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## Seward Post Five Newsletter

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### COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

By: CLARE SULLIVAN

Summer is in great form and we're still experiencing really fabulous weather; it has been amazing, it is almost too warm at times! We have been so fortunate to have such consistently good weather, it has done wonders for the flowers outside the post and throughout town, never mind our sense well-being!



The 4th of July was another success for the town and for the post. The runners on the mountain and all the town's visitors had a great day and of course, so did our American Legion Family! We sold lots of ribs and they were so tasty, and a big thanks to all our volunteers who made this happen. You folks were amazing and once again it was completed with all the combined

efforts of the Sons, Auxiliary and the Post! We had just enough help and lots of folks had some good chow right out front of our post home. We also had a great showing in the 4th of July Parade

with our Riders and all our Mustang crew who helped us carry the colors. Thanks for continuing the great service, good food

and good fun – the Post #5 "Rep" continues!

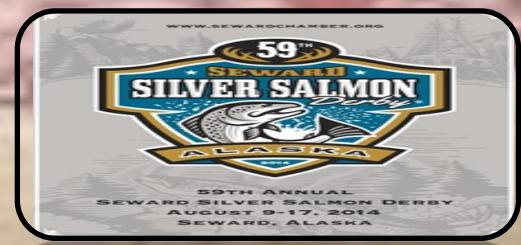
We couldn't do what we do without the exceptional and dedicated volunteers who reliably "rise to the occasion" to help us do what we do for our veterans and our community throughout the year. Everything you all did from prepping and cooking ribs, dishing out the fabulous chow to all our guests at the post or participating in the parade you made the day a huge success for all! Thank for all you do and continue to do!

This month has the Silver Salmon Derby going on and it will be very busy with visitors, which is good for our little town and everyone who has a business. The long winter months with slower business and higher operating costs puts a burden on them as well as all of us who call Seward our home. With that in mind, if you can buy locally – we're fortunate to have the services, shops, and good restaurants that stay here and stay open for us even in the slower (and colder) times of year. But back to the Derby, good luck to all who participate, there are some good prizes to be won and not just good fish!



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-Clare S.



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I'd like to thank all who have consistently supported our post and our American Legion Family by coming to the club, and those who take the time to help out during or official functions and come to monthly meetings. Simply, we wouldn't be here without your support at whatever level you choose to participate. As you know, the American Legion is a multifaceted organization with the mission of "mutual helpfulness," and that is what we strive to do. On a daily basis you can see the functioning of the club including our meals, the bar and nightly activities, all of which are designed to support and entertain our membership. In the larger picture of our organization, we use these daily

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tivities to give us the ability to accomplish the mission of helping veterans and our community neighbors. Essentially, all you do from buying an "adult beverage" to participating in a fundraising auction or carrying a flag in one of our celebrations all help in what we are here for, and have been doing since the chartering of Post 5 in December 1919.

Some folks have said, I really don't do much, I only come during this event or that – believe me, any event even with a small contribution of support goes a long way. You know the saying – "Many hands make light work"; and for any participation I am extremely grateful. Your efforts assist us in service to our veterans and the community.

### **U.S. Coast Guard History**

Extracted from [www.coastguard.com](http://www.coastguard.com)

The U. S. Coast Guard is simultaneously and at all times an armed force and federal law enforcement agency dedicated to safety, security, and stewardship missions. We save lives. We protect the environment. We defend the homeland. We enforce

Federal laws on the high seas, the nation's coastal waters and its inland waterways. We are unique in the Nation and the world.

The Coast Guard official history began on 4 August 1790 when the first Congress authorized the construction of ten vessels to enforce federal tariff and trade laws and to prevent smuggling. Known variously through the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries as the Revenue Marine and the Revenue Cutter Service, we expanded in size and responsibilities as the nation grew.

The service received its present name in 1915 under an act of Congress that merged the Revenue Cutter Service with the Life-Saving Service, thereby providing the nation with a single maritime service dedicated to saving life at sea and enforcing the nation's maritime laws. The Coast Guard began to maintain the country's aids to maritime navigation, including operating the nation's lighthouses, when President Franklin Roosevelt ordered the transfer of the Lighthouse Service to the Coast Guard in 1939. In 1946 Congress permanently transferred the Commerce Department's Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation to the Coast Guard, thereby placing merchant marine licensing and merchant vessel safety under our purview.

The Coast Guard is one of the oldest organizations of the federal government and until Congress established the Navy Department in 1798 we served as the nation's only armed force afloat. The Coast Guard protected the nation throughout our long history and served proudly in every one of the nation's conflicts. The National Defense responsibilities remain one of the Coast Guard's most important functions even today. In times of peace they operate as part of the Department of Homeland Security, serving as the nation's front-line agency for enforcing the nation's laws at sea, protecting the marine environment and the nation's vast coastline and ports, and saving life. In times of war, or at the direction of the President, the Coast Guard serve under the Navy Department.



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### HOUSE AND VICE REPORT

BY: MIKE CALHOON

Well, we made it through another 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. What a busy time but a fun time with great weather, seeing lots of friends and having such a great army of volunteers to help out!!!! Won't try to list all the volunteers because there were so many I will surely forget some. Just know that you are all truly appreciated and we could not continually do what we do without all of you!!

We were also privileged to assist with the USCGC Mustang Change of Command. We will truly miss a great friend in Lisa Motoi as she has headed to a new duty station back home on Staten Island. The new commander of the Mustang is Matthew Brinkley. He and his wife, Rebecca, have already become part of the Post 5 family and we welcome both of them to Seward. We hope to host the crew and their families for a dinner in the near future as there are a bunch of new members on the Mustang.



This month we have another visit from the USCGC Healy starting on August 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> for a few days. We will be hosting the crew for dinner and a retirement reception on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and for a "Wetting Down"(promotion party) on August 6<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for volunteers for these two functions so if you would like to help please let me know.

We also have our Third Sunday of the Month breakfast on Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, end of Salmon Derby. Some help is always needed for that or you can just come by and have a great breakfast.

We are starting into the initial planning stages for the 2015 Department of Alaska Convention to be held here and more info will come out in the near future for that.

The new membership year has begun so consider renewing your dues for 2015 if you have not already done so. Membership numbers are a big part of the ammunition for the National Commander when he goes to speak to Congress or the Presidential Administration about veteran's rights and benefits. Your membership helps support all of the Legion programs in our community and beyond.

Thanks to everyone for supporting the Post and the Club. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 224-5440/362-2029.

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By: MIKE CALHOON

I first want to thank everyone who helped make this 4th of July a great success. So many people from the entire Legion family volunteered their time and effort it made things run very smoothly. I will not mention everyone by name but would like to give a special thanks to David Osborn and Chris Bautsch for taking over the "Grill Mater" duties with the absence of Al Stone this year. Great job by everybody!!

We have entered a new membership year so please consider renewing your membership if you have not done so already. Without membership nothing will happen. Every membership is important as it drives the programs of the Legion Family.

Squadron 5 continues to be a big part of the success of the Post 5 Family and our ability to serve the veterans of Seward and their families. Keep up the good work and let me know if there is anything we can do for you or if you have time to give to the Post.

I thank all of the SAL Squadron 5 members for your support and I look forward to seeing you at the Post.

## AUXILIARY VICE REPORT

By: CONNIE KULLANDER, 2ND VICE

Ah another month has zoomed by us, but what a great month it was. July was spectacular. We had a wonderful 4th, with lots of great volunteers. Thank you to all those who helped. The food was fabulous, and the folks helping were just as fabulous. 4th of July was our only big event here at the post. We still have things to do, so don't be a stranger.

August on the other hand is a little busier. First off we will be having the USGC Healy here. Welcome to all those folks. We will be having a couple of events with them, and we will be looking for some volunteer help if you want something to do. The first will be the 4th of August and the next will be the 6th.

The ladies will be having a small sale here at the post. We will be selling items of all sorts. Please, do not bring us your old clothing and items that need to go to the dump. We would like to have working items and things some folks would like to purchase. The sale will be Saturday the 23rd and Sunday the 24th, from 10:00 to 4:00. Bring your cash and lots of room in your vehicle. If you have any questions please give one of us a call, Suzi at 3627894 or Connie at 362-1685.



We will be having breakfast the third Sunday of the month, which is the 17th. If you are feeling the need to help out somewhere consider Sunday breakfast. Speaking of that, Thank you to all those who helped last Sunday!! We had a new recruit and she did fabulous on the grill and a new waitress who was spectacular. Thanks ladies!!!

Don't forget to support us every Monday at BINGO.

Doors open at 6:00 with bingo starting at 6:30. You don't need to be a member to come play. Get a friend and come play

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

BY: BOBBY DUNNO

The ALR has had a great month of July and we didn't get wet for the 4th of July, The ALR Pride Ride was a success and we are drawing near our goal for our donation to the Legacy Run. Not only that but we have had some reasonable riding weather although it seems that every organized run we have planned we got wet leaving Seward who would have figured that!

The 4th of July was as entertaining and fun as it always has



been and I would like to thank all the volunteers who busted their

butts at the Post making it another successful 4th of July at Post 5. The ALR had a great time following the crew of the CGC MUSTANG in the parade it was really gratifying seeing the crowd that had gathered cheer and clap as they passed by. Larry looked good carrying the Post Flags and even Don was smiling as we rode in celebration of our nation's birthday.

The ALR Alaska was called on to provide escort services for the funeral of PFC Wallace and Terry Moon and I rode to Post 35 to participate. It was a real honor to be able to provide these services for one of our fallen servicemen. It really hit home when the Private's Father and PFC Wallace's Escort



from the Air Force came out to thank us after the escort was finished. The Dad hugged each one of us individually and yes tears were shed. Then

as we rode out of the churches parking lot the Air Force Sargent gave the group a salute. Having experienced this for the first time I am thankful that we are not called to perform these services more often and yet willing to provide an escort anytime it may be needed.

ALRA Pride Ride was a great success we had Riders from Post 1, 16, 20, 28 and 35 with me and Don showing up to represent Post 5. There were lots of comments as to this being the biggest turnout for a ALR event in anyone's memory. We visited Post 1 Jack Henry, 28 Spenard, 29 Muldoon and rode out to Peters Creek 33. We would have visited Post 34 Chappie James but not having any phone contact I sent a rider to see what their hours were and he came back saying they had a note on the door "Closed Join Us at the Airshow." While at Post 29 Muldoon we had a meeting at the tables out back and Chapter Officers were decided on and we are scheduled to have a Installation Ceremony to begin a Chapter at Post 1 Jack Henry on the 9th of August. I hope to gather riders from around the state to attend and maybe have a get together like we had for the Pride Ride to finally bring a ALR Chapter to a Post in Anchorage!

So we have a dessert auction scheduled on the 8th of August in support of the Legacy Run and our Chapter at Post 5 has

already authorized \$1500.00 to be included in Alaska's ALR contribution to the Legacy Run Scholarship Program. The National ALR is hoping to raise over a Million Dollars this year. There are more than 540 Riders signed up to ride from Indianapolis, In. to the convention in Charlotte, NC. so the goal is not unrealistic. For those who are curious the Legacy Run is a scholarship program to assist in the education of the children of our servicemen who have fallen since 9-11. It is a wonderful program and they provided almost \$50,000.00 in scholarship assistance last year alone. With the Government only providing these children a stipend of just over \$37000.00 a year all they assistance they can get is highly valued.

So there are still several weeks of really great riding weather



left before our winter starts in so keep them bikes in tune, tires properly inflated, pray for sunshine and Get On Your Bikes and Ride!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Steak Night	2
3 USCGC Healy	4 USCGC Healy Retirement Party  Coast Guard Birthday	5 Mexican Martes  USCGC Healy	6 USCGC Healy  “Wetting Down”	7 USCGC Healy  ALR Meeting 7:00pm	8 Steak Night  Dessert Auction	9 Salmon Derby Begins
10 Texas Hold'em Poker	11 Omaha Hold'em Poker  Bingo	12 Mexican Martes  Post Meeting 7:00pm	13 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm	14 SAL Meeting 7:00pm	15 Steak Night	16
17 Community Breakfast  Texas Hold'em Poker	18 Omaha Hold'em Poker  Bingo	19 Mexican Martes	20	21	22 Steak Night	23 Auxiliary Gar- age Sale
24/31 Auxiliary Garage Sale  Texas Hold'em Poker	25 Omaha Hold'em Poker  Bingo	26 Mexican Martes	27	28	29 Steak Night	30

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