



LOYD SPETZ POST 1
 2400 Railroad Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58501
 701-258-3101

Post meetings held the 2nd Monday of each month in the Veterans Hall at 7:00 p.m.

January 2024

AMERICAN LEGION EVENT REMINDERS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 8	Post 1 Meeting	7:00 p.m.
January 23	Honor Guard Training – National Guard, 4200 Miriam Ave, Bismarck	6:00 p.m.
January 24	Quilts of Valor Presentation at AMVETS	
January 26-28	Winter Conference – Bismarck Hotel – Bismarck, ND	
February 5	Gaming Committee Meeting	6:00 p.m.
February 5	Post 1 Executive Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
February 12	Post 1 Meeting	8:00 p.m.
March 11	American Legion Birthday Dinner – Must Register	5:30 p.m.

American Legion Department ND Winter Conference:

- You can find more information at www.ndlegion.org in the “Events” tab.
- Registration fee of \$25.00 is paid for by Post 1.
- Blood Drive: Vitalant will be conducting a blood drive during the Winter Conference. The Blood Mobile will be set up from 1400-1600 at the Bismarck Hotel and Conference Center, Bismarck. To reserve your appointment time to donate, call Colleen at 701-202-3379.

2023 - Post 1 Donations:

A list of the Loyd Spetz Post 1 2023 donations will be available at the 9Jan2024 meeting. This list will be published on the website.

BSC Check Presentation:

Loyd Spetz Post 1 has donated a total of \$35,000 with a BSC matching program for a total of \$52,500 in the Post 1 BSC Foundation scholarship fund. This will allow two \$25,000 youth scholarships to be given out. Post 1 will present a check to BSC on 10Jan2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the BSC Foundation Office, 1255 Schafer Street, Bismarck.

**if you are interested in presenting donation checks in the community, contact the post 1. We will contact you for the presentation. **

MEMBERSHIP

American Legion Post dues are schedule to increase by \$5.00 next legion year. American Legion Post 1 will NOT be increasing their dues. Annual dues will stay at \$45.00.

PUFL: If you are interested in becoming a Paid up For Life member you can call 1-800-433-3318.

OPEN YOUR HEART (unofficial numbers)

Clothing: Received 224 clothing applications, 176 attended and we had 48 no-shows.

Food Baskets: 387 applications received. Provided food for 1,278 individuals, 473 of this number were children. Only 4 baskets were undeliverable, these baskets were delivered to Heavens Helpers.

300 empty food boxes were delivered to local schools, 254 boxes were returned full of food.

OYH Donations to date: \$60,615.54

OYH Expenditures to date: \$67,000.00

Treasurer/Finance Vacancy: Open Your Heart is looking for a Treasurer/Finance Office next year. If you are interested, email openyourheartmidco@gmail.com



Beth Handt is the Open Your Heart Admin, and she did an outstanding job this year. Thank you Darcie and Beth Handt.

American Legion Birthday Meal:

Date: 11 March 2024

Location: AMVETS, 2402 Railroad Avenue

Social: 5:30 p.m.

Meal: 6:00 p.m. Meal choices: Prime Rib or Shrimp

Post 1 will pay for Legionnaire (have to be a paid up member) and one guest.

RSVP: is required

How to I register for this event?

1. www.americanlegionbismarck.org

- Click Calendar
- Click "Register" button
- Choose American Legion Birthday Meal

2. Email the Post 1 Adjutant at

info@americanlegionbismarck.org

3. Call the American Legion Office at (701) 258-3101.

Please leave a call back phone number.

Slate of Officers:

The slate of officers should be announced in March.

The Post Membership votes on the Post Officers in April and Election of Officers will take place in May.

If you or somebody you know are interested in any of the below offices from May thru April, please email the post at info@americanlegionbismarck.org

Post 1 Commander – currently Russ Kroshus

1st Vice Commander – currently Janette Fetch

2nd Vice Commander – currently Wayne Maruska

Adjutant/Secretary – currently Janette Fetch

Historian - VACANT

Service Officer – currently Mark Landis

Chaplain – currently John Griffin

Sergeant at Arms – currently Alan Walker

Executive Committee-1year – currently Dan Rustvang

Executive Committee-2year – currently Ed Stern

Executive Committee-3year – currently Bob Wefald

Finance Officer (appointed by Executive Committee) – currently Bob Wefald

This newsletter is emailed to Legionnaires that have given Post 1 their email address and it is also posted on the Loyd Spetz American Legion website under the "about us" tab.

Post 1 website: www.americanlegionbismarck.org

Post 1 facebook: @NDAmericanLegion-Bismarck

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