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COMMANDERS REPORT

Summer is coming to an end and fall is fast approaching. You should have already received your DUES notification for this next year. As you will notice the dues have increased due to National and State increases as well as Post 84. Falling membership is the main cause for the increases. We must do a better job of recruiting new members every day. The younger generations have failed to recognize the benefits of membership in the American Legion. Please make an effort to ask a veteran to join, and pay your dues ASAP to help your post to achieve different levels of membership rankings. Post 84 will be celebrating the retirement of our building mortgage on November 5th, 2016 at the Post. All of you will be receiving a written invitation to attend. Please RSVP as soon as possible following your receipt of the invitation. These will not be mailed out until sometime in September so keep a lookout for yours. Retirement of our mortgage has been made possible since the remodeling following the fire. We have made great strides in increasing the use of our building for public use which has allowed us increased income. This has been possible only through the dedication of the volunteers that continue to set up the event room for weddings, anniversaries, birthdays and business meetings as well as clean up after these events. The Chicken and Fish Feeds also do well with the volunteers that partake in these events. Please plan on attending our Mortgage Burning Party if your schedule allows. Hope to see you there.

Ken Christensen,
Commander

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BINGO

Come and enjoy a game of Bingo

Every Wednesday Night

Bonanza starts at 6:00

Regular games start at 7:00 pm

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mike Landkamer installed the new officers for 2017 as presented by the Nominating committee. They are:

Commander	Kendall Christensen
1 st Vice Commander	Richard Henderson
2 nd Vice Commander	Dave Oppliger
3 rd Vice Commander	Randy Schaefer
Committeeman	Ralph Gor
Committeeman	Bill Ingold
Finance Officer	Cliff Loseke
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Ken Christensen, Commander made the following committee appointments:

House Committee.....Merlin Lindahl	American Legion Riders.....Owen Lloyd
Post Scholarship.....Carroll Mohlman	SALS Membership.....Chris Dixon
Post Adjutant.....Chris Dixon	Bingo.....Owen Lloyd
Sergeant at Arms.....Merlin Lindahl	Inside Pickles.....Owen Lloyd
Chaplin.....Pastor Smith	
Club Manager.....Owen Lloyd	
Boys State.....Dennis Hirschbrunner	
Bowling Tournament.....Chris Dixon	
Memorial Day Flags.....Connie Hickey	
Athletic.....Glen Loseke	
Honor Guard.....Mike Landkamer	
Insurance.....Loren Beckler	

CAR SHOW

The Legion parking lot is the site for a classic car show. The Legion has hosted the car show for the last few months with the last show being September 29th. Any type of vehicle is welcome, there is no charge to participate or attend. The show runs from 6 to 9 pm. The Legion Riders serve hamburgers, hot dogs, and sundaes. The public is welcome to attend.

Owen Lloyd

MEMORIAL DAY

The weather was a question mark. The long range forecast predicted rain for Memorial Day, but at 6:00 am it was clear. More than 1200 burial flags were put up with 25 new ones in Rose Lawn Cemetery. David Oppliger, 2nd Vice, reported he put 705 cemetery flags on Friday. He also reported that we did have a couple of glitches that need to be addressed. The sound system and adding chairs.

BUILDING LOAN

Under new business at the Post meeting for June, Cliff Loseke, Finance Officer, reported that as of May 31, 2016 our commercial loan on the building is \$23,620.47. The club offered to give the Post \$17,000 from their account. A motion was made to take the money from the Bingo, Inside Pickle and Outside Pickle accounts to pay off the loan. The commercial loan as of June 30, 2016 is \$0.00. We are now debt free.

LEGION FUN

The American Legion Lounge continues to have "MUNCHIE-MONDAY" every Monday afternoon starting at 5:00 pm. Everyone is welcome, just bring your favorite munchie dish to share. It is a good time to share friends, food and fellowship. Pool is offered free of charge. The Lounge will again host the televised Nebraska football games. There will be drink specials and buckets of beer. The annual Army/Navy game will be played on December 10, 2016. There will be food, raffles and prizes. We will watch the game and enjoy some friendly rivalry. Bring a dish to share and join in the fun.

BOYS STATE

The following boys were selected to go to Boy's State. The ones sponsored by Hartman Post 84 were: Kyle Anderson, Columbus High School; Luke Jarecke, Scotus High School and Cole Tessororf, Lakeview High School.

MURAL

If you have not been in the lounge you need to stop by and see the mural on the north wall. Dean and Julie Pearsoll donated the money to pay artist Dillon Krueger. They earned the money by managing the concession stand at Bingo. A big thank you to Pearsolls and Dillon Krueger.

HIGGINS BOAT

American Legion Post 84 donated \$10,000.00 for the Higgins boat to be placed on Utah Beach in France. Our Post's name will be placed on a plaque at the site, to show our support.

TANK

The tank that is on the Post property gets a new coat of paint. When Post 84 accepted the 1978 M 60 A3 Combat tank from the National Guard in October 1996, we also accepted the responsibility of keeping it painted. Chase Paczosa of Boy Scout Troop 212, Federated Church, took on the task of organizing the painting of the tank as his Eagle project. On Saturday August 20th 2016 the painting began with the help of 5 scouts and some adult dads. Two-thirds of the undercoat of the tank was painted in the original color. Thanks to Sherwin-Williams and modern technology. The painting of the tank was a more time consuming project than expected by the Scouts, but it was finally completed, using 8 gallons of oil base paint. Thanks to Chase Paczosa for organizing the Eagle Scout project, the Scouts of Troop 212 and the dads who put on the paint. The Post also wants to thank Sherwin-Williams for the donation of some of the paint and the technology of getting the right colors.

Chris Dixon

Adjutant

MEMBERSHIP

Our goal for 2017 is 647 paid members. As of August 18th we have 354 members who have paid their dues. Our new 1st Vice Commander, Richard Henderson who is in charge of membership will have his committee calling on unpaid members after Veterans Day. Let us make his job easier and send in your dues for 2017 now.

Chris Dixon

Adjutant

