

ALL FOR ONE



ONE FOR ALL



Minneapolis Post No. 1



**January – February 2008
Newsletter**

**Minneapolis American
Legion Post No. 1
Officers**

**Commander:
John Rannow**

**1st Vice Commander:
Craig Maehling**

**2nd Vice Commander:
Dick Ward**

**Chaplain:
Joyce Rose**

**Sergeant-At Arms:
Mike Krogan**

**Finance Officer:
Lynne Nottage**

**Membership:
Mike Krogan**

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Sharon Jeffers**

**Chaplain:
Ardell Rogers**

**Sergeant-At Arms:
Becky Nelson**

**SAL Commander:
Craig Maehling**



Commander's Message

**A HEALTHY AND HAPPY
NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!!**

I can almost hear the engines revving up ... Daytona 500 race time is right around the corner.

I am looking forward to watching our American Legion NASCAR Busch series # 76 "Freedom" car in action this year with driver Jerrick Johnson.

We're back on track too after the holidays. Let's all kick-start the rest of our Legion year and get at least one (1) new member for Post 1.

See you soon,

Commander John

President's Message



Our Auxiliary year is already one-half over!!! We're poised to continue our successful year. I want to thank all those who contributed to the Toy Drive for the Shrine Hospital Children, and a special thanks to Nancy Lindberg for heading up the campaign. We received a Thank You note from the Shrine Hospital Auxiliary secretary that is proudly posted on our bulletin board. Get your long underwear out to march in the Winter Carnival Parade, January 26, 2008. We want our 5th District to blow the 4th District away this year (as always)!

Stay Warm,

President Chick

NEWS & NOTES



March in the St. Paul Winter Carnival Grand Day Parade January 26, 2008
We will meet at Arcade-Phalen Post 577 @ 11:00 am
Post is located at 1129 Arcade Street
St. Paul, Minnesota
(651)-771-8778

Minnesota Am Legion Baseball

Dear Mr. Nerem:

On behalf of the South Baseball Booster Club, I would like to thank you and Post 1 for your generous contribution to our baseball program. Most of the players participate in both high school baseball and The American Legion Baseball programs.

I am enclosing a preliminary schedule for spring games and will send the summer Legion schedule when it becomes available.

Our home field is Van Cleve Park at 13th and Como Avenue in SE Minneapolis. We would love to have some of your members see us play.

Thanks again for your continued support.

*Judy Levison, Vice President
South Baseball Boosters*

Post #1 **OMELET BREAKFAST**

February 10 and March 9, 2008

GOT AN EMAIL ADDRESS?

We would love to have your email address. Only used for American Legion business – nothing else!
eMail it to:
commander@mplspost1.org

AROUND THE 5TH DISTRICT

1st Sunday of each month
Hospital Visitation VAMC 2PM

2nd Sunday of each month
- Omelet Breakfast - 8:30 - 12:30 -
Minneapolis Post #1
(Eagles) 25th Ave and 25th St

3rd Sunday of each month
(starting in October)
- Omelet Breakfast - 8 am - 1:00 pm.-
Minneapolis Richfield Post 435
65th and Portland Ave So

4th Sunday of each month
(excluding holidays and summer)
- Pancake Breakfast - 8 am - 1:00 pm.-
Wold Chamberlain #99
5600 34th Ave So

5th Wednesday January 30, 2008
- Steak Fry - 5 pm--7 pm.-
Aviation Post 511

Bingo Every Sunday
2-4pm
Wold Chamberlain #99
5600 34th Ave So

VETERANS IN MINNESOTA

The population in Minnesota is approximately 5 Million persons. Of that 5 Million there are 465,000 Veterans in Minnesota today. Directly and indirectly the Veterans of Minnesota affect many Minnesota citizens. If we can stick together to support our Veteran's programs we can have a huge impact!

MINNESOTA'S NATION GUARD

Minnesota's 34th Infantry Division is considered "The Premier" National Guard unit in the entire USA.

POST #1 WEB SITE ADDRESS
WWW.MPLSPOST1.ORG

CHECK IT OUT!

5TH DISTRICT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Conference was held on January 12, 2008 at the Richfield Post #540 and it was well attended.

Many topics were discussed ranging from 2008 Veteran's/Legislative issues to NEC update from Virgil Persing.

Several dignitaries were in attendance including Department Commander Jim Copher, Department Vice Commander for 4th & 5th Districts, Larry Ryan, Department President Marie Goede and SAL Detachment Commander, Lloyd Schaeffer.

Keynote speakers were Captain Colin Fleming and 1st Sgt. Hector Mascastillo, members of Minnesota National Guard 34th Infantry Division. Both are Iraq Veterans.

Capt. Fleming is the DCS Executive Officer and he spoke of the "Beyond The Yellow Ribbon" program which deals with the re-acclimation of Veterans after they return from deployment and the benefits this program provides.

1st Sgt Mascastillo delivered a riveting account of his experiences both in combat in and his experiences with post deployment support. If you get a chance to hear these gentlemen speak, we would recommend you do so.



Pictured from left to right: Wayne Hegland, Joe Bayer, 1st Sgt Mascastillo and Capt Fleming

SUGGESTIONS ON NEWSLETTER

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Chaplain's Corner



The spirit of Christmas is becoming more materialistic than holy. I miss going to the stores because all they play now are happy jolly music. I use to like to go shopping because back then they played Christmas carols and regular Christmas music.

I hope all of you went to a church service of your choice during the Christmas Holiday. I enjoyed the midnight candle service at my church.

My prayers and sympathies go out to the families of our deceased members. We had many from World War II. Their ranks are getting smaller and smaller. With the help of the Auxiliary we try to send cards to the families.

Joyce Rose, Post Chaplain

One last note: If a Veteran passes away and his family would like to have our American Legion Post #1 Banner and American Flags at the funeral home, please call the office at 612-721-3023. If it is at all possible we will try to get them to the funeral home. We are asked not to bring them to a church as they generally have their own flags.

A Blessed and Healthy New Year to you all.

I hope each and every one had a Happy Holiday Season. Now as we enter 2008 it is my hope we all can be together and help one another.



As we enter January and February there are a few holidays and celebrations we can look forward to.

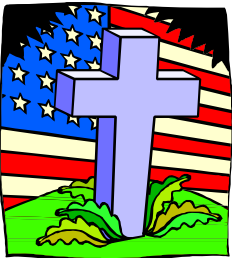
- February 2nd is Ground Hog day. If he sees his shadow there will be six more weeks of winter – If not we'll have an early spring.
- February 14th – Valentines Days – Which is called the “Sweetheart Day” So happy Valentines Day to you all.
- Ash Wednesday is early this year and hopefully you can attend the church of your choice.

I will close with a little Friendship Prayer

*“Friendship”
There's a miracle called “Friendship”
That dwells within the heart
And you don't know how it happens
Or where it gets it start
But the happiness it brings you
Always brings a special lift.
And you realize that “Friendship”
Is God's most Precious Gift.*

Ardell Rogers, Auxiliary Chaplain

TAPS



The following American Legion Post #1 Legionnaires have been called to the Lord in 2007. Let us not forget their service to our country and its people.

Ernest Houle
Jerome Hughes
Jerry Iverson
Jerome Johnson
Alfredo Mirelez

Gordon W Pape
Kenneth Phillips, SR
Arthur Punyko
Charles R. Vernon
Wesley E. Ward

Edmund C. Mitzel III

SAL Squadron Reports

Happy New Year Everyone!!

To: Our members of Minneapolis Squadron #1

I hope you had the best Christmas and your New Year is off to a great start.



Mpls Squadron #1, New Year's resolution is get visible, & get involved. We will attempt to be at the VA Medial Center for visitation the 1st. Sunday of the Month. We meet in the auditorium at 2:00 pm sharp, get our Hospital Ward assignments and then go visit the Veterans.

You know we are the best kept secret, so tell a friend to come to our great Omelet Breakfast, which is the 2nd Sunday of the Month, 8:30 to 12:30Pm. Come down early and volunteer to clear tables, serve juice, coffee or even learn to cook eggs!!

Membership is coming in steady and we are in 1st.place of all the 10 Districts in Minnesota. Congratulations!!! Our renewals are pretty good, so if you have not paid your dues, for 2007, or 2008, send them in right away. If you know of a relative who qualifies to join the American Legion Family, call me at 612-331-2593 or come down to the Post and get an application.

We would like to welcome these new members to our ranks for the 2007 year.

Master Aaron Boarman, Minneapolis. (Great Grand son Delmar Jeffers)

Wayne Bjerken, Minneapolis

Sandy Corgard, Roseville (Dual Member: Minneapolis Post #1)

David Feig, Minneapolis.

Michael Gallian, Minneapolis

Vernon Grageat, Minneapolis.

Timothy Helzinger, Richfield

Jim Hennenke, Apple Valley (Dual Member: Apple Valley Post)

Brent Holm, Chaska

Fredrick Humphrey, Minneapolis.

Nicholas Iverson, Minneapolis.

Rick Johnson, Minneapolis.

Lyle Nelson, St. Paul

Frank Picchi, Elburn Ill.

Norm W. Schreyer, Minneapolis.

Roman Slipatchuk, Florida

Charles M. Watson, Minneapolis (Dual Member: .Mpls.Post #1)

See you around,

Craig Maehling

Commander Sq. #1.

Committee Reports

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Fellow Members,

I am happy to report that we have reached 90% of our 2008 membership goal as of January 11, 2008. This is great progress. We hope to attain 100% for a second straight year. I urge all of you who have not yet paid your dues to please remit them as soon as possible.

A big thank you goes out to Joyce Rose, Dick Ward and Craig Maehling for their efforts in helping to make our membership program a success. We are fortunate to have these people, and others, who do volunteer work for the American Legion and Minneapolis Post 1.

Mike Krogan
Membership Director

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Minneapolis Post #1
Financial Standing as of 12/31/2007

Cash in Bank, Operating Acct (12/31/2007)	\$ 9,733.51
L&P Reserves CD	\$ 35,000.00
Investments – American Funds (9/23/07)	\$131,556.41
Investment – Charles Schwab	\$ <u>18.15</u>
Total Cash in Bank Accounts	\$176,308.07
Dedicated/Restricted Savings (Part of not in addition to-Checking/CD/Investments)	
Rifle Squad	\$ 1,050.00
Americanism	\$ 1,000.00
Investments	<u>\$131,574.56</u>
Total Restricted	\$133,624.56
Total Cash in Bank Accts	\$176,308.07
Less Total Restricted	<u>\$133,624.56</u>
Available for Operations	<u>\$ 42,683.51</u>

Lynne Nottage,
Finance Officer



American Legion Eligibility Dates

Persian Gulf	08/02/90 to Present
Panama	12/20/89 to 01/31/90
Grenada/Lebanon	08/24/82 to 07/31/84
Vietnam	02/28/61 to 05/07/75
Korea	06/25/50 to 01/31/55
World War II	12/07/41 to 12/31/46
World War I	04/06/17 to 11/11/18

Minneapolis Riverview Lions Presents

Breakfast Brunch
Sunday February 24, 2008
Serving from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Eagles Aerie
2507E 25th Avenue So.
\$5.00 (Adv.) Child under 9 \$2.50 (Adv)
\$6.00 at door Child \$3.00 at door
For tickets contact Larry @ 612-822-8359





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