



POST 164 HOT LINE

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

September 2017

Picnic Scheduled: All Spearfish American Legion Family members are invited to attend the annual picnic in honor of the **2017 Boys and Girls State Delegates** and the **2017 Youth Trooper Academy Cadet**. The picnic is scheduled for Sept. 6th at 6:00pm at the Spearfish City Park (the center picnic shelter). The delegates will spend a few minutes telling the group about their experience and what they have learned. If you did not renew your membership for 2018 and want to save a stamp, bring your dues.

National American Legion Convention: Fred and Micheline Nelson spent a weekend at the 2017 National American Legion Convention in Reno, NV. Fred Nelson served as the SD Dept. National Parade Chairman for the fourth consecutive year. Baseball was the SD theme.



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

11:00am - Joint Meeting

11:30am - Social/Lunch

1:00pm - District Meeting

Junior Shooting Sports Team: At the August Post meeting the Post gave the go ahead for Scott Hanson to organize a local American Legion Junior Shooting Sports program. The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program is a gun safety education and marksmanship program that encompasses the basic elements of safety, education, enjoyment and competition. Shooters use the .177 caliber air rifle. Both males and females can participate, through Legion sponsorship; disabled youth are encouraged to join, as competitive shooting is a sport that creates an equal playing field for all competitors.

Junior Shooting Sports is a three-part program that combines the Basic Marksmanship Course, Qualification Awards and Air Rifle Competition into a well-rounded activity.

What is Operation Comfort Warrior: Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW) is an American Legion program dedicated to meeting the needs of wounded, injured or ill military personnel by providing them with comfort items not usually supplied by the government. OCW ensures that patients at U.S. military hospitals and warrior transition units are given items like sweat suits, DVDs, puzzles, electronic devices, books, calling cards and more. OCW also provides larger items such as ping pong tables, entertainment centers, computers, kayaks and other recreational goods for use by wounded warriors in common areas. For additional information, please go online to <https://www.legion.org/operationcomfortwarriors>.

American Legion Auxiliary: Did you know that grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of The American Legion, and the grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and direct and adopted female descendants of all men and women who were in the Armed Forces of the United States during the same periods and died in the line of duty during such service, or who, having received an Honorable Discharge, died after service, can be ALA members? Contact Spearfish Unit Membership Chair: Connie @ 605.641.0926

September Calendar

- ◆ 9/6 @ 6:00pm: American Legion Family Picnic, Spearfish Park near Pavilion. Honoring Boys & Girls State Delegates and Youth Trooper Cadet
- ◆ 9/9 @ 10am: Swarm Day Parade
- ◆ 9/10: District One fall meeting in Bison
- ◆ 9/11: Patriot Day - Thank First Responders
- ◆ 9/13 @ 6pm: Legion Riders Monthly Meeting
- ◆ 9/15: National POW/MIA Remembrance Day
- ◆ 9/16 @ 2pm: American Legion Trap Shoot Fundraiser
- ◆ 9/16 @ 9:30am: Spearfish American Legion Aux meeting at the Dorsett Home
- ◆ 9/17: Breakfast and/or Ride Fundraiser for veterans children at the Senior Center 8:00am-11:00am \$10.00
- ◆ SAL Monthly Meeting at the Spearfish Ambulance TBD

On the Internet

www.SpearfishAmericanLegion.org

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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.

Breakfast to Benefit Local Veterans' Children

Come hungry to the Senior Center on **September 17 from 8:00 to 11:00 am** for a breakfast fundraiser to help four children of two young deceased veterans.

The older children will receive help for their education.

The younger ones (4 and 6) will see their wish come true when the Black Hills Chapter of the American Legion Riders Post 164 build their swingset slide.

Breakfast is \$10.00 for pancakes, eggs, sausage and orange juice & coffee

Donations can be sent to Spearfish Post 164 Attn. Jim Childers

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