

# POST 15 NEWS



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## COMMANDER'S CORNER—*Dale Hill*

For Memorial Day, Post 15 will be putting out flags for veterans at Woodlawn Cemetery on Saturday May 27 and picking them up Tuesday May 30 (Wednesday May 31 if rain on Tuesday). We have several Color Guard and Honor Guard events on Memorial Day. Boys State Bus heads for Aberdeen on Memorial Day as well.

Our June business meeting will be Tuesday June 6 at 7 p.m. Please attend if you can. The State Legion Convention will be Thursday June 8-Sunday June 11 in Oacoma. Check the State Legion website for schedule of events if you plan to attend. Most of the activity will be Friday afternoon- Sunday afternoon.

Our next Social dinner will be June 20, spouses are invited, meal will be Brats & Burgers. Please sign up at least a week ahead so we order the correct number of meals. Sara Ackert, the new Sioux Falls VA Medical Center CEO, will be our speaker.

Post 15's garage sale will be June 21-24 at the Museum building. Call the office or Joan Ishol if you have items to donate.

We plan to have the '41 Chevy in the Independence Day parade, along with the State Legion float. As in past years, we won't have a Legion business meeting in July.

A Celebration of Life for Rick Towns, Past Post 15 Commander, will be held Saturday July 22 at the Tea Legion post.

Wednesday July 26 is the trip to the Minnesota Twins game in Minneapolis. Cost for bus and game ticket is \$110 per person. This is a 1:00 p.m. game, so the bus needs to load around 6:30 a.m. Reservations and money MUST be submitted to Legion office by June 23.

The Air Force Thunderbirds will be in Sioux Falls for the Air Show on Saturday July 29 and Sunday July 30. Post 15 will have a shady canopy on the flight line, so come and help us recruit new members and re-up current members. Continued membership growth is a national Legion priority to maintain a strong united voice when testifying in front of Congress to make sure the promises our government made to us when we made our promises to serve our government are kept in place. Thank you for your support.

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (as of 3-27-2023): More than 81,500 still missing; WWII – 72,242; Korea 7,508; Vietnam 1,579; Cold War 126; Gulf War 5 – this includes military, CIA and State Department. 75% of those still missing are Indo-Pacific area of the world. Over 41,000 MIAs are presumed lost at sea (ship and aircraft losses). Let us never forget them.

2nd Annual  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Unit 15 - Golf Tournament  
August 15th, 2023  
Elmwood Golf Course  
"Chip in for Vets!"



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO ASSIST IN FURNISHINGS FOR THE VETERANS COMMUNITY PROJECT (TINY HOMES) FOR VETERANS!

Registration: 8 - 9 (Coffee & Rolls)  
Shotgun Start: 9 a.m.  
FORMAT:  
4 Person Scramble  
FLIGHTED:  
Pay 3 FLIGHTS: 1st, 2nd 3rd each flight  
PIN PRIZES: Front and Back Nine

Mulligans 2 for \$10 Available Day of Tournament!

For more info contact: Golf Committee  
Kasey Jacobson - 605-270-9289  
email: jacobson1122@gmail.com  
Karen Dunham - 605-366-3291  
email: karendunham@dunhamresidential.com  
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email: debmetzger@dunhamresidential.com

Mail registration with check  
Payable to:  
ALA - Unit 15 - Golf Tournament  
Karen Dunham - Dunham Company  
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Sioux Falls, SD 57104



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The ALA is a 501c9 Non Profit Organization!  
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American Legion Post 15  
2nd Annual  
Rummage Sale



June 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

If you would like to donate items for the sale call  
Joan Ishol, Chairperson at 605-376-7776.

All proceeds stay local and support:

- Our youth organizations
  - American Legion Baseball- where boys learn to work as a team and support one another.
  - Sending young men to attend Boys State- where they learn how our government works.
- Veterans in need.
- Support children of active-duty personnel.

BAKE SALE



The Ladies Auxiliary will also be hosting a bake sale to support Girls State and the Tiny Home Project for Veterans!!



Sioux Falls Post 15 Home Games—Harmadon Field  
Wednesday, May 31 – vs Lennox – 6:00 and 8:00pm  
Tuesday, June 6 – vs Dell Rapids – 5:00 and 7:00pm  
Wednesday, June 7 – vs Harrisburg Maroon – 5:00 and 7:00pm  
Thursday, June 15 – vs Fargo Post 2 Jets – 4:00 and 6:00pm  
Friday, June 16 through Monday, June 19 – Dakota Classic  
Tuesday, June 27 – vs Sioux Falls Post 911 – 6:00pm  
Tuesday, July 11 – vs Dell Rapids – 5:00 and 7:00pm  
Wed, July 19 – vs Harrisburg JL Maroon – 5:00 and 7:00pm

Sioux Falls Post 15 East Home Games—Harmadon Field  
Tuesday, May 30 – at Sioux Falls West – 6:00pm  
Wednesday, May 31 – vs Watertown – 5:00 and 7:00pm  
Tuesday, June 6 – vs Pierre – 5:00pm and 7:00pm  
Tuesday, June 13 – vs Mitchell – 5:00pm  
Friday-Monday, June 16 -19 – Dakota Classic  
Tuesday, June 27 – vs Renner – 5:00 and 7:00pm  
Wed, July 12 – vs Sioux Falls West – 7:00pm (Military Appreciation Night)  
Friday, July 14– vs Rapid City 22 – 5:00 and 7:00pm  
Saturday, July 15 – vs Rapid City 320 – 1:00 and 3:00pm  
Wednesday, July 19 – vs Yankton – 7:00pm (Senior Night)

Sioux Falls Post 15 West Home Games—Harmadon Field  
Tuesday, May 30 – vs Sioux Falls East – 6:00pm  
Thursday, June 1 – vs Aberdeen – 1:00pm and 3:00pm  
Tuesday, June 6 – vs Brandon Valley – 5:00pm and 7:00pm  
Friday-Monday, June 16-19 – Dakota Classic  
Wednesday, June 21 – vs Harrisburg – 5:00 and 7:00pm  
Tuesday, June 27 – vs Brookings – 5:00pm and 7:00pm  
Wednesday, July 12 – Sioux Falls East – 7:00pm (Military Appreciation Night)  
Friday, July 14 – vs Rapid City 320 – 5:00pm and 7:00pm  
Saturday, July 15 – vs Rapid City 22 – 1:00pm and 3:00pm  
Wednesday, July 19– vs Yankton – 5:00pm (Senior Night)

#### Post-Season Dates and Locations

Regional Tournament – July 20-21 – Top 7 Seeds Host  
State Tournament – July 25-29 – Yankton  
Central Plains Regional Tournament – Aug 2-6 – Rapid City  
American Legion World Series – Aug 10-15 – Shelby, NC

[Sioux Falls Post 15 Baseball \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

## LEGISLATIVE NOTES *Diane Diekman*

As budget fights mount in Congress, both sides insist the other is exploiting veterans for short-term political points. The House Republican Limit-Save-Grow Act, which passed along party lines, would set next year's non-defense federal spending at fiscal 2022 levels. VA leaders say the plan would cut 30 million veteran outpatient visits and 81,000 jobs. House Republican leaders say it will help bring runaway federal spending under control. They have publicly pledged that Social Security, Medicare and veterans benefits will be fully funded but have not said where the deep cuts to non-defense agencies will come from. Support for veterans is now squarely in the center of the fight. Veterans service organizations want both sides to promise that veterans' care and benefits won't be held hostage by these political squabbles. -- *Military Times*

The House Appropriations Committee's VA and Military Construction Subcommittee advanced to the full committee a spending bill for the Department of Veterans Affairs that opponents say does not fully fund toxic exposure benefits. Democrats, the VA, and veterans groups criticized the Republican proposal for failing to carve out protections for spending on veterans and said it would result in a 22% budget cut to the VA. The main point of contention is the Toxic Exposures Fund, a dedicated reserve set up by the PACT Act to cover treatment costs of veterans exposed to burn pit smoke and other toxins. The fund is considered mandatory spending and is not subject to the annual congressional spending process. Republicans propose putting \$5.5 billion into the fund — nearly \$15 billion less than the VA requested — and supplementing the difference with discretionary spending adjusted annually. Democrats say that breaks the promise made to veterans under the PACT Act to guarantee health care and benefits and puts the fund at the mercy of future political fights. --*Stars And Stripes*

## Military Humor

During the Vietnam era I happened to be on a military flight that stopped at Danang. As I walked into the 9th Military Air Base terminal, one of the many Marines awaiting transportation whispered to his buddy, "Look at that...it's a woman!" His buddy glanced at me and responded, "Nah, it's just a Marine captain." —Margaret Wallace

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS—JUNE 2023

- 4 (Sun) Legion Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale 8:30-noon—Alliance
- 6 (Tues) Legion Post 15 meeting 7 pm
- 8 (Thu) Membership Committee meeting 6 pm
- 8 (Thu) Sons of the Legion meeting 7 pm
- 9-11 (Fri-Sun) Department Legion Convention—Oacoma SD
- 12 (Mon) Honor Guard breakfast 8 am—Fryn' Pan
- 13 (Tues) Legion Auxiliary meeting 7 pm
- 14 (Wed) Flag Day
- 14 (Wed) Legion Riders meeting 7 pm
- 20 (Tue) Legion Family Social 5 pm, dinner 6 pm —Alliance—\$10 Brats & Burgers — Legion/Sons/Auxiliary/Riders w/spouse **-sign up!**
- 27 (Tue) Auxiliary Social 5 pm, dinner 6 pm, bingo 7 pm—Alliance  
Open to the public; **reservations required for dinner**
- 27 (Tue) Executive Board meeting 7 pm

Every Monday—Singing Legionnaires practice 7 pm  
Every Wednesday—Ladies bridge 12-4 pm

Office is open 11-3 pm M-F

**Save the Date:** Wed-Sat, June 21-24— Post 15 rummage sale  
Sat, Jul 22—Rick Towns memorial at Tea Legion  
Wed, Jul 26—bus trip to Minnesota Twins game  
Tues, Aug 15 - Golf Tournament fundraiser  
Tues, Aug 15 - Post 15 Corn Boil/Hog Roast



Installation of Post 15 officers for 2023-2024. L-R, Jim Puthoff, Peter Waldner, Dale Hill, Jim McQuisten, Donna Puthoff, Patrick Branco. Photo by Al Arndt, May 2, 2023.

## POST EVERLASTING

### May they Rest in Peace

Clarence Kieffer, 88, Marines, 3/11/2023

If you know of a Legion member who has died, call 605-336-3470.



### RENEWAL TIME

National helps the posts by printing and mailing ALL renewal notices. If you renew in July for 2024, you will help save printing and mailing costs because no further notices will be sent to you. Several options are available to make this easy. Go to [Renew \(mylegion.org\)](http://mylegion.org)

For more information, call the office at 605-336-3470, email [legion-office.al@gmail.com](mailto:legion-office.al@gmail.com), or stop in at 1700 W Russell Street from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday.

### PAID UP FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP—PUFL

AGE	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79
	\$1535	\$1399	\$1229	\$1025	\$815	\$599
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## CHORUS NOTES *Len Neugebauer*

The Singing Legionnaires performed April 28 at the interment of Orville Hill at the SD Veterans Cemetery, on May 1 at the luncheon for the American Legion National Commander, and May 21 at the VFW Pancake Feed. Many chorus members attended the Spring Choral Concert at Brandon Valley High School on May 4 and joined in the celebration of the retirement of choral director Terry Gullickson. Terry has been directing the Singing Legionnaires for the past three years and will continue to do so in his retirement. The chorus is scheduled to perform May 29 at the Memorial Day program at Post 15. The chorus resumed its Avenue of Flags program by posting flags on May 20 Armed Forces Day, May 29 Memorial Day, and June 14 Flag Day. Contact Todd Schmidt at (605) 370-4405 if you are interested in helping with the flag program or if you know of a Sioux Falls business that would like to participate in this program. The Singing Legionnaires are presently conducting a chorus membership recruitment program. Anyone interested in singing with our men's chorus or anyone with questions regarding chorus activities, please contact chorus president Bruce Naasz at (605) 310-6210 or [66cyclor2019@gmail.com](mailto:66cyclor2019@gmail.com).

## HONOR GUARD COMMANDER

*Bill Peters*

We are heading into a busy Memorial Day and once again you have come together to fill the positions. Flags at the VA Hospital and Woodlawn Cemetery. Programs at State Cemetery, St Michael Cemetery, Sioux Falls Area Vets Council program at the Alliance. If anyone would like to help, call the office. Thank you. We have parades, car shows, Independence Day, and the fair coming up. Watch the calendar for dates. The ice is gone but the heat is upon us. Please hydrate well - that means the day before and the day of. Watch those around you. If you aren't feeling well, let the person beside you know. You matter!

*Uniform caps available in the office*

*\$65 (hat & pheasant)*

*Wear your cap to membership meetings and events to let others know of your service and membership.*

## LEGION RIDERS

*Lamar Nance, Chairman*

The Legion Riders have been busy with Honor Flight escorts, and many more events and rides are scheduled. Our website at <http://siouxfallslegionriders.yolasite.com/> has information regarding membership, some great pictures of past events, and the Legion calendar.

June events:

June 12: Honor Ride 2022 – Proceeds go to Honor Flight funding.

June 17: Marion Days: Parade

June 17: Tea Pot Days

June 24: Jesse James Days in Garretson

June 24: DAV Poker run in Rapid City

June 25: Dell Rapids Quarry Days

Our meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Post home. Anyone who rides a motorcycle and is a member of the Legion, or the Legion Auxiliary, or the Sons of the Legion is invited to be a guest and join.

Quote of the Month: "No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it." – H.E. Luccock



Photo credit to Arlene "8-Ball" Allen

## New Post 15 Members

We welcome our new members to Post 15 and invite you to attend our membership activities:

Jim Dam, Jim Cero, Keith Everton

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### OFFICERS OF SIOUX FALLS POST 15

**Commander** Dale Hill  
**1st Vice Commander** Patrick Branco  
**2nd Vice Commander** Pete Waldner  
**Finance Officer** Jim McQuisten  
**Historian** Sharon Taplett-Lundgren  
**Sgt-At-Arms** Jim Puthoff  
**Chaplain** Donna Puthoff  
**Adjutant** John Bachmeier

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bill Peters—Chair  
Joan Ishol, Wayne Sprecher, Mike McGoffin  
Steve Reuschoff, Al Arndt, Dave Row, Randy Miller

### COMMITTEES

Chorus: Bruce Naasz  
Legion Riders: Lamar Nance  
Vets Council: John Bachmeier  
Post Everlasting: **vacant**

Americanism: Bruce Swan  
Go Getters: Dale Hill  
SAL: Clarence Mellang  
Raffle Sales: **vacant**  
Flag Retirement: Dick Moss

Office Maintenance : **vacant**  
Baseball: Terry Wolf  
VAVS: Chris Fischer  
Memorial Day Flags: Ron Lien  
Pancakes: Dale Haas

### OFFICERS OF AUXILIARY Unit 15

**President** Kellie Heazlett  
**1st Vice President** Deb Metzger  
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**Treasurer** Kathy Dathe  
**Historian** Judy Hill  
**Sgt-At-Arms** Barb Hayes  
**Chaplain** Marva Petit  
**Secretary** Nancy Andres  
**Parliamentarian** Ann McGoffin  
**Past President** Susan Panning  
**Executive Board** Beth Honerman  
**Executive Board** Nancy Renner

## SHOOTING SPORTS *Larry Panning*

Regular shooting season is over. Practice continues for team members attending national matches. **BB GUN** Team has been selected for National Match in Rogers, Arkansas, in July. Past team member set current National record in this match last year. **SPORTER AIR RIFLE** team competes in Port Clinton, Ohio, in June in Junior CMP match. **PRECISION AIR RIFLE** competes in National Junior CMP match in Port Clinton, Ohio, in July. Two club members compete in USAS National rifle match at Fort Benning, Georgia, in June. The CMP National Air and Smallbore match is one week after the precision match at Port Clinton, Ohio. This is indoor and outdoor 50-yard, three-day match with multiple relays per day. Real stamina test. As you can see, team families, supporters and coaches spend considerable resources attending these events. Donations to support our shooters are tax deductible and would be very much appreciated.

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[HTTP://WWW.LEGION.ORG/JOIN/PUFL](http://WWW.LEGION.ORG/JOIN/PUFL)

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

The Sons of the American Legion were busy in May, helping the Legion place flags at the VA on Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day. They are also assisting the Legion in placing flags on veterans' graves at Woodlawn Cemetery the Saturday before Memorial Day and retrieving them Tuesday after Memorial Day. They continue to help out at Pancake breakfast the first Sunday of every month and the Legion Social the third Tuesday at 5 p.m., where Sons are welcome to attend. Consider attending the Son's meeting the second Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Legion meeting room.

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