



POST 15 NEWS



SIoux FALLS AMERICAN LEGION
Americanism • Boy's State • Jr. Legion Baseball • Child Welfare

MARCH 2009

Commander's Corner Terry Towns



Another month has zipped by! We have a few things to look forward to in March. Our 90th AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY PARTY is scheduled for March 15th; Daylight Savings time will change on March 8th, St. Patrick's Day is the 17th, and spring begins on 20 March YEAH!!!!

Probably by the time you read this, we will have selected a new Club Manager. Let us know of any changes you would like to see. Either email me or call me. Thanks for your interest in your American Legion. I would like also to take a moment to say THANKS to all those who jumped in & went that "Extra Mile" during the transition – there has been a lot of behind the screen efforts that needs to be recognized. THANKS is not enough but for now that will have to do.

I also need your help in getting a fund raiser going so we can donate more money to the Honor Flight South Dakota Program. If there's someone out there that has some extra time, please give me a call or email me with suggestions on how to help raise the extra money. I do have several items I can donate for a sale or raffle if that helps. The HFSD has currently over 560 applications from WWII Veterans to go to Washington to see their memorial, and the program is in need of donations. Again, if you are a WWII Veteran that has not applied, please contact me.

I'm going to include the minutes from our last regular business meeting (always the 1st Tuesday of the Month at 7:30p.m.) in the newsletter. From this you can see some of the items that are currently being looking at, but you will see that the attendance is low. I would like to personally welcome each & every one of you to the meetings. It's not just for officers of the legion, but for all members. By attending the meetings you will learn what your Legion is doing for the veteran, the community and the nation. And maybe, we might even get some new ideas from you.

During the month, there was a dedication of a special flag that was donated to the Auxiliary – See picture. I would also like to thank the Auxiliary for their efforts in giving Student Dictionaries and flags out to the 3rd Graders at Ann Sullivan School. It was a tremendous effort and well received. Thanks again ladies!

Our membership goal this year is 1737 and we are currently setting at 1604.

If you want to contact me on any items, my home phone is 371-9679, the American Legion office number is 336-3470, my email is tntowns@sio.midco.net, and the post home address 1701 Legion Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57104. Please let me know what the American Legion can do for you.

Come to Post 15 for our

St. Patrick's Day Party

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Free Hors D'oeuvres & Keg of Green Beer

1:00 p.m. 'til it's gone!

Everyone Welcome

Auxiliary Announcements

Bev Sievert, President

By the time that you receive your newsletter we will have completed the shortest and busiest months of the year. As you know when you live in South Dakota it can also be the coldest month.

Unit #15 presented the Legion with a \$25.00 check for the Building Fund in Memory of Dennis Bierle.

The Midwinter Conference was held at Cedar Shores in Oacoma February 13th through the 15th. There were some very interesting workshops held. Our National President Desiree Stoy was our guest for the weekend.

On February 13th the annual National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans was held at the Sioux Falls VA Hospital. We assisted with the lunch served to the Veterans. Valentine cards, balloons, and gift bags containing pens, phone cards and other items were delivered to the patient rooms. We also had the privilege of serving cookies and juice and assisting the Veterans at the VA Hospital on February 19th while the bingo party was going on. Thank you to the members that assisted with this program.

On you next visit to the Post Home be sure to take note of the flag and certificate placed next to The

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Auxiliary, continued

Auxiliary Preamble. The items were placed on behalf of Toby Severson and were presented to our Unit by his mother Jackie Severson. Jackie also talked about the awards Toby had received during a recent Awards Presentation Program at the National Guard Unit.

Unit 15, along with Post 15, presented 110 dictionaries to the third grade students at Anne Sullivan School. Two American Legion members, Rick Towns and Dick Sievert, showed the students how to properly fold and handle a flag. They answered questions as well. State Auxiliary President Sherry Woltjer, Leona Klutman and I handed out the dictionaries and small flags to the students. Really is a great program and since it began in 1992 over 9 1/2 million dictionaries have been presented to 3rd grade students. Sure would be nice if all third graders were to have a dictionary.

Mark your calendars now, Post 15 of The American Legion and Unit 15 will be celebrating the 90th birthday of The American Legion with a supper and program on March 15th. Please make your reservations by March 11th, call 336-3470.

The District One Spring Conference will be held on April 18th from 2PM to 4:30PM at the Garretson Post Home. The Auxiliary will meet in the south meeting room and the Legion will meet in the north meeting room. Let's all plan to attend.

Remember: "Freedom is the dream that makes all dreams come true."



Sherry Woltjer (State Auxiliary President), Bev Sievert (Sioux Falls Auxiliary President) and Leona Klutman at Anne Sullivan School. Also helping were Richard Sievert and Rick Towns.



Anne Sullivan school children.

Legion Riders

We would like to thank everyone for helping make the Bean Bag Tournament and Chili Cook Off such a great success. We had a tie for the chili cook off. The winners were Chad Patch and Brad Pearson. Drawings for gift certificates were won by Tim Hetmeks, Mike Buysse, Doug Verschelds, Shane Burns, Beth Kraft, Lisa Atrington, Brad Pearson and Shawn Patch. Winners of the Bean Bag were 1st place to Ape Hanson and Don Reed, 2nd place to Gary Daggit and Bruce Kemper and 3rd place to JR and Mike. Congratulations to all of the winners.

There will be a Taco Feed at the Lennox Legion on February 20.

We will have a booth at the Abate Swap Meet on March 28 and 29.

We still need driver's licenses and proof of insurance at the next meeting. It is important that we have this information before riding season starts. Reminder dues still need to be paid.

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions please contact Karla Feltman at 339-9470 or tfelt20144@aol.com.

Upcoming Events

March 11	ALR Meeting
March 28 & 29	Abate Swap Meet
April 11 & 12	Easter Car Show

POST EVERLASTING

William Jiricek and Morris Nelson



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Memorials

For Dennis Bierle from Dean Mann - \$10.00
For Dennis Bierle from Unit #15 Auxiliary - \$25.00



American Legion 90th Birthday Party Sunday, March 15, 2009

(Please call for reservations by March 11 at 336-3470
or e-mail to legionoffice.al@midconetwork.com)

Cost: \$10.00

(Prime Rib or Shrimp)

Social Hour: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Birthday Cake For dessert

Program: 7:30 p.m.

Emcee: Dean Mann

**Legionnaire of the Year Award
Legionnette of the Year Award**

50-60 Year Awards

Go Getter Awards

Entertainment

Everyone Welcome!

VA Hospital Notes

Darwin Wahlert, VA Hospital Representative

February was a busy month at the VA hospital. For starters, February was Black History Month and Lilah Pengra, a South Dakota scholar, presented "Buffalo Soldiers in Dakota Territory" on February 4th. We also had the Annual Salute to Hospitalized Veterans on the 13th followed by a quarterly VAVS meeting and Feb. 21st the 19th Annual VA Variety Show was held. On February 4th and 18th we did a spaghetti lunch and on the 11th and 25th we had bowling. For March my listing only has the Bloodmobile at the VA on March 26th. **Items currently not needed are lap robes, bed quilts, hard cover books, National Geographic, Readers Digest, magazines older than three months, clothing of any kind, baked good and used greeting cards.** Volunteers are always needed in all areas of the VA and the work is very rewarding to both the volunteer and the Veteran. **Remember to visit or call a sick or shut-in Veteran.**

SAL

Todd Kuck, Commander

Winners of the Operation Helping Hand pool tournament in January was- 1st Place: Gary Daggitt; 2nd Place: Chad Patch; 3rd Place: Rob Riss

Thanks to Jay McLaughlin and Diane Twedell for all their help. We raised \$100.00 for Operation Helping Hand. A good time was had by all. Thanks to Bear for the food and everything.

Beth Emmons won the \$200.00 Walmart gift card. Thanks to all that bought Raffle tickets.

Election for new board members will be held at our April meeting. Send in your nomination or come to the meeting.

Veterans Forum

Pat Kroupa, Post Service Officer

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR VETERANS

Paraplegic Veterans: Dwellings or parts of multiple family dwellings which are specifically designed for use by paraplegics are exempt from taxation. They must be designed as wheelchair homes and they must be owned and occupied by veterans with the loss, or loss of use of, both lower extremities. This exemption also applies to the un-remarried widow or widower of such veteran.

The dwelling must be owned and occupied by the veteran for one full calendar year before the exemption becomes effective. For purposes of this statute, the term "dwelling" generally means real estate in an amount not to exceed one acre upon which the building is located.

Totally Disabled Veterans: A veteran who is rated permanently and totally disabled from a service connected disability or disabilities may be exempt from property taxation. This exemption applies to \$100,000.00 of the full and true value of a dwelling that is owned and occupied by such a veteran. The dwelling must be owned and occupied by the veteran for the full calendar year in which the tax is levied.

The applicant for either of these tax exemptions needs to apply annually through their county assessor's office (Department of Equalization).

If you have further questions about other veteran's benefits please feel free to contact me. My office is at 521 N. Main Avenue, Suite 201, my phone number is 367-4201 and my E-mail address is pkroupa@minnehahacounty.org.

Patricia Kroupa, Post Service Officer
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HOURS OF OPERATION

Mon. – Saturday: 10:00 am to Close
 Sunday: 11:00 am to Close

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PHONES

Office: 336-3470 (room reservations)
 Lounge: 336-0155 (stag reservations)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Pancake Breakfast 9 am - 1 pm	2 Singing Legionnaire's Chorus Rehearsal 7:30 pm	3 Exec. Bd. Mtg 5:45 pm Go Getter Mtg 6:30 pm Regular Business Mtg 7:30 pm	4	5	6 The Unknown's Band 9:00 pm - 1:00 am	7
8	9 Singing Legionnaire's Chorus Rehearsal 7:30 pm	10 Senior Pool Tourn. 12:00 Noon Aux. Mtg 7:00 pm SAL 7:00 pm	11 Legion Riders Mtg 7:00 pm	12	13 Dakota Daze 9:00 pm - 1:00 am	14 St. Patrick's Day Party
15 American Legion Birthday Party	16 Singing Legionnaire's Chorus Rehearsal 7:30 pm	17 Legionnaires Stag 6:30 pm RSVP: 336-0155	18	19 Vet's Council Mtg. VFW 7:00pm	20 Troublemakers 9:00 pm - 1:00 am	21
22	23 Singing Legionnaire's Chorus Rehearsal 7:30 pm	24 Ladies Stag 6:30 pm RSVP: 336-0155	25	26	27 Road Trip Band 9:00 pm - 1:00 am	28
29	30 Singing Legionnaire's Chorus Rehearsal 7:30 pm	31 County Meeting Garretson 8:00 pm				

MARCH 17, 2009 • 6:30 pm • RAFFLE: \$50.00
 COST: \$6.00 or Free Stag Ticket
 MENU: Roast Pork and Dressing
 Beer Special: Old Milkwaukee Light \$1.00 Taps
 Liquor Special: Windsor/Lord - \$1.50
 CALL 336-0155 FOR RESERVATIONS!!!

Legionnaire's
Stag



Ladies'
Stag

MARCH 24, 2009 • 6:30 pm • COST: \$6.00
 MENU: Roast Pork and Dressing
 Beer Special: \$1.00 Taps
 Liquor Special: All Schnapps - \$1.50
 * BINGO * RAFFLE *
 CALL 336-0155 FOR RESERVATIONS!!!

Regular Business Meeting

Attendance: 29

SIoux FALLS POST 15
THE AMERICAN LEGION

DATE: February 3, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the members of Sioux Falls Post 15, The American Legion was called to order by 1st Vice Commander Verburg.

Colors were advanced by Sgt At Arms, Bierle. Invocation was given by Chaplain Brown. Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble to the Constitution were recited by members.

The Adjutant read the minutes of the last Business meeting and the Executive Board meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

The Financial reports were given by Martinek. Motion by Martinek and seconded by Ellwood to accept the reports. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AMERICANISM: No one for Journalism city. Boys State deadline April 1st. Will seek bids from bus companies.

ATHLETIC: Nothing going on. Paid for the Insurance- \$390.00 per team.

CHORUS: No concerts lately- Two new members. Getting ready for Legion Birthday Party.

GO GETTERS: Membership at 1592

GRAVE MARKERS: No report

LEGISLATIVE: Got no where with director of Military and Vets Affairs. When legislative is over, will check on it again.

LOUNGE: All is well.

VETS COUNCIL: No report

VAVS: Tomorrow Feb. 4th- 11:30 am Black History month; Feb 13- Salute to hospitalized Vets at 11:30 - 1:30 pm- VAVS Committee meeting; Feb 16th Closed

VA HOSPITAL ACTIVITIES: No report

CHILD WELFARE: No report

HISTORIAN: No report

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB: - At January meeting decided to sponsor a Boy and Girl Stater. 1/2 of June Pancake will go to the Boys State buses.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE: Everything OK

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report

LEGION RIDERS: Chili feed and Bean Bag had a good turnout.- 3 new members

SAL: Pool Tournament had good turnout- made \$100.00 for Operation Helping Hand.

OLD BUSINESS: None

MINUTES CALLING FOR ACTION:

Motion by Curt and seconded by Jensen to purchase the Henry Commemorative rifle for the scouts at a cost of \$900.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoot and seconded by Gene to cancel the \$500.00 for the Americanism Committee. Money not needed in the Americanism program. Motion carried.

Motion by Wahlert and seconded by Butch to give \$868.00 the NEF at Midwinter. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Hoot got up and talked about Legislative night at Pierre on Feb. 10th;

Mid-Winter at Chamberlain- Feb 13-15th; 15th- winner picked for oratory.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

FUNERAL WERE READ BY: Adjutant

GOOD OF THE LEGION: Hire the Vet!

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Members stood in silent reverence of our departed comrades. Benediction was given by Chaplain Brown. Membership stood in salute as the colors were retired by Sgt at Arms Bierle.

Submitted by Jim Stenseth, Adjutant

Sunday, March 1, 2009


American Legion Post 15

Pancake Breakfast!

POST HOME  1701 W. LEGION DRIVE

March 1 ★ 9:00 a.m. til 1:00 p.m.

ADULTS 4.00 CHILDREN UNDER TWELVE **FREE**

PANCAKES * SAUSAGE * EGGS 

Proceeds Support The American Legion

Post 15

Senior's Pool Tournament

Tues., March 10, 2009 • 12:00 Noon

Sign up on the Bulletin Board

MUST BE SIGNED UP BY MARCH 9, 2009

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Sioux Falls, SD 57104**



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Bev Sievert with Jackie Severson presenting the Auxiliary unit with a flag that was flown while her son Toby was stationed in the middle east with the 147th.

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OFFICERS OF SIOUX FALLS POST 15

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Ken Brown

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VA ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN
John Weber

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Chairmen: Rick Towns
Dean Berdahl, Bob Brekke, Bob Eggers,
Gene Even, Butch Finton, Gary Henle, Ed Powers

THANKS POST 15 VOLUNTEERS!
*Funerals, Color Guard, VA Activities
Pancake Breakfast*

Paul Anderson, Dean Berdahl, Harold Bosler,
Ken Brown, Paul Brude, Alvin Cink, Richard Cobb,
Howard Daggitt, Stan Dahl, Earl Dains,
Bob Eggers, Don Earley, Ron Earley, Gene Even,
Butch Finton, Ken Foley, Hoot Gibson,
Gene Grocott, Harold Hanson, Jim Hartsook,
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Thane Johnson, Glen Kelley, Roger Klos,
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Durwood Lidke, Donald Lounsbery, Vince Maag,
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Dave Twedell, Darwin Wahlert, John Weber,
Robert Williams, Bob Workman.