



LOYD SPETZ POST 1

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

April 11	Post 1 Meeting – AMVETS - Elections	7:00 p.m.
April 22	Open Your Heart Meeting – AMVETS	5:00 p.m.
May 2	Executive Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
May 9	Post 1 Meeting – Installation of Officers	7:00 p.m.
May 30	Memorial Day Program – ND Veterans Cemetery	See below

Election of Officers:

Monday, April 11th we will have the election of officers for Post 1.

Post 1 Commander: Two legionnaires are running for the commander position, Mamie Havelka and Russ Kroshus.

1st Vice Commander: Vacant

2nd Vice Commander: Vacant

Adjutant: Currently Janette Fetch

Historian: Vacant

Service Officer: Currently Mark Landis

Chaplain: Vacant

Sergeant At Arms: Currently Al Walker

Executive Committee 1 Year term: Wayne Maruska

Executive Committee 2 Year term: Ed Stern

Executive Committee 3 Year: Bob Wefald is running for this position.

If you are interested in any of the above Officer positions, please attend the meeting.

The Executive Committee is made up of the following positions: Past Commander, Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Adjutant, 1 Year Team Executive Committee Member, 2 Year Executive Committee Member, and 3 Year Executive Committee Member.

The new officers will be sworn in on May 9, 2022 at the Regular Post Meeting.

Open Your Heart:

An Open Your Heart kick off meeting will be held at the AMVETS on April 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. If you would like to get involved with Open Your Heart, please attend the meeting.

Memorial Day:

There has been two Memorial Day Programs in the past, one at the ND Heritage Center and one at the ND Veterans Cemetery. This year, the veteran organizations have decided to participate in one event at the ND Veterans Cemetery at noon. Some of the things we are solidifying are:

- Bus transportation to the ND Veteran Cemetery. Two pick up & drop off locations (one in Bismarck and one in Mandan).
- Meet and greet with dignitaries from 11:00-11:45 at the ND Veterans Cemetery.

VA Update (Burleigh County Veterans Service Officer):

The VA recently released its Asset and Infrastructure Review Commission report regarding recommended facility closures and upgrades across the nation. No closures were recommended in North Dakota. In the Fargo area, the only recommendation was to build a Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program facility, which would provide intense outpatient treatment for substance abuse. Other “complementary strategies” were suggested, including increasing ophthalmology services; creating a dementia treatment unit; increasing partnership with the private sector; increasing primary care and mental health services; and adding a physical therapy unit to the Bismarck VA Clinic. The approval process could take two or three years. Specific recommendations may or may not be eventually approved.

A customer satisfaction survey indicated an 89% positive view of the Fargo VA Health Care System, which includes outpatient clinics throughout the state. The national average is 73%. In a related story, MSN ranked North Dakota as the number one state for veterans, largely due to availability and quality of VA health care.