Greetings to one and all, we’re in the 3rd “ber” month now and the holidays are coming upon us! We’ve had a good month at the post with our membership supporting our events and enjoying our nightly meals. I think having food at the post every night helps to “round out the edges” when funds get tight as the summer months and the tourism jobs are now shut for the season.

We had an “outstanding” Commander’s Visitation Dinner on the 29th of October and as “per SOP” the Post was decked out in all its Halloween finery. Our crew really put out with welcoming our guests and in particular in Post 5 Family form the food was exceptional! I especially want to thank all our volunteers that make the “social area” an enjoyable place to come and share a meal and if wanted an “adult beverage.” Your help everyday behind the bar and in the kitchen make all the world of difference! The post is everyone’s “post home,” and I am happy many folks are taking advantage of what we have offer.

This month we have two special events - a Veterans Day celebration at the Senior Center at noon and one at the grade school at 10 am. We’ll also have our Thanksgiving Day Dinner on the 24th. As you know we go all out to promote patriotic and historic days, and these two days, in particular are well worthy of remembering and celebrating.

Okay, as I do every year, I’ve been collecting names and addresses for our service members for Operation Apple Pie so, get those addresses to me and we’ll get a fun package to our Seward kids who are serving in our armed forces - in time for the holidays!

We had a great Halloween where we invited the young trick or treaters to the Post where they got a taste of how we do Post 5 Halloween, plenty of witches, ghosts, goblins and of course candy!

November is Membership Retention Month. We’re at right about 60% and we have a target of 65% by Veterans Day and have a goal of 75% for December. I understand and empathize with all as we are taking a hit with this economy; and as the holidays loom in our direction renewals generally slow down. If you have renewed - thank you! 😊 If you haven’t, please renew; continue with your benefits of membership and help Seward Post 5 reach our membership goals for the next few months. And remember to stop by the Post and say hello and grab a bite, we always have free food for our members and those in need!

I also want to send kudos and thanks to our “official unofficial” rifle detail! Thanks to Jared Wallace, Cody Gilmore, Nick Chapman and Brandon Mason for once again stepping up to help honor the transition of another veteran to Post Everlasting. David “Sope” Soper was finally interred at the Post Cemetery. The day was beautiful, and he was sent off with honors with friends, family and members of Post 5 in attendance.
From the President's Desk
By Sharon Dillon

We made it to November and the Holiday season is upon us. Hope everyone has been able to enjoy some nice fall weather.

As part of our annual community programs the Auxiliary is again taking applications for Holiday Food Baskets. Applications are available at the Post and are due back by 5 PM November 19th. This is a firm deadline, but it is necessary so that we can work with Safeway to prepare the baskets. These baskets are a full pre-cooked meal that just needs to be heated at home and will serve 6-8 people.

These meals are not the full meal that the Post Family prepares/serves and delivers on Thanksgiving and Christmas. We want to ensure every family in the community has a good holiday meal. If you know of a family that is in need of a little extra assistance this Holiday Season, please have them fill out an application. Please note on the applications, we need a good contact phone number and the physical address so that we can deliver the baskets.

Another of our annual events is the Santa Parade and the Community kid’s gift giving. We have set December 17th as the date for this year. We will have the Santa Firetruck parade and we will have more firetrucks as there were a lot of kids last year. Following the parade Santa and Mrs. Claus will hand out presents at the Post. We’ll also have plenty of hot chocolate and some sweets. We will need volunteers to help wrap presents prior to the 17th, help decorate the Post and then assist the day of the parade. Lots of Volunteer opportunities! 😊😊😊😊😊

Thank you again to our volunteers that keep Bingo going every Monday night. Come on down it is a great way to spend winter evenings with friends and have a good time. Doors open at 6:00 and games start promptly at 6:30pm

Remember to renew your membership for 2023. We've had a slow start with our membership cards getting here late but we’re around 25% now but we need to get them in to hit our target numbers and hopefully get to 100%.

A Few Important Dates in November:

Veteran's Day is officially on November 11, 2021. Veteran's Day honors all members of the Armed Forces who served this country. They served and fought to protect us, to keep our country safe, and to preserve our way of life. Veterans gave their time and risked their lives for us all. In some cases, they made the ultimate sacrifice.

This holiday was originally call Armistice Day and was first celebrated in 1921. In 1954, President Eisenhower changed it to Veteran's Day, in honor of those who served and died from all wars.

On November 11th at 11:11, 1921 the U.S., France and England each buried an unknown soldier in honor of those who died in World War I. This began the annual Armistice Day holiday. The time and day was picked because fighting ceased in WWI in 1918 on November 11th at 11:11. In keeping with the tradition, work stops on this day and time each year for a moment of silence. Please remember to recognize and thank our Veteran's on this day.

November 10th is USMC Day which celebrates the birth of the United States Marine Corps. The Marine Corps was created during the Revolutionary War. The Continental Congress of the newly formed United States of America authorized the creation of the Continental Congress on November 10th, 1775. The name was later changed to the U.S. Marine Corps and is often abbreviated as USMC. The Marine Corps has participated in every war that has involved the United States. If you see a Marine, active or retired, thank them for their contributions to protecting our country and freedom. They deserve our thanks and appreciation.

November 10th is the American Legion Auxiliary Birthday. HAPPY 103rd BIRTHDAY to the American Legion Auxiliary!

November 21st is World Hello Day. World Hello Day is a secular unofficial holiday celebrated on November 21 by 180 countries to illustrate the importance of personal communication for preserving peace. On this day, people are encouraged to participate by simply greeting 10 people.

Thanksgiving is November 24th. The Post will once again prepare a full holiday meal and deliver out to the community and again at the Post. Volunteers are always welcome and much appreciated to help with this program.

Veterans Day
By multiple Internet excerpts

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."
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.

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.

In 1958, the White House advised VA’s General Counsel that the 1954 designation of the VA Administrator as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee applied to all subsequent VA Administrators. Since March 1989 when the VA was elevated to a cabinet level department, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has served as the committee’s chairman.

The Uniform Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates.

The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans service organizations and the American people.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.
Hello from the Second Vice,

Hope everyone had a safe and fun Halloween. Get ready for winter because it is right around the corner.

I want to thank all our great volunteers from the Post 5 Family. Lots of help was provided for all our activities from breakfast all the way through the Department Commander Visitation dinner and Halloween. Clare Sullivan, Connie Kullander, Sharon Dillon, Marilyn Sutherland, and Tyson Alderman did a great job decorating the Post for Halloween and it looks spookily wonderful.

This month Veteran’s Day is on Friday the 11th so it will be a normal Steak Night. We will have our community breakfast on November 20th and we will have Thanksgiving Dinner on November 24th. Lots of help will be needed for Thanksgiving as the Post will be feeding almost double the normal. Let us know if and when you are available to assist.

The 2023 membership year is rolling along and you can renew online at Mylegion.org, by mail, or here at the Post. The dues remain $60.00. Membership is the backbone of this organization, and we need to keep that backbone strong to continue to carry the load we do for our veterans and the community of Seward.

Thanks to all of you who continue to support your Post and all the activities designed to support our membership, our veterans, and the community. We look forward to seeing you all and please feel free to call if you have any questions or concerns.

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- **Food Every Night at the Post!!!**