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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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October – December 2022

Dates to Remember

- 10/5 – Yom Kippur
- 10/6 – German-American Day
- 10/9 – Leif Erikson Day
- 10/10 – Indigenous Peoples’ Day
- 10/13 – US Navy Birthday
- 10/15 – White Cane Safety Day
- 10/26 – Day of the Deployed
- 10/27 – Navy Day
- 10/30 – Ms. Veteran America Pageant
- 10/31 – Halloween
- Nov - Nat'l Veterans & Military Family Mo. & Warrior Care Mo.
- 11/1 – All Saints’ Day
- 11/2 – All Souls’ Day
- 11/6 – Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11/8 – Election Day
- 11/10 – Marine Corps Birthday
- 11/11 – Veterans/Armistice Day
- 11/24 – Thanksgiving Day
- 11/27 – First Sunday of Advent
- 11/29 – Giving Tuesday
- 12/1 – Civil Air Patrol Birthday
- 12/7 – Nat'l Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 12/13 – National Guard Birthday
- 12/15 – Bill of Rights Day
- 12/18 – Wreaths Across America
- 12/18 – Hanukkah Begins
- 12/25 – Christmas Day
- 12/26 – Kwanzaa
- 12/31 – New Year’s Eve



November is Veterans and Military Families Month

Veterans & Military Families Month was established in 1996 by the Armed Services YMCA, with the U.S. Government recognizing the occasion every year since. Each November, the President signs a proclamation declaring November National Veterans & Military Families Month, and with hundreds of thousands of service members deployed overseas, recognizing the daily sacrifices made by active duty, Guard, and Reserve military families has never been more important. There are many local and national services provided to show appreciation during National Veterans & Military Families Month and beyond. Here are just a few:

- Every year you should be able to download a ‘Military Family Month’ packet from the [Armed Services YMCA](http://www.asymca.org) at www.asymca.org. The packet typically contains: a Military Family Month Poster; a Message from the President; a letter from the National Executive Director of the ASYMCA; Military Family Month Program Suggestions; and Guidelines for the annual art and essay contests.
- [Sesame Street for Military Families Free App](#) – Addresses topics such as deployments, homecoming, self-expression and injuries.
- Military children can find comfort in a free custom made photo transfer quilt or pillow through this program for children of deployed service members – [Operation Kid Comfort](#).
- Many Military Families are eligible for a free YMCA or Private Fitness membership through the [YMCA- DoD Initiative with the Armed Services YMCA](#).
- Home Depot offers a 10% in-store discount for those with valid military ID, but the company is also recognized as an important employer of military spouses. A Home Depot employee-run resource called Military Appreciation Group, “is dedicated strictly to supporting active military associates, deployed reservists and their families” according to the Home Depot official site.
- College campuses with ROTC units may host parades featuring trainee Reserve officers marching, displaying the colors, holding drills, etc. These events may be organized on campus, or ROTC units may partner with local organizers for events in the community.

[Click here to read about more ways to increase awareness and provide support to our military community.](#)

COMMANDER’S CORNER

Greetings fellow members!

Things are happening at the Post & we are trying to expand our pool of people to get them done. We have upcoming events that could use your input.

We also have some that just need your elbow grease. We are looking for help around the building & sometimes it can be as small as a couple of hours manning a booth handing out fliers. We are also looking into some incentive ideas to get members into the Post. If you have suggestions, PLEASE let us know. The more participation we get, the better we can help each other & our community.

I’m looking forward to seeing more of you around & getting to know you.

Thank you, Jay Adams

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CHAPLAIN'S UPDATE

PEARL HARBOR DAY MEMORIAL PRAYER

Heavenly Father, We are gathered here to commemorate those among Your servants who gave their lives at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Because of their dedication to duty, we still enjoy the freedoms we inherited from our forefathers. Because they served well, we are proud to call them our own. We ask that, following in their footsteps, we may continue in Your service until Your summons comes. Then, in the knowledge that we have striven to observe Your councils and precepts, may we be worthy to be united with them and with You forever. Amen.

HONOR GUARD

Post 4's Honor Guard provided the following Burial Honors for July, August & September 2022:

Army: Derek Montoya, Lloyd Norby, Robert Berg, John Clark, Paul Dowling & Randy Wolfe

Army Reserve: Robert Wagner

Navy: Otto Jensen, Donald Greenwalt & William Lareen (ret., also Army)

Air Force: James Johnson, Michael Brock & Philip Ganson

Marines: Rand Booth

We also Posted Colors for American Legion Baseball twice.

If you have the time and the constitution to serve on our Honor Guard. It would mean a lot for those sorrowing families to see fellow service members in attendance. Call or email me. Thank you, Al Hager
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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

Hi All!

Fall is here. Time to prepare for Winter. Here are a few suggestions:

- Tend to tree branches
- Safeguard spigots
- Seal gaps and other openings
- Check Insulation in walls and attics
- Bundle up your water heater
- Reverse the fan blade direction
- Lay off the lawn
- Have your car serviced
- Keep ice melt in the trunk and Pack an emergency kit.

Remember, your 2023 dues are due. You can pay the dues online, mail them in, or drop them off at the Bar. Dues are \$40

Don Clair, Adjutant

South Dakota Legionnaire Competing for Ms. Veteran America

A South Dakota American Legion Family member will head to Orlando, Fla., on Oct. 30 as one of the 25 finalists for [Ms. Veteran America](#). In addition to meeting a lot of who she now considers friends through the competition, she's also learned quite a bit about an issue sometimes overlooked: the homeless women veteran population.

Ms. Veteran America serves as an ambassador for Final Salute Inc., a nonprofit that provides homeless women veterans and their children safe housing, along with food, clothing and supportive services. It was learning about Final Salute and doing research on her own that made Legionnaire Kaylan "Katie" Harrington aware of how many women veterans find themselves without housing.

Harrington is a 21-year member of the South Dakota Army National Guard, where she serves as a training officer at the Guard's Warrant Officer Candidate School. A chief warrant officer 4 who has been deployed four times to Iraq and twice to Afghanistan, she said taking part in Ms. Veteran American was a reach for her.

Harrington applied to be a part of the competition and then competed in the semifinals in June, when contestants had to go through interviews, and talent and advocacy competitions, as well as show how much each had raised toward and promoted Final Salute.

Read the entire story here: [American Legion – SD Legionnaire Competing for Ms. Veteran America](#)

POST 4 MONTHLY EVENTS

- American Legion Meeting – Every 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m.
- Executive Board Meeting – Every 3rd Monday at 6:00 p.m.
- Legion Riders Meeting – Every 2nd Monday at 6:00 p.m.
- Pool League – Every Monday
- Dart League – Every Wednesday
- NFL Football – Monday, Thursday & Sunday
- College Football Gameday – Saturday

Find us Online!

Like us on Facebook & keep up to date with our Post events ... Search for:
American Legion Post 4

LEGION HALL RENTAL

Post 4 has TWO Banquet Halls (with bar) available to rent for special functions. Please contact Maria Rivera at 406-671-4598 for more info.

Tell Congress to Pass National Buddy Check Week

Following closely on the heels of the successful PACT Act passage, another piece of legislation The American Legion strongly endorses is the [STRONG Veterans Act](#), which would make The American Legion-born Buddy Check initiative a national VA requirement.

[Click here to support the STRONG Veterans Act](#)

The STRONG Veterans Act ([Support The Resiliency of Our Nation's Great Veterans Act](#)) calls on the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to designate a "National Buddy Check Week." It is modeled after The American Legion's successful [Buddy Check program](#), which nearly 4,000 local posts a year have used to help veterans in need since 2019. It also includes dozens of provisions that come from standalone pieces of legislation The American Legion supports.

The legislation promises to bring additional improvements to the mental health care of our nation's veterans. Those include:

- Funding research on veterans' mental health and treatment.
- Making the Peer Specialist Support program permanent.
- Increasing full-time staffing at VA Vet Centers and expanding eligibility for treatment.
- Expanding existing scholarship and loan programs for students and mental health providers.

In June, the U.S. House of Representatives approved the measure in a bipartisan voice vote. It now awaits action in the Senate. The legislation has sat in the Senate for several months already. We cannot afford to let this opportunity to improve mental health care for veterans lapse. Source: [American Legion National Commander](#)

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We would really like to be more inclusive of and see more activity from our Post 4 Legion members. If you have any ideas about how we can achieve this, please let us know by sending us an email:

Adjutant Don Clair: alyellowstonepost4@gmail.com or
 Past-Commander Gil Floyd: gils2002hd@yahoo.com



POST 4's MESS HALL



KITCHEN HOURS

OCTOBER – NOVEMBER – DECEMBER

Monday: 5:00 – 9:00 PM

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 5:00 – 9:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday: 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

BAR HOURS

Monday – Friday: 5:00 PM 'til closing

Saturday & Sunday: 11:00 AM 'til closing

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Yellowstone Legion Riders participated in the 9/11 Memorial Ride led by the B.A.S.T.A.R.D.S. on Saturday, September 10th.

We're looking for more Riders and continued growth of the membership. Officer positions are up for new elections; nominations will be held at our December meeting with elections to be held in January. I hope to see as many there as possible.

Our meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Remember, any Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons of the AL member can also be a Rider. Please like & follow our Facebook page to get updated event information; search for: American Legion Riders Chapter 4 – Yellowstone Chapter.

Gil Floyd, Director
 Yellowstone American Legion Riders
 406-855-7599



Veterans Crisis Line
 1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1

STAND BY THEM

Confidential help for Veterans and their families

***** Confidential chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net or text to 838255 *****

UPCOMING BAR FUNCTIONS

- 10/1 – Cornhole
- 10/4 – Nat'l Taco Tuesday
- 10/15 – BACA Broomstick Pool Tournament
- 10/22 – Sasquatch Hunt
- 10/22 – 22-a-Day Dinner (tba)
- 10/29 – Annual Halloween Party
- 10/30 – Kids' Halloween Brunch – Watch for info!
- 11/4 – Eagle Mount Bingo Fundraiser
- 11/11 – Veterans' Day Breakfast
- 11/19 – Cat/Griz Game Day
- 11/24 – Thanksgiving
- 12/10 – Singing Santa
- 12/18 – Santa Brunch
- 12/24-25 – Closed for Christmas
- 12/31 – New Year's Eve Party

We want to hear from YOU!

Do you have comments or ideas to submit to the newsletter?
 Email Gil Floyd at gils2002hd@yahoo.com.
 The deadline for the next newsletter is December 10th.

POST 4 DIRECTORY

AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS

Commander Jay Adams
Vice Commander Pat Weber
Adjutant Don Clair
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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

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Jim Salsbury
Derald Thiessen




**Legion Meetings
are EVERY 3rd
Monday at
7:00 p.m.
Please join us!**



A few facts you may not know about the Bill of Rights, which has existed since 1769 (ratified 1791):

- It was inspired by the Magna Carta, the English Bill of Rights of 1689 & the Virginia Declaration of Rights of 1776.
- It didn't actually apply to all individuals until 130 after it was made.
- A college student got one of the amendments that was originally nixed ratified in 1992 (XXVII).
- There were 14 handwritten copies, but only 12 remain today.
- A Union soldier stole North Carolina's copy of the Bill of Rights and then sold it.
- 3 states did not ratify it until 1939.
- The 3rd Amendment is the least litigated.
- President FDR instituted the celebration of Bill of Rights Day on its anniversary in 1941.