



Commander's Column

Fellow Legionnaires, Past Commanders Night was a very moving experience among a great bunch of legionnaires which included Terry Hanson, State



Commander; Denny Brenden, Dept. Adjutant; Paul Evenson, National Executive Committeeman; Jim Hulls, Alternate National Executive Committeeman; Gunner Baatrup, Past Department Commander; Tim Jurgens, Past Department Commander; Harley Hansen, District Commander; Charemon Dunham, candidate for State Commander. The program for the past commanders and the 23 fallen legionnaires in 2015 was a very heartwarming program. A special thank you to Dale Strom and Paula Beckler for their work in organizing this event.

Spring District Convention will be held in Bowdle on April 8, 2016 starting at 5:00 p.m.

Election of officers for our post will be held at the April 18th meeting. Please come and show your support by running for an office or voting for the person(s) you want to lead your Legion post.

Margaret (Maggie) Fouberg represented District Four, in the State Oratorical Contest. Congratulations, Maggie.

I want to thank Bonnie Ellis for the National Museum of the United States Army 2016 Calendar. It's a very dramatic tribute to the men and women who served in the Army.

We have Honor Guard spots open which need to be filled so we can have a full squad at our fellow veterans' memorial services. We have uniforms available. Please volunteer an hour of your time for a fellow veteran in order to give her or him the military honors they deserve for their service to our country. Call me at 380-0725.

Veterans Support Group: Pastor John Hisel, a veteran of the Vietnam War, is holding a Veterans Support Group meeting every 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in Room 205 at the First United Methodist Church, 502 S. Lincoln St., Aberdeen, SD. All Veterans of all ages are welcome.

Monster Burger Night on Monday's. Come out and enjoy a burger! We are still

looking for help to set up and prepare the meal, show up at 1:00 pm or 4:00 pm as we have jobs for you.

Membership in the Legion is very essential for all former military personnel to maintain and improve benefits and services earned through serving our country.

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Commander
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Elections will be held at the regular April Meeting (4-18-16) for the following offices:

- Commander 1st Vice Cmndr
2nd Vice Cmndr Finance
Chaplain Employment
Sargent at Arms Assist. sgt@arm
Historian Service
Legal Americanism
Children & Youth Athletics

- Post Executive Committee (3 year term)
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Appointments will also be made for:

- Adjutant Public Relations
Recording Secretary

If you have an interest in throwing your hat into the ring for any of these spots, please let a current officer know, and plan to be at the April Meeting for the election.

From the Adjutant

Like many of you, we are looking forward to spring and summer. The coming months will feature Post 24 elections, fund raising for Boys State, finding workers for the Horse Races, and selling advertising for the racing program book. Also the 5K Walk/Run for Veterans will be on the docket in May. Please contact the office if



Gary Warne
Post Adjutant

Roll Call

2015 Post Officers

- Commander Mel Volk
1st Vice Commander Steve Nemmers
2nd Vice Commander Dale Strom
Adjutant Gary Warne
Finance Rich Kezar
Americanism Sam Olson
Chaplain Ruth Van Steenwyck
Sargent at Arms Larry Lightenburg
Asst Sgt at Arms Sid Beckler
Children And Youth Mike Jurgens
Athletics Tom Perrizo
Employment Gary Warne
Historian Dale Strom
Service Pat Steele
Legal Officer Tom Tonner

you would like to help out as well a run for a office. Our future depends fresh flow of energy and ideas.

The regular March meeting (3-21-16) will feature many Legionnaires who have faithfully paid their Legion dues for 50 or more straight years. Those to be honored at the March meeting are:

Ron Biel, Dean Deuel, Jr., Arnie Goldade, Ralph Hartford, Charlie Jakober, Lloyd Just, Duane Lipp, Don Nevil and Tom Piatz (all 50 years). 60 years - Bonnie Ellis and for 70 years - Joe C. Palmer.

Those who will be honored will be receiving a invitation letter from this Post and a Certificate of Appreciation from National Commander Dale Barnett.

Also, if you know a veteran who wants to join the American Legion let an officer know. Members signing up members is the backbone of this great organization for nearly 100 years.

Don't Forget

Post Meeting is 8:00pm on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Post Home (inside the Eagles Building, 316 South 2nd St, Aberdeen)



Past post commander Larry Nupen places a poppy as part of the memorial service, Feb 15th, 2016

Past Commander's memorial night

On Monday, Feb 15th, 2016, past commanders of Sidney L Smith post #24 gather with special guests, and the families of some of our recently deceased comrades, for the 60th consecutive annual memorial service to honor the post's fallen past commanders, as well as members who transferred to Post Everlasting in 2015.

As the roll call is read, a poppy with each member's name on it is placed in one of two white crosses, this is followed by a prayer for the deceased, and the playing of *Taps*.

TAPS

The following members transferred to Post Everlasting:

Kenneth L. Thompson

CORRECTION

The *Taps* section of the last newsletter had a typo where James Murphy's name was spelled incorrectly. We are sorry for that error.

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Upcoming Events:

Mar 7th (Monday) - Executive committee meeting. 8pm in the Legion Office
Mar 11th (Friday) - Volunteer's dinner, 6pm in the ballroom of the Eagles Club.
Mar 21st (Monday) - Post meeting, 8pm in Room A of the Eagles Club.
Apr 4th (Monday) - Executive committee meeting. 8pm in the Legion Office
Apr 8th (Friday) - District 4 Spring Meeting in Bowdle post home. 5pm social, 6pm meal, 7pm meeting.
Apr 18th (Monday) - Post meeting, 8pm in Room A of the Eagles Club. **Election of 2016 officers**

May 2nd (Monday) - Executive committee meeting. 8pm in the Legion Office
May 16th (Monday) - Post meeting, 8pm in Room A of the Eagles Club.
May 21st & 2nd (Sat/Sun) - Horse racing opening weekend.
May 28th (Saturday) - Running for Veteran's 5k run/walk at Wylie Lake. 7am
May 30th (Monday) - **Memorial Day**, programs start at 8am, main program at 10am.
May 28-30 (Sat-Mon) - Horse racing