



Posts Invited to Become Partners in Department History Project



Statewide American Legion posts are invited to join the Department History Committee (DHC) in developing a history of the North Dakota American Legion. The document will span the 25-year period, 1995-2019.

Every post is encouraged by your Department to become a partner in this history as a way to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of The American Legion in 2019 by disclosing your post's many good works over the years. This document is targeted for completion in the organization's centennial year and would supplement the Legion's First 75 Years in North Dakota (1919-1994) publication.

Veterans Memorials

Plans call for featuring a Veterans Memorials section in the history. We know of no other such documentation of community veterans memorials in North Dakota; we expect it will be an impressive array of statewide memorials honoring the sacrifices and services of all who served in the U.S. Armed Forces worldwide. With many posts yet to be surveyed, we already know that there are over a hundred veterans memorials in our state. We ask each post having one or more veterans memorials in the community to provide the following:

- Name of the Memorial
- Location of Memorial
- When Established and Who Sponsored the Memorial
- Any Unique History of the Memorial
- A Digital Photo of the Memorial and related Plaques
- Name, Address and Telephone Number of a Point of Contact for additional information

Please provide your submission in a Microsoft Word product and send them electronically to the Department History Committee via email address:

Bob.NDAL@Yahoo.com

Post Histories and Updates

Be proud of the services your post has provided that have enhanced the quality of life in your community and state! Your post likely conducted programs in some of these categories: Americanism, Children and Youth, Veterans Rehabilitation, National Security as well as humanitarian and community service projects. Tell us about them in the submission of a brief history.

There were 107 posts which placed condensed histories in the 1919-1994 publication. They will draft brief histories of their activities commencing in 1995. The remaining posts, which did not enter a history in that publication, will begin their histories when the post was organized.

A post which submits a history on the early side of the below Project Work Schedule will have opportunity to send new information that updates the previous submission. When this project nears completion, a deadline date will be announced for final submission of updates.

Send electronic photos (digital or scanned) and word documents (Microsoft products) to Bob.NDAL@Yahoo.com or typed documents to Department Headquarters, PO Box 5057, West Fargo, ND 58078, Attn: DHC.

Here is the Project Work Schedule:

2013-14.....Post Histories/Updates
2014-15.....Veterans Memorials
2015-16.....General Legion History
2016-17.....Post Histories/Updates
2017-18.....Complete Memorials and Post
Histories/Updates Submissions
2018-19.....Complete General Legion History

The above schedule was adopted to allow good latitude time-wise for posts to make digital submissions of photo(s) and related information on the veterans memorial(s) in the community (usually a one-time submission); ideal lead time for posts to research, prepare and submit their brief histories; and also enables your DHC, who are providing voluntary service on this large project, to process material submitted in the various categories and move the project ahead steadily on a work load level that is manageable in the last year.

Members of DHC at your service: Vern Useldinger, chair, (701-232-1250), email: ybu2@cablone.net, Fargo; Bob Greene, secretary, (218-230-4101), email: bob.ndal@yahoo.com, Grand Forks; and members Jim Deremo (1-701-271-8529), email: bagley2001@yahoo.com and Bob Jansen (701-241-7645), email: bobwjansen@gmail.com, both of Fargo.

Thank you for your support and cooperation!

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Photos and information on all statewide Veterans Memorials to be cataloged into a first-of-its-kind directory of all Veterans Memorials in North Dakota!

Plans call for featuring a Veterans Memorials section in The American Legion history now in the process of development. We know of no such documentation of community veterans memorials in North Dakota.

With some posts yet to be surveyed, we already know that there are approximately 150 veterans memorials in the state. In those communities where there is no Legion post, we are inviting the veterans organizations with posts in those communities to participate in the submission of photo and requested information of veterans memorials for inclusion in the directory. Let's all take part so that all veterans memorials are recorded!

We ask each post having one or more veterans memorials in the community to provide the following for each memorial:

* Name of the Memorial _____

* Location of Memorial _____

* When Established _____ and Who Sponsored the Memorial _____

* Any Unique History of the Memorial _____

(Additional history may be attached)

* A Digital Color Photo of Memorial and related Plaques

* Point of contact for additional information:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

* Please provide your submission in a Microsoft Word product and send them electronically to the Department History Committee via email address: **Bob.NDAL@Yahoo.com**

* Anyone unable to send submission electronically may send photo and requested information on above form to: **Department History Committee, American Legion State Headquarters, PO Box 5057, West Fargo, ND 58078.**



**Veterans Memorial
Fairmount, ND**

Throughout North Dakota, there are many impressive veterans memorials, some large and some small. All of them honor the sacrifices and services of those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces worldwide. Be sure to submit your community memorial(s) for the directory!



**Veterans Memorial
Willow City, ND**