



# POST 164 HOT LINE

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

## August 2017

**A message from Post 164 Vice Commander Brian Hambek;** Another year of Festival in the Park is under our belts. We made some changes this year to include toasting the buns and making the breakfast sandwich with English muffins. The word spread fast Saturday morning and we sold a ton of breakfast sandwiches. Come Sunday morning vendors were standing in line when we opened up for a muffin and coffee. The gauntlet was thrown down to see if we could beat the record year of 2015 - Everyone will have to come to the next Post meeting to see if we did it - See you next week.

From Post 164, a big **“THANK YOU”** to Brian Hambek, Barney Wagner, and Connie Wagner for leading the charge at the Post booth during the Festival in the Park and thank you to all the Legion Family members that were able to volunteer and help out.

**Fall District Meeting Scheduled:** District One will be meeting at Post 255 in Bison on Sunday, September 10, 2017. Starting time to be announced. Post members are encouraged to attend.

**Department Headquarters New Hours:** Starting on July 17th, 2017 State Headquarters new hours of operation are from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. central time.

**Youth Trooper Academy a Success:** Graduation ceremonies for the 6th Annual Youth Trooper Academy recently took place in Pierre, SD. Edgar Meza of Spearfish was awarded the \$500 SD Youth Trooper Academy Scholarship Sponsored by the SDHP Foundation.

**American Legion Cap Etiquette:** Did you know the left side of the Legion cap is reserved for only the Legion emblem? You may place items only on the right side. A member is considered to be in uniform if wearing an official Legion uniform cap. Therefore, it is proper to remove the cap while eating a meal at an official Legion or civic luncheon or dinner. However, a lady may wear her Legion cap during meals.

**Membership:** It seems we are always talking about increasing membership and no matter what programs we discuss, we always come back to membership.

The reason for this is obvious -- “membership is the lifeblood of The American Legion.” Without members, there would be no Legion programs. Without members, we would have no voice on Capitol Hill. Without members, there would be no accomplishment in assistance and support to veterans, their families, the community, state and

nation. But, The American Legion has recorded consistent accomplishments for veterans and their families since 1919.

The First National Membership Target Date is September 13. The Post needs a minimum of 50% of our membership signed up by this date. If you know of a veteran that is not a member, ask them to join. Make sure you are carrying an application with you and just ask.

## 2018 Post Membership Goal: 208

**Membership Workshop:** The Department’s 5-year Membership Council, PR/Media Committee and Executive Committee will meet August 13th from 10 a.m.– 3 p.m. at Post 8 in Pierre, SD. This focuses of this workshop are to determine media campaigns and prioritize events the council will attend. District, County and Post level participation is welcomed. The more ideas presented will increase our chances of coming up with a successful future for our Department. Fred Nelson will be attending and is hoping other Post 164 members will attend.

**Veteran Service Officer (VSO) News:** Recently retired Bill Locken brought newly hired Jesse Ketzer to the July Post meeting. Jesse brought his family and ended up signing up as a member of the American Legion. Jesse explained that the VSO assists veterans of the United States Armed Forces, their dependents and survivors, living within Lawrence County, in applying for and acquiring earned VA benefits. Jesse can be reached at 605-578-9748.

### Calendar

- ◆ 8/2 @ 6:15pm: Monthly Post Meal & Meeting (Meeting starts at 7pm)
- ◆ 8/16 @ 6pm: Legion Riders Monthly Meeting
- ◆ 8/23 @ 6:30pm: SAL Monthly Meeting at the Spearfish Ambulance Service
- ◆ 9/6 @ 6pm: Boys/Girls State Picnic in the Park. This will also serve as our monthly meeting
- ◆ 9/10: District One fall meeting in Bison
- ◆ 9/16: American Legion Trap Shoot Fundraiser
- ◆ 9/16 @ 9:30am: Spearfish American Legion Aux meeting at the Dorsett Home
- ◆ 9/17: 3rd Annual Borbely Memorial Breakfast and Ride

## **On the Internet**

**[www.SpearfishAmericanLegion.org](http://www.SpearfishAmericanLegion.org)**

**[www.ALRBlackHills.org](http://www.ALRBlackHills.org)**

**[www.facebook.com/SpearfishAmericanLegion](https://www.facebook.com/SpearfishAmericanLegion)**

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### **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.