

POST 15 NEWS



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COMMANDER'S CORNER—*Bill Peters*

Congratulations to Dean Mann. On October 21, 2022, the South Dakota National Guard held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Brig. Gen. Dean Mann Readiness Center. Dean is a 70-year member of our Post. It is an honor to have Dean in our post and still serving when and where he can.

As always, Post 15 continues to serve. The membership meeting will be Nov 1, Legion poultry party Nov 4, and Pancake breakfast Nov 6. Dale would certainly appreciate some help at our Benson Flee Market booth Nov 4-5.

The Annual Veterans Day program, sponsored by the Chamber Mil/Vets Committee, will be at the Alliance on Nov 11 at 10:00 a.m. We will honor our Veteran of the Year, Pete Waldner. Pete volunteers to help anytime there is something to do, whether it be serving on the Honor Guard, fixing something, building the gun room, etc. Pete is well deserving of this Honor. Thank you, Pete, for all you do for me and the Legion.

Also on Veterans Day, at 1 p.m., the Bronze Eagles at the State Veterans Cemetery will be unveiled. The Eagles will be placed on the top of the columns at the front gate.

For the past several years, John Green has done a painting for the American Legion to auction off at the State Convention. This year, it was of the State Cemetery, and Sue and I were the lucky buyers. Since the painting was completed before the Eagle Project, John has agreed to add them to the painting. When that is completed, we will have prints made and available for purchase.

QR Codes. Some of you may ask what the heck is a QR code. Well, here it is. You will find the QR code on page 3 in this newsletter. You can scan the code with your smart phone camera, and it will take you to the Post 15 website. It is a simple way to view our website.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families and thank you all for supporting the American Legion and our Veterans.

Remember **"Be the One."** Call a buddy and tell them Happy Thanksgiving. You may just make his or her day.

Until next time, God bless you, God Bless America, and God Bless the American Legion.

UNIT 15 AUXILIARY

Kellie Heazlett, President

Happy Fall! It is hard to believe November is already here. Oct was a busy and fun month. At our Oct meeting, our guest speaker - Aaron VanBeek with the Midwest Honor Flight - told us about that wonderful program. We had our last event for the 1742nd families, making welcome home posters for the soldiers. On Oct 22, Sioux Falls hosted the District 7 Fall meeting. We had our social/bingo on the 25th with many coming in costumes. For First Responders Day, we delivered baked goods to the local fire departments and the police department.

November is proving to be just as busy. We will be serving the meal at the Legion Chorus Annual Bingo night (Poultry Party) Friday Nov 4. We will continue to have our bake sale at the Pancake breakfast the first Sunday of each month. Baked goods are always welcome. We will have our monthly meeting on Nov 8 at 7 p.m. On Nov 11, there will be a Veterans Day program at the Alliance at 10:30 a.m. We will set up our Christmas trees on Nov 21 at 9 a.m. Please come join in the decorating fun.

We will not have our Social/Bingo in Nov and Dec due to Thanksgiving and Christmas. Watch for further details for some fun events these months.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving,

GO-GETTERS CLUB

Dale Hill, 1st Vice Commander

I've been spending many hours over the last few weeks making Buddy Check contacts – some by email and some by telephone. The main reason is to make sure our members are doing OK. The worst of Covid appears to be behind us, but flu season is coming on. Some members may need help with raking leaves, window seals, and snow removal in the coming months. If you can help our fellow veterans with these jobs, please call the Legion office so we can have a call list of helpers. If you are able to help make Buddy Check contacts, please call me (605-961-8264) or the Legion office (605-336-3460) and we can give you a list of members to contact. We have many members who cannot easily get out and about, and appreciate phone calls from a fellow veteran. These calls also help keep our membership information up to date.

Suicide prevention will be a MAJOR theme of the Legion for the foreseeable future. Our Buddy Check contacts are important, so please help when you can.

If your 2023 dues are paid before November 11, you will be included in a drawing for five prizes of \$100 each. Every paid member is offered \$1,000 accidental death life insurance at no cost, but you must apply for it. If you are on Legion business, the benefit goes to \$5,000. If your membership lapses, you lose the coverage.

Thanks to all who help with pancake breakfasts, Honor Guard funerals, Color Guard events, Honor Flight events, Legion committees and Benson's Flea Market. Keeping the Legion in front of our community members is extremely important for continued community support.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

Diane Diekman

President Joe Biden on September 30 signed a **stop-gap funding bill into law, preventing a government shutdown** on the last day of the fiscal year. The continuing resolution keeps the government funded through Dec. 16. The Senate approved a short-term government funding bill on Sept 29 and the House passed the measure on September 30. The continuing resolution will allow the government to remain funded at the current spending levels, as lawmakers work to pass Fiscal Year 2023 funding bills

The Senate hopes to advance its measure in mid-November, with negotiations between House and Senate lawmakers on the separate drafts completed in early December. The Senate version outlines \$817 billion in Defense Department spending policies and priorities for fiscal 2023. In July, House lawmakers advanced plans for an \$840 billion authorization bill. The two versions contain significant differences, with both far above the \$770 billion defense budget proposed by the White House in the spring. Senators adopted 75 noncontroversial amendments to their bill draft, including adding authorization legislation for the Coast Guard, State Department and several other agencies. --*Military Times*

President Joe Biden has signed the **Supporting Families of the Fallen Act** into law. It increases Service-members' Group Life Insurance and Veterans' Group Life Insurance benefit coverage from \$400,000 to \$500,000. SGLI and VGLI coverage amounts have not been updated in 17 years. Service members and veterans who choose the new \$500,000 coverage will pay about \$6 more per month for their premium than under the \$400,000 plan. The Veterans' Group Life Insurance is open to veterans who previously had SGLI.

CDCE/VVS *Larry Panning*

Urgent Need for Cold Weather Clothing for men and women: Jackets, shirts, pants, hats, gloves, socks and scarves. If you are considering donating, please call Tim or Crista at 605-336-3230 ext 6806 for specifics and what they may have already received. Thanks for your continuing support of our Veteran needs.

Calendar of Events—November 2022

- 1 (Tues) Go-Getters meeting 5 pm—pizza will be served
- 1 (Tues) Legion Post 15 meeting 7 pm
- 4 (Fri) Singing Legionnaires Poultry Party 7-10 pm—Alliance / food for sale by the Unit 15 Auxiliary
- 6 (Sun) Legion Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale 8:30-noon—Alliance
- 8 (Tues) ELECTION DAY
- 8 (Tues) Legion Auxiliary meeting 7 pm
- 9 (Wed) Legion Riders meeting 7 pm
- 10 (Thurs) Progressive car give away 11am—reservations required
- 10 (Thu) Sons of the Legion meeting 7 pm
- 11 (Fri) VETERANS DAY— Program at Alliance 10:00 am
- 11 (Fri) Unveiling of “The Guardians” at the State Cemetery
- 11 (Fri) Color Guard @ Inn on Westport 2pm
- 14 (Mon) Honor Guard breakfast 8 am—Fryn’ Pan
- 15 (Tue) Legionnaires *only*: Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm —Alliance
- 24 (Thu) THANKSGIVING DAY
- 29 (Tue) Executive Board meeting 7 pm

Every Monday—Singing Legionnaires practice 7 pm; Every Wednesday—Ladies Bridge 12-4 pm; Every Saturday—Coffee & donuts with Veterans 8:30 am

Office is open 11-3 pm M-F (except Nov 11 and Nov 24-25)

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL

Members Only—No Guests

Tuesday, November 15—At the Alliance

Social hour: 5:30 / Dinner: 6:30

Tony’s Catering—Ham— \$9.00

Reservations requested—call the office

When number 283 of 1,556 Post 15 members was drawn at the October membership social, **Robert Decker** happily accepted \$450. This month’s drawing will be for **\$200**. **Diane Diekman** won the hat drawing. **Justin Walker** of Sioux Falls won the monthly raffle.

POST EVERLASTING

May they Rest in Peace

David Visker, 72, Army 11/18/2021; John Marshall, 82, Navy, 12/29/2021; Michael Sather, 66, Army, 1/14/2022; Wayne Langland, 82, Air Force, 3/20/2022; Jerry Drake, 83, 4/11/2022; Arlen Knutson, 83, Navy, 6/14/2022; Terry Roisum, 86, Army, 8/14/2022; Raymond Barrett, 72, Army, 9/27/2022; Darrell Grebin, 69, Navy, 9/29/2022; Louis Jessop Sr., 89, Navy, 10/2/2022 ; Bernard Schliesman, 89, Air Force,



SHOOTING SPORTS

Larry Panning

Precision Shooting team has registered for Winter Airgun Championship at Colorado Springs in December. Sporter Air Rifle team is also practicing. Both teams are signing up for the 2023 American Legion National Match. BB gun practice starts later. A Safety Class will be held at the Post on Nov. 5 for possible new shooters to see how it works and to shoot some targets. See flyer on website/Facebook for details.

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CHORUS NOTES *Len Neugebauer*

The Singing Legionnaires were honored to perform on October 11 at Brandon Valley High School along with the high school choral concert. The chorus will perform November 11 at the Veterans Day program at the Military Heritage Alliance. The Singing Legionnaires will host the annual poultry party at the Military Heritage Alliance on November 4. All American Legion members and the public are invited to attend this fun event in support of the Singing Legionnaires mission to bring honor to God and country through music. Please put the **Poultry Party, Friday, November 4, 7 p.m.** on your calendars and we will look forward to seeing you there. The Singing Legionnaires are continuing with activities in observance of their 75th anniversary during 2022. The chorus posted flags on Columbus Day (Indigenous Peoples Day) and will post flags on November 11 Veterans Day. If anyone knows of a business in Sioux Falls that would like to sponsor an American flag to be flown on holidays special to veterans, have them call Todd Schmidt at (605) 370-4405. If any male singer is interested in singing with our men's chorus or if anyone has any questions regarding chorus activities, please contact chorus president Bruce Naasz at (605) 310-6210 or by email at 66cycler2019@gmail.com.

*Uniform caps available in the office
\$65 (hat & pheasant)*

Wear your cap to membership meetings and events to let others know of your service and membership.

\$100 DRAWINGS FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

All Post 15 members who renew by November 11 will be eligible for five \$100 cash drawings. Mark your calendars now to pay your annual dues on July 1 of each year.

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, or stop in at 1700 W Russell Street from 11 am-3 pm Monday-Friday.

HONOR GUARD COMMANDER

Bill Peters

The Honor Guard breakfast was well attended in October. Those who weren't there missed a free breakfast and some good conversation.

Chris VanBriesen has volunteered to form a designated Color Guard. Hopefully, this will take a little pressure off the Honor Guard and give others an opportunity to participate. It is open to Legion members and Sons members. We would like at least 12-15 members. Honor Guard members can be in both. This group will be expected to be available when we get a Color Guard request. We've had several requests in the last month. This Color Guard would post colors at events, participate in parades and the like. Chris will let you know when the training is scheduled. If you are interested in being on the Color Guard, call or email the office and we will get your name to Chris.

Thank you again for all you continue to do. Be sure to put Saturday, April 29, 2023, on your calendar for the annual Honor Guard dinner.

LEGION RIDERS

Lamar Nance, Chairman

The Legion Riders welcome new member Glee Gile.

The November meeting will include Officer nominations for 2023, we look forward to a great turnout.

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, 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: "Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please" – Mark Twain

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OFFICERS OF SIOUX FALLS POST 15

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

John Bachmeier—Chair
Jess Kindelspire, Joan Ishol, Dean Mann, Larry Zikmund
Will Bolduc, Mike McGoffin, Wayne Sprecher

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: vacant	Raffle Sales: vacant

OFFICERS OF AUXILIARY Unit 15

President	Kellie Heazlett
1st Vice President	Beth Honerman
2nd Vice President	Amy Bolduc
Treasurer	Carole Lee
Historian	Judy Hill
Sgt-At-Arms	Barb Hayes
Chaplain	Marva Petit
Secretary	Nancy Andres
Parliamentarian	Ann McGoffin
Past President	Susan Panning
Executive Board	Sue Peters
Executive Board	Nancy Renner

Building & Grounds: **vacant**
Baseball: Terry Wolf
VAVS/VA: Larry Panning
Memorial Day Flags: Ron Lien
Pancakes: Dale Haas



Congratulations to Dean Mann

The South Dakota National Guard recently broke ground to build the Brig. Gen. Dean Mann Readiness Center in Sioux Falls. Dean enlisted at age 16, and he continues to serve through his position on the Post 15 executive committee. Thank you, Dean, for your 74+ years of service.



New Post 15 Members

We welcome the following new members to Post 15 and invite you to attend our membership meeting on November 1 and monthly social on November 15:

Cody Brown, Thomas Fox, Doug Gadbois, Timothy Oshea, Patrick Roberts, and James Shirk

State Command Sergeant Major Pat Couser, Governor Kristi Noem, Brigadier General Dean Mann (Retired), Senator John Thune, Representative Dusty Johnson, Major General Jeffrey Marlette, Oct 21, 2022. Photo by Sue Peters.



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