

THE BUGLE

AMERICAN LEGION PIERRE POST 8

HOME OF THE MIGHTY EIGHTH.



My friends, you missed one grand fun time this last 4th of July . A big thank you for getting involved goes out to the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 18– Ralph Bush for getting the whole idea going, Greg Boettcher for getting the trailer and Stephanie Fagerhaug for candy throwing (CT) and from VFW Post 2038 -Andy Deis (CT), John Noyes (CT) John Fette (CT), Gary Knudson, and family guest, driving the chase car+ (CT) and from Legion Post 8– Ken Phillips for decorating the trailer + (CT), Ken Newling (CT), Ted Spencer and daughter Anna (CT)—little Anna can really throw, and Jim and Jeannie Goodman for towing the trailer with their pick-up and from Vietnam Era Veterans Association Ken Rausch driver of the chase car, Hal Rumpca (CT) and last but not least one Legionnaire who jumped at the chance to be in the oldest running 4th of July celebration in the state– sorry but I forgot his name he is seated on the float between Ted Spencer and Anna in the Legion picture. The Float won “Best Pride” of the parade– who would have “thunked” it?





Time for breakfast pizza \ coffee \ juice before the parade line-up from left to right; Jeannie Goodman, John Noyes, Ken Newling, Jim Goodman, Ken Phillips, Hal Rumpca, Gary Knudson and guest, Andy Deis and Ken Rausch.



“Saddle up” lets get this award winning parade float a going. Calls out CPCD – Ralph Bush. (Commanding Person in Charge of Dah thingy) I can hear the old T.V. show song now—moving, moving, moving , thou their disapproving, keep this float a moving *Rawhide.*

This year’s parade entry from the Auxiliary Unit 8 was a pick up all decked out with flags. Patsy Madsen was the driver with Jalaine Fette and Diane Sullivan having the honor of candy aerial-delivery duties for the little kids along the parade route.



Left to right, Diane Sullivan, Patsy Madsen and Jalaine Fette

For the past few years Legion Post 8 , VFW Post 2038 and DAV Chapter 18 did not have entries into the Fort Pierre 4th of July parade . For the very first time these three local veteran service organizations along with the Vietnam Era Veterans Association all came together to make the float idea happen. There was a strong sense of cooperation and a “let’s get r’ done” attitude with a generous helping of plain old fashioned fun that went into that float. The only minor delay was the sound system proved to have a stealthy mute button. Man... you can never find a stereo savvy teenager when you need one.

Anyway, next year the plan is to have a much bigger trailer for more veterans and kids to ride on—see you then.

Once again the Legion cabin was host to a 4th of July fireworks give away to the local children of veterans. This joint effort was possible by the generous donations from; John Fette, Tom Murphy, Ken Phillips, Hal Rumpca, Funeral detail # 5-26-17 and Legion Post 8, VFW Post 2038. The mission was simple “do something for the local veteran” what better way to help out a veteran then to help them save a dime or two –Right?? With the donation money Ken Phillips and his summer youth worker Jesse purchased the fireworks from Rathburn Fireworks in Fort Pierre who were very helpful in selection and assembly of the items. Back at the cabin Both Ken, Jesse, Hal Rumpca, Greg Hall, and Ken Rausch packaged the fireworks into small brown paper bags that were decorated by the kids from the summer programs of both the YMCA and National Guard Museum. The gift bags were ready for the kids and the day was set for pick up at the cabin and the event was announced via radio and special mailings to members of the Legion , VFW and DAV. The fun duty of handing out the gifts fell to; Hal Rumpca, David Jones, Ken Rausch and Ken Phillips representing the Vietnam Era Veterans, Greg Hall representing Voiture 522 of the 40 & 8. We received a lot of thanks from the veterans who escorted their kids in the cabin. Wish you could have seen and sensed the excitement of the kids as they received they gifts. Well as my old Sarge would say “ mission completed boys!”. Stop down at the cabin next year and grab a soda pop from the bar and just visit with us as the event occurs . Love to have your company.



Left to right, David Jones, Hal Rumpca, Ken Phillips, Greg Hall and Ken Rausch.

In the Spirit of Celebrating the 4th of July

The local area veteran service organizations
 Have come together to offer a **free** gift
 To all local veterans
 A bag of city approved fireworks for your kids

- Proof of veteran status
- Only the veteran is allowed to pick up
- July 3rd starting at 5:00pm thru 6:30pm
- At the Legion cabin at the end of Pierre St
- Fireworks are for ages group 5-7 & 8-11



If for any reason the veteran cannot get there during this time.

Call 224-7681

Before noon of July 3 and arrangements will be made.



One last look back..
 Where is the dam mute
 button ????



American Legion Pierre #8

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We are sponsoring another leather jacket raffle.

There will be only 300 tickets sold.

Each ticket is \$4.00 a piece.

No limit on the number of tickets you can purchase.

Ticket purchases are opened to anyone.

All proceeds go to the Post Chaplain fund

And

The Post Program and Entertainment fund.