



POST 164 HOT LINE

Official Newsletter of the American Legion Post 164, Spearfish, South Dakota

October 2017

Trap Shoot Fundraiser: Members of the Spearfish American Legion Family along with members from the community spent an afternoon shooting trap in order to help raise funds for our youth programs. After the shoot, participants were treated to a barbecue. All those that registered received chances to win a Savage HMR .17 rifle. Micheline Nelson is shown below taking her turn at shooting clay pigeons.



3rd Annual Borbely Breakfast and/or Ride: Legion family and community members enjoyed a great breakfast including pancakes and eggs at the Spearfish Senior Center. After breakfast door prizes were distributed and the those riding departed. The ride took the group to Belle Fourche, Alzada, Devils Tower, Sundance, Cheyenne Crossing and down Spearfish Canyon. The benefit supports four children of local deceased veterans.

National Vice Commander's Homecoming Scheduled: Post 17 in Watertown will be hosting National Vice Commander Byron Callies's homecoming October 13-15. All American Legion Family members are welcome to attend the festivities.

American Legion Basic Training: Learn about the American Legion in a self-paced online course. The training formerly known as the American Legion Extension Course has been renamed "American Legion Basic Training". The training material has been rewritten, updated, streamlined and enhanced with videos, digital photos, clickable links, a historical timeline and additional features. The program should take less than two hours to complete. American Legion members are able to take the training at no cost. Non-members are welcome to take the training for \$9.95. The Post encourages all members to complete the training program. For additional information go to <https://www.legion.org/alei>. For those members that do not have access to the Internet, a set of training books is available. Contact Post Adjutant Ron Schuttler at 642-4089 if you are interested in the off-line version.

What is the American Legion National Emergency Fund (NEF): The National Emergency Fund, created in response to Hurricane Hugo in 1989, has provided more than \$8 million in direct financial assistance to American Legion Family members and posts. By providing this emergency funding, NEF has prevented damaged posts from closing and enabled American Legion Family members to recover from tragedy.

NEF helps those affected by well-known disasters such as Hurricane Katrina and Super Storm Sandy and lesser-publicized tragedies such as flooding in South Dakota or Illinois, or wildfires in the southwest.

The fund provides up to \$3,000 for qualified Legion Family members and up to \$10,000 for posts. The eligibility requirements are:

Applicant must have been displaced from his or her primary residence due to a declared natural disaster.

Applicant must provide copies of receipts of items required to meet immediate needs such as temporary housing, food, water, clothing, diapers, etc.

Membership must be active at time of disaster and the time of application.

For more information about The National Emergency Fund, contact: (317) 630-1330

Membership: If each member in the Post recruited just one new member each, we could double our membership.

October Calendar

- ◆ 10/4 @ 6:00pm: Monthly Post Meal & Meeting (Meeting starts at 7pm)
- ◆ 10/9: Columbus Day
- ◆ 10/11 @ 6:00 pm: Legion Riders Monthly Meeting
- ◆ 10/13-15: National Vice Commander Byron Callies Homecoming in Watertown, SD
- ◆ 10/21 @ 9:30am: Spearfish American Legion Aux meeting at the Dorsett Home
- ◆ 10/28 @ 9 :30 am: Auxiliary Unit - Make-a-Difference Day at Our Savior's Lutheran Church
- ◆ 10/31 @ 5:00 pm: "Safe Halloween" for children at the Spearfish Rec Center
- ◆ SAL Monthly Meeting at the Spearfish Ambulance TBD

On the Internet

www.SpearfishAmericanLegion.org

www.ALRBlackHills.org

www.facebook.com/SpearfishAmericanLegion

Email: information@SpearfishAmericanLegion.org

Please remember to renew your membership.

Some ways to pay are:

- Pay online at <http://www.legion.org/>
- Call Post 164 Finance Officer Jim Childers at 605-717-0101 with your credit card information.
- Mail a check to PO Box 583, Spearfish, SD 57783
- Come to a monthly meeting.

"Safe Halloween"

The American Legion has always been concerned for the welfare of our nation's youth. Therefore, as long as Halloween activities are sponsored and promoted in our communities, Legionnaires believe that children and parents should know how to observe the holiday as safely as possible. Such concern should not be interpreted as an endorsement or approval of Halloween as an annual event.

Together, we can make Halloween a fun and safe night for everyone?

Join the Spearfish American Legion Family on

Monday, October 31 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Spearfish Rec & Aquatic Center

