Here we are embarking on the holiday season! Where did autumn go? We’ve had another great month that was busy and fun. Thanks to all who helped make it happen and those who came by to support all the activities.

We’ve transitioned to our winter schedule which although isn’t much different from the summer one, it is a bit calmer and quiet, with just the locals participating. Sure, we’ll miss our summer visitors and our “snow bird” population but we still have a solid core to keep things going and I am so thankful for that.

October for those of you who have stopped by brought us to the annual decoration of the post for Halloween to share with our members and their kids. Thanks to everyone who donated candy for Halloween. The kids who stopped by and the adults with a sweet tooth really appreciated it! I think a few of us need to hit the gym with all the sweets that kept calling our names!

We’ve been busy continuing to improve the ability of our post home to serve our membership and our community. Many thanks to Dave Dieckgraeff, Tom Sears, John Moline, Dan Oliver, Fr. Bill Hanrahan and several others who helped with getting the new walk-in fridge for our kitchen and reorganizing the kitchen shelves and storage. This fridge will allow us to store more food, consolidate space and get rid of several aging refrigerators.

Our October events were quite entertaining, and we were able to start our winter pool league on Saturday nights. I’d also like to thank the volunteers who have started up our weekly poker (Texas and Omaha) for the winter months. This activity gives those who stay in Seward one more thing to pass the long winter evenings.

We were busy this month with a few charitable fundraisers and, of course, our Commander’s Visitation. Even though it was a transition period with really bad weather, the stout and the strong stepped up and we had a good time in singularly outstanding Post #5 Family fashion in all our events.
Now that November is upon us the cooler weather is firmly in place; we need to remember to look out more for our neighbors for their health and welfare in the coming cold months. Utility bills and heating bills will be higher so ensure to get your boilers, furnaces, and wood stoves checked for efficiency and more importantly safety! Also, remember the post serves up a warm hearty meal every night so if you're needing a quick warm up and a friendly place to “take the chill off” stop by November is Membership Retention Month. We are “danger close” to hit our target for November and have a goal of 75% for December. As we get closer to the end of the year with all the busy activities during the Christmas season our renewals slow down with the holidays looming. If you have renewed – thank you! If you haven’t, please renew; continue with your benefits of membership and consider giving a gift of membership to a son, daughter, brother, sister or even your parents. All can and do benefit with a membership in one of our American Legion Family organizations - also the more people involved the merrier! We also reap the additional benefit of meeting our membership goals for the next few months (in addition, I don’t want to get ragged on by our “higher headquarters” (just kidding - well sort of!!!!)).

Celebrating Veterans Day

United States Senate Resolution 143, which was passed on Aug. 4, 2001, designated the week of Nov 11 through Nov. 17, 2001, as “National Veterans Awareness Week.” The resolution calls for educational efforts directed at elementary and secondary school students concerning the contributions and sacrifices of veterans.

Often times Veterans Day and Memorial Day are looked at as the same. Granted, they both honor veterans however the difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day is Memorial Day honors servicemembers who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle. Deceased veterans are also remembered on Veterans Day but this day is set aside to thank and honor living veterans who served honorably in the military - in wartime or in peace.

U.S. Mint Unveils Legion Centennial Coin Designs

U.S. Mint Director David J. Ryder, the son of two veterans, unveiled before thousands of American Legion members Wednesday the designs of three commemorative coins that go on sale next March to honor the organization’s 100th anniversary.

"Every day across the nation, the Mint connects America through coins,” Ryder said. "And next year, it will be our great privilege to connect America to the legacy of the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization."

Sales of a $5 gold piece, a silver dollar and a clad half-dollar honoring The American Legion's legacy stand to raise up to $9.5 million for the organization’s programs and services, Ryder said.

The coin required congressional action. On Oct. 6, 2017, Congress passed Public Law 115-65 allowing the Mint to strike and issue 50,000 of the gold coins, 400,000 of the silver dollars and 750,000 of the half-dollars.

- The gold pieces feature on the heads side the Eiffel Tower, a V for victory in World War I, the engraved word LIBERTY and the years 1919 - 2019 encircled by the outer ring of an American Legion emblem, recognizing the organization's founding in Paris after the armistice that ended the Great War. On the tails side of the $5 coin, a soaring bald eagle is depicted, along with a sculpted American Legion emblem.

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A Short History of Veterans Day

World War I - known at the time as "The Great War" - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars."

Soldiers of the 353rd Infantry near a church at Stenay, Meuse in France, wait for the end of hostilities. This photo was taken at 10:58 a.m., on November 11, 1918, two minutes before the armistice ending World War I went into effect.

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

Whereas the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far-reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and

Whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day."

Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Later that same year, on October 8th, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first "Veterans Day Proclamation" which stated: "In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans’ organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible."

On that same day, President Eisenhower sent a letter to the Honorable Harvey V. Higley, "Administrator" of Veterans' Affairs (VA), designating him as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee. And, to this day the "Secretary" of the VA the Honorable Robert Wilkie holds the chair of the Veterans Day National Committee.
With such a wet October and the snow creeping down the mountain, looks like winter is on the way.

I want to thank everyone who helped the Post with all the October activities and ask you to look at November’s functions and see where you can help. Volunteers are our backbone and we truly have a great crew in the Post 5 Family.

I also want to thank everyone who stepped up and helped out at the Post while I was out of state. Melody, Tom, Suzi, Michelle, Lori, Bethany, and of course Ozzie, kept everything flowing smoothly. Always good to know I am not really needed.

We had breakfast for the Harbormaster’s Conference on October 9-12, we had the Marathon Wrestling Fundraiser on October 13th, we had a memorial service on October 20th for Keith Knighten, the community breakfast on October 21st, and the Department Commander’s Visitation Dinner on October 27th.

This month we are having a Post 5 fundraising Auction and Dinner on November 10th, Veteran’s Day dinner on Nov 11th, the community breakfast on Nov 18th, and Thanksgiving on Nov 22nd.

As usual, lots of help will be needed so look at your schedules and see where you can support the Post 5 Family functions.

A big thanks to Tom and crew for installing our new walk-in cooler in the kitchen. It will help us become more energy and time efficient when all is set up and running. Great job!!!

We are in the 2019 membership year and I want to thank all of you who have renewed your memberships and helping us to reach 55% of our membership goal. We are only a few renewals shy of reaching the next goal of 65% by November 11th. Let’s keep the momentum going. If you have not renewed, please consider doing so. Membership is the cornerstone of the American Legion from the Post level all the way up to the National level. We are striving to turn a declining national membership around and it starts with us at the Post. If we could all bring in one new member this year it will truly strengthen our organization and we will be able to support our veterans and their families in amazing ways.

Bingo is going strong on Mondays at 6:30pm. Poker is back on Sundays and Mondays at 6:00pm and Pool League is on Saturday at 7:00pm. Come on in and enjoy some fun and good food.
October was certainly an interesting month with all the wild weather—hope everyone survived the rains and flooding.

The Commanders Visitation Dinner on the 27th was a huge success. The Department Auxiliary President Debbie Lowndes also attended with several other Department Officers. It was a good time for them to come down and visit the Unit and find out all the activities and projects we are involved in. A huge thank you to all of those that attended and volunteered to help with this event, I truly appreciate it since I was out of state and not able to attend. Also a huge Thank you to Pinky Bleth.....who is always willing to step up and help out— I heard the cupcakes were delicious!

November will once again be a busy month for the Legion Family. First, from the Department Education Chairperson—April Sinclaire—Let’s get excited, the American Education Week this year is November 12-16, 2018. This is a great opportunity to reach out to communities and make a difference.

Did you know even in 1919, nearly 100 years ago the American Legion was working with the National Education Association to seek out ways to support education. Read and learn more about the National Education Week History and how the American Legion cosponsored the first observance of American Education Week which occurred December 4-10, 1921 by visiting the following link: History of American Education Week; other cosponsors later included the American Legion Auxiliary.

During the week of American Education week let’s show appreciation by recognizing all who work in the school system; this would include: teachers, cooks, principals, bus drivers, office staff, janitors, bus monitors as well as after school care programs.

If you have a chance during this week, please make an effort to thank those who work in the education system for their dedication and commitment to educating our youth.

Veteran’s Day is officially November 11th and will be celebrated on both November 11th (Sunday) and November 12th (Monday) Veterans Day is intended to thank all those who honorably served in the military - in war time or peace time.

**About Veterans Day**

Veterans Day is observed every year on November 11th. Veterans Day was originally called “Armistice Day” when

President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed this day in November 1919. Armistice is when warring parties agree to stop fighting and “Armistice Day” recognizes the end of World War 1 when hostilities ceased on November 11th at 11 A.M., 1918 (11th hour, of the 11th, of the 11th month). On May 13th, 1938 Armistice Day was declared a legal holiday each year. A day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace. Originally Armistice Day only honored veterans of World War.

On November 11th, 1947 Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran, organized a “National Veterans Day” parade in Birmingham, Alabama to recognize veterans of all wars. This celebration led to Congress changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day in 1954 to recognize Veterans of all U.S. wars.

2018 marks the Centennial Commemoration of the end of World War I on November 11, 1918. The theme for the 2018 Veterans Day Poster is: “The War to End All Wars” and features a poppy and barbed wire.

The Anthem Veterans Memorial has five pillars that represent the five branches of the United States military. They are staggered in size and the military seal placements on each pillar are based upon the Department of Defense prescribed precedence, ranging from the United States Army, the United States Marine Corp, the United States Navy, the United States Air Force, and the United States Coast Guard.

On Veterans Day as at precisely 11:11 AM on Veterans Day, November 11th, the sun’s rays will pass through each of the five pillars’ elliptical openings to illuminate a glass mosaic medallion of the Great Seal of the United States.

Again, if you get a chance to participate in any of the many Veterans Day events- please do. We need to show our support for our Veterans and let them know how much we appreciate the sacrifices they have made for us.

On November 10th, the Post will be holding a fundraising event to help with needed building repairs and maintenance - this will be a great time and a great way to come out and support the Post.
Also remember the 3rd Sunday of the Month Breakfast and of course the Thanksgiving Day celebration put on by the Post. If you have time to volunteer to help with any of the Post events, please do - it is our volunteers who make everything we do possible.

Reminder- Bingo is every Monday night at the Post. With the chilly winter weather setting in, it is nice to have a warm cozy place to go and have some fun on Monday nights so come on down.

Looking ahead, mark down on your calendars, December 15th will be the annual Santa Parade for the community children. Again, this year we will have the Fire truck parade with Santa and Mrs. Claus and then each child will get to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus and receive a gift from Santa.

One last reminder, mid-year reports are due in December - so please if you have been tracking your volunteer hours and volunteer efforts, please submit those to me by the 20th of November so that I can start putting together the reports. Thank you for all that you do - it is truly appreciated.

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By Bobby Dunno

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**About the Coins**

The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act (Public Law 115–65) authorizes the United States Mint to strike and issue up to:

- 50,000 Gold Coins
- 400,000 Silver Dollar Coins
- 750,000 Clad Half Dollar Coins

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- The silver dollar shows on the heads side the Legion emblem surrounded by oak leaves and a lily, commemorating the Legion's founding in Paris. The reverse side has crossed U.S. and American Legion flags under a fleur-de-lis and the dates 1919 and 2019 and the inscription 100 YEARS OF SERVICE.

- The half-dollars have on its heads side two children, one of whom is wearing her dad’s Legion cap, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The reverse continues the pledge with ...OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA with a billowing U.S. flag and Legion emblem above the inscription.

The coins are scheduled to go on sale around the time of the Legion’s birthday in March 2019. To be added to the mailing list for updates, visit [www.legion.org/coin](http://www.legion.org/coin). For ordering information, prices and other information as it becomes available from the Mint, visit [www.usmint.gov](http://www.usmint.gov).

"Since the beginning of the commemorative coin program in 1992, the U.S. Mint has raised more than $506 million to help preserve or enhance museums, preserve historical sites and support important national programs," Ryder said. "If we sell this program out, it should raise somewhere in the neighborhood of $9.5 million for the organization."

Ryder said that over 36 percent of the U.S. Mint’s 1,700 employees are military veterans. "Since our institution's founding in 1792, the men and women of the United States Mint have taken great pride in rendering the story of our nation in enduring examples of numismatic art," he said. "To hold a coin or medal produced by the U.S. Mint is to connect to the founding principles of our nation and the making of our economy."

The commemorative coins were designed through the Artist Infusion program and U.S. Mint sculptors and engravers, in consultation with The American Legion, the Citizens Coin Advisory Committee and the U.S. Commission on Fine Arts.

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