

Grand Forks North Dakota American Legion Post 6
Executive Committee Agenda
7:00 pm, July 10, 2018

1. Welcome/Invocation
2. 2019 Membership Report (As of July 5th): 50 Legionnaires
 - Paid Up For Life: 47
 - Honorary: 15 (Not Processed)
 - On-Line Renewals: 3
3. Finance Report:
4. Chaplain's Report: Legionnaires/Service Hours
5. Boys State Leadership Academy:
6. Post 6 American Legion Baseball:
 - Gerrells Tournament
 - Robert Montgomery Tournament
 - Dominic Palmiscno Tournament
 - Home Games
7. Airman Leadership School Class 18-E:
 - Graduation: July 12, 2018
 - Class Size: 16 students
 - Post 6 Briefing: June 25th
8. Post 6 Jacket Order
9. 2019 Convention/Centennial Celebration (See Attached)
10. Other Items:
11. Post Everlasting:
12. Benediction

ROBERT E. GREENE, Commander
Grand Forks American Legion Post 6

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BACKGROUND: The American Legion National Headquarters established the 15-month period beginning in August 2018 with the National Convention in Minneapolis, MN and ending on Veterans Day 2019 to recognize the organization's centennial anniversary. During this period, Minot, ND is hosting the Department Conference in January 2019, and Grand Forks, ND is hosting the Department Convention in June 2019. The leadership of the Department of North Dakota American Legion (NDAL) elected to kick off this observance by holding an event in conjunction with the 2018 Department Convention in Fargo, ND. Saturday, June 29, 2019 is the date set for these events.

- 1) **NDAL Executive Committee:** The Department Executive Committee authorized the formation of an ad hoc committee to plan and execute events for this centennial observance. It also approved a budget of \$10,000. What is not known is how this money would be allotted and how much was expended during the 2018 Convention event. At the time of this writing, no one from this committee's leadership had reached out to Post 6 to coordinate the Department's contribution and participation for the centennial celebration event(s) during the upcoming 2019 Department Convention. In response to this lack of direction, the Post 6 Executive Committee determined that it would plan the event while seeking input from Department leadership. Post 6 appreciates the input by Unit 6 Auxiliary to program, plan, and execute these events. The first official planning meeting is scheduled for July 10th, 7:00 pm, at Muddy Rivers Bar & Grill.
- 2) **Proposed Events:** Post 6 Commander, Robert Greene, conducted preliminary programming of three events. They are:
 - Parade
 - American Legion Baseball Exhibition
 - Gambucci Park/Arena Events
- 3) **Parade:**
 - a) **Route:** The proposed parade route begins at the Greenway on Demers Avenue and runs west, over the Demers Overpass to South 12th Street, to 7th Avenue South and ending at Gambucci Park. This route is approximately 1.5 miles. To avoid having to go to Washington Street in order to gain access to 7th Avenue South, when the parade approaches the Demers Overpass, it will head west along the east-bound lane in order to make a left turn on South 12th Street.
 - b) **Projected Time:** Staging for the parade would begin at 8:00 am, the parade would begin at 9:00, and should be complete at 10:00.
 - c) **Reviewing Stand:** The proposed location for the Reviewing Stand is along South 12th Street off the north end of the Purpur Arena. The Master(s) of Ceremony and Distinguished Visitors are TBD.
 - d) **Recommended Participants:**
 - i) Grand Forks Fire Department Firetruck (Leading Vehicle)
 - ii) Color Guard from Grand Forks AFB
 - iii) Department of North Dakota American Legion Marching Band

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- (1) NOTE: When band reaches Reviewing Stand they form up on the west side of the street and continue to play until the last participant passes the stand.
- iv) Grand Forks Mayor (riding in vehicle)
 - v) Grand Forks AFB Commander/Command Chief Master Sergeant (riding in vehicle)
 - vi) Department of North Dakota Commander & Commander Elect (riding in vehicle)
 - vii) American Legion Baseball teams (see paragraph 4)
 - viii) Boys/Girls State Governors (riding in separate vehicles)
 - ix) Classic Vehicles
 - x) Sparky the Fore Dog and McGruff the Crime Dog (riding in separate vehicles)
 - xi) Military Vehicles
 - xii) ND 188-ADA National Guard Vehicle
 - xiii) ND National Guard Recruitment HMMV
 - xiv) Other
 - xv) Other
 - xvi) Other
 - xvii) Other
- 4) American Legion Baseball Exhibition: Schedule American Legion baseball teams to play at Kraft, Montgomery, and McMenemy fields at 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, and 8:00. Teams would come from Class AA, A, and B leagues. No gate fee for these games, concession stand would be available. These teams would also take part in the parade. Projected Scope—up to 30 teams.
- 5) Gambucci Park/Arena Events: Commander Greene coordinated with the Grand Forks Park District about securing a venue for this event. With the anticipated number of displays, the parking requirements, and need to access for a large facility, the Park District recommended Gambucci Park and Arena. They also suggested that we combine our celebration with a Park District-hosted “Summer Thing in the Park” event—targeted toward entertaining the youth.
- a) Recommended Participants/Exhibitions: In addition to Park District venues
- i) Military Vehicles (Outside)
 - ii) Class Vehicles (Outside)
 - iii) 188-ADA Display (Outside)
 - iv) National Guard Recruiter HMMV (Outside)
 - v) Children’s Fire Hose Demonstration (Outside)
 - vi) Sparky the Fire Dog (Inside/Outside)
 - vii) McGruff the Crime Dog (Inside/Outside)
 - viii) Grand Forks City Band (Inside)
 - ix) North Dakota American Legion Band (Inside)
 - x) Military Recruiters (Inside)
 - xi) Grand Forks County Service Officer (Inside)
 - xii) Agent Orange Information Booth (Inside)
 - xiii) American Legion VA Service Officer (Inside)
 - xiv) Police Finger Printing (Inside/Outside)
 - xv) Fire Prevention (Inside/Outside)
 - xvi) Grand Forks AFB Education Center Table (Inside)
 - xvii) Park College (Inside)

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- xviii) Lake Region State College (Inside)
 - xix) UND Veterans Assistance (Inside)
 - xx) Arts for Veterans (Inside)
 - xxi) GFAFB Airman & Family Readiness Center (Inside)
 - xxii) Red River Community Action (Inside)
 - xxiii) Other
 - xxiv) Other
 - xxv) Other
 - b) Conclusion: Movie by Park District
- 6) To Do Items:
- a) Secure Parade Permit
 - b) Firm up Park District Support
 - c) Coordinate Parade Participants Support
 - d) Coordinate Baseball Team Participation
 - e) Determine Reviewing Stand Personnel
 - f) Secure PA system for Parade Reviewing Stand
 - g) Determine Opening Ceremonies
 - h) Secure City Proclamation
 - i) Secure Umpires/Concession Stand Personnel for Baseball Games
 - j) Secure Parade Onsite Coordinators
 - k) Coordinate Convention & Visitors Bureau Support
 - l) Establish a Budget and Secure Sponsors
 - m) Secure WDAZ, Herald, local radio station support and coverage
 - n) Enjoy the opportunity to synergize!