

ALL FOR ONE



ONE FOR ALL



Minneapolis Post No. 1



March – April 2008

**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**

**Minneapolis Unit 1
Auxiliary Officers**

**President:
Chickie Patterson**

**1st Vice President:
Sharon Jeffers**

**2nd Vice President:
Karen McNamara**

**Secretary/Treasurer:
Sharon Jeffers**

**Chaplain:
Ardell Rogers**

**Sergeant-At Arms:
Becky Nelson**

**SAL Commander:
Craig Maehling**

**Chaplain:
Corwin Morton**



Commander's Message

Looks like winter is slowly giving way to Spring. We've picked April 19, 2008 to do some cleaning at the Post/Eagles Club and we need volunteers. 10:00 am start. We want to tackle the grounds outside (parking lot etc.) and debris. Bring a shovel, rake and a buddy. Plastic bags will be provided. The good news is a free lunch will be available for all who volunteer. Provided by Nancy Lindberg

My best to your families and friends this Easter and from me to you – Happy St. Patrick's Day!

See you soon,

Commander John

President's Message



A sincere "Thank You" to all who support our monthly Omelet Breakfasts. It's like a huge Family Get Together each month. If you haven't been to one, they are the 2nd Sunday of each month, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Join the fun. The Build-Your-Own omelets are the best deal in town.

This is a perfect time to thank all of the volunteers who show up each month and make this so successful. They are the best!

Hope you have a beautiful spring and a Happy Easter to you all!

President Chick

NEWS & NOTES



APRIL 19, 2007: The Freedom Car #76 will race at Elko Speedway. Front Gates open at 4:30 pm, Qualifying at 6:00 pm and Racing at 7:00 pm. Group rates will apply if we get 20 or more attending. Contact Dick Ward at the Post for more information. Wear your American Legion Apparel and get your photo taken with Jerrick Johnson. Elko Speedway
(952) 461-RACE (7223)



NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

Nomination Committee met and put forward the following nominations for 2008-2009:

Post 1 Commander	Craig Maehling
1 st Vice Commander	Dick Ward
2 nd Vice Commander	n/a
Sgt-At-Arms	Mike Krogan
Finance Officer	Lynne Nottage
Member-At-Large 1	Del Rose
Member-At-Large 2	John Nelson
Chaplain	Joyce Rose

Nominations will be taken from the floor at the April Post Meeting

Post #1 PICNIC

August 3, 2008
9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Wabun Park, Minneapolis
Mark your calendar!

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

5TH DISTRICT CONVENTION

The dates are set for the 2008 5th District Convention. June 5th & 6th 2008 at the Holiday Inn Bloomington, Registration: \$12.00 before May 15th and \$15.00 after May 15th

5TH DISTRICT FAMILY TESTIMONIAL

Saturday April 12, 2008
James Ballantine VFW
29th & Lyndale Avenue South
Minneapolis

6:00 pm Social
7:00 pm Dinner (\$18.00)

Please call Gary or Julie Martin
612-724-2935 for reservations.

POST SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Each year every Post must submit this report. If you have donated your time, efforts, or money to any homeless folks or veterans, please let us know how many hours or dollars you have volunteered and we will report on your behalf. Either phone or email the post at: Commander@mplspost1.org

5TH DISTRICT MARCH MEETING

Wold-Chamberlain Post 99 hosted the March 4th meeting. The meeting was well attended.

The keynote speaker was Mr. Gil Acevedo, Deputy Commissioner Veterans Health Care.



Pictured: Sgt-At-Arms Merv Becker, Gil Acevedo, Virgil Persing

November 19, 2007 Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty moved the Vets Home under the Department of Veterans Affairs. As Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Acevedo provided an insight into the issues surrounding the Minneapolis Vets home, its current status and future direction.

He spoke of modeling the Minneapolis Vets home after best practices utilized in other communities such as successful nursing homes. Out state homes are relatively well managed and there may be process applicable to the Minneapolis home.

Strategic Planning Meetings commence March 24-26, 2008, with the single purpose of "Taking Care of Veterans". Stay tuned for improvements at the Minneapolis Veterans Home.

Chaplain's Corner



WHEN VETERANS RETIRE

When a good Veteran leaves the "job" and retires to a better life, many are jealous, some are pleased, and yet others, who may have already retired wonder. We wonder if he knows what they are leaving behind, because we already know.

We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experience, it will remain as longing for those past times. We know in the military life there is a fellowship which lasts long after the uniforms are hung up in the back of the closet. We know even if he throws them away, they will be on him every step and breath that remains in his life. We also know the very bearing of the man speaks of what he was and in his heart still is.

These are the burdens of the job. You will still look at people suspiciously, still see what other do not see or choose to ignore and always will look at the rest of the military world with respect for what they do: only grown in a lifetime of knowing. Never think for one moment you are escaping from that life. You are only escaping the "job" and merely being allowed to leave "active duty".

So what I wish for you is that whenever you ease into retirement, in your heart you never forget for one moment that "Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God" and you are still a member of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known.

Keep the faith. Pray for our troops and their families. Pray that they will all be coming home soon.

Chaplain Joyce



Everyone is looking forward to an early spring. It has been a cold winter. So we are all looking forward for some blue skies and warm sunshine.

St. Patrick's Day is March 17th, so there will be parades to go to and there will be corn beef and cabbage served at many different places.

Easter is early this year, March 23rd. Wishing all a Happy Easter and go to the church of your faith. Don't forget your Easter bonnets!

A poem for you to read

"Share Your Day"

*This is the day the Lord has made
And each hour will be blessed
If you just ask him for the strength
To do your very best*

*Whatever path you follow
He'll be walking by your side,
To be your source of comfort
Your friend and constant guide*

*The Lord is understanding
His mercy will not fail,
His love for you is infinite
His wisdom will prevail*

*Remember this each morning
And you will not be afraid
To face with growing confidence
The day the Lord has made.*

Ardell Rogers, Auxiliary Chaplain

TAPS



The following American Legion Post #1 Legionnaires have been called to the Lord in 2008. Let us not forget their service to our country and its people.

Clarence Ayers
Chris Hanson

Charles Gearou

SAL Squadron Reports

Dear Squadron #1 Members:

Happy Easter and hopefully “Spring” is on the way.

Membership renewals are coming in on a regular basis.

However, there are a few stragglers we like to see get their dues in.

As of today, Fifth District SAL membership is at 90%, with statewide renewals currently at 80%. Keep up the good work in the Fifth!

I am usually available at the Omelet Breakfast (2nd Sunday of the month) to take renewals or add new members. We are working very hard to sign up new members for the Legion family (SAL, Auxiliary and Post).

Please remember that Mother’s Day is May 11, this year and we will be having an Omelet Breakfast on that day. We expect a big turnout, and as always we will need volunteers to help out at this event. Please try to support us and help out if you can.

I will supply more information in the next newsletter concerning Memorial Day and other events that I am trying to coordinate.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Post!

See you around,

Craig Maehling
Commander Sq. 1



Committee Reports

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Fellow Members:

Thanks again to all of you who have renewed your membership for 2008. I am happy to report that we have reached 97% of our goal as of March 1, 2008. We are working very hard in order to match last year's 100%. We are about 18 members short right now.

Please let us know of any family or friends who are eligible for membership in The American Legion, Sons of the American Legion or Unit #1 Auxiliary. We will contact them. You can reach us at 612-721-3023.

Happy Easter and I hope to see you at our great Omelet Breakfasts!

Mike Krogan
Membership Director

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Minneapolis Post #1

Financial Standing as of 1/31/2008

Cash in Bank, Operating Acct (1/31/2008)	\$ 8,225.36
L&P Reserves CD	\$ 35,000.00
Investments – American Funds (9/23/07)	\$129,011.73
Investment – Charles Schwab	\$ 18.15

Total Cash in Bank Accounts	<u>\$172,255.24</u>
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Dedicated/Restricted Savings

(Part of not in addition to-Checking/CD/Investments)

Rifle Squad	\$ 1,050.00
Americanism	\$ 1,000.00
Investments	<u>\$129,011.73</u>

Total Restricted	<u>\$131,061.73</u>
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Total Cash in Bank Accts	\$172,255.24
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Less Total Restricted	<u>\$131,061.73</u>
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Available for Operations	<u>\$ 41,193.51</u>
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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

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Sunday March 16, 2008

Serving from 2:00 pm 'til gone!.

Eagles Aerie/Post #1

2507 E 25th Avenue So.

Corned Beef & Cabbage (Potatoes, Roll & Dessert) \$7.50

Irish Stew (Dessert) \$5.00



Eagle Auxiliary Charity Fund



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