



POST 15 NEWS



ST. LOUIS AMERICAN LEGION
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JULY 2009



Commander's Corner Curt Pansch

May was an interesting month. Sadly, we lost Dick Sievert, our friend and loyal Legion member. Dick faced death with the same dignity he lived his life. Keep Bev and family in your prayers.

May is a patriotic month that brings out the best in people. It was my honor to represent your Post 15 at the VA on Armed Forces Day and again on Memorial Day. Both were great, colorful, patriotic, well attended programs.

June 6 marked the 65th Anniversary of D Day. With this invasion, and the ensuing three months, 215,000 allied soldiers, and, approximately the same number of Germans, were killed or wounded. On this note I would like to ask everyone to consider supporting the Honor Flight. The WW11 veterans we are honoring are the folks we have to thank for our way of life for the last 65 years.

Thank you for the generous support of our two American Legion baseball teams. If you want a positive look at one of our programs, watch a few Legion ball games.

At our last meeting we welcomed our new Finance Officer on board, Troy Rames. He brings a wealth of active duty and banking experience with him and I look forward to working with Troy.

For a good, patriotic shot of adrenaline, attend the Air Show at Joe Foss Field on July 25 and 26.

Please contact me with concerns or suggestions; home 582-2554, email cjpansch@alliancecom.net.



Auxiliary Announcements Dianne Hudson, President

Many thanks to everyone who helped at the June 7th Pancake Breakfast whether you helped with coffee, cleaning tables or just eating the delicious pancakes. Everyone had a wonderful time. The children enjoyed the small American Flag and the Our Country's Flag comic book. Over 60 were handed out to children of all ages.

Our Sioux Falls Unit 15 sponsored 44 girls of which we are proud of each and every one of them.

Don't forget that the State Convention will be held in Huron June 25th – 28th.

We will not have meetings or need to cut coupons for the months of July and August.

Have a safe and happy 4th of July. See you at the next Auxiliary meeting September 8th.



Congratulations to Murphy Dods, a Washington High Senior on being elected Governor, and Elizabeth Bunker, an O'Gorman High Senior on being elected Lt. Governor of the 63rd Girls State.

Boys getting on buses to go Boys State.

Legion Riders

We were pleased to welcome three new members: Dave and Beverly Saunders, Tom Kroupa and Regina Cobb. Brad Hanson was a guest. We now have 29 members. WOW!

Jeannie Rabine thanked all the members who volunteered to help with the Recession Rabies Clinic. Over 200 dogs and cats were vaccinated even though the weather was cold and wet.

The final meeting of the Iron Butt ride followed our meeting. We will be participating in the parade at Marion on June 20. A dedication of the Memorial Park will be at 2:00.

Our monthly member ride will be Sunday, June 14. Ride Captain, Bob Dysart will announce the route when we meet at the Legion at 11:00.

The State Convention is coming up fast. The ALR meeting is June 27 at 1:00 at Huron's Post Home. Several members are planning on attending various meetings and caucuses.

We will participate in the parade at Beresford on July 4.

If you know a veteran that's loves to ride, please have them contact us. Enjoyment is achieved through a common interest of riding, while raising money for the Legacy Fund and honoring all veterans.

As I was about to sent this article I received the following e-mail.

"The Post 15 American Legion Riders want to say Thank You to the generous "grateful American" who paid for our lunches on Sunday, June 14th, at the Touch of Dutch Family Restaurant at the I29 & Hwy 46 exit. A group of 10 Riders left Sioux Falls and met up with three other Riders at the restaurant for our "Sunday Ride". We had lunch there and when we were ready for the ticket, the waitress told us it was "taken care of by a grateful American". Wow. The group of Veterans and their spouses were pleasantly surprised and do want to publicly thank this unknown person of such generosity. Bless you. Dorothy Richards Chapter 2 American Legion Riders"

On behalf of the American Legion Riders, I would like to thank the person who paid the tab. The support shown was very moving.

Upcoming events

July 4 Beresford parade
July 10 & 11 Hot Harley Nights

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NOTICE SAL MEMBERS

Your Dues Notices for 2010 will be Mailed to you in July

Thank you to all who showed up at the June Meeting. It is our hope that we continue to have a larger turnout.

The Sons received at Thank You card fro the flowers that we sent for Dick Sievert's funeral. Thanks to all who contributed and attended.

We will be having some fundraisers here in the near future but the dates will soon follow.

Don't forget to pay for your T-shirts. Thanks for helping.

THANK YOU!!!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL MEMBERS WHO DONATED TO THE BASEBALL PROGRAM
- OUR YOUTH IS OUR FUTURE.

Please Let Us Know . . .

If you know of a Post 15 member who is ill, in the hospital or nursing home, please call the office at 336-3470 so their name can be added to our visitation list.

Memorials

**In Memory of Dick Sievert
from Bev & Darwin Wahlert- \$25.00
from Terry & Rick Towns- \$25.00
from Harriet & Glen Kelley- \$20.00
Sandra & Alan Frentz-\$50.00**
**In Memory of David Freestone
From John Severson-\$15.00**

POST EVERLASTING



**Tom Bruggeman, Philip Carlberg,
Richard Sievert, Wilbert Zwanziger,
Harold Cook, Richard Irvine,
Eugenie Metcalfe, Marvin Nilsen,
Clyde Terry, Ada Yeager**

Veterans Forum

Pat Kroupa, Post Service Officer

CHANGES TO PRIORITY GROUP 8 ENROLLMENT

In 2003, the Department of Veterans Affairs made the difficult decision to stop enrolling new Priority Group 8 (high income) veterans. New regulations have been proposed that would allow certain Priority Group 8 veterans to be enrolled in the VA health care system if their household income does not exceed the current VA income thresholds by more than 10%. They anticipate that the new regulations will take effect in June of 2009.

If you have applied for enrollment on or after January 1, 2009 and you were denied enrollment because of your income, the VA will determine if you are eligible under this new rule once the new regulations take effect. You will not need to submit another application for enrollment. If you are eligible under this new rule the VA will notify you by mail.

If you applied for enrollment before January 1, 2009 and were denied because your income was too high, you may now be eligible for enrollment under this new regulation. You will need to reapply. The VA encourages all veterans to apply for enrollment. This will help them in their future planning and budget efforts as well as allow them to be in a

better position to identify necessary funding levels to Congress.

If you need assistance with enrollment or have questions about any of your benefits, please contact me at your convenience. Patricia Kroupa, CVSO
512 N. Main Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD
57104 or 367-4201.



Pancake Breakfast: Max, Nick, Cameron, Michael and David Parker.



Pancake Workers: Phyllis Breuer, Leona Klutman, Harriet Kelley, and Jan Knutson.

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THANKS POST 15 VOLUNTEERS! *Funerals, Color Guard, VA Activities Pancake Breakfast*

Auxiliary Pancake Workers

Mae Ranschau, Beverly Saunders,
Dianne Hudson, Darlene Fletcher,
Lila Day, Harriet Kelley,
Phyllis Breuer, Jan Knutson,
Leona Klutman.

Volunteers Putting out Flags for Memorial Day at Woodlawn

Hoot Gibson, Lori Hoop, Ed Powers,
Dave Saunders, Beverly Saunders,
LeRoy Christiansen, Sage Anderson,
Darwin Wahlert, Dan Harden,
Ken Foley, Gil Koepsell,
Alan Frentz, Norb Kramer,
Glen Black, Russ Blanchard,
Ray Reiners, Dout Uthe,
Terry Towns, Rick Towns,
Paul Anderson, Joe Smook,
Cindy Towns, Jim Stenseth,
Harford Twaddle, Vince Maag,
Pat Gibson, Clint Hanson.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Mon. - Saturday: 10:00 am to Close
 Sunday: 11:00 am to Close

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PHONES

Office: 336-3470 (room reservations)
 Lounge: 336-0155 (stag reservations)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Singing Legionnaire's Chorus Rehearsal 7:30 pm	Exec. Bd. Mtg 5:30 pm	1	2	3 Back Pages 9:00 pm - 1:00 am	4 4th of July Post Closed
5	Singing Legionnaire's Chorus Rehearsal 7:30 pm	Senior Pool Tourn. 12:00 Noon	8 Legion Riders Mtg 7:00 pm	9	10 Vermillion Ampd 9:00 pm - 1:00 am	11
12	Singing Legionnaire's Chorus Rehearsal 7:30 pm	14	15	16 Vet's Council Mtg. VFW 7:00pm	17 Blues Bashers 9:00 pm - 1:00 am	18
19	Singing Legionnaire's Chorus Rehearsal 7:30 pm	20 Legionnaires Stag 6:30 pm NO LONGER NEED TO CALL FOR RESERVATIONS	22	23	24 Dakota Daze 9:00 pm - 1:00 am	25
26	Singing Legionnaire's Chorus Rehearsal 7:30 pm	27 Ladies Stag 6:30 pm NO LONGER NEED TO CALL FOR RESERVATIONS	29	30	31 Troublemakers 9:00 pm - 1:00 am	Aug. 1

JULY 21, 2009 • 6:30 pm • RAFFLE: \$125.00

COST: \$6.00 or Free Stag Ticket

MENU: Breaded Pork Tenderloin

Beer Special: Budweiser Taps \$1.00

Liquor Special: Windsor/Lord - \$1.50

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Legionnaire's
Stag



Ladies'
 Stag

JULY 28, 2009 • 6:30 pm • COST: \$6.00

MENU: Breaded Pork Tenderloin

Beer Special: \$1.00 Taps

Liquor Special: Almaden Wine - \$1.50

*** BINGO * RAFFLE ***

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Iron Butt Legacy Run

Twelve Riders completed the 1000 mile in 24 hrs Iron Butt challenge organized by the Legion Riders. The riders had people pledge donations to the Legion Legacy scholarship fund. The riders departed Post 15 at 0500hrs 13 June 2009 and rode to Fargo ND, Minneapolis MN, Des Moines IA, Council Bluffs IA and back to Post 15 arriving at 2217hrs 13 June 2009. The riders (pictured) were left to right: Byron Wulf, Jack Peterson, Stan Gillette, Bill Aasheim, Pat Sullivan, Dick Daily, Bob Livingston, Patrick Trainor, Tom Bowden, Shawn Crone, Brad Janzen, and Ron Richards.

SENIORS POOL TOURNAMENT **Tom Jellema, Chairman**

On June 9th, The Seniors Pool Tournament was played again. Thanks to Quent Parsons for sitting in for me as Chair and also a player. Congratulations to Rob Faller and partner Rob Jacobson for 1st Place. Well done Boys. 2nd Place went to Tom Korbal and partner Quent Parsons. Only 12 players again. Just enough to play. A Free lunch was provided again by the Club. Thank you Bruce. We play again on July 14th. See you all again then.

Post 15 Senior's Pool Tournament

Tues., July 14, 2009 • 12:00 Noon
Sign up on the Bulletin Board

BOY SCOUT TROOP 15

Scoutmaster: Mark DeGraw(member)
Assistant Scoutmaster: Karla Stoakes

Greetings from Boy scout Troop 15 and it's leadership. We are currently accepting applications for Boy Scout age boys (11-18) and adult leaders 18 and up for our troop. Come enjoy outdoor, sports and environmental projects. We have a full summer schedule – please come and enjoy.

If you have talents that you feel would benefit our troop and you have a desire to help mold young men into future responsible leaders or you just want to get out for some outdoor fun with your boys,
PLEASE CALL

Mark De Graw 605-360-2945 or Karla Stoakes
605-553-5498 if you need more information.

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Paul Anderson, Dean Berdahl, Harold Bosler,
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