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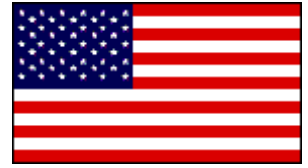
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ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

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Introduction

History - The American Legion

A group of twenty officers who served in the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) in France in World War I is credited with planning The American Legion. AEF Headquarters asked these officers to suggest ideas on how to improve troop morale. One officer, Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., proposed an organization of veterans. In February 1919, this group formed a temporary committee and selected several hundred officers who had the confidence and respect of the whole army.

When the first organizational meeting took place in Paris on 15-17 March 1919, about 1,000 officers and enlisted men attended. The meeting, known as the Paris Caucus, adopted a temporary constitution and the name The American Legion. It also elected an executive committee to complete the organization's work. It considered each soldier of the AEF a member of the Legion. The executive committee named a subcommittee to organize veterans at home in the US.

The Legion held a second organizing caucus in St.

Louis, Missouri in May 1919. It completed the constitution and made plans for a permanent organization. It set up temporary headquarters in New York City and began relief, employment, and Americanism programs.

Congress granted the Legion a national charter on September 16, 1919. The first national convention, held in Minneapolis, adopted a permanent constitution and elected officers to head the organization.

The charter was amended in 1942 to admit World War II veterans and again in 1950 to include veterans of the Korean War. Later it included soldiers who had served in conflicts in Lebanon/Grenada, Panama, Persian Gulf and has been open since August 2, 1990 until congress closes the dates.

The Legion's major concern has always been the veterans. It played an important role in the creation of the US Veterans Administration and the enactment of the GI Bill of Rights for World War II and Korean Veterans. Also important has been the community, youth, and Americanism.

The American Legion national headquarters is located at 700 N Pennsylvania St, in Indianapolis, Indiana.



History - South Dakota

Department of The American Legion

The South Dakota Department of The American Legion was organized simultaneously with the national organization. South Dakota Adjutant General William A. Morris named Theodore R. Johnson of Sioux Falls to select a committee of representative ex-service men to attend the first caucus in St Louis, Missouri, May 8-10, 1919.

After the first national caucus, a temporary South Dakota organization was formed at Vermillion on May 15, 1919 with Theodore R. Johnson as chairman. The first state convention was held in Sioux Falls on July 14 and 15, 1919. Myron L. Shade of Mitchell was elected the first Department Commander. Forty-eight posts had been organized by convention time.

The South Dakota Department now consists of about 260 posts with about 26,000 members.

One of the American Legion programs with South Dakota roots is American Legion baseball, now a nationwide program. It was conceived at the state convention at Milbank in 1925. Frank Sieh of Aberdeen originated the idea. A granite monument at Milbank commemorates the

formation of Legion Baseball there.

The South Dakota American Legion Department Headquarters is located in the Codington County courthouse in Watertown. The South Dakota Legion contributed to the construction cost of that courthouse and thus was granted rent-free space in the courthouse for the life of the building.

History - Aberdeen SD & Sidney L Smith, Post #24



Like most towns in the great plains, Aberdeen was started as a railroad town. Charles H Prior, the town site agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St Paul railroad filed the first papers at the land office in Watertown, part of the Dakota Territory, for a town to be located at the spot where his employer's rail line was expected to intersect the Chicago Northwestern's proposed line. Alexander Mitchell, president of the Chicago, Milwaukee, & St Paul, named the town-to-be Aberdeen, after his own hometown in Scotland. The first plat of land was deeded on the 3rd of January, 1881 and the first train arrived July 6th with the post office established that August. In 1885, Aberdeen was named the Seat of Brown County.

The railroad continued to play a large role in the growth of Aberdeen, after the initial two lines met in 1881, seven more were added so that by 1906 nine sets of tracks lead into what would become known as the Hub City; four lines for the Chicago, Milwaukee, & St Paul, two lines for the Chicago Northwestern, one line for the Great Northern, and two lines for the Minneapolis & St Louis.

The convergence of rail lines made Aberdeen a natural stopping point for troop trains delivering recruits to the US Army in both World Wars, and when the USO and Red Cross built a canteen in the Milwaukee Rail depot in 1943, they couldn't have known that it would become one of Aberdeen's most memorable locations. From it's opening on the 14th of Aug until just before Christmas of 1943, the canteen provided over 150,000 free meals to troops passing through the station, a remarkable endeavor, but the real history was still to come.

Local farmers, still eager to contribute to the canteen despite being well past the harvest season, donated pheasants from recent hunts to the canteen and started a trend that would lead to the canteen becoming unofficially renamed the "Pheasant Canteen". With an average of over 500 soldiers per day traveling through the depot, the Pheasant Canteen continued to give a free meal to every serviceman, highlighted by the now famous pheasant sandwiches. Any soldier arriving at the depot on their birthday would also receive a special cake, and there was a decorated tree each Christmas and colored eggs each Easter. When the Pheasant Canteen closed on the 31st of March, 1946, between 510,000 and 600,000 servicemen had been feed, all at no cost to themselves or the military. Every meal

was donated by the residents of Aberdeen and 40 other towns within a 75 mile radius.

Of course, support for the serviceman was nothing new to the Aberdeen area.

The VFW had formed a presence here as early as 1903 (fourth oldest continuously active post), and The American Legion followed 1919 when the call first went out to constitute posts. By 1921 the American Legion was running their own veterans employment program in the city, and had a theatrical troupe that performed annual plays at the local theater, along with a post band.

The post chose the name of Sidney L Smith, in honor of Private First Class Smith who was killed in action while serving as a dispatch runner in Soissons France, July 20th 1918 as part of Co. L, 18th U.S. Infantry, 1st Div.

While born in Canton, Il (1896) and



Sidney Laurence Smith

having gone to military school in Roswell, NM, Sidney L Smith had moved to Aberdeen in 1915 and had joined the military as part of the South Dakota national guard. He was stationed at Camp Pontis in Mobridge, SD when he transferred to the 148th Machine Gun Battalion. He later transferred again to the 1st Infantry Division, 18th Brigade, Company L where he saw action at the Battle of Cantigny, and was in the trenches for 70 days at Montdidier, France. In Fosh's big drive, Smith's company took part in the battle of Chateau-Thierry, and then Sessions, where he was listed as missing in action for 9 months before Congressman Royal C. Johnson assisted the Red Cross' efforts to determine his fate. Smith's status was changed from MIA and a telegram was sent to his family from the adjutant general's office at Washington, DC, it reads as follows:

"Pvt. Sidney L. Smith, Infantry previously reported severely wounded in action between July 18 and July 24, now reported Killed in action July 20." [1918]

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Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

to maintain law and order;

to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;

to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars;

to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;

to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

to make right the master of might;

to promote peace and good will on earth;

to safeguard and transmit to Posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Thanks/Acknowledgments

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The Aberdeen American News, Aberdeen, SD, for their coverage of post activities and events throughout the year.

All members of Post 24 who contributed photographs for use in this compilation.

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The Year that was 2005

by Charles D. Strom, Historian

Election Results



Commander Sebert



1st Vice Adams



2nd Vice Stuart



Chaplain Vande Kamp



Finance Kezar



Adjutant Schumacher



Sgt @ Arms Mislitz



Assistant Sgt @ Arms
Beckler



Service Gohn



Historian Strom



Children & Youth -
Nemmers



Americanism - Strom



Athletics - Perrizo



Employment - Warne

Boys State - Orientation

With the number of Boys State candidates that the post sponsors, coupled with the low level of representation at district orientation, the post decided to host a local orientation as well, for students from the three Aberdeen schools. Nine of the twenty candidates attended, along with four parents. Two of the boys staters from 2004 also attended to give their impressions and talk about their experiences.

NAME of Candidate	COACH/SPONSOR	YEAR
Matt Palmer	Nancy Palmer	05
David Sahli	Tammy Sahli	05
Adam Paulson		05
Andy Erickson		05
Jordan McQuillen	John McQuillen	05
Taylor Swenson		05
Kevin Kelly		05
Justin Heyd	Adam Heyd	05
Tyler Harrel		04
Andy Cahoy		04
Steve Larson		05

Matt Palmer (with mother Nancy), David Sahli (w/ mother Tammy), Adam Paulson, Andy Erickson, Jordan McQuillen (w/ father John), Taylor Swenson, Kevin Kelly, Justin Heyd, Tyler Harrel (2004), Andy Cahoy (2004), and Steve Larson.

Memorial Day

MEMORIAL DAY RIVERSIDE CEMETERY PROGRAM

Monday, May 30, 2005

8:00 AM

The program arrangements, coffee and donuts, colors and color guard, taps, firing squad are furnished through the volunteer services of the members of The American Legion and The VFW.

7:00 AMCoffee and donuts at the VFW Club Building

7:45 AMAssemble at the VFW Club Building, 821 Circle Drive

8:00 AM Order of Service at Riverside Cemetery

Master of Ceremonies.....Al Sebert, Commander, American Legion Sidney L. Smith Post #24

Invocation by Chaplain Greg Vande Kamp, American Legion Sidney L. Smith Post #24

ROLL CALL OF THE DEAD: Read by Al Sebert, Commander

The American Legion, Sydney L. Smith Post #24

Civil War - 98 dead; Indian War - 2 dead; Spanish War - 19 dead;

World War I - 442 dead; World War II - 447 dead; Korean War - 63 dead;

Vietnam War - 43 dead; Peacetime - 8 dead; Desert Storm - 1 dead

Total of 1123 deceased Veterans buried in Riverside and Riverside Memorial Cemeteries.

Deposit of wreaths at the Grand Army Monument:

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary - Jean Hubert

The American Legion Auxiliary - Romona Ketterling

Eagles Auxiliary - Deb Hyde

Girl Scouts of The USA Troop #158 - George Tuupal

Boy Scouts of America - Troop #51 - Rich Grote

FIRING SQUAD - Salute to the deceased

TAPSDON MOGEN

8:45 AM - Order of Services at St. Mary's Cemetery

Master of CeremoniesDon Whittlinger, Commander VFW Post #17

ROLL CALL OF THE DEAD: Read by Don Whittlinger, Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars

World War 1 - 37 dead; World War 2 - 170 dead; Korean War - 37 dead;

Vietnam War - 14 dead; Peacetime - 5 dead; Desert storm - 1 dead

Total of 264 deceased Veterans buried in St. Mary's Cemetery

PRAYER FOR THE DECEASED VETERANS: Father Gregory Tschakert
St. Mary's Church

FIRING SQUAD - Salute to the deceased

TAPSDon Mogen

9:15 AM - Order of Services at Sacred Heart Cemetery

Master of CeremoniesDon Whittlinger, Commander VFW Post #17

ROLL CALL OF THE DEAD: Read by Don Whittlinger, Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars

Spanish War - 2 dead; Civil War - 8 dead; World War 1 - 98 dead;

World War 2 - 118 dead; Korean War - 21 dead; Vietnam War - 11 dead;

Peacetime - 3 dead; Desert Storm - 1 dead.

Total of 262 deceased Veterans buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery

PRAYER FOR THE DECEASED VETERANS: Father Simon
Sacred Heart Church

FIRING SQUAD - Salute to the deceased

TAPSDon Mogen

Walt Bloom

2005 MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

Sunset Memorial Gardens
Monday, May 30, 2005 • 10:00 AM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES Richard Kezar
 ADVANCE OF COLORS Sidney L. Smith Post No. 24 American Legion Color Guard
 STAR SPANGLED BANNER Dakota Heritage Barber Shop Chorus
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Girl Scouts of the USA Troop #168
 INVOCATION Pastor Don Peck - United Methodist
 GENERAL LOGAN'S MEMORIAL DAY ORDER OF MAY 5, 1868 Dale Street
 RECOGNITION OF FORMER POW'S - Syd Monrison, William (Bill) Fry, Richard Grandpre Richard Kezar
 RECOGNITION OF GOLD STAR MOTHERS Richard Kezar
 MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER FOR ALL POW'S AND MIAs

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

District 14 Commander of The American Legion Gerald Sanborn
 District 14 President of The American Legion Auxiliary June Malsom
 Commander of The American Legion Post No. 24 Al Sebert
 President of The American Legion Auxiliary Romona Ketterling
 Commander of C.C. Croat Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 17 Don Whittlinger
 State Dept. Conductress of Veteran of Foreign War Auxiliary Diane Hickenbotham
 District #6 Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary President Mary Pietz
 President of C.C. Croat Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Jean Hubert
 Seam Squirrel of the Coonies Al Sebert
 Commander of The Disabled American Veterans Allan Ochsner
 President of The Eagles Auxiliary No. 632 Deb Hyde
 Grad Chef de Gare du South Dakota Vern Tech
 Chef de Gare 40 at 8 Locale No. 146 Sam Olson
 Cabane No. 146 Marcela Lepp
 Girl Scouts of the USA Troop #168 George Toupal
 Sioux Council Boy Scouts of America Troop #51 Rich Grote
 Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Honor Guard
 Interpreter for the Deaf Nancy Schliebmayer

ADDRESS OF THE DAY U.S. Congresswoman Stephanie Herseth
 Patriotic Medley - America the Beautiful - Audience Joining in on God Bless America Dakota Heritage Barber Shop Chorus
 ROLL CALL OF THE DEAD: Read by Richard Kezar
 World War 1 - 110 dead; World War 2 - 32 dead; Korean War - 154 dead; Vietnam War - 52 dead;
 Peacetime - 29 dead; Desert Storm - 4 dead; Iraq - 1.
 Total of 779 deceased Veterans buried in Sunset Memorial Gardens
 SALUTE - AMERICAN LEGION FIRING SQUAD
 TAPS Don Mogen
 Benediction Pastor Don Peck - United Methodist
 Retiring of Colors AMERICAN Legion Color Guard

Complimentary BBQ and Chips will be served in the Mausoleum Building after the program.

PROGRAM SPONSORED BY
 The American Legion Sidney L. Smith Post No. 24
 The Veterans of Foreign Wars, C.C. Croat Post No. 17
 In case of inclement weather, the program will be held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars
821 Circle Dr.

After a cold, wet May, it was a welcome blessing when Memorial Day dawned bright and (relatively) clear.

As per tradition, the first service of the day was held at 8:00am before the monument of The Grand Army of the Republic at Riverside Cemetery. After Chaplain Vande Kamp's invocation, the roll call of each era was read; 1123 graves of fellow servicemen - from the Civil War through the Persian Gulf - each marked the previous Thursday with a 4"x6" American Flag that legion members would return to collect later in the week.

After Commander Sebert had announced the number of interments for each era, wreaths were presented by area organizations (VFW Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary, Eagles Auxiliary, Girl Scout troop #168, and Boy Scout troop #51), and the Sidney L Smith color guard rendered the 21 gun salute; Don Mogen played *Taps*.

Roll Call, prayers, the salute, and *Taps* were also held at St Mary's Cemetery (8:45) and Sacred Heart (9:15), with Don Whittlinger, commander of the VFW in Aberdeen, as the master of ceremonies. Don Mogan and the post color guard performed at all three services.

Then it was on to Sunset Memorial Gardens for the main Memorial Day program. Along with the opening ceremony (advance of the Colors, national anthem, pledge of allegiance, and invocation), the reading of General Logan's orders, and the recognition of special guests, this program included the official roll call of service members from each era, *Taps*, and the 21 gun salute, as well as music, a moment of silence for POWs/MIAs, and keynote speaker, before the closing ceremony (*Taps*, benediction, and retiring of the Colors). The keynote speaker this year was US Representative Stephanie Herseth



Department Convention - Sioux Falls, SD



Gene Schumacher and Ed Lambert were two of the post members that attended the 87th annual Department Convention in Sioux Falls.

Monster Burgers



View of the Monster Burgers cooking, the grill can hold up to 30 burgers at one time.

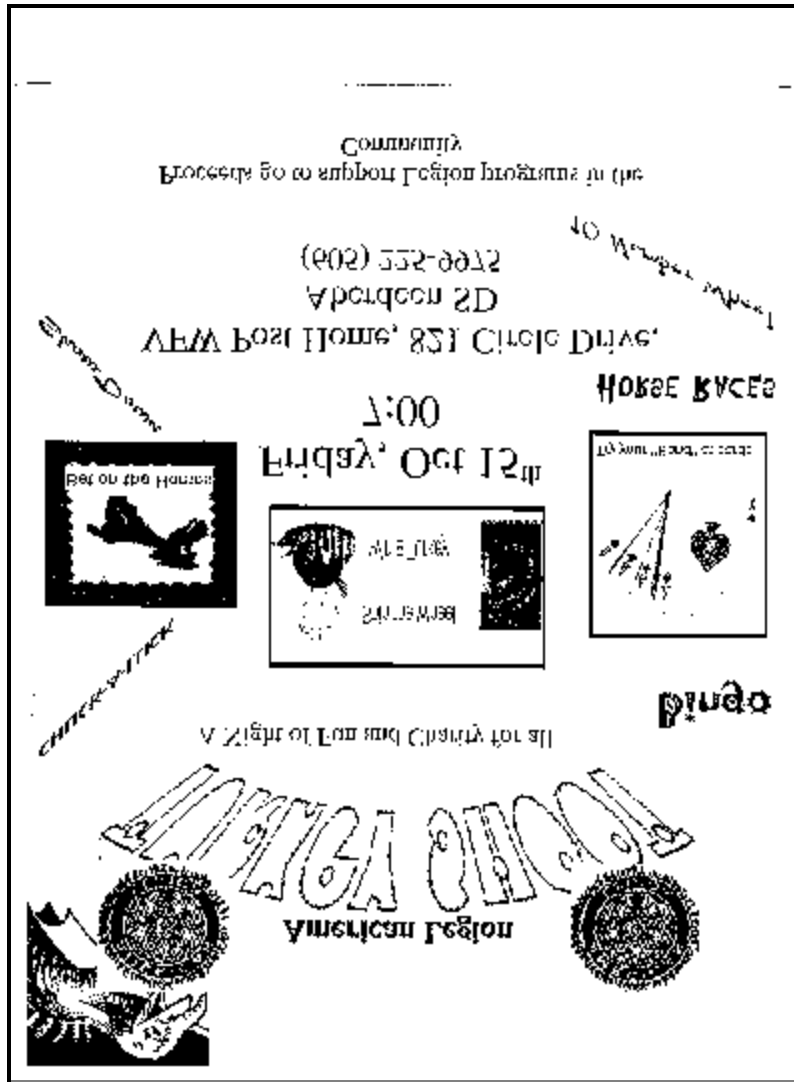
Of course, all that cooking means that Commander Sebert has to clean the grill after we are done.



The crowds appear to like all the effort.



Turkey Shoot



The October charity night (also known as Game Night or the Turkey Shoot) remains one of the posts major fund raising events each year.

This flyer was one of many advertisements used for the event.

DAV Van

The post worked with the Aberdeen DAV and other area supporters to allow the Disabled American Vets reach their goal and purchase a van for use in transporting area veterans to their appointments at the Sioux Falls or Fargo VA hospitals. With many elderly veterans needing to make the three hour trip to either facility, the van is a great asset to have available and is sure to get much use.



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Veterans Day

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THIS PROGRAM

REVIEW OF THE COLORS American Legion Color Guard

BENEDICTION Bishop Kevin
 ANNOUNCEMENTS Bishop Kevin
 (ANNOUNCE PATRONAGE)

GOD BLESS AMERICA American Central Symphonic Band

ADDRESS OF THE DAY American Legion State Service Officer - William Aue
 (Under the direction of Rev. Kevin)

ARMED FORCES SUTURE American Central Symphonic Band

AMERICAN LEGION SOCIETY, COMMANDER Bill Brown

RESIDENT, ADDRESS OF ROBERTA MAE BOST #12 AIX Bill Brown

STATE CHURCH, ADDRESS OF ST. PAUL AIX Bill Brown

COMMUNITARIAN, BANC GEORGE, DEL. #823 Don Vukobrat

COMMANDER, DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS Bill Brown

RESIDENT, SUVALE FOSTER #12 William Aue

CHIEF DE CABE FOSTER #12 #818 Bill Brown

RESIDENT, AMERICAN LEGION POST #12 ALEXANDRA William Aue

COMMANDER, AMERICAN LEGION POST #12 Bill Brown

COMMANDER, ALA. SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND Bill Brown

RESIDENT, ADDRESS OF ROBERTA MAE BOST #12 AIX Bill Brown

COMMANDER, ADDRESS OF ROBERTA MAE BOST #12 AIX Bill Brown
 (Please call your address and phone number)

INTRODUCTION OF ORGANIZATIONS

RECOGNITION OF GOLD STAR FAMILIES Bishop Kevin
 (Present at St. Paul's Church, 1000 Parkway, & Social Members Offices)

RECOGNITION OF WOMEN VETERANS Bishop Kevin
 (Present at St. Paul's Church, 1000 Parkway, & Social Members Offices)

MUSICAL PRESENTATIONS American Legion School Elementary Choir

MASSALION American Legion School Elementary Choir

PRAYER OF UNIFICATION Bishop Kevin

NATIONAL ANTHEM American Legion School Elementary Choir

ADVANCE OF THE COLORS American Legion Color Guard
 (From St. Paul and State)

PRAYER OF SEVERALTY Bishop Kevin

VERDEVA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL



Thank you...
Civilians challenged to go on 'active duty'
Helping out military families one way to honor veterans
Veterans Day events today in Aberdeen
Millions served, thousands died

Aberdeen-area civilians were challenged today to go on "active duty" by helping out military families as a way to honor veterans.

Military families who have been affected by the war have a special day today. They are being asked to go on "active duty" by helping out military families as a way to honor veterans.

The day's activities will include a parade through the city, a luncheon at the Aberdeen Convention Center, and a dedication of a new veterans memorial terminal at the Aberdeen Regional Airport.

The parade will start at 10 a.m. and will travel through the city streets. The luncheon will be held at the Aberdeen Convention Center from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. The dedication of the new veterans memorial terminal will take place at the Aberdeen Regional Airport at 3 p.m.

The new terminal is a \$10-million project that will provide a more comfortable and convenient place for veterans to travel. It will also provide a place for veterans to meet with family members and friends.

The day's activities are being sponsored by the Aberdeen Area Veterans Council and the Aberdeen Regional Airport Authority.

While the Veterans Day program was held Nov 10th to accommodate the high school, there was a dedication of the third statue and veterans memorial terminal (at the Aberdeen Regional Airport).



Post members Curt Mislitz and Paula Beckler were part of the honor guard for the dedication.



Nupen (American Legion)

Earlier in the year, several of the supporting organizations had been invited to meet with the artist and see the work in progress. Shown are Don Whitlinger (VFW), Alan Oschner (DAV), Larry Lightenburg (American Legion), BenVictor (artist), and Larry

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year



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In 2005, Post #24 participated in the law enforcement officer of the year program for the first time, selecting Sergeant Daryl VanDover of the Aberdeen Police Department. Sergeant VanDover's application was forwarded on to the department, where he was also selected as the South Dakota LEO of the year.

Sgt VanDover is pictured below with his wife Crys after being presented a plaque at the March meeting.

Police Captain Bittner, Sgt VanDover, Commander Sebert, and Americanism officer Strom are pictured in the article.



Past Commanders Night



Past commanders Ed Lambert, Larry Nupen, Bob Fulker, and Ron Leighey



State Commander Phil Anderson, Dale Strom, Dick Adams, and District commander Gerald Sandborn



(Clockwise on front table) Red Vetter (PDC), Larry Nupen, Bob Fulker, Gerald Sandborn (District 14 commander), Dan Zinter, and Ron Leighey.

(Back table) Phil Anderson (Department Commander) and Dale Strom



Gunner Batrup (candidate for SD commander), Walt Lindeman (PDC), Ron Boyd (SD Adjutant), Ed Lambert (standing), Sid Beckler, Paula Beckler. Back table: Lloyd Just, Darrel Haskel



Al Sebert, Lloyd Just, Darrel Haskel, Earl Shultz, Larry Price (NEC), Dan Zinter (back to camera)



Phil Anderson (SD Comander), Dale Strom, Dick Adams, Gunner Batrup (candidate for 2006 SD department commander)



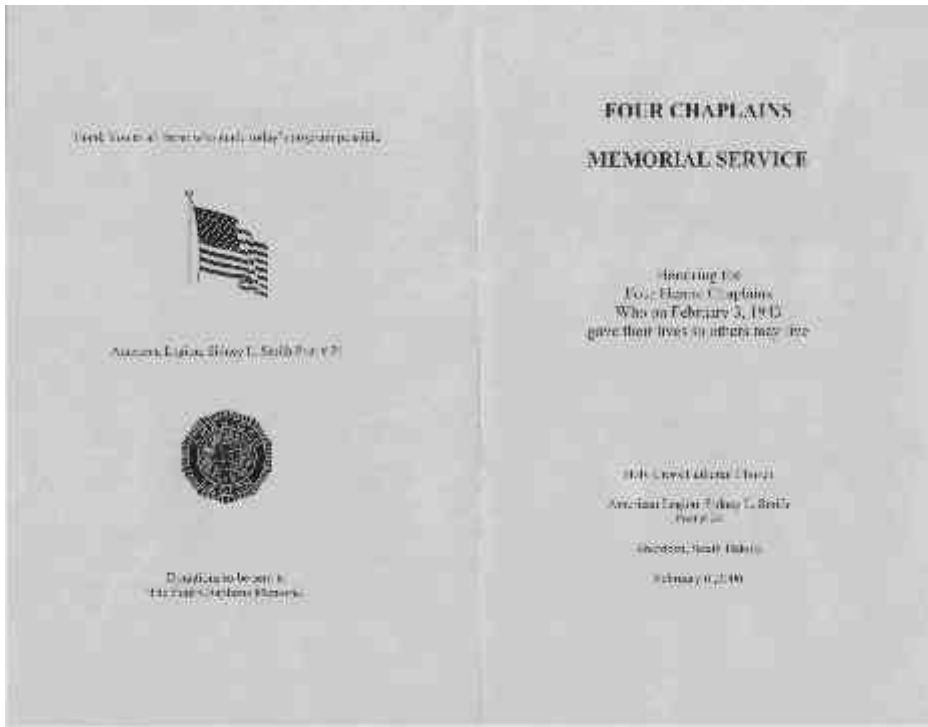
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Dale Strom, acting president of the past commanders, presented Ron and Kim Erickson with a special recognition award.

Garry Warne presented Dale Strom with a desk top clock from the post in recognition for his efforts with the Americanism and Public Relations programs over the past few years.



Four Chaplains



Chaplain Vande Kamp held a second annual memorial service for the Four Chaplains in February.

FOUR CHAPLAINS MEMORIAL SERVICE	FOUR CHAPLAINS MEMORIAL SERVICE	
<p>The Collier</p> <p>God of our Faith, comfort our G.I.s. Thank you for the unity that the DORCHESTER Chaplains, these four men, offered, demonstrated in life and death.</p> <p>Unity that is not uniformity.</p> <p>Unity that strengthens with the use of necessary worthy loyalty of faith and practice.</p> <p>Unity that transcends all our differences and makes us one in loyalty to our country and our fellow men, and to you our God.</p> <p>Grant us now Your Affirming presence and may we remain faithful in the spirit of our Four Chaplains who, having learned to live and serve together, in death were not divided.</p> <p>Amen</p>	<p>Welcome Catherine, Ph.D. President of NCCU</p> <p>Theresa of All Saints</p> <p>Richard Kofas</p> <p>Lawrence</p> <p>WALTER THEODORE BUCKLEY</p> <p>Who Are the Chaplains?</p> <p>Dr. George L. Fox Methodist Chaplain</p> <p>Dr. Alexander T. Good Presbyterian Chaplain</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Leo</p> <p>Dr. John P. Winkelman Roman Catholic Chaplain</p> <p>Dr. Charles R. King Reformed Chaplain</p> <p>Who Are the Chaplains?</p> <p>Dr. Leo King</p> <p>Reverend Dr. King</p> <p>Dr. Leo King</p>	<p>Alison</p> <p>All</p> <p>Canon Mark Chavis</p> <p>Rev. Fred King The American Baptist</p> <p>Sharon Herlihy Prince</p> <p>Rev. Leo King Methodist Chaplain</p> <p>Rev. Dr. King Presbyterian Chaplain</p> <p>All</p> <p>Rev. Dr. King Baptist Chaplain</p> <p>Rev. Dr. King Reformed Chaplain</p> <p>All</p> <p>Rev. Dr. King</p>

Government Day



American News Photo by Steve Johnson
Learning about government: Brown County Circuit Court Judge Don Bertram talks to students from Yankton and Britton high schools Tuesday as part of the American Legion's Brown County Government Day at the Brown County Courthouse in Aberdeen. Forty-three students participated, which included tours of the auditorium, assessor's register of deeds and Treasurer's offices, along with the jail and Dakota Prairie Museum.

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While participation from the Aberdeen Schools didn't work out, the post assisted the Brown County Commander in hosting County Government Day

A tour of the Dakota Prairie Museum was part of the day, and a subsequent visit showed the post's thank you to them hanging on their bulletin board.



Boys State Interviews

Eric

The American Legion Boys State program was started in Illinois in 1935 and is primarily designed to help participants understand and appreciate the principles and workings of Government, at the national, state, county, and local levels. Along with this, however, there is an implied emphasis on the values, rights, and responsibilities of citizenship. Applicants should have a firm understanding of these concepts already, and the selection committee requests that you fill out this short form to help us gauge your understanding and awareness of these areas.

1) Is the Constitution of the United States of America a Liberal document, or a Conservative one?

THE CONSTITUTION IS THE LIBERAL DOCUMENT BECAUSE IT ALLOWS FOR CHANGES TO BE MADE AS NEEDED.

2) What is the greatest benefit of living in this country?

THE GREATEST BENEFIT OF LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES IS THE GIVEN RIGHT TO DO WHATEVER YOU WANT TO DO AS LONG AS IT DOES NOT IMPEDE ON THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS.

3) Who is the Senior Senator from SD, and why do they have that title?

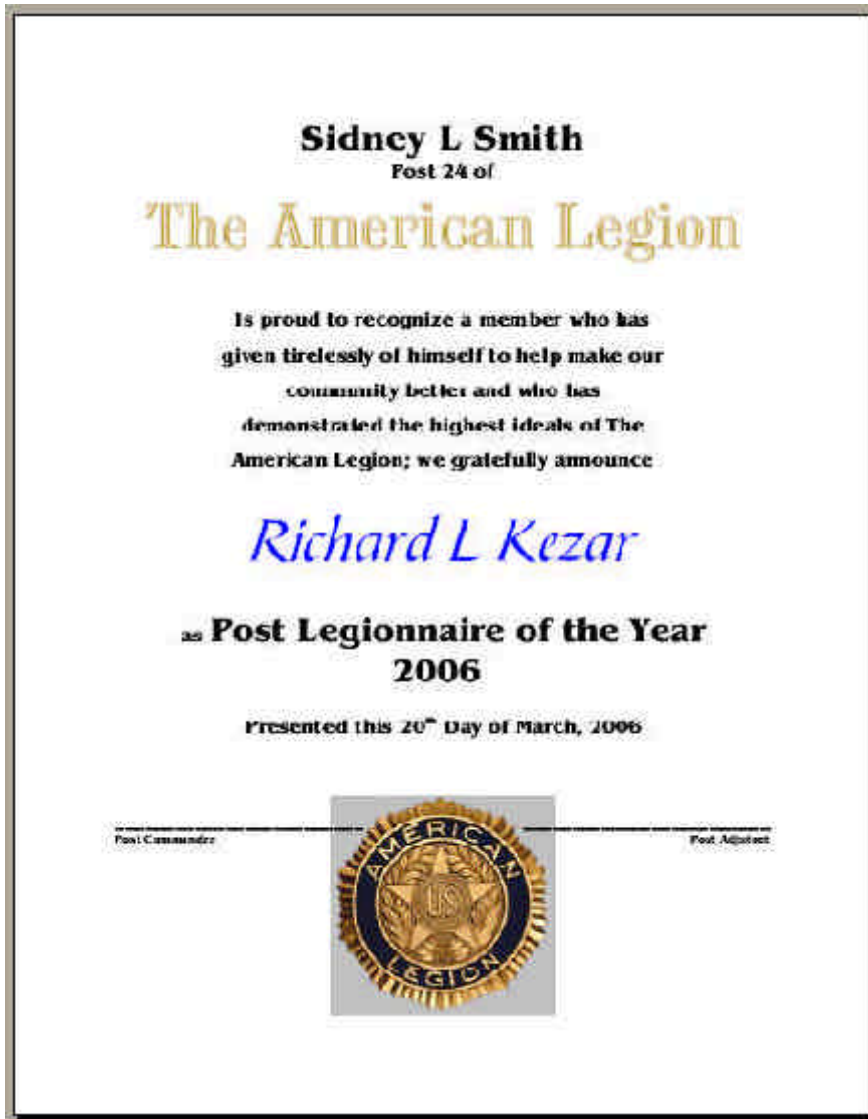
4) There are five (5) specific freedoms granted by the First Amendment, can you name all of them?

1. Freedom of Speech 2. Freedom of Assembly 3. Freedom of Religion 4. Freedom of press.

5) What do you see as the greatest threat to the country?

THE GREATEST THREAT TO THIS COUNTRY IS ITS COMPLACENCY. STUDENTS IN THIS COUNTRY ARE NOT AWARE OF THE FACT THAT COMPETITION FOR FUTURE JOBS IS BECOMING A WORLD WIDE COMPETITION. NATIONS SUCH AS CHINA AND INDIA ARE PROVIDING AMERICAN BUSINESSES WITH A LARGE EDUCATED WORKFORCE WHO WILL DO IT FOR LESS.

Post Legionnaire of the Year



In March, the post officers and the executive committee chose Rich Kezar as the Post Legionnaire of the year.

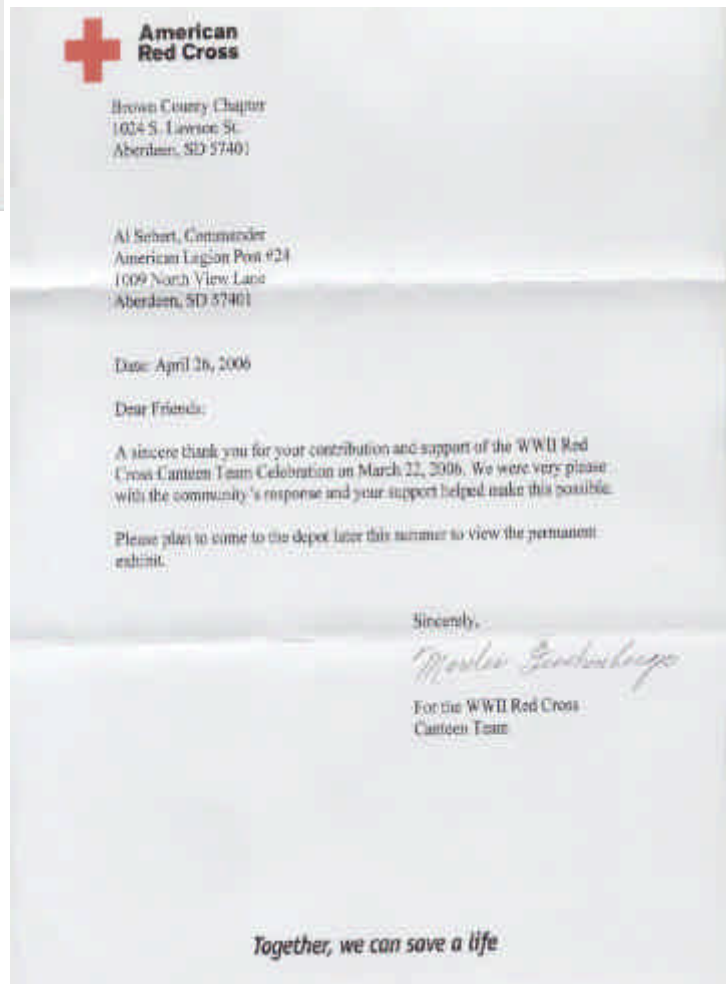
Rich was also selected as the district's representative.



USO - Pheasant Canteen



March was the 60th anniversary of the “Pheasant Canteen” closing and the Red Cross held a special program to commemorate it, and Post #24 was there to help.



District Meeting

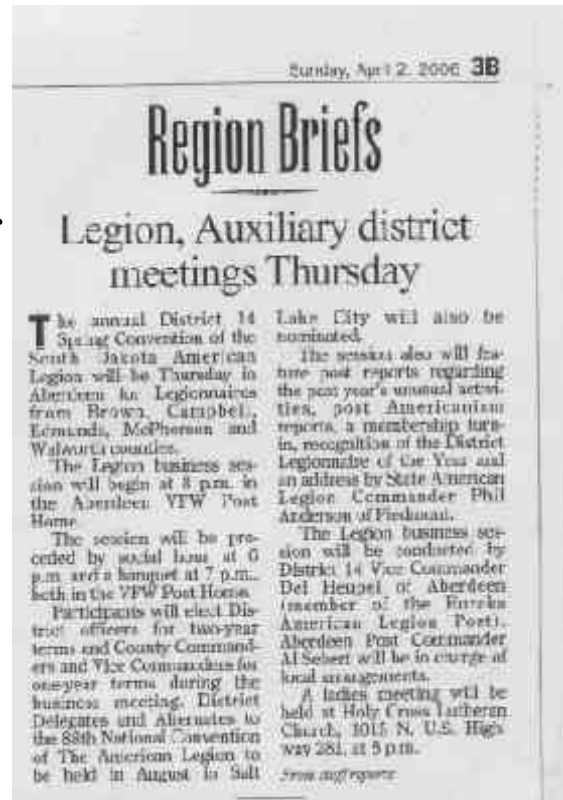
Post #24 hosted the 14th district's spring meeting in April. At the meeting Post member Kezar (see page 51) was selected as the District Legionnaire of the year, and Strom was elected as the Brown County commander for 2006.



Kezar



Strom



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Citizenship awards	17	The American Legion	2
Government Day	35	Paris Caucus	2
Law Enforcement Officer of the Year		Horse Races	19
.	31	Legionnaire of the Year	37
Memorial Day	20	Memorials	
Athletics		airport	30
Baseball	4	Four Chaplains	34
Baseball	4	Memorial Day	20
Cooperative Efforts		Past Commanders	32
VFW	23	Officers	15
Cooprative Ventures		Paris Caucus	2
DAV	28	Past Commanders	32
Red Cross	38	Pheasant Canteen	7, 38
VFW	23, 29	Sidney L Smith	8
Fund Raising		The American Legion	2
Horse Races	19	headquaters	3
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