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Members of the Bloomington Kennedy girls swim and dive team surround a Post 550 big check for \$10,000 at the team's annual banquet, which was held at the Bloomington Veterans Center on Nov. 27. The post helped with the cost of a new scoreboard. The school district's swimming scoreboard was woefully behind the times compared to other teams in the conference.



The Bloomington American Legion Post 550 shuttle bus was ready and waiting to take the Bloomington Honor Guard to the official Minnesota Veterans Day Program on Nov. 11.



Post 550 Commander Dan Welch leads the Bloomington Honor Guard on Nov. 11 at the official Minnesota Veterans Day Program in Inver Grove Heights.



The Bloomington Honor Guard, a mix of American Legion Post 550 and VFW Post 1296 members, stopped at Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776 after the state program.



Bloomington Honor Guard member Jim Mead blows a bugle while the riflemen stand at attention during a Veterans Day ceremony at the Bloomington Veterans Center.

Post 550 Revised Sept. 2023 Minutes

- Meeting called to order by Post Commander Dan Welch.
- Colors presented, prayer offered. The POW flag was placed on an empty chair. Pledge and Preamble recited.
- Guests: None
- Roll call of officers: 2nd Vice Commander excused.
- Printed copies of the August minutes distributed. Engstrom moved, Mead seconded, and the minutes were approved.
- Adjutant: Warren Christopherson provided information about the upcoming American Legion College at Camp Ripley in mid-October.
- Chaplain: Jim Mead offered a prayer for a close family member who recently passed away. He also prayed for the memory of all those who perished during the 9/11/01 attack on the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Washington, and for all those on Flight 93 headed to Washington, D.C. that crashed in Pennsylvania including Bloomington hero Tom Burnett, who helped lead the passenger revolt against hijackers.
- Financial Officer: Jerry Narragon gave the Financial Report. Mead moved, Zesch seconded, and the report was approved.
- Membership for 2024 is at 192 of the 325 goal. Post 550 set a self-goal of 400 for 2024.
- Gambling Manager: Tim Engstrom provided the Gambling Report for August. He noted that the Shantytown Grill might become another booth-operated pulltab site for Post 550.
- A motion was made by Tim Engstrom to add member and Assistant Gambling Manager Tom Skundberg to be a signer on the Game Fund and to remove David Costello and Ron Nenovich. The motion was seconded by Mead. Motion carried.
- The Post 550 Gambling Committee recommended approval of \$21,000 for the following to be paid in September:
 - Bloomington Legion Baseball (Hall of Fame banquet placemats): \$100
 - Helping a veteran in crisis, in south Minneapolis: \$2,600
 - KHS Swimming Team Scoreboard: \$2,500 a month for four months, for a total of \$10,000
 - Minnesota Veterans Color Guard: \$2,000
 - Pomeroy Community Betterment: \$1,000
 - Boy Scout Troup 374: \$3,000
 - Fall Classic, My Credit Union Foundation: \$2,500
 - Kennedy Theater: \$1,000
 - 23rd Veteran: \$1,500
 - Veterans Campground at Big Marine Lake: \$1,000
 - Bloomington Baseball Scholarships: \$2,000
 - Jefferson Band: \$300
 - Bloomington Girls Hockey: \$1,000
 - Jefferson Volleyball: \$500
- A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Craig Servin to approve donations. Motion carried.
- The Fall Firearms Safety Course was completed on Aug. 20, and 27 students completed the course. The next course is scheduled for April 2024. Gun Safety questions contact Ken Lundgren 612-812-0854
- Legion Riders: Minnesota Legion Riders collected and donated \$162,000 to the National Legacy Fund 2023. For the 13th year in a row, Post 550 was the largest contributor to the Legacy Fund in Minnesota. The National Legacy Fund has collected the goal of \$25 million and will continue as an endowment fund.
- The Minnesota Legion Riders will meet to determine where their future fundraising efforts will be directed. Fund 85 is Department Commander Paul Hassing's Project for 2024. Fund 85 is the Minn. Veterans Assistance Fund.
- Sons of the American Legion reported 21 paid members for 2024 and is expected to climb to 70.
- Tim Engstrom informed us that the website is still in process.
- This is a reminder that the Membership Dinner will be at the Bloomington Entertainment Center on Oct. 24.
- New Business:
 - Member Fran Stachour and volunteer with the Bloomington Historical Society thanked the post for the many items turned in from Post 550. She asked again for senior post members or volunteers to come to the Historical Society on Wednesdays or Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. or Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. to help with the identification of the many pictures we provided.
 - Rick Warren urged members to sign up for the Bloomington Remembers Veterans Memorial Dog Tags. The \$350 cost will help build the memorial and your dog tag will be on the Bloomington Veterans Memorial for future generations. Your military service story will be available for anyone to view by simply scanning the QR Code on your dog tag.
- Contact: BloomingtonVeteransMemorial.org/dogtags or call 952-563-4622 for more information
- Larry Frost is working with an organization that is pushing back on the recent e-pulltab law change. If you are interested in finding out more contact Larry at 612-839-5132.
- Prayer was offered.
- POW flag was recovered.
- Colors retired.
- The meeting was adjourned.

— Adjutant Warren Christopherson

Post 550 October 2023 Minutes

- Meeting called to order by Post Commander Dan Welch.
- Colors presented, prayer offered. The POW flag was placed on an empty chair. Pledge and Preamble recited.
- Guests: 4th District Commander Teresa Ash and Past Department Commander Mike Ash came to thank Post 550 for the use of the bus as the 4th District provided an informational tour about The American Legion in Ramsey County in September. They are looking for a media coordinator. Anyone interested may contact Teresa Ash at mrsash1@yahoo.com.
- Roll call of officers: 2nd Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Athletics Officer Excused.
- Printed copies of the September minutes distributed. Engstrom moved, Mead seconded, and the minutes were approved.
- Commander: Dan Welch commented on the excellent work being done by the post's officers and volunteers from the membership.
- Adjutant: Warren Christopherson requested assistance in contacting members from 2021 and 2022 who have dropped off the current membership roll. Bonnie Proctor provided lists of these former members. Seven of our current members volunteered to make calls to invite past members to the membership dinner on the 24th and to ask them to renew their membership.
- Chaplain: Jim Mead offered a prayer for Roger Henningsgaard, US Army veteran of the Korean War and 44-year member of Post 550, and for SAL member Jim McMillin, who recently passed away. He added a prayer for current members who are experiencing health issues.
- The Financial Officer will provide an update next month, but Engstrom motioned for authorization to add a second ATM Machine at Shantytown Grill, our second pulltab site, and for an additional \$200 per month for the finance officer to maintain it. Mead seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.
- Membership for 2024 is at 201 of the 325 goal. Post 550 set a self-goal of 400 for 2024.
- Gambling Manager: Tim Engstrom provided the Gambling Report for September. He noted that Shantytown Grill, 8512 Pillsbury St., will provide Post 550 with space for another gambling booth for Post 550 starting in late October.
- The Post 550 Gambling Committee recommended approval of \$17,000 for the following to be paid in October:
 - Minneapolis Veterans Home Bingo: \$1,000
 - KHS Swimming Team Scoreboard: \$2,500
 - VFW 1296 Auxiliary, Youth Art: \$500
 - Jefferson Girls Hockey Program: \$500
 - Minn. American Legion Foundation Fund 82: \$3,000 (Fund 82 always is the Department Commander's Project. Paul Hassing is the commander, and his project is Fund 85, which the Minn. Veterans Assistance Fund. Hassing is a Post 550 member.)
 - Minn. American Legion Foundation Fund 56, Eagle Scout Scholarships: \$500
 - Bloomington Historical Society: \$1,000
 - Jefferson Boys Hockey: \$1,000
 - Veteran housing assistance: \$2,000
 - Kennedy High School football boosters: \$5,000
- A motion was made by Beste and seconded by Mellin to approve donations. Motion carried.
- Gun Safety: The next course is planned for April 2024. Gun Safety Questions Contact: Ken Lundgren 612-812-0854
- Legion Riders: Jody Hassing of the Minnesota Legion Riders came to thank us for being Minnesota's largest contributor to the National Legacy Fund 2023. For the 13th year in a row Post 550 was the largest contributor to the Legacy Fund in Minnesota. The National Legacy Fund has collected the goal of \$25 million and will continue as an endowment fund. The Minnesota Legion Riders will contribute to Fund 85, Department Commander Paul Hassing's Project for 2024.
- Sons of the American Legion reported 29 paid members so far for 2024.
- Tim Engstrom informed us that the website is still in process and provided examples of the progress being made.
- This is a reminder that the Membership Dinner will be at the Bloomington Entertainment Center on Oct. 24.
- Nov. 8 is the Veterans Appreciation Dinner.
- Unfinished Business:
 - Rick Warren urged members to sign up for the Bloomington Remembers Veterans Memorial Dog Tags. The \$350 cost will help build the memorial and your dog tag will be on the Bloomington Veterans Memorial for future generations. Your military service story will be available for anyone to view by simply scanning the QR Code on your Dog Tag.
- Contact: BloomingtonVeteransMemorial.org/dogtags or call 952-563-4622 for more information
- Prayer was offered.
- POW Flag was Recovered
- Colors Retired
- The meeting was adjourned

— Adjutant Warren Christopherson

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Post 550 November 2023 Minutes

- Meeting called to order by 1st Vice Commander Blaine Beste.
- Colors presented, prayer offered. The POW flag was placed on an empty chair. Pledge and Preamble recited.
- Guests: Department of Minnesota Junior Auxiliary Honorary President Taylor McElroy. She presented her fundraising project to raise funds for Northfield-based Believet, which provides service dogs for veterans.
- Also, County Veterans Service Officer Kristy Janigo. She requested assistance for a veteran in need.
- Roll call of officers: Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Sergeant-at-Arms excused.
- Printed copies of the October minutes distributed. Mead moved, Campero seconded, and the minutes were approved.
- Commander: 1st Vice Commander Blaine Beste reported on Veterans Day Activities including American Legion Post 550 Honor Guard presenting the colors at the official Minnesota Veterans Day Program in Inver Grove Heights and a flag-raising and a gun salute at Bloomington Veterans Center. From the Inver Grove Heights event, the honor guard was pictured in the Star Tribune on Nov. 12 and shown on local television.
- Adjutant: Warren Christopherson reported minor success in renewing members by contacting those members who dropped off the membership roll in 2021 and 2022. Thank you to the members who volunteered to call these veterans. We likely renewed three members with the effort. Bonnie Proctor will mail out letters to the members from the 2023 list that have not yet renewed for 2024.
- Chaplain: Jim Mead offered a prayer for Jerry Narragon, Air Force veteran, 30-year member of Post 550 and longtime finance officer. He died Oct. 30.
- A Financial Report will be provided next month as we search for a replacement Finance Officer. Tim Engstrom motioned for authorization to increase the pay for the Finance Officer to \$300. Paul Hassing seconded. Motion carried.
- Membership: Paul Hassing reported that renewals for 2024 is at 242. This is 75 percent of the 325 the department has set as our goal. Post 550 set a self-goal of 400 for 2024.
- Gambling Manager: Tim Engstrom provided the gambling report for October. He noted that the Shantytown Grill is in operation as a second gambling premises for Post 550.
- The Post 550 Gambling Committee recommended approval of \$12,455.91 for the following to be donated:
 - 10th District Commander's Project, Operation Welcome Home, Stewartville: \$2,000
 - KHS Swimming Team Scoreboard third payment: \$2,500
 - Taylor McElroy's Project, Believet: \$1,000 in Nov., \$2,000 in December
 - Veteran housing security: \$2,600
 - Veteran housing security: \$1,455.91
 - Kennedy Baseball Booster: \$1,400
 - Bloomington Historical Society: \$1,000
 - Kennedy Boys Hockey Boosters: \$500
- A motion was made by Stachour and seconded by Campero to approve donations. Motion carried.
- Gun Safety: The next course is planned for April 2024. Eight-hour web-based training is required before one-day range training in April. Gun Safety questions, contact Ken Lundgren 612-812-0854
- Legion Riders: The Department Pearl Harbor Rally will be at Paynesville Post 271 on Dec. 9.
- Sons of the American Legion reported 35 paid members for 2024.
- Unfinished Business:
 - Tim Engstrom informed us that the website is in process. The person at Soulo Communications who was working on it left for another job. Also, we need to provide a means for accepting payment.
 - Rick Warren urged members to sign up for the Bloomington Remembers Veterans Memorial Dog Tags. The \$350 cost will help build the memorial and your dog tag will be on the Bloomington Veterans Memorial for future generations. Your military service story will be available for anyone to view by simply scanning the QR Code on your dog tag. Contact BloomingtonVeteransMemorial.org/dogtags or call 952-563-4622 for more information
- Additional discussion ensued regarding the memorial and additional information will be provided at future meetings.
- New Business:
 - Fran Stachour thanked Post 550 for contributing to the Bloomington History Center.
 - With the second gambling site now operational, Tim Engstrom motioned for a \$5,000 each increase in annual pay for the Gambling Manager, and two Assistant Gambling Managers.
- Mead seconded, and the motion carried.
- Dues will increase at the national, department and district levels. A decision will be necessary soon for the post to increase dues or keep them the same.
- A motion was offered by Paul Hassing to support Kristy Janigo for 10th District Commander. The motion was seconded by Tim Engstrom, and the motion carried.
- Prayer was offered.
- POW Flag was recovered.
- Colors retired.
- The meeting was adjourned.

— Adjutant Warren Christopherson

Post 550 December 2023 Minutes

- Meeting called to order by Post Commander Dan Welch.
- Colors presented, prayer offered. The POW flag was placed on an empty chair. Pledge and Preamble recited.
- Guests:
 - Lee Tallakson of St Louis Park American Legion Post 282. He came to discuss Minnesota Boys State with us and thanked us for the past support and encouraged our continued support. Boys State is the second week of June for \$330 per participant. Girls are welcomed for Girls State, and he thanked Post 550 for its support of Girls State. People with high school juniors who are interested in attending either Girls State or Boys State, please contact Warren Christopherson at 972-873-9952.
 - Richfield American Legion Post 435 Commander Andy Keller, Controller Diane Miller, Adjutant Mark Barthel and spokesman Elwyn Tinklenberg.
- Roll call of officers: 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander excused.
- Printed copies of the October minutes distributed. Mead moved, Mellin seconded, and the minutes were approved.
- Commander: Dan Welch told us about the many cards and letters received thanking Post 550 for the financial support we provide to them, and more letters and cards thanking the Bloomington Honor Guard for the many funerals for veterans and other official ceremonies performed.
- Adjutant: Warren Christopherson reported the need for a blood drive representative to head up a quarterly or semi-annual blood drive at the Bloomington Veterans Center. If interested, contact Christopherson.
- Anyone interested in organizing a bowling team to participate in the Minnesota State American Legion Family Bowling Tournament, contact Christopherson for details and applications. There are team, single, and doubles events. The tournament is in April at Sundance Lanes in Dayton.
- Assistance is requested from a Post 550 member who is willing to contact the Bloomington High School counselors and principals to present scholarship opportunities for students who are legal descendants of an American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary members. Other restrictions (listed on the application) must be brought to their attention that apply to each scholarship. Christopherson has the applications.
- Chaplain: Jim Mead offered a prayer for William Hagstrom, 89, Army veteran and past commander of VFW Post 1296, plus past commander of the Bloomington Honor Guard. A member asked Mead to pray for non-member Glenn A. Pettit, 103, Army Air Forces veteran of World War II.
- Commander Dan Welch appointed Blaine Beste the new Financial Officer. He replaces Jerome Narragon, who died Oct. 30. Beste will continue as 1st Vice Commander for the Legion year.
- Membership: Jim Mead reported membership for 2024 is at 273. This is 84 percent of the 325 the department has set as our goal. Post 550 set a self-goal of 400 for 2024.
- Gambling Manager: Tim Engstrom provided the gambling report for November.
- The Post 550 Gambling Committee recommended approval of \$11,750 for the following to be paid in December:
 - Kennedy Boys Baseball: \$1,400
 - BKAF: \$10,000 in two payments of \$5,000, one December, one January
 - Veteran housing security: \$1,350
 - Richfield Post 435: \$4,000 (pending further research)
- Note: No Gambling Committee meeting in January.
- A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Mellin to approve donations. Motion carried.
- Former Post 550 Commander Rick Warren wanted to be noted as opposed to the donation to Post 435. Two others also voted against it.
- Gun Safety: The next course is planned for April 2024. Gun Safety questions contact Ken Lundgren 612-812-0854.
- Legion Riders: No report.
- Sons of the American Legion reported 30 paid members for 2024.
- Unfinished Business:
 - New forms of games could be introduced at the Sports Page called "video races." Engstrom hopes to find an organization to run them Tuesday nights. He plans to explore with BKAF leaders what happens on Bingo Night at the Muddy Cow in Shakopee.
- New Business:
 - Post 435 members explained their post's need for assistance with utility debt. They said they also were in touch with Apple Valley Post 1776.
 - Dues will increase at the national and department levels. The adjutant will find out about the district level. This will be discussed further next month.
- Prayer was offered.
- POW flag was recovered.
- Colors retired.
- The meeting was adjourned.

— Adjutant Warren Christopherson

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Post 550 January 2024 Minutes

- Meeting called to order by Post Commander Dan Welch.
- Colors presented, prayer offered. The POW flag was placed on an empty chair. Pledge and Preamble recited.
- Guests: Introduction of a new member: Chris Schmid, active-duty Navy Reserve, commander of USN&MC Reserve Center Twin Cities.
- Roll call of officers: 2nd Vice Commander excused.
- Printed copies of the November minutes distributed. Mead moved, Mellin seconded, and the minutes were approved.
- Commander: Dan Welch told us about the many cards and letters received thanking Bloomington Post 550 for the financial support we provide to them.
- Adjutant: Warren Christopherson provided information regarding the 10th District Mid-Winter Conference on Jan. 13 in Anoka.
- Membership: Filling in for Paul Hassing, Jim Mead reported renewals for 2024 are at 287. This is 87 percent of the 325 the department has set as our goal. Post 550 set a self-goal of 400 for 2024.
- Gambling Manager: Tim Engstrom provided the gambling report for December.

The Gambling Committee did not meet in January. He asked for a \$500 donation for Bloomington Mite Hockey. Engstrom said the \$4,000 approved tentatively in December to Richfield Post 435 was not sent as it was determined to be an improper donation of gambling funds. A motion was made by Zesch and seconded by Warren to approve the report and Mite request. Motion was carried.

- Gun Safety: The next course is planned for April 2024. An eight-hour web-based training is required before the one-day range training in April and the Fall Course is being planned for Aug. 4-11. Gun Safety questions contact Kirk Whiting 612-201-2248.

- Legion Riders: No report.
- Sons of the American Legion reported two additional paid members for 2024.

- Unfinished Business:
 - Tim Engstrom said that he and Bonnie Proctor worked on the dues-payment portion of the website. It took an afternoon, but it got done.
 - Engstrom is looking for an organization to assist in running "V2 video races" on Tuesdays at the Sports Page. Keith Zesch indicated that Kennedy football boosters are interested.

- New Business:
 - A joint meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, with VFW Post 1926 will plan Memorial Day activities. Anyone is welcome.
 - National and department are increasing dues for 2025. Christopherson said the district is not increasing dues. The post will vote on its new dues rate at the February meeting.
 - Commander Welch will form a committee to review and update the By-Laws for Post 550. Engstrom will make a dozen paper copies of them.
- Prayer was offered.
- POW flag was recovered.
- Colors retired.
- The meeting was adjourned.

— Adjutant Warren Christopherson



American Legion Calendar

Feb. 3: Sweetheart Rally, Forest Lake Post 225
Feb. 24: State Oratorical Contest, Anoka Post 102
Feb. 24-28: Washington Conference, Washington, D.C.
March 2: Appreciation Rally, Montgomery Post 79
March 23: Legionville Board of Directors meeting
April 12-13: ALA Dept. Jr. Conference, Detroit Lakes Post 15
April 15-17: National Commander's Tour of Minnesota
April 17: Veterans Day on the Hill, St. Paul Armory
April 27: President's Testimonial, Melrose Post 101
April 28-May 2: National President's Tour of Minnesota
May 6-9: Spring Meetings, Sheraton Hotel, Indianapolis
May 16-19: Legionville Work & Play
May 24: American Legion Day at Target Field
May 27: Memorial Day Parade, Lyndale Ave., Bloomington
June 1: 10th District Convention, Fridley Post 303
June 9-15: Minnesota Boys State and Girls State
June 22: Commander's Testimonial, Montgomery Post 79
July 11-13: Department of Minnesota Convention, Willmar

Unit 550 October 2023 Minutes

- Meeting was called to order by President Jody Hassing.
- Colors saluted. Prayer offered. Pledge and Preamble recited.
- Roll call taken. Trish Bunkholt called to advise us she will be having surgery. Get-well wishes to Trish. Trish requested financial assistance for her great niece. She was referred to Minnesota Assistance Fund.
- Motion made, seconded and carried to approve September minutes.
- Treasurer's Report approved and filed for audit.
- Membership renewals for 2024 to date: 23
- Membership dinner on Oct. 24.
- Motion by Bonnie, seconded by Joan Boerner to donate proceeds from Oct. 28 meat raffle to Fund 85: Minnesota Veterans Assistance Fund. Passed.
- President Jody updated us on Legacy Run. \$25 million has been raised for scholarships.
- National mission for Legion Riders is to raise funds for Childrens & Veterans Fund. The State Riders will raise money for Fund 85.
- Colors saluted, prayer offered. Meeting adjourned.

— Secretary Bonnie Proctor

Unit 550 November 2023 Minutes

- Meeting was called to order by President Jody Hassing.
- Motion made by Bonnie Proctor, seconded by Gabriele Servin to dispense with prayer, Pledge and Preamble due to change of meeting location (back of banquet hall). Passed.
- Roll call taken.
- Motion made, second and carried to approve October minutes as corrected.
- Thank-you letter received from VAMC for Creekside Quilts.
- Treasurer's Report approved and filed for audit.
- Membership renewals for 2024 to date: 59
- Special thanks to all who donated 120 pounds and \$50 cash to VEAP at Membership dinner on Oct. 24.
- Motion by Bonnie, second by Gabi to donate proceeds from upcoming Nov. 25 meat raffle to Fund 85. Passed.
- Motion by Bonnie, second Gabi, for proceeds from January, February and March meat raffles to go to Junior Project for Believit service dogs. Passed.
- Pulltabs now available at Shantytown Grill.
- Children's Christmas Party on Dec. 16 will feature Kennedy Show Choir singing from noon to 1 p.m.
- Jody and Paul Hassing attended Veterans Day program in Inver Grove Heights, saw Bloomington Honor Guard.
- Motion by Gabi, second Bonnie to NOT hold Unit 550 meetings in January, February and March. Passed.
- 10th District Mid-Winter in Anoka on Jan. 13.
- Sweetheart Rally is Feb. 3 in Forest Lake.
- Appreciation Rally is at Montgomery Post 79 on March 2.
- Paul Hassing Testimonial Dinner is June 22 at Montgomery Post 79.
- Colors saluted, prayer offered. Meeting adjourned.

— Secretary Bonnie Proctor

Unit 550 December 2023 Minutes

- Meeting was called to order by 1st Vice President Bonnie Proctor.
- Colors saluted. Prayer offered. Pledge and Preamble recited.
- Roll call taken.
- Motion made, seconded and carried to approve November minutes.
- Treasurer's Report approved and filed for audit.
- Membership renewals for 2024 to date: 69
- Children's Christmas Party this Saturday. Set up on Friday afternoon.
- Meat raffle volunteers for Dec. 30 discussed.
- Mark your calendars: Paul Hassing testimonial set for June 22 in Montgomery.
- Reminder the Auxiliary will not be holding meetings in January, February and March.
- Colors saluted, prayer offered. Meeting adjourned.

— Secretary Bonnie Proctor



In Memoriam

Name	Age	Died	Cont. Years	Branch
Hagstrom, William R.	89	11/23/23	40	Army
Henningsgaard, Roger O.	94	10/7/23	44	Army
Narragon, Jerome L.	79	10/30/23	30	Air Force

SCENES FROM CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC. 16 with Kennedy Show Choir singing!



SCENES FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DINNER OCT. 24



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Find us:

- Post 550 meeting are 6:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month. All members are welcomed to attend. There is a free meal at the start, open to the entire community.
- Post 550 meets at 311 W. 84th St., Bloomington (in the VFW Post 1296 banquet hall).
- Gambling meetings are in the Legion office at 5:45 p.m. that day.
- The Post 550 phone is 952-884-9621. Our email is echalp550@gmail.com.

Questions on VA benefits?

Call Minnesota American Legion Department Service Officer Ray Kane at 651-377-0547 or call a Hennepin County Veterans Service Officer at 612-348-3300. They are here to help you.

Honor guard request?

Contact Dan Welch at 952-607-8786.

The Bloomington Honor Guard has set out boxes for Toys for Tots for the past five years. Bar patrons filled two boxes this year, and the Honor Guard brought the toys to a Marine Reserve drop location at the Mall of America. It was close to \$1,500 in toys.



The first customer purchases the first pulltabs at the new Post 550 gambling booth at Shantytown Bar & Grill on Oct. 26. Since then, the restaurant has new owners. Visit and see our new booth!

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2nd Vice Clarence Bunkholt
Adjutant Warren
..... Christopherson
Finance Officer Jerry Narragon
Chaplain Jim Mead
Sgt-at-Arms Mike Mellin
Membership Paul Hassing
SAL Jim Mead
Other positions:
Gambling Mgr Tim Engstrom
Honor Guard Dan Welch
Athletics Ron Nenovich

Unit 550 Officers

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ADDRESS UPDATE: Mail to Post 550 Membership Director, PO Box 201813, Bloomington, MN 55420

Name: _____ Circle one: Post Unit Squadron
Summer Address effective date: _____ Winter Address effective date: _____
Street: _____ Street: _____
City: _____ State/Zip: _____ City: _____ State/Zip: _____
Discontinue Mailing (i.e. deceased) _____