

# POST 15 NEWS



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## COMMANDER'S CORNER—*Bill Peters*

January has been one to remember. We had to cancel the January membership meeting due to 16 inches of snow. God willing, we will have our February meeting on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> at 1900 hours. If you are unable to attend and would like to join us via Zoom, give the office a call and we will put you on the list. Constitution and bylaw changes will be presented, along with other business. The cash drawing will be \$250 in February. We will draw at the Membership meeting and at the Social. You must be present to win. Double your chances and attend both.

The January "Legion Family" social/dinner was very well attended. We need to ask everyone who wants to attend to please RSVP to the office by Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> so we can place an accurate order for food. Thank you for attending and your cooperation with this request.

February will be a busy month. Pancake breakfast will be February 5, with the 4 Chaplains Service to follow at 2:00 p.m. at the Post. Let's fill the room this year – great educational experience for the kids, too. Mid-Winter Conference is February 10-12 at The Crossroads Convention Center in Huron. This event is very informative – please consider attending. Call the office for assistance in registering.

A thank you to all who have renewed your membership for 2023. I can use your help to reach our goal in 2023 by asking someone you know to join the Legion or ask them to renew their membership. **"Be The One."**

A program that you may not be aware of is the American Legion Flag Program. By purchasing flags from the Post, you are supporting American Legion programs. Attached is the QR Code about the Flag program.

Until next time be safe out there and thank you for your continued service through all you do.



## GO-GETTERS CLUB

*Dale Hill, 1st Vice Commander*

This is somewhat of a repeat of last month's message. This newsletter has been a discussion point at recent Post Executive Board and Business meetings for reducing expenses. We are starting to include advertising to help offset newsletter costs as well. **If your 2023 dues are paid and you want to continue to receive this newsletter by mail, you must contact the Post 15 office at 605-336-3470 and ask to stay on the mailing list. If you do not contact the Post 15 office, the March newsletter will be your last newsletter by mail. As well, your 2023 dues must be paid to continue receiving this newsletter by email after March.** If you have an email address that the newsletter can be sent to instead of being sent by Postal Service, it would be a big help in cost reduction. If you are receiving both a printed newsletter and the newsletter by email, please let us know. This newsletter is a member service we don't want to stop. **Thank You for supporting the principles of our American Legion by keeping your membership current.**

The Four Chaplains Memorial Service will be Sunday February 5 at 2:00 p.m. after the pancake breakfast. Please attend both if you can.

One of our most important responsibilities as Legion members is to take care of and help our fellow veterans. This was a way of life on active duty and continues after our time in uniform. We do this by making Buddy Check calls and by Honor Guard services. We need a few more members to help make Buddy Check calls. Thank You to all who make these calls, and Thank You to the Honor Guard members for your dedicated service, regardless of weather.

## LEGISLATIVE NOTES

*Diane Dickman*

Less than two weeks after cementing another major increase to the Pentagon budget, lawmakers began talking about going the opposite direction. An emerging deal between Speaker Kevin McCarthy and conservatives looks to exact deep spending cuts. This comes amid a partisan fight over the debt limit, compounding fears that overall spending is poised for a return to automatic reductions known as sequestration. Funding programs through temporary continuing resolutions, which carry over the previous year's levels and block new programs from getting started, is a long-running complaint of Pentagon brass. Many Republicans have sought to quash chatter of Pentagon cuts and instead look to make non-military reductions. --*Politico*

The 98th South Dakota Legislative Session began January 10. Eight bills have been referred to the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee: **HR 1037** to amend eligibility for admission to the state veterans' home, **HB 1039** to increase payment of tuition for members of the South Dakota National Guard from 50% to 100%, **HR 1045** to increase the basic salary schedule for county veterans' service officers, **HB 1046** to provide free tuition at Board of Technical Education institutions for family members of South Dakota National Guard disabled or deceased in the line of duty, **HB 1051** to require counties to hire veteran service officers in proportion to the number of veterans residing in the county, **HB 1054** to provide a \$100 stipend for a private headstone for a deceased veteran, **HB 1065** to increase from \$100 to \$200 the amount payable by the state to erect headstones for deceased veterans. The last, **HR 1052**, to add surviving spouses to the \$150,000 property tax relief program for disabled veterans, was rejected. Three Senate bills have been referred to the Joint Committee on Appropriations: **SB 12** to authorize construction of a National Guard vehicle maintenance shop in Watertown, **SB 13** to authorize construction of an addition to the BG Dean Mann Readiness Center in Sioux Falls, and **SB 14** to revise that legal description. **SB 15** to accept Uniformed Services ID as proof for adding veteran designation to state license or ID card was passed by Senate Transportation. Senate Commemoration **801** honored the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Singing Legionnaires of American Legion Post 15 in Sioux Falls.

## VAVS *Chris Fischer*

As noted in the January newsletter, after approximately two years as Larry Panning's assistant, we decided to realign responsibilities. We attended the annual SD American Legion Zoom meeting that primarily focused on VAVS. At that meeting, we were awarded our State Legion dollars, which are annually distributed for Veterans' special events or needs. Our local VAVS office held its 1st quarter meeting via Zoom, with various supporting groups and organizations attending. Discussion centered around financial donations, upcoming veterans events, and the current needs list (See the Post 15 website). National Salute to Veterans Patients week will be held Feb. 13-17.

## New Post 15 Members

We welcome the following new members to Post 15 and invite you to attend our membership meeting on February 7 and the family social/dinner on February 21:

Dion Dutcher, Todd Holden,  
John Thrasher

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

**We're signing up new members!** The Sons of The American Legion (SAL) exists to honor the service and sacrifice of military veterans. Male Legionnaires and males of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military are eligible to join. The inexpensive cost of \$22 per year is an easy way to get involved, and support our Veterans. If interested, send an email to [Legionoffice.al@gmail.com](mailto:Legionoffice.al@gmail.com). Current members can renew online at <https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Membership/SAL-Renew>. All members and guests are invited to our SAL meeting on Thursday, February 9 at 7 p.m. at the Post. We will be voting on new bylaws.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS—FEBRUARY 2023

5 (Sun) Legion Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale 8:30-noon—Alliance  
5 (Sun) Four Chaplains service 2 pm  
7 (Tues) Legion Post 15 meeting 7 pm  
8 (Wed) Legion Riders meeting 7 pm  
9 (Thu) Go-Getters meeting 6 pm  
9 (Thu) Sons of the Legion meeting 7 pm  
10-12 (Fri-Sun) Department Midwinter Conference in Huron  
13 (Mon) Honor Guard breakfast 8 am—Fryn' Pan  
14 (Tues) Legion Auxiliary meeting 7 pm  
21 (Tue) THE LEGION FAMILY Social 5 pm, Dinner 6 pm —Alliance  
28 (Tues) Unit 15 Auxiliary Social 5pm, Dinner 6pm—Alliance  
28 (Tue) Executive Board meeting 7 pm

Every Monday—Singing Legionnaires practice 7 pm  
Every Wednesday—Ladies Bridge 12-4 pm

Office is open 11-3 pm M-F

**Save the Date:** Fri, Mar 31 - Post 15 birthday dinner  
Sun, Apr 2 - District 7 Spring Meeting in Hartford  
Sat, April 29 - Annual Honor Guard dinner  
Sun, April 30-Post Everlasting  
Tues, Aug 15 - Golf Tournament fundraiser  
Tues, Aug 15 - Post 15 Corn Boil/Hog Roast

## MONTHLY LEGION FAMILY SOCIAL

### Post and Auxiliary

Tuesday, February 14—At the Alliance

Social hour: 5:00 / Dinner: 6:00

Tony's Catering — beef stroganoff — \$9.00

MEMBERS of Legion & Auxiliary (from any Post/Unit)  
and their spouse/significant other are welcome.  
Call the office 605.336.3470.

Two 2023 raffle drawings will be held at the February meeting since the January meeting was canceled due to weather. **Gary Jorgenson** was not present when his name was drawn for the cash at the January family social/dinner. Double your chances and attend the meeting and the social each month. February's drawings will be for **\$250**. **Mike McGoffin** won the hat drawing.

## POST EVERLASTING

### May they Rest in Peace

Robert McKellep, 78, Navy,  
2/17/2022

If you know of a Legion member who has died, call 605-336-3470.



## SHOOTING SPORTS *Larry Panning*

All teams are in practice mode now that BB gun has started. We have new BB gun shooters. Sporter and Precision Air Rifle teams competition starts in February. There will be a fund raiser supper on January 28. More information is available on our website.

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## CHORUS NOTES *Len Neugebauer*

The Singing Legionnaires did not have any performances during January. Upcoming performances include February 5, Four Chaplains Interfaith Memorial Service at Post 15. Planning is in progress for a February 15 event. The chorus will resume its Avenue of Flags program in May. We are in need of one or two volunteers who have a pickup to help drive a morning and/or afternoon flag route. A stipend is paid to help offset expenses. Please contact Todd Schmidt at (605) 370-4405 if you are interested in volunteering. If any male singer is interested in singing with our men's chorus or if anyone has questions regarding chorus activities, feel free to contact chorus president Bruce Naasz at (605) 310-6210 or [66cycler2019@gmail.com](mailto:66cycler2019@gmail.com).



Post 15 1st Vice Dale Hill, Minnehaha County Commander Bill Peters, Jack Henrichs, Sioux Falls Washington High School, Post 15 Americanism Chairman Bruce Swan at the District 7 American Legion Oratory contest in Humboldt, South Dakota, on January 15, 2023. Photo by Sue Peters.

## LEGION RIDERS

*Lamar Nance, Chairman*

The February 8 meeting will include installation of officers for 2023:

Chairman: Lamar Nance

Vice Chairman: Korry Melstad

Secretary: Larry Hofhenke

Treasurer: Junior Borg

Sergeant-at-Arms: Nicholas (Grubby) Peddicord

Our website at <http://siouxfallslegionriders.yolasite.com/> has information regarding membership, some great pictures of past events, and the Legion calendar. Anyone who rides a motorcycle and is a member of the Legion, or the Legion Auxiliary, or the Sons of the Legion is invited to be a guest and join. Our meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Post home.

Quote of the Month: "Knowledge is like underwear. It is useful to have it, but not necessary to show it off." – Nicky Gumbel.



**Come Celebrate Unity and Self-Sacrifice  
As Veterans Observe The**

## **Four Chaplains Memorial Service**

**To be held at the  
American Legion Post 15  
1700 West Russel Street  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
Sunday February 5, 2023  
at 2:00 PM**

**PUBLIC IS INVITED!**

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### OFFICERS OF SIOUX FALLS POST 15

|                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Commander</b>          | Bill Peters             |
| <b>1st Vice Commander</b> | Dale Hill               |
| <b>2nd Vice Commander</b> | Terry Wolf              |
| <b>Finance Officer</b>    | Jim McQuisten           |
| <b>Historian</b>          | Sharon Taplett-Lundgren |
| <b>Sgt-At-Arms</b>        | Duane Krumbach          |
| <b>Chaplain</b>           | Donna Puthoff           |
| <b>Adjutant</b>           | Barry Andres            |

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

John Bachmeier—Chair  
Joan Ishol, Dean Mann, Wayne Sprecher, Larry Zikmund  
Will Bolduc, Mike McGoffin, **one vacancy**

### COMMITTEES

|   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Chorus: Bruce Naasz                             | Americanism: Bruce Swan     |
| Legion Riders: Lamar Nance                      | Go Getters: Dale Hill       |
| Vets Council: John Bachmeier                    | SAL: Clarence Mellang       |
| Post Everlasting/Flag Retirement: <b>vacant</b> | Raffle Sales: <b>vacant</b> |

### OFFICERS OF AUXILIARY Unit 15

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>President</b>          | Kellie Heazlett |
| <b>1st Vice President</b> | Beth Honerman   |
| <b>2nd Vice President</b> | Amy Bolduc      |
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| <b>Chaplain</b>           | Marva Petit     |
| <b>Secretary</b>          | Nancy Andres    |
| <b>Parliamentarian</b>    | Ann McGoffin    |
| <b>Past President</b>     | Susan Panning   |
| <b>Executive Board</b>    | Sue Peters      |
| <b>Executive Board</b>    | Nancy Renner    |

Building & Grounds: **vacant**  
Baseball: Terry Wolf  
VAVS: Chris Fischer  
Memorial Day Flags: Ron Lien  
Pancakes: Dale Haas



Steve Rueschhoff serving pancakes at the monthly Post 15 pancake breakfast at the Alliance on New Years Day. Photo by Al Arndt.

### ***Wayne Wants Military Humor***

One Saturday, our avionics squadron was called into work at Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, California. I assigned one corporal the complicated task of doing extensive re-wiring in an aircraft cockpit. Later that day, our commanding officer strolled around the hangar. When he got to the aircraft where the corporal was doing the rewiring, he climbed the ladder and peered into the cockpit. "What are you working on, Marine?" he asked. "I'm working on a weekend, sir," the corporal replied. —Jonathan L. Cardenas

### **RENEW ONLINE**

All American Legion members can pay their dues online at <https://www.legion.org/>. Use a credit card, and print your membership card. For more information, call the office at 605-336-3470, email [legionoffice.al@gmail.com](mailto:legionoffice.al@gmail.com), or stop in at 1700 W Russell Street from 11 am-3 pm Monday-Friday.

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