



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

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

December 2023

AMERICAN LEGION EVENT REMINDERS

<b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b>		
December 11	Post 1 Meeting	7:00 p.m.
December	Open Your Heart Events (see below)	See below
December 31	Award Applications Due	
January 2	Post 1 Executive Meeting	7:00 p.m.
January 8	Post 1 Meeting	7:00 p.m.
January 26-28	Winter Conference – Bismarck Hotel	See below

**OPEN YOUR HEART**

December 18: Box assembly at Bismarck Event Center from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

December 18: volunteers needed to retrieve food totes from the Bismarck Public Schools from 8:30- 11:00 a.m. Volunteers require a vehicle that can accommodate 10-20 filled food totes.

December 19: sort, stack and count food at Bismarck Event Center at 8:00 a.m.

December 19: packing food totes at the Bismarck Event Center at 6:30 p.m.

December 20: Volunteers needed to deliver food totes using their own vehicles from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. Drive your vehicles into the Bismarck Event Center, OYH staff will load your vehicle.

For more information, visit the American Legion Website – Open Your Heart Tab at [www.americanlegionbismarck.org](http://www.americanlegionbismarck.org)

You can also contact Open Your Heart at [openyourheartmidco@gmail.com](mailto:openyourheartmidco@gmail.com)

**AWARDS – Application deadline 31December2023**

Distinguished Service Award – This award is meant for Legionnaires who have been members for over 25 years and have consistently exhibited continuing leadership and excellence in legion programs and administration.

Legionnaire of the Year Award – Period of award is January 1 – December 31, 2023. Nominee must be selected by a majority of members at a regular post meeting and based on service to the American Legion, service to community, state, and nation.

Law Officer of the Year Award – Individuals who have protected your community during the period of January 1-December 31, 2023.

Fire Fighter of the Year Award – Individuals who have protected your community during the period of January 1-December 31, 2023. Must be a living, active, full-time or volunteer fire fighter affiliated with a Fire Department located in North Dakota.

Baseball Hall of Fame Award – Recognize individuals who have contributed to the promotion of the American Legion Baseball Program in ND.

**\*\*Contact the Post 1 Adjutant to complete the forms/packet for the above awards\*\***

**American Legion Department of ND Winter Conference:**

Dates: January 26-28, 2024

Location: The Bismarck Hotel

Phone Number: 701-660-8063

Block of rooms have been reserved and discounted rates go through January 2, 2024.

You can find more information at [www.ndlegion.org](http://www.ndlegion.org) in the "Events" tab.

Registration: \$25.00 is paid for by Post No. 1 and will be submitted to Department HQ. Let the Post 1 Adjutant know if you plan on attending.

Banquet Ticket Price before 10Jan2024: \$35.00

Banquet Ticket Price after 10Jan2024: \$40.00

Banquet registrations should be sent to: ND American Legion, 405 West Main Ave Suite 4-A, West Fargo, ND 58078 (form is attached to this newsletter).

**ALL VETERANS HONOR GUARD**

There will NOT be All Veteran Honor Guard Training in December due to the holidays. Training will resume in January 2024. Fourth Tuesday of the month.

**PAID UP FOR LIFE (PUFL)**

If you are interested in becoming a Paid up For Life member you can:

1. Call 1-800-433-3318
2. Fill out the PUFL application and mail it in.

Lloyd Spetz Post 1 coordinated a Visit with Veterans at the Prairie Point Home in Bismarck, ND, December 2023.



Legionnaires: Wayne Maruska, Arnie Havelka, Larry Barnett, John Griffin, and Daniel Rustvang along with resident veterans.



LtoR: Daniel Rustvang, Janette Fetch, Russ Kroshus, Darcie Handt, Beth Handt, Phil Miller, and John Griffin.

Open Your Heart helped 169 families on Saturday, December 2, 2023 during the Target shopping day.

**DONATIONS MADE BY AMERICAN LEGION POST 1**



Post 1 donated to the Open Your Heart Christmas Campaign during the live remote broadcast with KFVR on Dec 2, 2023.



Post 1 donated to the Western ND Honor Flight on Nov 21, 2023. Pictured above is the Western ND Honor Flight Board and Legionnaire Janette Fetch.



Post 1 donated to 40 & 8 Voiture 291 Nurses Training Scholarship at BSC. Pictured above: Legionnaire Janette Fetch, 40&8 members Bob Bird and Ed Stern.



Post 1 donated to the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery in November 2023. Pictured above is Holly Gaugler, North Dakota Veterans Cemetery Foundation, Legionnaire Janette Fetch, and North Dakota Veterans Cemetery Director Pam Helbling-Schafer.

\*\*if you are interested in presenting donation checks in the community, contact the post 1 email address (below). We will contact you for the presentation. \*\*

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](http://www.americanlegionbismarck.org)  
 Post 1 facebook: [@NDAmericanLegion-Bismarck](https://www.facebook.com/NDAmericanLegion-Bismarck)  
 Post 1 Email: [info@americanlegionbismarck.org](mailto:info@americanlegionbismarck.org)  
 Post 1 Phone Number: 701-258-3101

# 2024 Winter Conference

## American Legion Advanced Registration and Banquet Ticket Order Form January 26-28, 2024 at The Bismarck Hotel, Bismarck, ND

Please call The Bismarck Hotel at 701-660-8063 ask for the American Legion room block discount by January 2nd.

Please note the price of the banquet tickets increases by \$5 after **January 10th**. A limited number of tickets are available at the registration desk on a first come first serve basis. Preregistration forms and banquet tickets will not be accepted after January 18th and you will be required to register at the Winter Conference.

Post/Squadron Location \_\_\_\_\_ Post/Squad # \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Conference Legion/SAL Registration Fee: \$25

Preregistration **Advanced** Banquet Ticket Price: \$35  
*(Cutoff for Preregistered Advanced Tickets Discount is 1/10/2024)*

Banquet Ticket Price after January 10th: \$40

### Banquet Menu Details

Pancetta Chicken

*Chicken breast stuffed with cream cheese, garlic, spinach and sun dried tomatoes, wrapped in pancetta, and topped with garlic cream sauce.  
(gluten free)*

Member Name _____	
Winter Conf Banquet on <b>Saturday</b>	# _____ x \$35 = \$ _____
Registration Fee \$25	= \$ <u>25</u>
Late fee of \$5 per plate ONLY AFTER 1/10/2024	= \$ _____
<b>Total Due</b>	\$ _____

Member Name _____	
Winter Conf Banquet on <b>Saturday</b>	# _____ x \$35 = \$ _____
Registration Fee \$25	= \$ <u>25</u>
Late fee of \$5 per plate ONLY AFTER 1/10/2024	= \$ _____
<b>Total Due</b>	\$ _____

Please mail the registration form and payment to

ND American Legion  
405 West Main Ave Suite 4-A  
West Fargo, ND 58078

PLEASE DO NOT MAIL WITH SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS

**Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**