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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

I am excited to announce that the South Omaha American Legion Melting Pot Post #331 Legionnaire membership has voted to purchase the building located at 4515 F Street. By the time you will be reading this article, we will have closed on the purchase and begun work on getting our new forever home up and running. There is a lot of work ahead, but I see a bright future for Post 331. I would like to thank everyone that came to the meeting and voiced opinions, asked questions and participated in the discussion. Also, a big shout out to our E-Board for all the work they did analyzing and evaluating the proposal for the building. This is a decision that did not come easily, as it is a huge investment in our Post's future. There are many more decisions to be made, work to be done and plans to be executed. But I truly believe that we have the best Legion Family for the job and we will make this a huge success.

I would also like to give a big thank you to the members of the Transition Committee: Chairman Mark Dreier, S.A.L. representative John Bowhay, Auxiliary representative Deb Dreier, Finance Officer Terry Jones, and our past 1st Vice Commander and Legionnaire representative Jill Druskis, along with Roger Mlady and Frank Durham, members at large, that spent countless hours touring almost 100 buildings, working with real estate agents, and meeting every week. They were persistent, thorough, and never gave up their commitment to finding a new building for us.

Listed below are the upcoming events that we have planned. Our burger nights continue to grow and Chicken Bingo is always a great success. Watch Facebook if you can, hang the calendar on your refrigerator to keep up to date on what's happening, and come on down to join us for some good old military bantering, good food and building new memories.

For God and Country,
Lynn Bergman
Commander, Post 331

DATES TO NOTE FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

(aside from the regular burger nights and meetings)

To sign up for any of these events, contact the Post via phone or email.

No Chicken Bingo in November due to Feather Bingo

November 9 – 4:15 p.m., Veterans Day Ceremony; South High JROTC will be posting Colors
November 15 – Turkey Bingo; Lunch at noon, Bingo starts at 1:00 p.m.
December 5 – 12:00, Children's Christmas Party; Santa will be in the house
December 7 – Pearl Harbor; Brownie Sundaes will be served during regular burger night
December 9 – Chicken Bingo; $12 dinner, 5:00–6:00 p.m., Bingo starts at 6:00 p.m.
December 12 – 2:00 p.m., Army/Navy Game and Chili Cook Off; Winners will pay down three places; bring your favorite chili recipe, watch the game and see who gets crowned Chili Champ 2026

MADAME PRESIDENT'S BY-LINE

Greetings, ALA Unit 331!

Can you believe the holiday season is upon us? We have been blessed with a year filled with activities advocating for and supporting our Veterans and their families. We have been having such a fun time altogether that our tag line is **Unit 331: The Fun One!**

County Annual Convention was held on October 17th, 2026. ALA (South Omaha) Unit 331 hosted refreshments for the Douglas County Convention; where I proudly served as Douglas County President. Appreciation is being extended to Bennington Unit 266 for graciously allowing us to utilize their facilities for the Ninetieth Douglas County Annual Convention. We were truly honored to have Nebraska State Senator Rita Sanders and Dr. Traci Van Deest, PhD, D-ABFA Forensic Anthropology, Scientific Recovery Expert Scientific Analysis Directorate Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, join us to share the activities of the DPAA. Special shout out to Debbie Dreier and Pati Roth who volunteered with hosting brunch, registration desk, and actively participating as Unit 331 representatives during the Convention.

Hat and Mitten Tree. When visiting the DAV, please consider donating a hat, scarf or mittens to be placed on the Unit 331 Hat and Mitten Tree. Collection will be delivered to a charitable organization the week of Christmas.

Our next Monthly Auxiliary Meeting is scheduled for November 9th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the DAV, 4515 F Street. We are pleased to continue seeing an increase in the number of new member sign-ups and incoming of dues for 2027. We are asking for your help with sending in your membership dues by December 1st. **Special Note**: Our December Auxiliary Meeting agenda for December 14th will consist of a Potluck Dinner and voluntary participation of an Auxiliary Member Gift Exchange (gifts not to exceed $10, please).

Reminder! Auxiliary Hamburger Nights are scheduled for the 3rd Monday of the month from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We welcome additional volunteers to join us by giving a few hours of your time to help out our kitchen crew in order to establish a monthly rotation. Contact betty_lowe@yahoo.com if you are interested in signing up to work at a future Auxiliary Hamburger Night.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the Annual Feather Party (aka Turkey BINGO) on Sunday, November 15th, 2026. This is one of the largest events hosted by the S.A.L. and Auxiliary every year and we welcome your generous donations through promoting and attending this fun-filled event to help us with raising monies for Scholarships and our Veteran programs. Lunch will be available for purchase beginning at 12 noon and BINGO will start promptly at 1:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing all of you.

Dates to Remember:
November 9th and December 14th – Monthly Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
November – No Chicken BINGO and December 16th – Chicken Bingo – $12/dinner – (Dinner: 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Bingo starts at 6:00 p.m.). RSVP to Legion phone (402) 731-5185 with reservations by 12 noon on the Monday prior to the event.

November 16th and December 21st – Auxiliary Hamburger Night (5:00-7:00 p.m.)

Yours in Service,
Betty Lowe
Auxiliary President Unit 331

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMENTS

Greetings,

As fall weather settles in and the holidays approach, we have several upcoming events and reminders to share.

DAV Building Vote: By the time this article is published, the results of the October 21, 2026, vote regarding the DAV building should be available. Commander Lynn will likely include an update in her letter.

November Events

- **Monday, November 2 — Hamburger Night:** Join us for hamburgers and a surprise special.
- **Monday, November 9 – Veterans Day Ceremony**
- **Wednesday, November 11 — Veterans Day:** We will celebrate and honor all our troops and veterans.
- **Sunday, November 15 — Turkey Bingo:** The S.A.L. and Auxiliary will host Turkey Bingo. We will begin serving our Sloppy Joe meal at noon, so come enjoy lunch before bingo begins.

December Events

- **Monday, December 7 — Hamburger Night:** Join us for hamburgers, along with a special of Pat Z's choice.
- **Monday, December 21 — S.A.L. Meeting:** Our December meeting falls on the first day of winter so be sure to have your warm clothes ready!

December is sure to be a busy month as everyone shops for Christmas and begins preparing food for holiday gatherings.

Annual Dues Reminder: Annual dues are now **$35.00**, and dues for dual members are **$20.00**.

I would like to wish everyone, including all our service members, a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Happy Holidays to all!

John Bowhay
S.A.L. Commander, Post 331

ADJUTANT'S CORNER

(NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED)

HONOR GUARD

Military Honors were performed at the funerals of veterans listed below:

08-18-26	Willie Boyd	10-01-26	Donald Hudson
08-20-26	Gary Mumm	10-08-26	Harlan Wallrof
08-20-26	Daniel Whitney	10-15-26	Leon Edwards
09-14-26	Dennis Smith		

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Post 331 Honor Guard Members:

Tim Svoboda, Captain	Mark Lowe, Lieutenant
Lynn Bergman	David Miller
Mark Dreier	Greg Miller
Perry Ebmeier	Richard Murcek
John Gulizia	Jim Murphy
George Hallman	Dick Olson
Terry Jones	Stan Petrulis

Respectfully Yours,
Timothy J. Svoboda, Captain
Post 331 Honor Guard

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As of the writing of this article our membership is at 67%. Our Post was 6th out of 18 Posts in District 8. That's good, but we want to be #1!!! We have three new members: Margaret Wearing recruited by Ed Ebert; Timothy Murphy recruited by Jim Murphy and Joe Smejkal recruited by Ed Smejkal. Welcome to our new members and thank you to the recruiters. Let's get those memberships renewed and continue to recruit new members. Our goal is to hit 100% this year.

POST 331 OFFICERS
2026-2027

Legion Post 331:

Commander		Lynn Bergman
1st Vice Cmdr (Membership)		Vacant
2nd Vice Cmdr (Children & Youth)		Vacant
3rd Vice Cmdr (Building & Grounds)		Terri Durham
Adjutant		Mark Dreier
Finance Officer		Terry Jones
Chaplain		Frank Durham
Sergeant-at-Arms		Bill McCollum
Executive Board		
Mark Lowe	Gary Roth	Chuck Gilmore
Past Commander		Mark Dreier

Auxiliary Unit 331:

President		Betty Lowe
Vice President		Janelle McMillin
Secretary		Rhonda Ebert
Treasurer		Pati Roth
Chaplain		Carol Lewis~Mary Martinez
Historian		Vacant
Sergeant-at-Arms		Vacant
Executive Board		
Debbie Dreier	Beverly Hofsheier	Shirley Livingston
Lila Maroncini	Dawnette Schmidt	
Past President		Becky Saathoff

S.A.L. Squadron 331:

Commander	John Bowhay
1st Vice Commander	Hunter Brooks
2nd Vice Commander	Roger Mlady
3rd Vice Commander	Gary Roth
Adjutant	Alan Kalskett
Finance Officer	Richard Kellison
Chaplain	Richard Kielion
Historian	Vacant
Sergeant-At-Arms	Pat Zymola
Past Commander	Hunter Brooks