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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

What a great February! I made it through another birthday, fish fries started, and the Vietnam Veterans Valentine Dinner went very well. Thanks to everyone who helped in the kitchen and thanks to the R.O.T.C. Cadets who helped serve the dinner. They are a Godsend to our Post as much as they help here. I want to thank our fish fry crew for the great job they do. They give their all on seven Friday nights during Lent (we do a Good Friday fish fry).

Last year we didn't celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Post because it fell on a Friday fish fry night. This year it is on a Sunday, so let the celebration start! We will be serving corned beef and cabbage dinners, sandwiches, and Irish stew. Come join us and show off your green side. The kitchen will open at 11 AM.

Now is the time of year to start thinking about who you want to run our Post in the future. Nominations are in March and April and elections are in May. Post positions that need to be filled are three E-Board members, Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, and Finance Officer. These are very important positions and will be people that lead our Post into the future. I hope the February weather continues into March...already started golfing. Remember nominations for Post officers. *Semper Fi! Gary Sempek*

SECOND VICE COMMANDER INFO

March is here and that means that the Legion Scholarships will be due. The final day to submit these Scholarships is March 22. Scholarship apps are included with the newsletter and are also located at the Post. Once I get all the Scholarships together, I will get a board assembled so that we can decide who will be receiving these \$500 scholarships. If you are interested in helping with the judging of these applications, please let me know. You can email me at secondvice@post374.org. We should have a decision made by mid-April. Good luck to all applicants. "Aim High...Fly-Fight-Win" *Second Vice Matt Schnabel*

LEGION ADJUTANT NEWS

I've recently been advised that the dues for National are going up \$5 for 2025, and Department is going to follow suit in 2026. That's \$10 dues increase over the next 2 years. We don't plan to increase our Post dues at this time, but we will have to adjust our dues to account for the increases by National & Department. That will bring our dues from \$45 to \$55 for 2025. However, there are a couple of ways to lock in the current rate for a few years. Whether you've renewed for 2024 or not, you will now have an option to renew for 3 years. This MUST be done ONLINE <https://mylegion.org>. Log in(create an account if you don't have one) and click Renew. You will then see the option for 1 year, 3 years, or Paid up for Life (PUFL). Let me clarify these: If you haven't renewed for 2024, you can still renew for 1 year. If you go back in and click Renew again, you will have the option to renew for 3 years. That gets you out through 2027. For those members who've already renewed for 2024, you will have an option to renew for 3 years and that will get you out through 2027 as well. The other option is the PUFL program. Depending on your age, the cost will vary. But with the imminent dues increase, it might be worth it. You can also pay your PUFL in 12 monthly payments. These are a few options to lock in our current rates, at least for a while.

The other thing I want to tell you is about our Post home. The Lord of Hosts church has purchased the building we are currently in. We are under a 3-year lease, with less than 2.5 years left. We are actively looking for a new place to call home. We're not able to build, so we are trying to find something we can afford in the Millard area. So far, much of what we've looked at is cost prohibitive. We're still looking at options, and we're reaching out to our membership to see if anyone has any ideas or locations that would be reasonable for us. We do love this place we currently call home, and we've put in a lot of blood, sweat and tears to make it appealing and fun. Unfortunately, we just can't wait until the last minute to start figuring out where we go from here.

Don't forget our drinks are cold and our hearts are warm. Come in to see us – we look forward to it. Hooah! *Marty Timberlake, Adjutant*

SAL NEWS

Greetings all and welcome to springtime in Nebraska!

Friday night fish fries are once again a huge success, and we hope you have and will continue to join us. Our last fry will be on March 29th at which time we will conduct our SAL raffle: the custom firepit. Tickets are only \$1.00 each. If you haven't purchased tickets, please see any member or bartender.

The SAL Chili cook-off is Saturday March 2! There are prizes for the best tasting chili. Sign-up sheet is at the bar.

Bingo returns to the Post on Sunday April 7th. Our last one was a raging success, and we certainly look forward to repeating the fun, so please mark your calendar and plan to join us!

We hope you had the opportunity to join us for our "Souper Bowl" soup and sandwich. If you didn't, you missed out on a great time, and we'd like to thank everyone for your contributions to this highly successful event!

The SAL continues to work hard in support of our ongoing mission and your continued support and contributions are appreciated!

Our next meeting will be held on March 4 and our SAL taco/quesadilla night is March 18.

"When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang out." —Abraham Lincoln We ARE family!

John Polson, Commander and Randy Young, Vice Commander

Buddy Check 22

There are two Buddy Check events that happen in the Omaha area. The first is Buddy Check 22, which happens on the 22nd of each month from 8-10pm at DJ's Dugout on 114th and Miracle Hills Dr. The second Buddy Check is on the second Tuesday of each month at Frank's Pizzeria at 5413 S 72nd St in Ralston. Both events are to help veterans support each other, reduce and eliminate veteran suicides, and get back the feeling of camaraderie that we had when we were in the military. For us, the mission isn't over until every veteran is living a happy, healthy life. Come join us if you can.

— BIRTHDAY — PARTY

**You're invited to
Laura Sladek's**

"Back to the 80's" birthday bash on
Saturday March 9, 6:30 PM at the
Post. There will be a DJ, dancing, and a
photo booth! **Dressing up in your best
80's attire is encouraged
but not required!**

AUXILIARY DUES

Please renew your Auxiliary dues! The cost is \$35.00 Jr Auxiliary are \$10.00 We hope you will take the time to renew your membership and remain a part of our organization. Thank you!

Please send your check to:

**Millard Post 374
Attn: Patty Polson
PO Box 390698
Omaha NE 68139**

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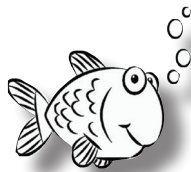
There is one pot each for the SAL drawing
(Sunday), Auxiliary drawing (Tuesday) and
Legion drawing (Wednesday).
You must register to win.

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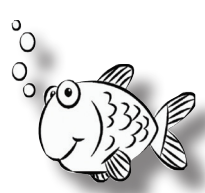
MILLARD POST #374 - DUES 2024

Legion.....	\$45.00
SAL	\$30.00
Jr. SAL	\$10.00
Dual Legion/SAL.....	\$65.00
Auxiliary	\$35.00
Jr. Auxiliary (17 and under)	\$10.00
ALR	\$15.00

FISH FRY



FRIDAY'S
March 1 thru
March 29
5:30 – 7:30



Menu:

DINNERS (Prices vary):

- ★ Pollock ★ Stuffed Salmon (Limited Amount)
- ★ Grilled Salmon (Limited Amount) ★ Shrimp
- ★ Steak *Each Dinner Comes With Fries, Cole Slaw & Bread/Butter.*



Also Serving The Best Tasting
Mac & Cheese

Get here early to get a seat!



St. Patrick's Day Sunday, March 17



- ★ Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
- ★ Corned Beef Sandwich
- ★ Irish Stew

*"May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow and may
trouble avoid you wherever you*

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ALR

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AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

Spring will be here soon so don't forget daylight savings on Sunday, March 10th. Girls state applications have been judged and the delegates are chosen to attend. We had 24 applications from exceptional students this year!

Get your Post #374 Scholarship Applications turned in! You need to have an auxiliary member in good standing to apply for the Auxiliary Scholarship. Make sure everything is filled out correctly or it will not be included.

Don't forget about the fish fry every Friday this month!

The St. Patrick's day parade is Saturday, March 9, and our color guard is honored to March in it.

We will sell desserts for taco night on Monday, March 4 At 5:30. Please let me know if you can bring a dessert. Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Enjoy your Easter Holiday!

Karen Brink, president 402-740-1455

COLOR GUARD

Hi team,

Our first event of the season is Saturday March 9 where we will participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Look for a text message on the time we should meet at the Post.

We have two Omaha Beef games this month: Sunday the 17th (3:00 PM kick), and Saturday the 30th (6:30 PM kick). I look forward to another great season and I thank you in advance for your participation.

Randy Young

Post 374 Color Guard Commander

Card Of Thanks

Our special thanks go to those who performed the honorable military services for Donald Kramer at Haven of Heroes at Resurrection cemetery on Jan 3, 2024.

Thank you, Marie, Jennifer,
Danny & Gavin

Thank you for being there in my family's time of need.

Sincerely, Jeremy Doyen

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS

March is here so, dust off your gear, fire up your engine and embrace the thrill of the road ahead. One revised law this year that took effect Jan 1 is helmet law. No helmet is required if you are the age of 21 or older, wearing eye protection while riding and have successfully completed a Basic Motorcycle safety course. You will have to take that certificate to the DMV so that they can update their system. I would also make sure you have your certificate with you when riding.

March has a few events that you can participate in: March 1 will be Riders Dinner Date, March 9 is Laura's birthday bash at the Post, March 16 is our Pre Poker-Run, and March 19 is our monthly meeting. We are also starting to sell raffle tickets for our "Wheel Prizes" that will be given away at our Poker Run on May 18. See Laura to get some raffle tickets to sell. We want to sell all tickets before May 18.

Ride safe! Matt Schnabel, Director

HOUSE COMMITTEE NOTES

Thanks to everyone who helped with the pantry and utility closet cleanup Sunday Feb.4. Those rooms look fantastic! We are really a family.

The house committee continues to look for input on new projects. If you have suggestions please let us know, either at the Post, or by email:

Shane Bretey renber25@yahoo.com

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Darrel Swenson, Chairman

NOTICE

If you move, **PLEASE** let the Post know your new address. USPS doesn't forward third class mail and the **Post pays for each returned newsletter.**



RECRUITING COMMITTEE

If you have any suggestions, please inform a member of the recruiting committee: Gordon Mix, Jim Persson, Jay Quick, and Rebecca Wesch.

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.

★ APRIL Newsletter Articles ★
Due No Later Than
★★ Friday, March. 22 ★★

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at 11:00 am.
For more info contact:
Sandie Stagner
402-593-6887



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MILLARD AMERICAN LEGION POST 374 FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This Scholarship Application is due: 03/22/2024

\$500 scholarships will be awarded. Competition is OPEN TO BOTH MALE AND FEMALE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS. The Scholarships will be awarded to a member, a child, grandchild, step-child, or step-grandchild of a current American Legion Post 374, S.A.L or Auxiliary Member with membership of at least two years. Information provided directly on this sheet should be neatly printed, handwritten or typed since it does not lend itself to easy use of computer printing.

Which Organizational Scholarship are you applying for Legion ☐ SAL ☐ AUX ☐

If applying for more than one Scholarship from Post 374 then you need to send duplicate paperwork.

Applicant Name: _____

GPA at end of Sem. 1 of Sr. year is _____

☐ If current College student your GPA _____

Applicant Address: _____

Class Rank is _____ out of _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

ACT composite Score: _____

Phone Number: _____

I, _____

(Your counselor's signature is needed on the line above)

Parents Name: _____

certify the accuracy of the GPA, class rank, and ACT Score shown above.

Email address _____

If current college student please list school

List your intended college or university. If you are still considering more than one, attempt to list in the order of preference.

List any scholarships for which you have applied:

(1) _____

(1) _____

(2) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

(3) _____

List your intended major: _____

List any scholarships which you have been awarded:

(1) _____ (2) _____

Note: If more room is needed to list the scholarships for which you have applied, or those you have been awarded, mark this box ☐ and list the information on another sheet.

MILLARD AMERICAN LEGION POST 374 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

*Important - Follow the instructions on the application. **Failure to follow the instructions will eliminate you from consideration.** This information must be at American Legion Post 374 by 03/22/2024. . **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME OR SIGNATURE ON ANY OTHER SHEET; USE YOUR SPONSORING MEMBER'S CARD NUMBER.***

Name of Sponsoring Member _____

2024 Membership Card # _____ (copy enclosed)

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Phone # _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Enclosed with your application: Copy of school records, Three (3) current letters of recommendation, and a one page Essay on Patriotism. Work history, Community Activities, Volunteering and School related activities must also be enclosed. Your grade point average will be considered as part of your application. Enclose a copy of the 2023 Membership Card. Be sure to mark out your name and use the Membership Card Number on ALL documents other than this application.

Applicants Signature: _____ Address: _____

Due by 03/22/2024— Mail to American Legion Scholarships 13913 S Plaza, Omaha, NE. 68137

Please Mark the envelope Legion, SAL, or Auxiliary Scholarship

I _____, parent or guardian of the above stated applicant, hereby give my
(Printed Name)

Permission to publish my son/daughter's name if awarded the Scholarship.

Signature of parent or guardian of applicant. _____ Date

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MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 S.A.L. Sons of American Legion Chili Cook Off ~ March 2 Entries Must In By 12 Noon - The sign-up sheet is at the bar. Should you have an interest in submitting your favorite chili recipe.						1 FOOD Fish Fry 5:30 
3	4 FOOD Legion serving tacos 5:30 ----- SAL Mtg 7:00	5  PINOCHLE 11:00 am.	6 FOOD Tenderloins 5:30 	7 Kitchen Closed Cribbage 7:00 	8 FOOD Fish Fry 5:30 	9
10 Daylight Savings Time begins	11 FOOD ALR serving tacos 5:30 	12 Auxiliary Mtg 7:00  PINOCHLE 11:00 am.	13 FOOD Salisbury steak dinner 5:30 ----- Vietnam Vets Mtg 6:30	14 Kitchen Closed Cribbage 7:00 	15 FOOD Fish Fry 5:30 	16
17 St Patrick's Day Kitchen open 11 - 7 	18 FOOD SAL serving tacos & quesadillas 5:30 	19 ALR Mtg 7:30 PINOCHLE 11:00 am. 	20 FOOD Hot Beef sandwich 5:30 ----- E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	21 Kitchen Closed Cribbage 7:00 	22 FOOD Fish Fry 5:30 ----- Scholarship apps due April Newsletter Articles Are Due NLT Friday	23 
24	25 FOOD ALR serving tacos 5:30 	26 House Cmte Mtg 7:00 PINOCHLE 11:00 am.	27 FOOD Burgers 5:30 ----- BUNCO 6:30 	28 Kitchen Closed 'Open play' cribbage 7:00	29 FOOD Fish Fry 5:30 	30
31	Wednesday, March 20 Kurt & Cheryl Are Serving			Hot Beef sandwiches With HOMEMADE Mashed Potatoes, Corn And Dinner Rolls! 		

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Fri. Mar 1 – Mar 29Fish fry
 Sat. Mar 2 SAL Chili cook-off
 Sun. Mar 17 Kitchen serving Corn Beef
 Sun. Apr 7SAL BINGO
 Sat. May 18..... ALR Poker Run

We want you to help the post save money!

Send us your email address so you can get the monthly newsletter via email. It will cut down on postage costs. Email your full name & email address to news@post374.Org

If you call the post leave your full name and email address with the bartender.

If you've already done this, thank you!