



POST 15 NEWS



SIOUX FALLS AMERICAN LEGION

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JULY 2010



Commander's Corner Dave Saunders

My fellow Legionnaires, I need to start off this month's letter with an apology to all the female members of our post. I misspoke last month and mentioned the "Mens Stag Dinner" and several members brought this to my attention, thank you so much for doing so. It was not my intention to slight or leave out or offend any member of the post. The dinner on the 3rd. Tuesday of each month is a "Legionnaires Dinner" and all members of the post male or female are invited to attend.

Early in my Navy career I had the opportunity to fly with one of first female Naval Aviators, Lt. Canasta she was truly a pioneer in Naval Aviation. She later retired from active service with the rank of Captain.

But I'm no stranger to pioneer women, my mother Betty Saunders was the 2nd Female bus driver in the state of West Virginia and in the late 1960's in rural West Virginia this was quite a feat.

I would like to make this a focus of time as your Post Commander to change the image of the American Legion Members. Many people when asked about the American Legion the answer you most likely will get, "It's just a bunch of old guys sitting around drinking beer and telling war stories". We need to change that; we need to reach out to our fellow veterans, be they female, young, old, or minorities, and bring them into the American Legion. The largest population of Veterans out there today is the vets of Iraq, Afghanistan, and Desert Storm; these Vets need to feel that they are welcomed. On his recent visit to Post 15 National Commander Hill spoke of an incident at another Post where a young Veteran was turned away, because some of the membership didn't want the young vets in their Post saying that he wasn't really a "Vet."

These sorts of things can and should not happen at any American Legion Post. Any Veteran that served and has met the membership requirements of the Legion should and will be welcomed with open arms. One of the Ladies I ride with in the American Legion Riders has a patch on her vest that reads "Women are Vets Too Damn It" This is so true and needs to be addressed. We as members of the American Legion need to reach out and mentor these young people and show them the benefits of membership in the Ameri-

can Legion. We need to have activities that are more family orientated. I would like to see sometime in the near future an open house for all veterans members and non-members and there families to be held at a park so the families could meet and socialize with other veterans and their families, and learn more of the American Legion Family.

I encourage all of us, when we are out and about and see someone with a service hat, jacket, sweatshirt etc... to ask that person "Hey are you a Vet" introduce yourself and invite them out to the Legion for a meeting, a meal or other Legion functions. I also encourage each of us to carry a membership application in our wallets or purse to give to the prospective new member. Lets all do our part to build the Legion, we all answered the call when our Nation needed us most. We were never released from that obligation, oh sure we have gotten out or retired but our commitment to our Community, State and Nation has not ended. Remember Lets all build the Legion.

Now on to the fun stuff, it has been a busy month as your Post Commander. Armed Forces Day at the VA Hospital, then the send off for Boys State. Placing of the Flags on the Veterans graves at Wood lawn Cemetery, I would like to thank those members of Post 15 that participated in this event. Then a wonderful program again on the grounds of VA Hospital on Memorial Day. I would like to thank the Members of Post 15 Honor Guard for their Participation in these events they do great job representing the American Legion.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the outstanding job done by the Men and Women of the American Legion Riders Color Guard did presenting the colors at the Memorial Day Program. And as always the Singing Legionnaires have been busy bring joy to so many with there musical talents. I would also like to take a little time and say thank you to President Diana Hudson and all the members of Post 15 Ladies Auxiliary for their continued support of the Legion and its programs.

Next month I will be reporting on the South Dakota State American Legion Convention, in Spearfish, SD. I'm hoping that I will be able to announce that the New State Commander will be Hoot Gibson from Post 15.

In closing I would like to say, may God bless our Communities, our State and our Nation. Lets all keep the young Men and Women of our armed services in our prayers. Remember, "Hire the Vet" and let's support Veteran owned and run business.

Auxiliary Announcements

Dianne Hudson, President

Thanks to everyone for your hard work at the June 6th Pancake Breakfast. All the money raised went to support Honor Flight to send more Veterans to see their memorials in Washington DC. The children enjoyed a small American Flag and Flag comic book given to them by the Auxiliary. We still have many Rada knife products on hand so if you are in need a gift or just need some knives for your home, please call me at 370-2555. Thank you to all the members of the Young Marines who did an awesome job helping distribute poppies this year. Once again we couldn't have had the success this year without you. We will not have a meeting in the months of July and August but will meet again September 14th at 7pm. We will be having a potluck after the meeting so please bring your favorite dish. Also we will NOT be collecting coupons during the summer. There are many activities happening this summer to support our service members and their families. Please keep them in your prayers as well our Veterans and their families. Have a safe and happy 4th.



Commander Saunders and wife, Bev, at Memorial Day Service.

Memorial

For Melvin Berens from the Berens Family –
\$100.00

POST EVERLASTING

Earl Dains, Robert E. Johnson,
John Wilds



Legion Riders

The ALR meeting was held June 9 with 19 members and one guest present.

We received a thank you letter from NAMI for participation in their walk.

Gary Daggitt was our team leader. They raised \$900. for NAMI. Way to go guys!

We would like to thank Roger Klos, Gary Henley, Steve Jansen and Jeannie Rabine for representing the ALR in presenting the colors at the VA Memorial Day activities.

On June 18, some members will be riding to Spearfish for the State Legion Convention. A state ALR meeting will also be held on Saturday.

We have been invited to ride in the Marion Parade on June 19. Some members will be representing the ALR in that parade.

We will be riding in the Annual Sioux Falls 4th of July Parade on July 4 and the Lennox Parade on July 5. The Ace of Spades game had its best week the first of June. Contact any ALR member for information on the game. Tickets can be purchased at the Post.

Upcoming events:

July 4 Sioux Falls 4th of July Parade

July 5 Lennox 4th of July Parade

July 10 Hot Harley Nights

July 14 ALR meeting. 7:00 at the Post

July 31 Car and bike show at Jono's and the Post.



Loading Boys Staters

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VA Hospital Notes

Darwin Wahlert, VA Hospital Representative

Rain, rain go away come again another day. I has been busy at the VA in June We helped with a Navy Mother's day lunch, did a Post 15 cookout and helped with a zoo trip and on had Flag Day. June 24th-27th is Salute to the Troops at the fairgrounds when the Vietnam traveling Wall is also at the fairgrounds. July is also busy on July 1st with a quarterly VAVS meeting in the auditorium at 1:00pm and July 21 is VA Cruise Night starting at 5:30pm. The VA is currently **not accepting donations of clothing, magazines than 2 months, paperback books and home-made food of any kind.** Recreation Therapy need organizations to sponsor monthly pizza parties foe patients on CLC wards. Volunteers are always needed at the VA so please do so if you can help. remodeling has started so please be careful and follow the signs. Remember to visit or call a sick or shut in **Veteran.**

Post 15 Senior's Pool Tournament

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

12:00 Noon

Light Lunch

Sign up on the Bulletin Board

Winners last month:

1st Place: Bob Jacobson & LeRoy Christianson

2nd Place- Richard Perkins & Quinten Parson

3rd Place- Jim Cummings & Jerry Ackerman



Commander Saunders and wife, Bev, placing flags for Memorial Day.



Minnesota Twins vs Cleveland Indians

Tuesday- July 20th, 2010

\$59.00 per person

(Twins Ticket & Round Trip bus ride)

Tickets available now.

Att'n: If you already reserved tickets, please stop by The American Legion and pick them up.



Boys State bus sign in — Hoot Gibson, Thane Johnson, Clint Hansen and Ken Brown

ATTENTION!!!!

Ace of Spades—A new game of chance, has started.

It is located in the Pull Tab corner.

Rules are posted on the box. Tickets are \$1.00 each

or 6 for \$5.00. Drawings every Monday at 7:00 pm.

Be sure to read the rules.

THANK YOU!!!

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

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HOURS OF OPERATION

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

PHONES

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

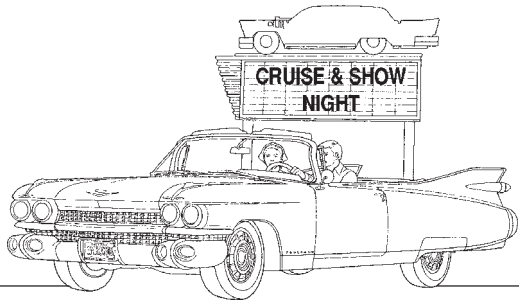
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JULY 4th CLOSED				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Singing Legionnaires Chorus Rehearsal 7:30 pm	Executive Board Mtg 5:30 pm			Blues Exchange Band 9:00 pm - 1:00 am	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Singing Legionnaires Chorus Rehearsal 7:30 pm	Senior Pool Tourn. 12:00 Noon SAL 7:00 pm	Legion Riders Mtg 7:00 pm	Vet's Council Mtg. VFW 7:00 pm	Pop Machine Band 9:00 pm - 1:00 am	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Singing Legionnaire's Chorus Rehearsal 7:30 pm Past Cmdr Mtg 6:00 pm	Legionnaires Stag 6:30 pm			Dakota Daze 9:00 pm - 1:00 am	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Singing Legionnaire's Chorus Rehearsal 7:30 pm	Ladies Stag 6:30 pm			Troublemakers 9:00 pm - 1:00 am	Car Show 10:00 am Registration 12:00 Car Show 6 - 10 pm Band

Ladies' Stag
 6:30 pm • RAFFLE: \$125.00
 COST: \$6.00 or Free Stag Ticket
 MENU: BBQ Ribs
 Beer Special: Bud Light Taps \$1.00
 Liquor Special: Windsor/Lord - \$1.50
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14th Annual Classic Car & Motorcycle Show Night

Saturday, July 31st

10:00 am – Registration

12:00 noon – Car Show

6:00 - 10:00 pm – Music by
Troublemakers

AMERICAN LEGION POST 15

1701 Legion Drive

No Entrance Fee

Awards presented for different Classes

Concessions — Beverages

For information call 336-3470 or 336-0155



Young Marine helpers at Pancake Breakfast. Ginna Prophet, Matthew Vandemore, Christian Schmidt, Kaylan Prophet, Joee Taylor, Lexi Vandemore and Devin Carr.



Riders – Memorial Day. Richard Klos, Steve Jansen, Jeannie Rabine and Gary Henle.

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.



Honor Guard – Memorial Day Service of Remembrance. Dean Berdahl, Jim Stenseth, Darwin Wahlert, Joe Smook, Rick Towns and Ed Powers.

You can find us on the web at: www.siouxfallslegion.org

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Chairmen: Curt Pansch
Butch Finton, Ed Hruska, Ed Powers,
Gene Tornow, Roger Klos, Gene Even, Jim Avre

THANKS POST 15 VOLUNTEERS!
Pancake Breakfast, Funerals, Color Guard,
VA Activities; Grave Markers

Paul Anderson, Dean Berdahl, Glen Black, Harold Bosler, Donn Bosler, Ken Brown, Alvin Cink, Richard Cobb, Howard Daggitt, Earl Dains, Don Earley, Gene Even, Butch Finton, Ken Foley, Hoot Gibson, Gene Grocott, Jim Hartsook, Dale Haas, Harold Hanson, Gary Henle, Gale Horan, Edward Hruska, Roland Jensen, Thane Johnson, Roger Klos, Lloyd Kock, Gil Koepsell, Norb Kramer, Duane Krumbach, Dick Lahn, Durwood Lidke, Don Lounsbery, Vince Maag, Dean Mann, Dean McClintock, Dale Norstrom, Ed Powers, Dave Saunders, Tom Sawyer, Dave Scott, Don Skadsen, Joe Smook, Vernon Staebell, Jim Stenseth, Dale Stoll, Darhl Timm, Gene Tornow, Rick Towns, Terry Towns, Hanford Twaddle, Dave Twedell, Norm Varns, Darwin Wahlert, John Weber, Robert Williams, Bob Workman.

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