



# Up To Now!

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January 10, 2024

- Jan 10 SD Vets Council Meeting, Pierre Post 8, 2pm
- Jan 10 SD Vets Council Legislative Reception Pierre Post 8, 5:30pm
- Jan 18 Membership Target Date– Mid-Winter 80%
- Jan 20 MidWinter Go-Getter certification due to Dept HQ
- Jan 22 SDAL Day at the Capital
- Jan 22 SDAL Legislative Reception, Pierre Post 8
- Feb 14 Membership Target Date– President’s Day 85%
- Feb 16-18 SDAL Mid-Winter Conference, the Lodge at Deadwood
- Feb 24-28 National Washington Conference
- Mar 2 District 5 Meeting Time and Location TBD
- Mar 3 District 4 Meeting 1pm Social and District Executive Committee Meeting 2pm Meeting, Meal to follow, Groton Post 39
- Mar 13 Membership Target Date– Legion Birthday 90%
- Mar 16 District 3 Meeting Time and Location TBD
- Mar 17 District 6 Meeting Plankinton Post 5 Breakfast 9am-1pm Meeting 1:30pm
- Apr 6 District 8 Meeting Time and Location TBD
- Apr 7 District 7 Meeting Time and Location TBD
- Apr 10 Membership Target Date– Children and Youth 95%
- Apr 13 District 1 Meeting Time and Location TBD
- Apr 14 District 2 Meeting 11am Social, 12pm Lunch, 12:45pm Meeting, Martin Post 240
- Apr 27-28 SD American Legion College, Chamberlain
- May 1 SDAL Educator of the Year Award due to HQ
- May 1 SDAL Good Samaritan Award due to HQ
- May 1 William Lenker VA&R Award for Excellence due to HQ
- May 6-9 National Spring Meetings
- May 15 Membership Target Date– Armed Forces Day 100%
- May 17-19 National Oratorical Contest

### HAT IN THE RING

- Piedmont Post 311 has endorsed Kevin Morello for Department Commander
- Chester Post 136 has endorsed Rod Smith for Department Commander
- Chester Post 136 has endorsed Kevin Hempel for Department Vice Commander (Districts 3-8)
- Wagner Post 11 has endorsed Greg Geiman for Department Sergeant at Arms
- Spearfish Post 164 has endorsed Fred Nelson for National Executive Committeeman
- Mitchell Post 18 has endorsed Hugh Holmes for National Vice Commander

### SOUTH DAKOTA AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE

The second class of South Dakota American Legion College will be April 27-28, 2024 in Chamberlain, SD. Ten applicants will be selected for the program. The prerequisites are:

1. Minimum of three years continuous membership.
2. Completion of the American Legion Basic Training Course (include copy certificate of completion with application).
3. Post Commander or Adjutant endorsement.

Applications can be found on the SD Legion website under Training or by contacting HQ. Application deadline is March 15, 2024.

### MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

We're just over a month away from our Mid-winter Conference, and I am certainly looking forward to seeing you all in person. For those unfamiliar with Midwinter, it is one of the two major events the Department hosts each year, the other is our Department Convention. The Convention is held in June, and usually gets the oohs and ahhs from folks. We give out annual awards, jam with the Legion Band, and elect Department leadership (I will say, having contested elections does add an element of excitement-we'll have it again this year!). All that said, however, Midwinter is always my favorite.



At Midwinter, all the pressure of elections is months away. We all gather to learn together, to have fun, and to make our Legion a better Legion. The training is really what makes Midwinter great, and I know that Dept Training Chair Jack French and his team have put forth phenomenal revamped training for the 2024 Conference in Deadwood. I highly encourage you to make at least one of the sessions, if not as many as you can!

• Session 1- Is a choice between attending one of two classes: Legion Reports & Awards-essentially answering questions on what they are, how and when to apply and where to find everything, taught by Past Dept Adjutant Kevin Hempel; or MyLegion--an open class. Bring your computer and all your questions, taught by Kevin Morello and Membership Chair Bill Peters.

• Session 2– We encourage the whole Legion family to be part of! I'll personally brief The American Legion's *Be The One* initiative as a lead-in to David Nilsen of the Black Hills VA providing S.A.V.E. Training. Let's learn together to help prevent Veteran suicide!

• Session 3- Another session, another choice! Here, choose between a session on the upcoming USA 250th Celebration and how your Post can help celebrate with fellow Legionnaires facilitated by Dr. Ben Jones of the SD Historical Society or a presentation on Internet Security and Scams, with Alternate National Executive Committeeman Fred Nelson.

• Session 4- All hands on deck for our last briefing from National Judge Advocate Mark Seavey, who will delight and entertain us with a briefing on legal issues within Posts and how to keep yourselves out of jail. (No, seriously--he is one of the more entertaining speakers I've ever heard. You'll actually enjoy hearing about laws.)

Aside from the training, Midwinter is a great chance to get to know your candidates, listen to their ideas, and help build informed decisions for your vote in June. Besides, you can check out who has the best hospitality room food (I'll never forget Homer's Dimock cheese, the Bleu Cheddar changed my life.). It's a wonderful time to mingle, make new friends, find connections, and just have fun. If you haven't been before, please come, we'd love to see new faces.

Pursue Purpose,

Courtney Steffen  
Department Commander



**NATIONAL DUES INCREASE!**

At the 2023 National Convention, a \$5 dues increase was passed that will take effect July 1, 2024. This increase will require all Posts to charge more for membership and makes submitting Post Data Reports critical this year. More information to follow.

**THE SOUTH DAKOTA AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY IS HIRING FOR THE DEPARTMENT SECRETARY.**

Qualifications:

Manage the department headquarters while supporting the mission of the organization.

Knowledgeable on non-profit and employee tax forms to ensure that all appropriate state and/or regulatory taxes are filed.

Excellent communication skills, willingness to learn new systems as needed, provide necessary reporting as requested, ability to multi-task and able to work closely with multiple Executives.

Attention to detail, strong organizational and time management skills, work under minimal supervision.

Maintain all monies received at the department headquarters, make deposits, and provide the Treasurer details of deposits.

Maintain record books needed to carry out Department Business.

Proficient in Word and Excel.

Open all mail, answer phone calls, maintain calendar and appointments, make room arrangements, and fill other related job duties.

Attend requested meetings. Provide notice of all meetings, take meeting minutes, and act as Secretary of the Executive Committee.

Ability to work weekends and have dependable transportation.

Department Secretary position is 40 hours a week.

High School diploma, 3 years experience preferred.

Closing date December 15, 2023, or until filled.

Please submit a cover letter and resume with references to: **South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary, PO Box 529, Clear Lake, SD 57226 or southdakotaala@gmail.com**

The Department of South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary Headquarters is determined through negotiations with a successful candidate.

**DISTRICT ORATORICAL CONTESTS**

DIST. 1- Chair: Mike Pauling, (michaelpauling@ymail.com), 13318 Sunshine Valley Rd., Piedmont, SD 57769. Contest at Spearfish Post 164, 3102 E. Fairgrounds Loop, Spearfish, Jan 21, 2024, 2:00pm. Storm date, Jan 28th, same time and place.

DIST. 2- Chair: Doug Harris (doughinut@gmail.com), 4913 Charmwood Dr., Rapid City, SD 57701. Contest at SDSM&T Classroom Bldg., 501 E. Saint Joseph St., Jan 7, 2024, 10:00 a.m. Storm date, Jan 14th, same time and place.

DIST. 3- Chair: Larry Madsen, (larry\_madsen@hotmail.com), 906 E. Commercial Ave., Gettysburg, SD 57442. Contest at the Faith Lutheran Church Christian Living Center, 714 N. Grand Ave., Pierre, SD. Jan 14, 2024, 2:00 p.m. Storm date, Jan 21st, same time and place.

DIST. 4- Chair: Dale Strom, (dale\_strom@yahoo.com), 115 N. Kline St., Aberdeen, SD 57401. District Contest at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 431 W. Melgaard Rd., Aberdeen, SD, Jan 7, 2024, 1:00 p.m. Storm date, Jan 14th, same time and place.

DIST. 5- Chair: Clayton Nei, (pandcnei@gmail.com), 18257 465th Ave., Castlewood, SD 57223. Contest held Castlewood Lutheran Church, Jan 21, 2024, 1:00 p.m. Storm date, Jan 28th, same time and place.

DIST. 6- Chair: Tim Thomas, (photostoday@midstatesd.net), 112 S. Merrill St., Chamberlain SD 57325. Contest at the Kimball Legion Post, 232 S. Main, Kimball, SD, Jan 7, 2024, 2:00 p.m. Storm date, Jan 14th, same time and place.

DIST. 7- Chair: Linda Liddell, (Lliddell08@gmail.com), 1016 NW 5th St., Madison, SD 57042. District Contest to be held at the Humboldt Community Center, Jan 21st, 2:00 p.m..

DIST. 8- Contact: Joseph Knoer, (josephknoer24@gmail.com), 1215 Lincoln St. #101, Vermillion, SD 57069. Contest at the Al Neuarth Media Center, 555 N. Dakota St., Vermillion, Jan 20, 2024, 2:00 p.m. Storm date Jan 27th, same time and place.

**BOYS STATE AND YOUTH TROOPER REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

Boys State registration can be found on the South Dakota Boys State website, the address for applicants:

<http://www.southdakotaboysstate.com/boys-state-application/>

The registration fee for Boys State is \$250 per student and is payable to the Boys State Treasurer. Registration closes on May 1, 2024. The Youth Trooper Academy is another outstanding program of the South Dakota American Legion. Registration/Application forms can be found on the website here: [www.sdlegion.org/sd-youth-trooper-academy](http://www.sdlegion.org/sd-youth-trooper-academy)

The deadline for applications is March 22, 2024.

**2024 MID-WINTER UPDATES**

Mid-winter Conference, hosted by District 1, will be at the Deadwood Lodge, in Deadwood, SD., 16-18 February 2024. Rooms have been blocked beginning with 20 rooms for on Thursday, 15 February, and another 80 rooms for arrivals on Friday, 16 February. Anyone requiring a Hospitality Suite or room larger than the standard king or double queen, please contact David Booze at 605-484-5328 for arrangements. All who require just the Standard King or Double Queen room, reservations can be made by calling the Deadwood Lodge, phone number 605-584-4800. The rate for the Standard King or Double Queen room is \$95 plus applicable taxes. Be sure to mention you are attending the American Legion Mid-winter conference. The Deadwood Lodge allows dogs; however, they must be declared at the time of making the reservation or at check-in.

**MIDWINTER JOINT BANQUET**

The Mid-winter Joint Banquet will be held Friday Feb. 16th, with social beginning at 5:30pm and the banquet starting at 6:30pm.

Cost is \$35.00 and deadline to order tickets is Feb. 1st.

Checks are to be made out to the Department of South Dakota District 1 American Legion, and annotate that the check is for the Joint Banquet on the check's purpose line. Mail checks to the District 1 Treasurer:

**Randall McGruder  
11332 Tetro Rock RD  
Lead, SD 57754**

Randall's Contact information is as follows;

Mobile: 605-580-5919

Email: [grude@rbmsessentials.com](mailto:grude@rbmsessentials.com)

Individual needs to have the following on the request for purchase of the ticket(s):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Post: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify if any Dietary Restrictions need to be considered:

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## 2024 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### Friday, February 16, 2024

10:00 a.m. Department Finance Commission Meeting

12:00 p.m. Registration Desk Opens

Boys State Board of Directors

1:00 p.m. Department Executive Committee Meeting

3:00 p.m. SAL Detachment Executive Committee Meeting

4:30 p.m. SDAL Foundation Meeting

5:30 p.m. No-Host Cocktails

6:30 p.m. Joint Legion / Auxiliary / SAL Banquet

### Saturday, February 17, 2024

7:30 a.m. Registration Desk Opens Area

8:00 a.m. Joint Opening Session

8:15 a.m. Introduction of Auxiliary Secretary and President

8:25 a.m. Auxiliary VA&R Report

8:35 a.m. Auxiliary Children and Youth Report

8:45 a.m. Intro of Sons of the American Legion Det. Commander

8:50 a.m. Secretary of the Dept of Veterans Affairs Greg Whitlock

9:00 a.m. Boys State Planning Session

9:10 a.m. Capitol Grounds Memorial Improvements, Darin Seeley

9:25 a.m. National Vice Commander Remarks

9:40 a.m. 1st Leading Candidate Remarks

9:50 a.m. Training Committee Report and 2023 NALC Graduate

10:05 a.m. Recess Joint Session

10:10 a.m. BREAKOUT 1: Legion Reports & Awards

11:00 a.m. BREAKOUT 2: Be the One & S.A.V.E. Training

12:00 a.m. LUNCH BREAK

1:00 p.m. BREAKOUT 3: American 250 & SCAMS

1:00 p.m. SAL Business meeting

2:00 p.m. BREAKOUT 4: Legal Briefing

2:50 p.m. Reconvene Joint Session

2:55 p.m. Committee & Commission Reports and updates

4:25 p.m. Sweepstakes Drawing

4:30 p.m. Announcements and Adjourn Assembly

4:30 p.m. American Legion Rider meeting

4:30 p.m. Joint Membership and Marketing, Media & Comms Committees Meeting

6:00 p.m. Go-Getter Reception & Smorgasbord- Deadwood VFW Hosted by Post 31

### Sunday, February 18, 2024

8:30 a.m. Non-Denominational Service Four Chaplains

10:30 a.m. SD American Legion – Oratorical Contest, State Finals

## 2028 DEPT CONVENTION & MIDWINTER

Bids for the 2028 MidWinter are being accepted, at this time only one bid has been submitted from Chamberlain Post 3. Posts and Convention Centers who desire to submit bids to host the Midwinter should send that information to the Dept Adjutant. Application forms are available from Dept HQ.

Bids for the 2029 MidWinter and Department Convention are being accepted at this time as well.

## FUTURE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION AND MIDWINTER DATES AND LOCATIONS

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|-----------------|----------|------------|
| 2024 MidWinter  | Deadwood | Feb 16-18  |
| 2024 Convention | Pierre   | June 20-23 |
| 2025 MidWinter  | Oacoma   | Feb 14-16  |
| 2025 Convention | Huron    | June 19-22 |

## SUPPORT FOR OPERATION HOMEFRONT

Happy New year! I would like to introduce myself and Operation Homefront (OH). My name is Harry Boner, and I am the Advisory Council Member representing South Dakota for Operation Homefront. I got involved with this organization when I served as the Children and Youth Chairman (C&Y) for the American Legion, Department of South Dakota.

Over the past five years, the C&Y Committee has worked with OH to coordinate the collection and distribution of donated school supplies and toys gathered by the Dollar Tree. As well as to distribute

over 400 backpacks full of school supplies at Ellsworth AFB during their back-to-school roundup, at a value of \$140 each. Just this past year, The American Legion, Department of South Dakota C&Y program, donated \$1000 to the OH Holiday Meal program. This program provided \$75 Commissary gift cards to E1-E6 Ellsworth AFB Service Members with young families.

All OH programs are open to Air Force, Space Force and to South Dakota National Guard personnel. With the new bomber wing coming to Ellsworth Air Force Base and the continued deployments of our South Dakota National Guard, the need is only growing.

Many Legion Family volunteers who have helped OH have asked how they can do more to contribute to the mission of OH. We have opportunities to volunteer your time coming up May-July, please contact me directly if you are interested. Additionally, if you or your Post is interested in offering monetary support to help our young Service Members and their families through the programs of The American Legion and Operation Homefront, please send your contributions to either:

The American Legion Children and Youth programs at Dept HQ. Please indicate on your check "C&Y Program".

If you wish to donate to OH, mail donations to:

Operation Homefront

Attn Sarah Cheeseman, Area Manager

16526 W. 78th

Suite #184

Eden Prairie, MN 55346

All donations will be used to support programs locally in South Dakota.

The American Legion Family feels strongly about assisting our Service Members, Veterans and Children in times of need, Operation Homefront feels the same way and offers assistance programs that can be used independently or in addition to programs of the American Legion. If you have any questions about Operation Homefront, please feel free to reach out to me or check out their website, [operationhomefront.org](http://operationhomefront.org).

Kind regards,

Harry Boner

Operation Homefront, Advisory Council Member

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605-691-4571

## FOUNDATION UPDATE

The South Dakota American Legion Foundation is conducting a Beef Raffle to raise funds for our programs. Tickets are \$10 each and can be obtained from any of the board members, Paul Evenson, Jim Huls, Denny Brenden, Doug Feltman or Jim Kurtz. 1st Prize is \$500 in Beef Certificates, 2nd Prize is \$300 in Beef Certificates, and 3rd \$200 in Beef Certificates. Drawing will be at the Mid-Winter Conference, need not be present to win.

## THE AMERICAN LEGION ANNOUNCES A NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH WELLCARE.

The American Legion is excited to announce a new partnership with Wellcare, the Medicare brand of Centene Corporation. Through the multi-year partnership, Wellcare will serve as the Official Medicare Provider of The American Legion, connecting Medicare-eligible veterans, their spouses and the greater military community with products and solutions that complement the benefits eligible veterans receive through Veterans Affairs (VA) healthcare.

## THE AMERICAN LEGION LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

This needs-based scholarship is designed to fulfill a financial gap remaining after all federal and state educational grants/scholarships available to an eligible applicant have been utilized. Children of post-9/11 veterans having been assigned a combined disability rating of 50 percent or greater or who died while on ac-

tive duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001 are eligible. All applications new or renewal must be submitted using the online scholarship submission system beginning January 1 and NO LATER THAN Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

*Total amount of scholarship funds awarded in 2023: \$1,484,122*

### REMINDER TO ALL AMERICAN LEGION POSTS TO FILE IRS FORM 990

Federal tax regulations require every Post to file IRS form 990. This must be filled out by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your organizations accounting period. If the IRS does not receive this form, they will revoke the tax-exempt status of the Post. To get your Tax-exempt status back you have to apply and pay a sizeable fee. This process takes time (months) and can challenge even the most patient of individuals. The form can be downloaded at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f990.pdf>.

### MISSING OFFICER CERTIFICATION FOR 2022-2023

The following posts need to contact Judy at headquarters to certify their officers and get their membership cards

**District 1:** Bullhead #82 Dupree #124 Little Eagle #239  
**District 2:** Belvidere #144 Oelrichs #238 Pine Ridge #251  
Kyle #265 Porcupine #294 Parmelee #295  
St. Francis #297 Manderson #302 Norris #310  
**District 3:** Witten #167  
**District 8:** Parker #30

### NATIONAL COMMANDER MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE

National Commander Seehafer will award his "Be the One" pin to any Legionnaire who obtains two new members, one to replace you and one for growth.

A new member is any person joining for the 2024 year who was not a member in the 2023 year. Transfers do not count.

Only one pin will be awarded per individual. Upon receipt, national membership staff will confirm the names in the national database and mail the pin directly to the person who earned it.

[https://www.legion.org/sites/legion.org/files/legion/documents/seehafer\\_twonewmembers.pdf](https://www.legion.org/sites/legion.org/files/legion/documents/seehafer_twonewmembers.pdf)

### 103 PERCENT MEMBERSHIP AWARD

National Commander Seehafer will award his "Be the One" pin to any post, district, county, and/or Dept commander and membership chair who achieves 103% of their membership goal for 2024.

[https://www.legion.org/sites/legion.org/files/legion/documents/2024\\_103percentmembership.pdf](https://www.legion.org/sites/legion.org/files/legion/documents/2024_103percentmembership.pdf)

### NATIONAL COMMANDER POST EXCELLENCE AWARD

To qualify, a post must achieve excellence in four areas: membership, submission of the Consolidated Post Report (CPR), attaining a 90% renewal rate, and community activity.

The standard is as follows:

**Membership:** Attain at least 103% of their membership goal. At least one post officer attends district meetings.

**Consolidated Post Report:** CPR submitted by July 1.

**90% Renewal Rate:** Renew at least 90% of their 2023 members.

**Community Activity:** The post must conduct an event that connects the local community with The American Legion. The objective is to open your doors, welcome the community in, and educate them on what The American Legion is all about and how the post is an asset to the community.

**Certification for the award:** The district commander responsible for the post will certify a post as having achieved the four specified criteria. The district commander will submit a list of posts meeting the criteria to Dept HQ. List should include the post name, phone number, address and commander's name. If possible, provide with copies of press releases submitted to the local media about the projects to show that the projects were to enhance the image of The American Legion through local media. Dept HQ will forward to National Headquarters.

### 100% AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY RIBBON

American Legion National Commander Seehafer will award his 100% American Legion Family Ribbon to any American Legion Family that achieves 100% membership by the 2024 100% membership target date. For this award, the Legion Family is defined as a post and/or any combination of an Auxiliary unit or Sons squadron. Each must achieve 100% membership to qualify for the award. The Dept HQ will forward to National Headquarters.

### DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MESSAGE

All members,

National has raised their portion of dues \$5.00 for 2025.

The State dues will not raise for 2025 but will likely raise for 2026. We won't know until after the State Convention in June of 2024 if and for how much.

Each Post represented at the convention will have a vote.

The following opportunity was rolled out Dec.2023 from National: **MULTI-YEAR MEMBERSHIP:**

**As of 12/4/2023, members who have not yet renewed for 2024 have the option to renew their membership for three years at your current dues. This option must be done on the national website at [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew).**

To take advantage of this offer you must have your member number & credit card when you log in. If you don't have a computer, you will need the same information and your post can login and renew for you. Call me if you have questions. Or drop me an email.

**Also note:** This is open to those who have already renewed for the 2024 membership year.

If you have not renewed your dues for 2024 you have until January 31, 2024, to do so. February 1, 2024, you become expired and will have to rejoin. You will also have to sign up for free insurance with LIT (Legionnaire Insurance Trust).

I have sent several emails using Constant Contact and many of you have not opened them. **Please check your spam and or junk mail folder.**

Thank you for all you do! Together we can keep the American Legion a strong and vibrant organization. Who do you know that lives in another town you can ask to join the American Legion?

Bill Peters  
2023-2024 Membership Chairman  
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# THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPT. OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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January 8, 2024

Post Commanders and Adjutants:

As we begin a new year, I want you all to know how much I appreciate your efforts this current year. We are headed in the right direction to have a great year. Our current member count is **14,020**. Ever since July when I took over Membership Chairman, I have said it is you and your members that are in the trenches, it is your leadership that has gotten us to where we are at today. The Department Leadership can only guide and encourage and help when we are asked. Sorry to say our work is not done. Some of you are at 100% and some are even better than 100%. **Thank you very much.** Maybe, just maybe, you could find a couple more for the team. I am asking you and your members to help get us to 14,635 by January 20. I understand the higher the apple is in the tree the harder it is to harvest but we all know that some of the best apples are higher in the tree. Enough about membership. I encourage you all to continue to “Pursue Purpose”.

Reminders:

- **Incentive Program**

Posts that meet the following criteria will be put into a drawing for a \$200 award to be drawn at the department convention. One winner will be selected from each of the above membership categories. Posts will only be entered one time when they meet all the criteria and will be entered one (1) additional time for every 1% over their 100% membership goal.

- **Meet or exceed 85% of membership goal by Mid-Winter.**
- Meet or exceed 100% of membership goal by Friday June 14, 2023.
- Meet or exceed 90% retention.
- Submit on time their Post Data Report, Consolidated Post Report and Post Officer Certification.
- Posts must meet the minimum membership requirement of 15 to enter the drawing.
- **Post Data report is due to National by April 1, 2024**
  - To change your dues
  - Minimum dues are \$38.50.
  - Verify address to where dues are sent.
- **Adjutants**
  - Turn in the names of those that have signed up a new member for \$50 drawing.
  - I have sent several emails and over half do not get opened. **I need to ask you to check your spam and or junk mail.** Communication is very important, and email is easy to get the word out.

Thank you for all you do. Continue to keep it up. Until next time.

Bill Peters  
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