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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Thank you for allowing me to be your Commander this past year. The elections are being held this month. Come in to vote! The following people are nominated: Commander – Doris Burns; Adjutant - Greg Petersen; 1st Vice - Gary Sempek; 2nd Vice – Vince Mahoney; 1st year E- board – Randy Pfeiffer, Rod Mach, Jim Holder, and Marty Timberlake. The Finance Officer position is Open. We need help manning the voting table on May 17. Polls are open from 8:00 AM until 7:00 PM

Join us at the Post for a Memorial Day service. The bus will leave at 9:00. We will go to the following cemeteries: Pleasant Hill, Voss-Mohr, and Mt. Auburn then return to the Post home for a service and lunch.

Thanks to everyone who came in to eat during the fish fry's as well as everyone who helped!

Congratulations to the Legion scholarship winners listed in Doris Burns' article below. *Becky Ries, Commander*

S.A.L. NEWS

Hello everyone.

Congratulations to our 2017 Scholarship winners: Kyle Reeves, Nate Bauch and Mackenzie Wentz. They will each receive a \$500 check for them to continue their educations. Good luck.

Memorial Day weekend is coming up. Besides the usual beginning of summer activities, don't forget about the real reason for the holiday, remembering those military members who gave the ultimate sacrifice while serving their country. This year, the remembrance is May 29. Come down to the Post and join us as we present services in their honor.

May 1 is the Vietnam Veterans Honor Flight. This year's flight returns to the Lincoln Airport where there will be a "Welcome Home" reception. Have a great May and be safe.

Next meeting: May 1 (elections) and June 5.

Dean Carlsen, S.A.L. Commander

LEGION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to our three scholarship recipients (each will receive a \$500 check for their undergraduate studies)

Hannah Nesson is a student at UNL, majoring in psychology with minors in Criminology & Criminal Justice and National Security Studies. She has an impressive 3.995 GPA and is the granddaughter of member Allan Vrba.

Zachary Folda is a senior at Westside High with a GPA of 3.27. He is planning to attend Doane University in Crete NE and major in Business. He is the grandson of 34 year member David Folda.

Donovan Dinoff is a Central High school senior who carries a 3.60 GPA and plans to attend either UNO or the Kansas City Art Institute majoring in Graphic Design. He is the grandson of 60 year member Andrew Andersen.

Doris Burns, Second Vice Commander

BALLOON FLIGHT

Post 374 co-sponsors Balloon flight to the Stratosphere

At the March General Meeting, our Post joined other sponsors to fund a high altitude balloon flight by Cub Scout Pack 409. A helium filled balloon with scientific equipment aboard was launched April 1 from Chalco Hills Rec Area.

It ascended to an altitude of 96,272 feet, 18.23 miles above the Earth. This is well into the stratosphere in what is considered "Near Space". At this height the curvature of the Earth is visible. Much data was collected, including the lowest recorded temperature of -35C. After a 2 1/2 hour flight the balloon burst as planned sending it into a free-fall.

As it neared Earth, a parachute deployed and a successful landing occurred. Using GPS, the equipment was recovered near the windmill farm just south of Walnut IA. Three Go Pro cameras were on board the flight. Photographs from the flight and additional information can be found by going to the mission Facebook page: Cub Scout Pack 409 Space Program.

The flight was very educational and great fun for the Scouts. Scout leader Larry Koubsky wishes to thank Post 374 and all of the sponsors who made this event possible.

Post member Jim Schwalb

Thank You

Thanks to the people who came in for the Fish Frys. They were a big success.

A special THANK YOU to the following people: Jeannette Anderson, Dean Carlsen, Pam Gruber, Vince Mahoney, Jerry Meckna, Greg Oliva, Jeri Petersen, Lisa Petersen, Bob Sempek, Gary Sempek, Terry Webber, Jim Wentz, and the bartenders: Kathy, Julie, Colleen and Jen.
Greg Petersen, Kitchen Manager

CINCO DE MAYO FRIDAY MAY 5.

Come to the Post for an Enchilada dinner
5:30 – 7:30 \$6.00

It's that time of year to clean the Post kitchen on Sunday May 7 at noon. We will be pulling out the equipment and cleaning it as well as cleaning the floor and the mats. The more people we have the quicker it goes. Please help!

WANTED: Someone to do light maintenance at the Post home, e.g. changing light bulbs, fixing tables and/or chairs, replacing air filters, etc. Please call Greg if you would like to help. 402.630.2949

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

Thanks to all who participated in our spaghetti sauce cook-off. The sauces were delicious and we raised some money for scholarships.

We have selected 3 students to receive a scholarship of \$500 each. Congratulations to Connor Clanton, Mackenzie Wentz & Nate Bauch and good luck with your future plans.

If you missed the Brisket dinner on April the 29, you can still donate to the fund for the next troop packages that we will be sending. Last year we sent 64 care packages to soldiers in Afghanistan at a cost of \$1,800 and almost half of that was just shipping! We received a nice letter from their chaplain stating how much they appreciate getting these packages and knowing that fellow Americans are thinking of them. They also sent a signed picture of the soldiers that will be mounted on the wall at the Post.

Our color guard is now presenting colors at the Storm Chaser's Friday night home games! We will be busy this year with high school football games, parades, etc.

Remember poppy day is coming up on Memorial weekend in just a few weeks. We could use some help distributing them. Give me a call.

We will be selling individual desserts on Monday, May 1 from 5:30 to 7:00 during taco night. Let me know if you are able to bring a dessert.

The Auxiliary Cooks night is on Tuesday, May 16 from 5:30 to 7:30.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy your Mother's Day and see you on Memorial Day!

Karen Brink, President

NO ALR ARTICLE

★★ THE KITCHEN ★★

The Kitchen REALLY needs some new volunteers; my work schedule will be changing and I will not have the flexibility to cook as often as I do.

If you can help out please contact me. We are not serving Liver and Onions for a while (until we get more help).
Greg, *Kitchen Manager* 402.630.2949

RECENT WINNERS SATURDAY 'LONG SHOT'

Dean Carlsen, Jim Menke, John Polson,
Bill Unger, Lori Wentz

★★ May ★★
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES ARE DUE
(No Later Than)
MAY 20

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

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 4-20 Spiro G. Moustakes


 The Post has four cemetery plots that have been donated to us. They are located at Westlawn-Hillcrest Cemetery; two are in the Veterans area. If you would like to purchase a pair of them please contact an E-Board member.


Kathy has a New Game. Come in and find out how you can win \$\$\$

USPS News
 If you move, let the Post know your new address. USPS doesn't forward third class mail. The Post pays \$1.22 for every returned newsletter.
Thank you.

IS YOUR BIRTHDAY IN MAY?
 Come to the Post on Friday, MAY 19 to Celebrate. The Food Menu is **PRIME RIB**
 Drink Specials and Music!


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POST #374 DUES	
Legion.....	\$37.00
Auxiliary	\$25.00
Jr. Auxiliary (18 and under)	\$5.00
SAL	\$25.00
Jr. SAL	\$7.50

POST ELECTIONS
 at
The General Meeting
VOTE
MAY 19


Memorial Day
May 29th
Updates will be provided at The Post #374

Effective May 1
 Inside Millard Legion
NO VAPING or SMOKING

POST 374 OFFICERS

Commander.....	Becky Ries.....	979-4863
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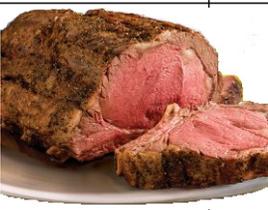
Mondays - \$1.25 Taco Night 5:30 – 7:30
Tuesday - Hamburger Night - 5:30 -7:30
Thursday - Dinner 5:30 – 6:45 (menu varies)

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MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
REMINDER PLEASE <i>Do Not Bring In Outside Food</i> when we have (THE KITCHEN OPEN).	1 FOOD SAL Mtg 7:00 Tacos and desserts 5:30	2 FOOD Burgers 5:30	3	4 FOOD Summer Cribbage 7:00 	5 FOOD Cinco De Mayo Enchilada Dinner 5:30	6
	7 Kitchen Cleaning at Noon	8 FOOD Tacos 5:30 VE Day (WWII)	9 FOOD Burgers 5:30 ----- Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	10	11 FOOD Summer Cribbage 7:00 	12
14 Mother's Day Brunch 9 – 1	15 FOOD Tacos 5:30 	16 FOOD ALR Mtg 7:30 ----- Auxiliary serving Burgers 5:30	17 Legion Voting 8 AM – 7 PM ----- E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	18 FOOD Summer Cribbage 7:00 	19 Prime Rib Dinner 5:30 ----- Birthday Bash	20 Armed Forces Day ----- News LTR Articles Due
21	22 FOOD Tacos 5:30 	23 FOOD Burgers 5:30 ----- BUNCO 6:30	24	25 FOOD Summer Cribbage 7:00	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day Program ----- NO Tacos served	30 FOOD Burgers 5:30 	31	 Friday May 19 5:30-7:00 PM Prime Rib		

- UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST •••••**
- Friday May 5Cinco De Mayo - Enchiladas served
 - Sunday May 7Kitchen Cleaning
 - Sunday May 14Mother's Day Brunch
 - Friday May 19Prime Rib Dinner/Birthday Bash
 - Tuesday May 23 BUNCO
 - Monday May 29 Memorial Day Program
 - Monday May 29NO TACOS SERVED

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Sunday, May 14, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Featuring: Made to order omelets
 Scrambled eggs
 Ham slices - Sausages
 Corn beef hash - Pancakes and more!

★ Adults \$9.00 ★ Kids age 3 -12 \$5.00

Kathy will serve mimosas too!