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Winter 2017

Post 1 will now be publishing an event newsletter. We will be mailing to those who wish to receive a hard copy, or please send us your email address to be added to our electronic mailing list. Please remember that the newsletter will always be available at our website: <http://mplspost1.org>

Post Meeting
2nd Monday of the Month - September Through May
7:00pm - Membership Meeting
6:00pm - Executive Board



Past Commander John Nelson attending the omelet breakfast, he still likes to be involved.

Omelet breakfast is every
2nd Sunday of the month 8:30 - 12:30
Minneapolis Post #1 25th Ave and 25th St.



Minneapolis Post 1
Childrens Christmas Party
December 11, 2016
25th Ave and 25th St
10 am - NOON

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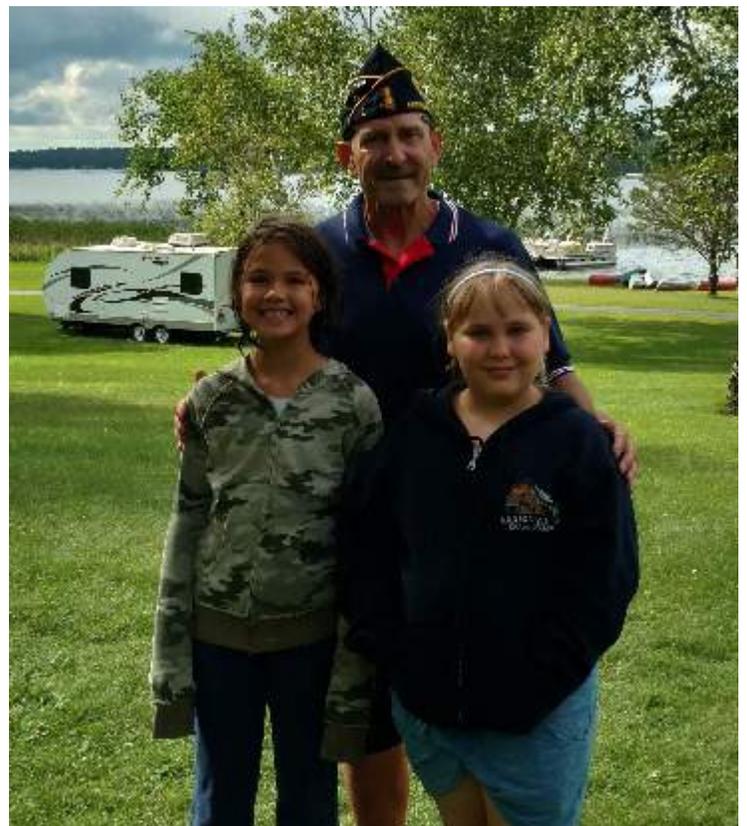
Post Commander
Larry Schoppe

FROM THE COMMANDER

My name is Larry Schoppe, I am the new commander of American Legion Minneapolis Post 1, and it is an honor for me to be in this position. I will continue to carry on all the excellent programs that the Legion supports. My main focus going forward will be, bringing in new members and getting them involved. As we transfer leadership to the new younger Veterans we will need to get these Veterans involved. It will be my mission this year to address this issue. If you need to speak with me you can find me flipping omelets each 2nd Sunday of the month at the Legion Fund raiser. I also encourage you to attend the Post meeting the 2nd Monday of each month. In closing, I would like to remind you that Dec 11th is the Post Children's Christmas party and to wish everyone a wonderful Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



**Commander Larry presenting \$250.00
America Legion donation to the U of M Navy ROTC**



Commander Larry at Legionville in Brainard MN to visit Sabrina and Lucy, the two safety Patrol students from Michael Dowling middle school who were sponsored by AL Minneapolis Post 1



I hope everyone had a wonderful and warm summer. Winter appears to be creeping up on us. I am still full from Thanksgiving, but I am sure looking forward to the upcoming holidays with more good food and fun times with family and friends.

We are still serving the best omelet breakfast in south Minneapolis on the second Sunday of every month. Check out the full schedule elsewhere in the newsletter. I want to thank all who come down and support us. We certainly do appreciate it. As always, volunteers are always welcome to pop in and help out.

I would like to thank all the Auxiliary Unit 1 members who has sent in their 2017 membership renewal. We do appreciate your continued support. It is not too late to send them in if you haven't done so. If you have any questions regarding membership, please call the office at 612-721-3023 and leave a message for Karen and I will get back to you. We are always looking for new members. If you have a sister, mother, aunt, or in-law that would like join us, send them down and we will certainly sign them up. Our meetings are held on the second Saturday of of the month in the card room at the club.

Be sure to stop in for our December omelet. All who come will be entered into a drawing for a Cub card. We will have 5 drawings, and if you have already left we will mail them out. Plus Santa will be there. You are never too old to sit on Santa's lap and have your picture taken.

I want to wish all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Stay warm, and if traveling, be safe. Please keep all our veterans past and present, home and abroad, in your thoughts and prayers. Remember "All gave some, some gave all". May God Bless our veterans and God bless America.

President Karen

Welcome all to Minneapolis Squadron 1!! With the beautiful fall weather we have had I hope everyone was able enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends! Hopefully most of you had a chance to make it to one of the omelet breakfast Sundays! If not please come down and show your support either by eating or helping out! They take place every 2nd Sunday of the month and any support will be appreciated. May you all have a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!! Until then, For God and Country We Stand!!
 Squadron 1 Cdr. Jon Lucas

2016-2017 SAL Squadron 1

Commander - Jon Lucas
 First Vice - Patrick Hahn
 Second Vice - Mike Krogan
 Adj-Treasurer - Bill Peters
 Sgt-At-Arms - Leroy Gonzales
 Chaplain - Corwin Morton
 Membership - Mike Krogan



Legion Chaplain

Greetings American Legion Post 1,

My name is Sol Grosskopf and for the past year I have served as your post's chaplain—helping to open and close our monthly meetings in prayers to God. Two years ago, I was brought to this area to serve as the minister at Redemption Lutheran Church in Bloomington, MN. Redemption Lutheran has an active quilting group who are constantly seeking ways to serve their community and those in need. Over the past few months they have made several patriotic designed quilts. These quilters wanted to give these particular quilts to those who have served our nation through military service. **They wanted to hand deliver these quilts to those at the VA and Veterans Home. Through the American Legion, I was able to connect them with our first Sundays of the month visits.** Now both organizations can benefit as we serve those in need together. **On Dec. 4th at 2:00pm several homemade quilts will be delivered to those in need at the VA.** This act exemplifies the nature of both of the church and the American Legion---serving others because we acknowledge that we have been served. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther explained that Christ's love has two aspects: the love Christ gives us and the love we show our neighbors. Through our associations we have the ability to help our neighbors and community, so let's never lose those values, which make activities like this possible.

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace...” 1 Peter 4:10

Sincerely,
Ch. Sol Grosskopf

The American Legion is calling on all posts, districts, counties, areas, zones, departments and affiliates to help build a database of memorials and monuments that honor U.S. military service and sacrifice. As The American Legion nears its centennial year, one aspect of our organization's rich legacy is universal "To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars," National Commander Charles Schmidt said. We know that in virtually every corner of the country, and beyond our shores, American Legion Family members have paid tribute to military service, honor and remembrance by carving out sacred spaces in their communities to ensure that the price paid for freedom is not lost on future generations. The American Legion Memorial Inventory Project uses a web platform for those who want to submit local memorials to the date base. Go to legion.org/memorials to find instructions on uploading information. The web platform will ask for the location of the memorial, a description of it, date of installation if known, and a rating of its condition. Photos are highly encouraged when listing your memorial. Al Zdon, Editor, Minnesota Legionnaire

The American Legion hosted a meeting with President-elect Donald Trump's transition team and representatives from more than 30 other veterans service organizations today to address concerns and lay out top priorities leading into the new administration.

The veteran-focused meeting was the first of its kind held between Trump's team and any outside organization. American Legion Executive Director Verna Jones, affirmed the commitment of veteran service organizations to advocate for those who have "borne the battle" - veterans from all eras.

The American Legion co-authored a three-point position paper along with executive leadership of the Big Six Congressionally chartered service organizations, supporting the Trump administration's efforts to strengthen, reform and sustain the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Health Care System, remove budget constraints that negatively impact veteran-centered programs, and reform the VA's claims and appeals process.

"The American Legion would like the Trump administration to know that we value our Department of Veterans Affairs," said Jones.

Daily lunches from 11 - 2 pm every weekday at Post 1
for those of you that are retired
that's the first 5 Saturdays of the week



Minneapolis Post 1 sponsors the Colin Powell JROTC School awards banquet. Awards were for academics, athletics, participation, and personal growth

Commander Larry donating to the Minneapolis Veterans Home, American Legion Minneapolis Post 1 preseason Vikings tickets to attend first football game at the new Vikings stadium



Minneapolis Post One ALR represented at State Capitol Civil War Preservation Committee meeting. Civil War Paintings will remain displayed in Governors Reception Room as originally designed by Civil War Veterans.



Putting American Legion Flags in 30 classrooms at Marcy Open School

University of Minnesota Lutheran Church of Hope contacted Minneapolis Post 1 about teaching K-8 children about the Pledge of Allegiance. Commander Larry turned the project over to the Minneapolis Post One ALR. The ALR met with Principal Donna Andrews and formulated a developing working plan on teaching the children respect for the flags that are being installed. First on board was MNALR Asst. Director Steve Sullivan who got in touch with MNALR Secretary Dr. Jody Hassing. The plan was to have Dr. Hassing ride in on her motorcycle with her ALR vest and then change into her cap and gown in front of the children. After that, all we had to do was ask, and people volunteered. KSALR Cheryl Leigh Reko - Star Spangled Banner, DAV Department Commander Mick Aguirre - Pledge of Allegiance, TAL Department Commander Denise Milton - Main Speaker (topic, success and self esteem). Commander Larry approached the Colin Powell JROTC for the Honor Guard. TAL Department Adjutant brought the American Legion wrapped fishing boat that sat by the entrance where the children got off the bus, and the Firemen with a firetruck. The National American Legion Children and Youth Committee made a Plaque for the school, and certificates for participants from the Church and School. Veterans from many Districts stood Flag Line along the entire wall of the gymnasium. It was great working with Veterans that knew why we were there, and just knew what to do without instruction. I was told on Veterans Day that a similar program was put on in the 10th District by the ALR, that was well attended by its citizens. For those that say it can't get done, this program was finalized and all materials in hand in 2 weeks, 4 days before the event was held. At Minneapolis Post 1 we take pride in getting things done, and make members proud to be part of Honoring Veterans and never forget their sacrifices. You can ask friends to join, because they will be proud to be part of an active group, and if they own a motorcycle, ride with the American Legion Family on unplanned necessary wind therapy.





MINNEAPOLIS POST 1
 AMERICAN LEGION
 2507 East 25th Street
 Minneapolis MN 55406

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-NOON.
[Wold Chamberlain #99](#)
 5600 34th Ave So

2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month
 Burger BASH - 5 pm—7 pm. .
[Minneapolis Richfield Post 435](#)
 65th and Portland Ave So

Auxiliary Meeting
2nd Saturday
9:00 am
Memory Lanes
26th Ave and 25th St

SAL Meeting
2nd Monday
6:00 pm
March, June,
September, December
Post 1
25th Ave and 25th St

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Legion calendar

Executive board - 6:30 pm
 Delegate meeting - 7:00 pm
 2nd Monday
 September thru May
 25th Ave and 25th St
 Minneapolis

January—Tom and Jerry Party
 February—Nomination
 March—St Patricks Day
 April—Election
 May—Memorial Day
 June—Installation
 July no meeting
 August—Picnic
 September—Housing Corp Report
 October—Membership Drive
 November—Veterans Day
 December—Children meet Santa

Omelet Breakfast
25th Ave and 25th St
Minneapolis

8:30—12:30
2nd Sunday of the month

January—SAL
 February—NOVA
 March—ROTC
 April—South High Baseball
 May—Auxiliary
 June—Legion
 July—Auxiliary
 August—Auxiliary
 September—Evans Scholarship
 October—U of M Womens
 Hockey
 November—Red Box
 December—Auxiliary