

Aurora homeless to be topic of shelter director

Montgomery, IL - Sugar Grove resident Ryan Dowd will explore Aurora-area homelessness at the Jan. 16 meeting of Navy League Aurora Council 247.

An Oswego native, Dowd is executive director of Hesed House homeless shelter in Aurora, second largest homeless shelter in Illinois. He will speak after dinner at the 6 p.m. meeting at Grandma's Table restaurant, 1700 Douglas Rd. in Montgomery.

The public is invited. The meeting will open with a reception at 5:15 p.m. Entrees are fish, chicken, or beef with soup or salad, dinner rolls, vegetables, dessert and nonalcoholic drink. The cost is \$20 per person.

A dinner salad with soup, dinner rolls, dessert and nonalcoholic drink is available for \$12. A cash bar will be offered.

Dowd will discuss causes of homelessness and Hesed House programs that serve families and individuals. He began volunteering at Hesed House with his church at age 13 years old. He holds a bachelor's degree from North Central College and master's and law degrees from Northern Illinois University.

The Navy League is a civilian organization started by President Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt to provide civilian support the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine and Sea Cadets.

Call (630) 554-9386 for more information.

