

**AMERICAN LEGION Lloyd Spetz Post No. 1**  
**POST MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 11, 2018**

The monthly meeting of the Loyd Spetz post No. 1 of the American Legion Department of North Dakota was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Commander, Janette Fetch. Attendance is as follows:

Commander	Janette Fetch	Present
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Ray Geffre	Present
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Russ Kroshus	Absent
Post Adjutant	Janette Fetch	Present
Finance Officer	Bob Wefald	Present
Sergeant at Arms	Al Walker	Absent
Historian	Bob Bird	Present
Veteran Service Officer	Mark Landis	Absent
Chaplain	Rick Kramlich	Present

Guests:

Cody Rudnick was the recipient of the American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Award. He was at the meeting along with his grandfather, Legionnaire Larry Barnhardt and his wife Donna, Cody's mother, Holly and his brother Dillen. Cody's Troop Leader, Patty also attended the presentation ceremony. Cody built a communication board for the Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park.

**REPORTS**

**FINANCE**

Bob Wefald reported on the post finances and passed out a monthly report for legionnaires. The AL Post 1 Post Office Box yearly renewal has been paid for by OYH.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Goal 668 and current membership is 598. The American Legion fiscal year ends June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The American Legion membership new year starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, 2018.

**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER**



Mark Landis was not present at the meeting, but did email information to the post. Members of the general public may now drop worn U.S. flags at the Burleigh County Veterans Service Office. U.S. flags should be retired when they become faded, tattered, torn, or otherwise are not a fitting emblem of display. The U.S. flag code, first adopted in 1924, prescribes flag etiquette to ensure our national symbol is treated properly. The code is not regulatory.

When the box becomes full, the flags will be transferred to a local veterans service organization for a proper disposal ceremony. According to the flag code, flags should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

## **BASEBALL**

Ed Stern delivered the Baseball report in the absence of Russ Kroshus. Family Season Tickets were mailed out to the post. There are tickets available at the Loyd Spetz Post 1 American Legion Office. Tickets are \$20.00. The Baseball daily raffle starts on July 4, 2018 and it goes through the 8<sup>th</sup> of August, 2018.

## **BOYS STATE**

The Boys State delegate from the American Legion Post 1 is Shear Huntington, he attends Shiloh Christian School in Bismarck. Shear Huntington's registration was covered by Starion Financial Bank and the Loyd Spetz Post 1 covered Shear's bus ticket. Boys State started on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, Shear made it on the bus and we have invited him to the post to talk about his Boys State experience.

## **NEWSLETTER**

The editor, Dan Sauerwein updated the post on the quarterly execution plan for future newsletters.

## **OPEN YOUR HEART**

No Report

## **DISTRICT / CONVENTION**

State Convention Reminder.

## **WEBSITE**

Vern Fetch expressed gratitude on the updated website.

## **ORATORICAL**

No Report. The monetary award of \$50.00 was clarified at this post meeting. Last month a motion was made by Vern Fetch to present a monetary donation of \$50.00 from the post for the student that participates in the District Contest and is sponsored by the Loyd Spetz Post 1. The motion carried. The clarification: The 50.00 monetary donation is given only if the student does not place first, second or third in the district contest.

## **HISTORIAN**

No Report

## **HONOR GUARD**

Ray Geffre will work on assembling an Honor Guard for the Memorial Day Ceremony the Loyd Spetz Post will be hosting in May of 2019.

Rick Kramlich mentioned having his brother be the guest speaker for next year's Memorial Day ceremony at the Heritage Center. Rick nominated his brother COL Gary Kramlich as an option for the guest speaker.

## **ACTIVITY / PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Picnic: Arnie Havelka will be contacting the cook, Scott Davis. The picnic start time will be 4:00 p.m. on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September, the website will be updated to reflect the time. The Executive Committee discussed having the regular monthly Post Meeting at the picnic rather than having it held on the regular scheduled day of Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Golf: Rick Kramlich will need assistance with registration, shotgun kickoff at 1p.m. He is asking for help between 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. There are eight teams signed up for the golf scramble; We have one team from the AMVETS, one team from the VFW, and six teams from the American Legion. Flyers have ben distributed. The \$70.00 fee will cover green fees, prizes and a meal. Ed reminded the post that monies were budgeted for the golf tournament in the amount of \$250.00.

## **BALLOTING AND APPLICATIONS**

### **SICK CALL**

No Report

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS / OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Arnie Havelka attended a round table with Senator John Hoeven when he was in town for the Memorial Day Ceremony. The round table discussion took place on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018. Arnie mentioned a piece of legislation that will increase the number of senior living facilities to care for veterans (there are currently only six in ND). You are also permitted to visit your own doctor, hospital, clinic, etc. to receive VA care. To get extra care in a home, you must have 70% disability. Hoeven is an SAL member with the new Squadron 1 that is being formed.

Correspondence: John read a letter addressed to the Post from the TR Heart and Soul that is a therapy riding program that provides the service for disabled children seeking \$408.80 to buy five additional helmets, as they are getting additional kids to serve. The Post has donated to this in the past. It will be presented to the Executive Committee meeting on July 2.

Dan Sauerwein updated the post on membership. SAL currently has eight members, we only need two more members to be chartered. The next SAL meeting is June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## **FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION**