit because life make them forget WHY they do it. - - Inky Johnson, former University of Tennessee football player.

We are family! John Polson, Commander and Randy Young, Vice Commander

COLOR GUARD NEWS

The Color Guard season has largely ended, the only event remaining is Wreaths across America scheduled for Saturday December 18 at Omaha National Cemetery.

The one confirmed future event is the St Patrick's Day parade on Saturday March 12; let's hope we have good weather for this.

The Color Guard and Honor Guard are the two most important functions of the Post and to all of you who "served" this season I offer my heartfelt Thank You! Unless warranted, this will be the last color guard section of the newsletter until next season

Randy Young, Post 374 Color Guard Commander

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

Thank you for all of the donations to this year's packing party! I love our wonderful Legion Family! We will be sending individual boxes to 65 troops from Nebraska that are currently in the Middle East. We will pack the boxes on Saturday, Dec. 4 at 2:00 p.m. at the Post, so feel free to join us to help wish our soldiers a Merry Christmas and let them know that we're thinking of them.

The children's Christmas party will be Sunday, Dec. 5 from noon to 2. Bring the kids in to eat, play and see Santa Claus & Mrs. Claus!

We will serve desserts for Taco Night on Monday, Dec. 6 at 5:30 p.m. Let me know if you can bring a dessert.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas party on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 7p.m. 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. Your gift doesn't need to be wrapped fancy, just newspaper or brown paper bag if fine. We don't care if you haven't been to a meeting for a while, just come and have fun with us!

If you don't know what to get someone for Christmas this year, renew their membership for them or get them signed up as a member. It's a gift that keeps on giving! Contact Patty Polson if you have any questions about membership. 402-490-4545

Have a joyous holiday season and may God bless you all.

Karen Brink, President 402-740-1455

BUDDY CHECK 22

On the 22nd of each month at Cunningham's bar on 108th & Old Mill Rd there is a special gathering of Veterans dedicated to reducing and eliminating Veteran suicide. We continue our service by gathering with fellow Veterans. We call and reach out to others that served at our side. We stood together then and we stand together now.

BY-LAWS REVIEW

The Post By-Laws need to be reviewed. They will be reviewed by a committee but the committee need all Legionnaires to be involved. You can read them by going to the following link:
http://post374.org/documents/post_374_bylaws_updated_2015.pdf



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS

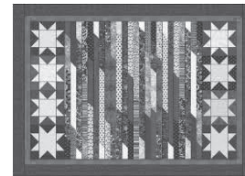
Riders,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Congrats Nate (Doc) White for becoming our new director along with the other officers maintaining their current offices. Please remember that our December meeting will actually be our Christmas Party. Please send a reply to the email asking what side dish that you will be sharing with the group.

The gift exchange is between \$15.00 and \$30.00 and the emcees of the evening will be Nate (Doc) White and Mike Schroeder. Please remember that children can come but it is a loud environment and the conversation is at an "R" level.

Semper Fi Steve Lahrs, ALR Director



Our American Legion Post is presently involved in taking names of veterans to be nominated to receive a Quilt of Valor, presented by the Quilts of Valor Society of America. The Society awards quilts to a service member or veteran who has been touched by war.

To learn more the website is qovf.org

Please forward the name of any veteran to Dennis Guinane (Post 374 Chaplain) by way of the Honor Guard box in the Post business office, or you can mail the nomination to the Post:

PO Box 390698 Omaha NE 68139

Attn: Dennis Guinane.

Include your contact information so I can follow up with you.

Thank you! Dennis Guinane



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SAL	\$30.00
Jr. SAL	\$10.00
Dual Legion/SAL.....	\$55.00
Auxiliary	\$30.00
Jr. Auxiliary (18 and under)	\$8.00
ALR	\$15.00

NOTICE

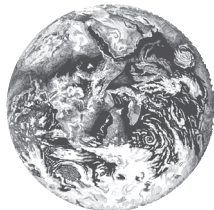
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Kid's Christmas Party

**Sunday
December 5
Noon until 2:00**

**Games, Crafts,
Prizes and Food!**

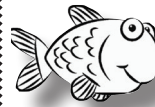


Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there so you can tell them all of your wishes and you can take "Santa selfies"

Bring your kids, grandkids or great-grandkids to have a wonderful time!

FISH FRY

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER 17
5:30 - 7:30**



Menu:

1 Piece Pollock dinner..... \$9.00

10 Piece Shrimp dinner \$8.00

Each Dinner Comes With Fries, Cole Slaw & Rye Bread.

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Card Of Thanks

Funeral Honor Detail,

Thank you so much for having such a patriotic service for Bruce. He would have been so impressed. That is exactly what he wanted. We were so happy with it. He loved going to the Legion and visiting. *God bless, Sandy Allacher & family*

Members & Family Members

When doing your estate planning please remember the American Legion Post 374 in those plans. Those contributions help us in our Building Fund and other noted needs within the Legion and to help Military Families.



FUNERAL HONOR DETAIL

Legion Post 374 / VFW Post 833



Carl A. Ciciulla 11.11.2021

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**There are four pots for the
Legion drawing
(Wednesday), and one each for
the Auxiliary drawing (Tuesday)
and the SAL drawing (Sunday).
You have to register to win.**

**Congrats to Rodney
Saathoff - SAL winner**

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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE

(NO Later Than Friday, December 2, 2021)



Dave Nieto
Certified License Agent

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DECEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Taco's Only \$1.75			1 FOOD Tenderloins 5:30 – 7:00 	2 Kitchen Closed Cribbage 7:00 	3	4 Packing party for the troops 2:00
5 Children's Christmas Party Noon - 2 	6 FOOD SAL Mtg 7:00 Taco Night 	7	8 FOOD Enchiladas 5:30	9 Kitchen Closed Cribbage 7:00 	10	11
12	13 FOOD Taco Night 	14 Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	15 FOOD Chili dogs OR a Chili burger 5:30 ----- E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	16 Kitchen Closed Cribbage 7:00 	17 Fish Fry 5:30 	18 Wreaths across America at ONC
19	20 FOOD Taco Night 	21 ALR Christmas party 6:30	22 FOOD Hot Meatloaf sandwich 5:30 	23	24 Post open limited hours ----- Newsletter articles due	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! Post Closed
26	27 FOOD Taco Night 	28	29 Burgers 5:30	30	31 New Year's Eve Party starting at 6:30 Rock n Roll Bingo 7:30	

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Sat Dec 4..... Packing party for the troops
 Sun Dec 5..... Kid's Christmas party
 Fri Dec 17..... Fish Fry
 Sat Dec 18..... Wreaths across America
 Fri. Dec 31..... New Year's Eve party
 Sat. Feb 5..... SAL Soup & Sandwich
 Sat Mar 12..... St Patrick's Day parade
 Sat Mar. 26..... SAL Chili Cook-off

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