



Brookings Chapter #22 NEWSLETTER #2010-01

February 26, 2010

Greetings comrades, we are starting our fourth year of newsletters. Since we have eight meetings a year that means that we should have eight newsletters, depending upon our finances.

I want to **Thank** Lionel Torgrude for his over twenty years of service to our Veterans in Brookings County. He has been our Service Officer and has agreed to continue supporting Veterans by "Getting Involved" more since his retirement. Of course, his wife may have some things around the house to keep him occupied.

The 2010 Census will be mailed out on March 15, 2010. It is important that you fill it out and return it in the envelope provided by the Census Bureau. This is how the VA and Local Governments get their money allocated to them. Every person Counts!!!

Any comments, likes, dislikes, complaints or suggestions about our Chapter please contact me. Sincerely, Bob Hill

MEMBERSHIP:

We need members, we were the first state to make 100% but we are losing members faster than we get them in the door.

OFFICERS:

Commander: Bob Hill
 Senior Vice Commander: Dennis Ishol
 Adjutant/Treasurer: Don Bren
 Chaplain: Bob Camp

Service Officer: Lionel Torgrude
 Senior Vice Commander: Maurice Kruger
 Junior Vice Commander: Dennis Ishol
 Legislative Officer: Orville Smidt

Calendar of Events

January 2010: No Meeting
February 2010: No Meeting
March 09, 2010: Meeting
March 21, 2010: Pork Feed National Guard Armory
April 13, 2010: Meeting
May 11, 2010: Meeting
May 14-17, 2010: State Convention, Sioux Falls
May 31, 2010: Memorial Day
June 8, 2010: Meeting
June 12, 2010: Car Show [Forget-Me-Not Sales]

July 2010: No Meeting
July 4, 2010: 4th of July Parade in Brookings
August, 2010: No Meeting
 September 4, 2010: Labor Day Weekend: 727th Annual Poker Run/DAV Fundraiser/Forget-Me-Not Sales
September 14, 2010: Meeting
October 12, 2010: Meeting
November 9, 2010: Meeting
November 11, 2010: Veteran's Day
December ??, 2010: Meeting/Christmas Party

December Meeting/ Christmas Party

Volunteers

Have you been reporting your volunteer hours to our Chaplain Bob Camp? Award eligibility has changed and he can share with you the new requirements.

Our December meeting had several distinguished guests visit us. The guests this year representing the Department of South Dakota DAV Headquarters was Past National Commander Gene Murphy, Past State Commander Don Bren, State Commander Hill and State Auxiliary Commander Amber Barnes and the State Auxiliary 2nd Junior Vice Commander. All had a good time.

Of course if you attended we considered you a distinguished guest.

Brookings Memorial PORK Feed

March 21, 2010 at the National Guard Armory

Meeting Location and Times (See Calendar for Dates)
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Meetings are held eight times a year. Currently they are held at the American Legion Post Home at 1229 Western Avenue, Brookings, SD. The time is 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. All members are welcome.

AUXILIARY NOTES

Commander: Sharon Kruger: 605-854-3679
Adjutant/Treasurer: Joanne R. Bren: 605-692-2829
"WE ARE AUXILIARY, WE HELP OUR DAV"
They can use new members also!!!

Good news!! We have reached quota. That doesn't mean we don't want more members. We need new and active members so if you know anyone that might be interested, encourage them to join and come to the meetings. We still have work to do for the Veterans and their families. When you come to the meeting in March come with ideas of things that we can do this year. We need to keep our unit busy serving the Vet's. Keep in mind that the reports for the state will be coming out soon and we will need to be filling them out. Hope everyone had a good time at the Christmas party. It is always fun to get together for a meal and visit. Our "Box" meals seem to go over pretty well and it is the only way that anyone will cater that small of a group. We were honored to have State Commander Bob and Auxiliary State Commander Amber at the Christmas party.

Remember the March meeting and come with new enthusiasm for the coming year.

See you there -----

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"We are Auxiliary--We help our veterans!!!

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MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

The **South Dakota DAV and DAV Auxiliary 71st Annual Conference** is scheduled for May 14-17, 2009 at the Downtown Holiday Inn in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The Sioux Falls Chapter is the sponsoring Chapter this year.

Brookings Car Show

We will be selling Forget-Me-Knots during the car show this year. Please let Don Bren know if you have time to help sell them this year.

727th TRANS/DAV Poker Run 2010

The former National Guard members from the 727th Transportation Company (PL) will be having the 6th Annual Poker Run for the South Dakota DAV Transportation Network Fund on September 4, 2010.

Safety Notes

Folks, Be Careful out there, it is still Winter as far as I can tell. Soon, the Spring will come and, the weather will start to turn warmer. Make sure that you still wear a jacket on cool mornings; we don't want you to catch a cold. No need to test the Air Conditioner just yet. ☺ We need all of you to remain safe.

Remember **If You Drink, Don't Drive, or If you Drive, Don't Drink!!!** ☺☺☺