



# BRANDING IRON

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## Last Week: Armed Forces Day Luncheon

Rotarian Rich Wardner served as the Master of Ceremonies for a community celebration of those who serve and those who have served in the Armed Forces. To begin the event, veterans and active service members presented flags representing each branch of the military.



Adjutant General David Sprynczynatyk spoke about the mission and service of the North Dakota National Guard. Tracing its history back to the 1600s, when ordinary citizens formed militias to defend against hostile attacks, the National Guard is our nation's oldest military branch. The North Dakota National Guard has both a state and a federal mission: In addition to assisting during emergencies here at home, Guard units are frequently activated for service abroad.

The National Guard's service mission also includes partnership agreements with other nations. North Dakota paired with Ghana in 2004 and with Benin and Togo in 2014. Visitors from Benin and Togo were in the state last (continued on page 2)

### Today's Greeters Are:

Travis Hande & Glenice Hansen

### Next Meeting:

Jason Hanson & Pat Hart

### Give Thanks Today: Jim Ozbun

Next Week: Barb Patterson

Father, be with us as we share this meal. Help us to encourage one another and to build up our community, as each of us is able to do in our own areas of influence. Amen.

### Your Program Today:

May 20—Nepal: Our Neighbors in Need, DSU Students Roshu Aryal & Bibek Bhattra

### Coming Up:

May 27—Great Plains Food Bank, Ron Walters

June 3—Senator Rich Wardner

Program Chair: Cooper Whitman Next Month: Guy Moos

### Birthdays

Mike Kiedrowski 5/14

Irene Schafer 5/16

Ken Kussy 5/18

## Announcements:

- **Highway Clean-Up** is scheduled for **May 27** (note CHANGE from previous notice), meeting at the Elks parking lot at 5:15 p.m. Dickinson Rotary is responsible for the area near the Painted Canyon interstate exit. Contact Chad Renicker at [crenicker@gmail.com](mailto:crenicker@gmail.com) or 701-204-8297 to volunteer.
- The **Rotary Crossover** event, passing leadership to the new team, will be held on **June 17**, at the Ramada. Social hour begins in the Lounge at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and the passing of the torch, along with Rotary awards, at 6:30 p.m. The cost will be \$25, with a choice of steak or broiled shrimp. **RSVP by June 12** with number of guests and meal preferences to Stepheny Reger at [sreger@weareamerican.com](mailto:sreger@weareamerican.com)
- The **Rotary Ride for Clean Water** is scheduled June 20, 2015, in Pequot Lakes, MN. Bikers of all abilities can choose from routes of 7, 16, 30, or 50 miles. Visit [www.rotaryrideforcleanwater.org](http://www.rotaryrideforcleanwater.org) for more information or to register.
- **Miss a meeting?** Try an e-meeting makeup at [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org) or [www.siliconvalleyrotary.com/](http://www.siliconvalleyrotary.com/) You will find a wide variety of interesting articles and videos!

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week, participating in a course that included topics such as gender equality in the military, educational programs, and emergency management and disaster relief.



Thanks to the planning committee and to all those who participated in the Armed Forces Day event.

American Legion Trio




## This Week at Rotary.org

[Launch Pads](#) describes how the Rotary Club of Taveuni Island, the third largest island in Fiji, is helping young people overcome poverty by providing computer tablets with pre-loaded applications to advance their education.



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## Last Meeting Visitors

- Many members of the Armed Services, American Legion, Kiwanis, and other members of the community!