

**ALL FOR ONE**



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# Minneapolis Post No. 1



**May – June 2008**

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

**Commander:  
John Rannow**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander:  
Craig Maehling**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:  
Sharon Jeffers**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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*

I have enjoyed being your Commander for the last two years and I am grateful for all who have helped me to do so. Embrace your new officers.

***Unit 1 Auxiliary will contact each  
of you regarding Poppy Day.  
Remember Our Veterans.***

### ***In Flanders Fields***

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields

*-John McCrae*

Good Luck,

***Commander John***

### *President's Message*



As we wrap up our Unit 1 Auxiliary year, just a few notes ... we will continue to collect for the food shelf. Container is located in the small meeting room. We are also doing a "Christmas in July" toy drive for the Shrine Children's Hospital. The Shrine Hospital has a shortage of toys by July, so we would like to help them out. Drop off will also be in the small meeting room

Thank you for all of your support during my two years as President of your Auxiliary. It's been a wonderful experience and I am grateful to all of you for making it so. I respectfully wish to thank Sharon Jeffers who was my guiding light. Thanks to my fellow officers, Karen MacNamara (your new President), Ardell Rogers and Becky Nelson. I was so lucky to have them.

Have a Happy Mother's Day and a fun filled summer!

***President Chick***

**Omelet Breakfast  
Mother's Day Sunday May 11  
and  
Sunday, June 8, 2008  
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

# News & Notes

## RIFLE SQUAD RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS



The Post 1 Rifle Squad could use a few more volunteers. Typically we have One Commander, Seven Riflemen and we may add a Bugler. We perform at Memorial Day celebrations, dedication ceremonies, and a funeral or two a year and we need a couple of backups from time to time.

There is no marching. Just fall in and perform the Twenty One Gun Salute with the squad. The Post provides Custom Rifle Squad Shirts and Windbreaker Jackets.

Our next scheduled event is May 26, 2008 Memorial Day.

If you are interested please contact Dick Ward at 612-437-0957.

We would love to have you join our Rifle Squad. Thanks!



## ELECTION RESULTS

Your new officers for 2008-2009 are:

Post 1 Commander	Craig Maehling
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Dick Ward
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Terry Parks
Sgt-At-Arms	Mike Krogan
Finance Officer	Lynne Nottage
Member-At_Large1	Del Rose
Member-At-Large 2	John Nelson
Chaplain	TBD

**Good Luck to the New Officers!**

## AROUND THE 5<sup>TH</sup> 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**  
- Steak Fry - 5 pm--7 pm.-  
**Aviation Post 511**

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

## \*\*CORRECTION\*\*

### *Post #1 PICNIC*

Saturday - August 2, 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*

## SERVICEMAN'S CENTER

During the timeframe April 2007 through March 2008 the Serviceman's Center at the airport processed 12,000 Veterans!

## 5<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT CONVENTION

The dates are set for the 2008 5<sup>th</sup> District Convention. June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> 2008 at the Holiday Inn Bloomington, Registration: \$12.00 before May 15<sup>th</sup> and \$15.00 after May 15<sup>th</sup>

## MINNESOTA VETERANS

There are 430,000 Veterans in Minnesota. 334,000 served during times of conflict.  
89,000 in World War II era  
67,000 in Korea era  
146,000 in Vietnam era  
32,000 in Gulf War era

**\*\*\* PATRIOTIC VENDOR \*\*\***  
Hiawatha Dry Cleaners & Launderers  
5400 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue So  
Minneapolis, MN 55417  
612-721-3603  
Bob Kirschner

We had to launder all of our US flags in preparation for Memorial Day and the upcoming conventions and parades. We took 11 (eleven) US Flags to Bob and he cleaned them all with **no charge to the post!!**

Bob is a patriotic fellow and does not charge for cleaning US Flags. It would be a nice gesture if we as Legionnaires could support Bob with some of our personal dry cleaning and laundry business. If you choose to do business with Bob, let him know you are from Post 1 and thank him for being so patriotic! We need more patriotic vendors like Bob!

## POPPY DAY

It's that time of year! Poppy Day is May 16. The Auxiliary Unit 1 will send a poppy and a preaddressed envelope to your home. Please wear your poppy proudly. We encourage you to send in a donation of whatever amount you can. All will be appreciated and will go towards various Veterans' programs.  
Thanks!

# News & Notes

## NEW FLAG FOR THE GATEWAY PARK FLAGPOLE

On July 4, 1917, the Monument chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution established an endowed flagstaff as a monument to President George Washington.. The flagpole was located in Gateway Park in downtown Minneapolis.



A new flag was raised by the JROTC Color Guard of Minnesota Transitions Charter High School and the Twenty-One Gun Salute was performed by The Post 1 Rifle Squad.



*(Note from Daughters of the American Revolution)  
April 30, 2008*

*Dear American Legion Post #1 Rifle Squad:*

*Monument Chapter DAR would like to thank you for attending our flag dedication event at Gateway Park on April 10<sup>th</sup>, and honoring the flag of our country with your presence. Your 21 gun salute added great dignity to the event. Thank you!*

*Sincerely,*

*Sue Bachman  
Corresponding Secretary*

## POST 1 FINANCE

Minneapolis Post #1 Financial Reports will be available at Post 1 Monthly meetings - Thanks.

**Lynne Nottage, Finance Officer**

## POST 1 MEMBERSHIP

Fellow Legionnaires:

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 May 1, 2008. We are working very hard in order to match last year's 100%. We are 14 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.

Please try to attend one of the many Memorial Day observances scheduled locally. We will be at Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery (Cedar & Lake Street) where the Post 1 Rifle Squad will be firing the Twenty-One Gun Salute

Hope to see you at one of our functions!

**Mike Krogan, Membership Director**

## MINNESOTA TRANSITIONS CHARTER SCHOOL JROTC SPRING REVIEW

Minnesota Transitions Charter School held their 2008 Spring Review at Post 1. May 8, 2008. The review is a ceremony where Cadets are recognized for their Scholastic and Military Excellence throughout the past school year.

The American Legion Awards were presented by John Nelson of Post 1.



## POST 1 NEEDS A CHAPLAIN FOR 2008-2009

Our Post 1 Chaplain has accepted the position of Adjutant for 2008-2009 and will be vacating her position. Anyone interested please contact the Post at 612-721-3023.

# Chaplain's Corner



**O God**, Creator of this good land; help us to be worthy of citizenship in our Nation. Bless our country with loyal people and dedicated leaders. Guard us from unlawful acts and cowardly fear. We also ask Thy

blessing on the Veterans of our Nation and grant that The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, and The Sons of The American Legion may always do Thy will. Amen.

We had our elections this month; I pray that all who have accepted a position will be guided in their positions to the betterment of Minneapolis Post 1 and The American Legion.

One of our members has joined the Ranks in The Sky. Member Peter Paquette passed away in March of this year. We will miss him.

*Chaplain Joyce*

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## MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery, Minneapolis  
Minnesota (Lake Street & Cedar Avenue)  
*(The oldest existing cemetery in Minneapolis!)*

Come and join us on Memorial Day May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

The Post 1 Rifle Squad will perform the Twenty-One Gun Salute. The Seward Concert Band will perform patriotic music and the 1<sup>st</sup> Minnesota Voluntary Infantry (Civil War era) will march and perform.

*See you there!*

**Greetings** to all our Legion members. Spring has arrived with little sunshine, also few days with some warm temperatures and with a few days of rain showers – greening up the lawns, flowers are blooming (Tulips) and the rain showers are washing away the winter.



Happy Mother's Day to all on May 11, 2008.  
Happy Father's Day June 15, 2008

Thanks to all who helped with clean up day at the Eagles #34. Sure looks great and well appreciated. A big thank you to Nancy for serving and cooking the lunch.

Let's remember our Veterans in our prayers especially recent returning Iraq veterans and their families. Also the one that are serving in Iraq, Then also for anyone who is sick.

### A Spring Prayer

*Keep us O God, from all pettiness.*

*Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.*

*Let us be done with faultfinding and leave off all self-seeking.*

*May we put away all pretenses and meet each other face to face,*

*Without self-pity and with out prejudice.*

*May we never be hasty in judgment,*

*And always generous.*

*Let us always take time for all things,*

*And make us to grow calm, serene and gentle.*

*Teach us to put into action better impulses, to be straightforward and unafraid.*

*Grant that we may realize that it is little things that create differences, that in the big things of life are as one.*

*And O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind. Amen.*

**Ardell Rogers, Auxiliary Chaplain**

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## 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.

Peter Paquette

William Walton

# ***SAL Squadron Reports***

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Dear Squadron #1 Members:

It has been a great experience to have been your Commander this past year. I have enjoyed working with each and every one of you. We are proud of the progress The SAL has made in membership and participation.

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 wish you all the best in the coming year and have a terrific and safe summer!

Looking forward to seeing you at the Post!

***Craig Maehling***  
***Commander Sq. 1***



## ***Veterans Service Officer Report***

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*(Editors note: This is the first of what we hope will be a regular column from our Veterans Service Director Milt Schoen. Look for his advice and wisdom in each newsletter – Ed)*

Hennepin County Veterans Service assists county veterans obtain the benefits they have earned. We are located at S.E. First Level, Government Center, 300 South Sixth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55487 and our phone number is 612-348-3300.

Veterans Service helps veterans:

- Secure VA compensation
- Secure VA pension
- Secure state veteran dental and optical
- Secure state veterans special needs
- Secure state veterans financial assistance
- Enroll and obtain USDVA Health Care
- Obtain VA chemical dependency & behavioral health treatment
- VA long term care benefits
- Obtain placement in the Minnesota Veterans Home
- Secure VA Vocational Rehabilitation
- VA education benefits
- VA home loan guaranty
- Help with VA insurance
- Burial benefits and questions
- Obtain military discharges
- Placement in Minneapolis Veterans & Community Housing



Our staff is engaged in a number of special initiatives to help the veterans of Hennepin County. We assist in the Demobilization/Reintegration of troops returning from Iraq by enrolling them in VA health care and taking combat theater questionnaires at Fort McCoy. We provide service to homeless veterans at the StandDown 2008 and give them free transportation to VA chemical dependency treatment.

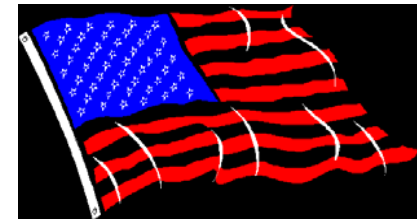
We cannot help veterans who don't seek our assistance. Post 1 is a leader in referring veterans to Veterans Services. Please continue to refer veterans to us so that we can obtain the benefits they deserve.

Thanks for the opportunity to communicate to the members of my American Legion Post.

***Milt Schoen***  
***Veteran Service Officer***



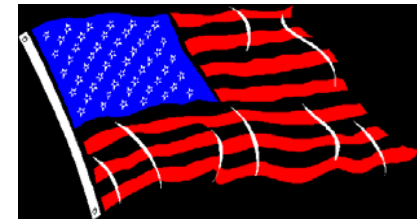
# MINNEAPOLIS POST 1 MAY 2008



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 VA HOSPITAL VISIT 2:00 PM AUDITORIUM	5	6 5 <sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT MEETING 7:30 PM Northside Crystal VFW	7	8 JROTC ANNUAL AWARDS 10:00 AM POST 1	9 POST 1 MEETING 7:00 – 8:00 PM	10 May 9, 1919 – The American Legion name officially adopted and preamble to our constitution approved at the St. Louis Caucus
11 MOTHER'S DAY OMELET BREAKFAST 8:30 – 12:30PM	12	13	14	15	16 POPPY DAY	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 MEMORIAL DAY	27	28	29	30	31



# MINNEAPOLIS POST 1 JUNE 2008



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> VA HOSPITAL VISIT 2:00 PM AUDITORIUM	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5th DISTRICT CONVENTION HOLIDAY INN BLOOMINGTON (D Day 1944)	<b>7</b> 5th DISTRICT CONVENTION HOLIDAY INN BLOOMINGTON
<b>8</b> OMELET BREAKFAST 8:30 – 12:30 PM	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> SUMMER BEGINS	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> June 22, 1944 The GI Bill is signed into law by FDR	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					



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#### **Minneapolis Post #1 Information**

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To contact Commander John Rannow [commander@mplspost1.org](mailto:commander@mplspost1.org)  
Post #1 Phone: 612-721-3023



#### **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

## **Nanswa's Corner Kitchen is Open for Business**

**Lunch 11 am – 2 pm Mon - Fri**

**\*\*\*Daily Lunch Specials\*\*\***