



# POST 164 HOT LINE

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

## May 2017

**What does a Post Commander do:** “First among equals” is a good way to look at the relationship of the post commander to other post members. The commander ensures the post’s vision of success is completed and keeps the post family together in the process. The post commander is also the voice of the post, within the post and at meetings beyond the post. Post commanders also work with and through other leaders to complete the business of the post, as they cultivate and guide them for future leadership roles. (Adapted from the American Legion Training Newsletter)

**What does a Post Vice Commander do:** The Post Officers Guide states “In the majority of posts, vice commanders are elected, with membership the primary concern.” But a vice commander shouldn’t do it alone. A post, even a small post, should have a Membership Committee to help the vice commander with recruitment, transfers, renewals, retention and with ensuring the post routinely has personal (by phone or in person) contact, with every member of the post. A membership committee of two (or more), is far more effective than a committee of one. (Adapted from the American Legion Training Newsletter)

### 50 Year Membership Certificate Awarded

At the April meeting, Bill Hughes, received his 50 year membership certificate. Bill is a Legionnaire that works hard to ensure the continued success of the Spearfish American Legion Baseball Program. Congratulations Bill! (Pictured is Commander Brian Dean on the right presenting Bill Hughes with the certificate)



**2018 State Convention to take place in Spearfish** District One will be hosting the 2018 South Dakota American Legion convention at the Spearfish Holiday Inn. The District committee recently held their initial meeting. If you would like to be involved, please notify District One Commander Kevin Morello at (605) 791-5969.

**Officers to be Sworn in...** Post Officers will be sworn in during our May meeting. The new officers have all volunteered to lead our Post for the next year. They will need the support of the membership for our Post to be successful. The 2017-2018 officers will be as follows:

- ⇒ Commander—Doug Henwood
- ⇒ Vice-Commander—Brian Hambek
- ⇒ Adjutant—Ron Schuttler
- ⇒ Finance Officer—Jim Childers
- ⇒ Sergeant at Arms—Brian Dean

## Membership

**Goal: 211 Current: 190**

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.

### Post Meals before the Monthly Meeting

All Legion members are invited to share a meal and dessert, free of charge before each monthly meeting. Serving begins around 6:15 pm.

### May 2017 Calendar

- 5/3: Monthly Post Meeting 6:15 free meal, 7:00 meeting.
- 5/7 @ 1pm: Boys/Girls State Orientation at BHSU
- 5/10 @ 6pm: Legion Riders Monthly Meeting.
- 5/20 @ 9:30am: ALA Meeting at the Dorsett Home.
- 5/24 @ 6:30pm: SAL Monthly Meeting at the Spearfish Ambulance Service.

## **On the Internet**

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