

ALL FOR ONE



ONE FOR ALL



Minneapolis Post No. 1



January – February 2010

Minneapolis American Legion Post No. 1 Officers

Commander:
Dick Ward

1st Vice Commander:
John Rannow

2nd Vice Commander:
Thomas G Beikler

Chaplain:
Jim Shaffer

Sergeant-At Arms:
Woody Anderson, Sr.

Finance Officer:
Lynne Nottage

Adjutant:
Mike Krogan

Minneapolis Unit 1 Auxiliary Officers

President:
Karen McNamara

1st Vice President:
Sharon Jeffers

2nd Vice President:
Chickie Patterson

Secretary/Treasurer:
Sharon Jeffers

Chaplain:
Ardell Rogers

Sergeant-At Arms:
Becky Nelson

SAL Commander:
Woody Anderson, Jr.

Chaplain:
Corwin Morton



Commander's Message

Happy New Year to you all!!

As we look forward to another exciting year we have some new faces in new positions.

Tom Beikler is our 2nd Vice Commander. Tom is a Navy veteran from the Vietnam era.

Sherwood Anderson, Sr. is our Sergeant-At-Arms. Woody is an Army Veteran from the Vietnam era as well.

Terry Parks has left Post #1 and John Rannow will fill the position of First Vice Commander. Thanks John!

Jim Shaffer is our new Post No. 1 Chaplain. Jim is an Army Veteran from the Panama era and you can find Jim's initial article on Page 4.

Mike Krogan has accepted the position of Adjutant. Mike wears many hats at Post No. 1, and my special thanks to Mike for all he does for the Post.

Thank you to all of the new Legionnaire Officers!

Post Meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month 7:00 pm. See you there!

President's Message

Our Auxiliary year is already half over!!! We're poised to continue our successful year.

I want to thank all those who contributed to the very successful Toy Drive for the Shrine Hospital Children.

We had a great "Breakfast With Santa" this year with over 170 attendees! Many thanks to everyone who helped make this a great event. Special thanks go out to Linda Madole, Becky Nelson, Sharon Jeffers, Chickie Patterson, John Rannow and John Nelson and of course to Santa Claus (Tom Johnson).

The Membership Rally with the 4th & 5th District is scheduled during the Winter Carnival. Get your long underwear out to march in the Parade, Saturday, January 23, 2010. We want our 5th District to blow the 4th District away this year (as always)!

Stay Warm,

*Karen
A.k.a. Mac*



Omelet Breakfast
Sunday January 10
and
Sunday, February 14, 2010
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

News & Notes



2009-2010 POST 1 OFFICERS

Commander Dick Ward
1st Vice John Rannow
2nd Vice Thomas G Beikler
Adjutant Mike Krogan
Finance Officer Lynne Nottage
Sgt-At-Arms Woody Anderson, Sr.
Chaplain Jim Shaffer



2008-2009 AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President Karen McNamara
1st Vice Sharon Jeffers
2nd Vice Chickie Patterson
Sergeant-At-Arms Becky Nelson
Chaplain Ardell Rogers



2008-2009 SAL OFFICERS

Commander Woody Anderson, Jr.
Finance Bill Peters
Chaplain Corwin Morton
Sergeant-At-Arms Dane Anderson

2008-2009 POST 1 HOUSING CORPORATION OFFICERS

President Dave Mauriston
Vice President Ward Jeffers
Secretary Dick Ward
Treasurer Mike Krogan

AROUND THE 5TH DISTRICT

1st Sunday of each month
Hospital Visitation VAMC 2PM

2nd Sunday of each month
Omelet Breakfast - 8:30 - 12:30 pm
Minneapolis Post No. 1
(Eagles) 25th Ave and 25th St

3rd Sunday of each month
Omelet Breakfast - 8:00 - 1:00 pm-
Minneapolis Richfield Post 435
65th and Portland Ave So

4th Sunday of each month
Pancake Breakfast - 8:00 - 1:00 pm
Wold Chamberlain Post 99
5600 34th Ave So

5th Wednesday
Steak Fry - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Aviation Post 511

VA HOSPITAL VISITS

The First Sunday of each month the Fighting 5th District visits the VA Medical Center. We visit patients throughout the hospital. Many are from out of town and friends and relatives sometimes cannot be there with them as often as they wish. A visit from The American Legion 'bearing gifts' is a welcome site for all. Please consider joining your fellow Post No. 1 Legionnaires and contribute an hour a month bringing joy to a fellow Veteran.

GOT AN EMAIL ADDRESS?

Thanks to those of you that have provided your email addresses. One benefit is that you will see this newsletter in living color and you will receive it before the printed edition arrives!

If you like this idea, simply send an email to:
commander@mplspost1.org

And ask for the E copy of the Newsletter!

VETERANS SERVICE CENTER AT THE MSP AIRPORT

Did you know that more than 800,000 service members have passed through the doors of The Veterans Service Center since it was established? Since 1970 The Service Center has been a place for vets to rest comfortably while in transit. Volunteers man each station 365 days per year. If you have an interest in learning more about their program, simply contact:

Steve Smith 612-721-1237

5TH DISTRICT MEETING

The January meeting of the 5th District will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at Giantvalley Post. Executive Board Meeting at 6:45 PM and Delegate Meeting at 7:30PM.

DISTRICT ORATORICAL CONTEST

The 5th District Oratorical contest will be held Sunday, January 10, 2010 at Wold Chamberlain Post #99.

Department semifinals will be Saturday morning, January 29, 2010 at Champlin and Osseo Posts with the Finals at Anoka Post #102 in the afternoon.

LINK TO 5TH DISTRICT WEB SITE

<http://mna15.org>

Remember to thank a Veteran!



News & Notes



**American
Red Cross**



KROGAN ORGANIZES SUCCESSFUL BLOOD DRIVE

Legionnaire, and Eagle Aerie #34 Treasurer, Mike Krogan has been the blood chairman and has organized several blood drives in conjunction with the American Red Cross.

Mike has worked to schedule these drives, handled all of the marketing and recruitment of donors for this very worthy cause. The next scheduled drive will be held at Ballentine VFW. Stay tuned for details.

Mike wishes to thank the following for their participation in the three Post No. 1/Eagles #34 blood drives of 2009.

Woody Anderson
Mike Krogan
Linda Madole
Cheryl Nerem
Lynne Nottage
Bill Peters
Clint Raabe
Joyce Rose
Joanne Van Hale

Steve Jones
Mike Latocki
Dave Mauritsen
Ron Nerem
Chickie Patterson
Vi Phiffer
John Rannow
Jim Shaffer
Dick Ward

Let us know if you donated blood and your name is not on this list. We wish to keep our records up to date.

Please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or go to
www.givebloodgivelife.org

POST 1 MEMBERSHIP

Fellow Members:

Thank you for your continued support of Minneapolis Post No. 1. As of 14 December 2009, Post #1 had 351 - 2010 paid memberships. This equates to 82%, which is ahead of the Department goal of 75%.

Thank you for your support.

*Post #1 Membership Team
Mike Krogan & Joyce Rose*

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Breakfast with Santa was a great success. More than 170 people attended. The food was awesome. The gifts were terrific. Linda Madole took the lead in organizing this year's event. Becky Nelson prepared the food and many others helped to make it a very Merry Christmas breakfast. Thanks to you a good time was had by all.



Santa was busy with all the good little girls and boys!

OUTSTANDING ENLISTED PERSON OF THE YEAR

Post No. 1 nominated Philip Alejandrino (Post No. 1 Legionnaire) of the Minnesota Air National Guard, for Outstanding Enlisted Person Of the Year. SSgt Alejandrino was selected at the Department Fall Conference. Congratulations!!

A Prayer From The Chaplain



Happy New Year to all fellow Legion members of Post # 1

Hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and were able to give thanks to our Lord and Savior.

We Americans are blessed to be able to worship in our own way, due to the sacrifices that were made by fellow Veterans before us and those currently serving and the ones yet to serve.

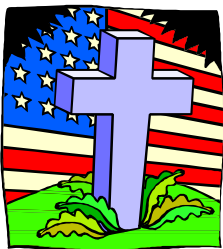
A Prayer For All

Our Heavenly Father we give thanks to you for our freedom we enjoy here in the United States of America. We ask that you will watch over and protect our comrades in harm's way and return them home safely.

We ask for this in your Son's name, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen

James Shaffer, Post #1 Chaplain



TAPS

The following American Legion Post #1 Legionnaires have been called to the Lord in 2009. Let us not forget their service to our country and its people.

James Dosen Daniel Gabrick
Robert A Huseby Warren O Johnson
Tony Kismoskes David Y Morris
Thomas E Seehunter

Chaplain's Corner



Greetings & Happy Blessed New Year to all our Post #1 Members and Auxiliary Members.

With the holidays behind us, I hope all had a great 2009 and you are counting all of your blessings as we move into 2010.

As we celebrate winter in Minnesota, January brings the St. Paul Winter Carnival and the great parades and festivities.

Early February brings us Groundhog Day. If he sees his shadow, we can count on six more weeks of winter; if not – an early spring! Mid February is for all of your sweethearts and Saint Valentine's Day so remember those close to you.

Pitchers and catchers report to spring training in February and the promise of summer and warmer days lie ahead for us all.

My Prayer For You

Dear Heavenly Father, we gather here to give thanks for our members and special thanks for our great country. Lord, look down on our assembly tonight and grant us foresight and wisdom to help our Veterans and their families.

Let us never forget the sacrifice of our fallen comrades of all wars, great and small, for the freedom and bounty we now enjoy. God bless American, God Bless our President and God Bless all the military men and women fighting for freedom.

– Protect us with thy almighty power.

Amen

Ardell Rogers, Auxiliary Chaplain



SAL Squadron Report



Dear Squadron 1 Members:

Happy New Year to all. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! Again this year we, the S.A.L, are selling our calendars, for a \$5.00 donation, for our main fund raiser. All proceeds go directly to the many projects of the S.A.L.

One project is 'Operation Support for Deployed Military'. This organization does many things during the year to support the troops; hand sew pillow cases, Christmas stockings, and send care packages to them throughout the year. After meeting with the state coordinator, Ethel Chinander, she gave us a few areas where she needs assistance. Some of the things are to gather for stocking stuffers; deodorant, 'Oil of Olay' bar soap, skin care products for the women, tooth brushes and travel size tooth paste, and fabric donations, so look for a collection box at the Post.

And also if you can't make the meetings, on the second Thursday of the month, try and help us out on some of the calendar sales, or the stocking stuffers for the cause.

I would also like to invite the members to come down for the omelet breakfast we are making a good impression, helping out and I would like to see more of you, we have a lot of members and I would like to meet you.

Woody Anderson, Commander Squadron #1

ENDORSEMENTS

Nottage endorsed for 4th & 5th Vice Commander by Minneapolis Post #1

Lynne Nottage has been endorsed for Department Vice Commander 4th & 5th Districts for 2010-2011 by Minneapolis Post #1. Lynne served in the Air Force and is a Life Member of Minneapolis Post #1.

At the Post level, Lynne has served as Commander, First Vice Commander, Adjutant and Finance Officer. She is the current Finance Officer and a member of the executive committee.

At the District level Lynne has served as Commander, Commander-Elect, First Vice Commander, Membership, and Finance Officer.

Currently Lynne is the Finance Officer and heads up the Finance Committee for The Fighting 5th District.

Lynne has served at the Department level as Co-Blood Chair, Vice President of the Minnesota Convention Committee and a member of the Credentials Committee.



Ward endorsed for 5th District First Vice Commander

Minneapolis Post #1 has endorsed Dick Ward for First Vice Commander 5th District 2010-2011.

Ward served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War era.

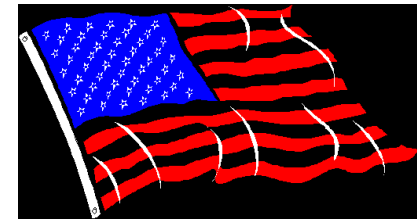
At the Post level Ward is serving as Commander Minneapolis Post #1 and has served as First Vice Commander and Second Vice Commander. Dick is the Oratorical Chairman, The JROTC representative and a member of Minneapolis Post #1 The Rifle Squad.

5th District duties include; Second and Third Vice Commander, Oratorical Chairman, member of the Executive Committee and JROTC representative.





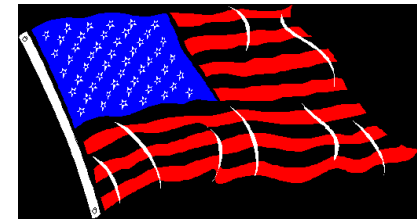
MINNEAPOLIS POST 1 JANUARY 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Happy New Year!!!	2
3 VA Hospital Visit 2:00 PM Auditorium	4	5 5 TH District Meeting 7:30 PM Giantvalley	6	7	8	9 Auxiliary Unit I Monthly Meeting 9:00 Rail Station
10 Omelet Breakfast 8:30 – 12:30PM 5 TH District Oratorical Contest Wold-Chamberlain 1:00 PM	11 Post 1 Meeting 7:00 PM	12	13	14 SAL Squadron 1 Meeting 7:00 pm	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Lyle Foltz Retirement Party Apple Valley Post 4 th & 5 th District Rally
24	25	26	27 Vietnam Cease Fire (1973)	28	29 State Oratorical Contest Finals Champlin Post 9:00 AM	30 Vietnam War, Tet Offensive (1968)



MINNEAPOLIS POST 1 FEBRUARY 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2 5 TH District Meeting 7:30 PM	3	4	5	6
7 VA Hospital Visit 2:00 PM Auditorium	8 Post 1 Meeting 7:00 PM	9	10	11 SAL Squadron 1 Meeting 7:00 pm	12	13 Auxiliary Unit I Monthly Meeting 9:00 Rail Station Sweetheart Rally Faribault Post 2:00 PM
14 Omelet Breakfast 8:30 – 12:30PM VALENTINES DAY	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Minneapolis Post #1 Information

For General Information visit our website <http://www.mplspost1.org>
 To contact Commander 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

Aerie #34 Eagles Club

Wednesday: Bingo 10:00 AM

Wednesday: BANGO 6:00 PM

Thursday: Texas Hold ‘Em 7:00 PM

Friday: Bingo 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Live Music: Sun, Wed – Friday Nights

Lunch & Dinner Served

Wednesday: – Friday 5:00 – 9:00 PM

Hall Rentals

Call: 612-724-9714