

Minot Sertoma Club Newsletter



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Dates to Remember

February 7 – Mark Timbrook – MSU-
The History of Minot

Greeters: Katie Soderberg
Rich Larcomb
Prayer: Brent Askvig

February 14 – Valentine's Day
Tony Mutzenberger, ND
National Guard member – Experiences
in Iraq

Greeters: Steve Filler
Connie Feist
Prayer: Deanna Fisher

February 16 – Board Meeting

February 21 – President's Day
No noon meeting BUT an evening social
6:30pm at the International Inn. A
historical review of Minot Sertoma.
Bring your spouse, memorabilia, articles
and past Sertoma members.

Greeters: Keith White
Ron Bieri

February 28 – Business Meeting

Greeters: Kris Neset
Carla Cabarle
Prayer: Rick Awalt

March 7 – Thom Mellum – Ward
County Emergency Coordinator

Greeters: Kevin Ternes
Russ Holter
Prayer: Brian Berg

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Sertoma Notes

Attendance: 45

Call to Order: President Joan Bailey

Jackpot: \$13.00 – Brian Berg won.

Announcements: Next Monday the meeting will be at 6:30pm and will be a review of our club's history. Bring your spouse. Board meeting will be Wednesday 11:45am.

Program: Cpt. Tony Mutzenberger, ND National Guard Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Cpt. Mutenberger spent one year in Iraq with 957th unit from Fargo.

They deployed January 2003 with about 650 people. Their duty is heavy equipment operation and building infrastructure. Due to the problems entering Turkey they spent 3 months in Missouri. When they moved they spent three weeks in Kuwait then traveled 450 miles north through sand storms. Set up shop 45 miles north of Baghdad on an old air force base.

Mortar fire was a common occurrence which required over 100,000 sand bags being filled in 10 days with temps above 100 degrees each day.

Highlights were when Tang was delivered, A/C was installed, make shift clothes washers, refrigerators, pizza fixin's, N/A beer and internet satellite.

On July 4, it was 130 degrees.

The 957 performed duties very well with many ingenious ideas implemented that made their lives a little better while there.

The Minot Sertoma Club would like to express our gratitude to the 957th and all other guard units deployed to Iraq for putting their lives on the line for our freedom.

The meeting was adjourned.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

**Rick Awald
Connie Feist
Richard Larcombe
Jeff Radacker
Kevin Ternes**

