



FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MN

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Greetings from Commander Myron

March started off with a bang. Monday night March 2, I went to Plainview Post 179 for a meal and listen to the National President's speech.

Then Tuesday night March 3 was the Post 77 Legion Birthday supper in Owatonna but the snow cancelled that.

Wednesday March 4th I went with several other First District personal to the Vets On The Hill day in St Paul.

Thursday night March 5th was Blooming Prairie Post 52 Legion Birthday supper.

Friday March 6th was the First District Past Commander / President fish fry in Austin followed on March 7th by the Department Appreciation Rally at Royalton. A big congratulations to Les Shaunce for being selected as the First District Vice Commander of the year.

It was a long way up to Commander Peggy Moon's testimonial, well worth the trip. A big thank you to Arnie for driving.

March 28th was the Area One Membership rally and a Legion Birthday party at Mabel Post 299.

April 5th is Easter and my testimonial in April 11th. Hope to see as many as possible at Dodge Center Post 384 for a great time.

Let's remember our Service Men and Women protecting our freedom all over the world.

Commander Myron.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 11, 2015 - Commander Myron's testimonial at Dodge Center Post 384. Social time from 5 to 6 pm with supper at 6 pm and program to follow.

April 18, 2015 - President Michelle's testimonial at Winona Post 9. Social time from 5 to 6 pm with supper at 6 pm and program to follow.

April 25, 2015 - The Department Spring Rally at Duluth Post 71. Turn in from 2 to 3:30 pm.

May 15 & 16, 2015 - First District Convention at Waseca Post 228.

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WHAT CAN I DO?

The American Legion has been actively involved with children's issues since the early 1920s. In many instances, the Legion has been the driving force on behalf of children on the federal, state and local levels.

In 1938, April was formally designated as Child Welfare Month (now called Children & Youth Month) and has continued on an annual basis. During this special time, we urge each of you to show your community that The American Legion Family is dedicated to America's youth.

Each year at the American Legion's Spring Meetings, the Committee on Children & Youth focuses on three primary areas of concern. They may include:

Child health

- Immunization programs
- School nutrition programs
- Teen pregnancy prevention programs

Child safety

- Child pornography
- Drug abuse prevention
- Drug trafficking
- Alcohol abuse prevention
- Child/sexual abuse and neglect
- Teen suicide prevention

Family support

- National Family Week Activities
- Day care safety
- Foster care
- Temporary Financial Assistance
- Missing and exploited children

WHERE DO I BEGIN?

To start, consider:

- Obtaining a speaker on one of our areas of concern or other pertinent topics.
- Conducting a community project with and for children.
- Forming a Community Committee on Children & Youth to discuss current problems, generate solutions and then take action.
- Sponsoring a carnival or show featuring young people to raise money for a community project.
- Featuring a youth panel at a local school where participants can discuss some of their concerns.
- Using videos, if applicable, enlisting the aid of an individual familiar with the subject matter to both present it and be available to answer questions following the viewing.

Use these suggestions, or develop your own projects, but get involved. Remember: The only limitation you have for youth programs and activities is your own imagination!



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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Legislation to improve conditions for children is a focal point of The American Legion's Children & Youth program. By working on behalf of sound legislation, the Legion, in accordance with mandated positions, strives to bring into enactment the laws necessary to meet the needs of all children.

Whether the legislation involves a local matter, pertains to a problem of a particular state or is an item of national concern, it requires the efforts of all interested in the well-being of children and youth if it is to become law.

Most state assemblies begin their sessions early in the year. This is the best time to present legislators with any new legislation or changes needed in current laws.

Within each community, there is a great deal of local legislative action, which deserves continued attention: city ordinances affecting children and youth, appropriations for schools and school budgets, immunization, child abuse and neglect statutes, juvenile courts, local public welfare departments, playgrounds, traffic regulations and other such matters relating to the health and welfare of children.

There is a great need for informed public participation in local government matters. And when it comes to local matters affecting our children and youth, The American Legion should make itself heard.



THE AMERICAN LEGION

APRIL IS... CHILDREN & YOUTH MONTH



PROMOTE YOUR ACTIVITIES

You should publicize your programs and activities. Have the mayor or other local official issue a proclamation declaring April as Children & Youth Month. The post commander should issue a news release proclaiming April as Children & Youth Month and list what the post will be doing for its annual observance. (For a sample news release, see www.legion.org/youth.)

Remember, programs affecting the children and youth of your community are news! Invite the news media to your activities and keep them informed.

REPORT SUCCESSES

Following the observance of Children & Youth Month, the Children & Youth chairmen need to turn their attention to the annual reporting of expenditures and activities. Be sure you have an accurate record of all money spent for the benefit of children and youth by your post/unit during the current year, as well as the number of children who received services and assistance.

Shortly after the first of the year, American Legion departments receive copies of the Consolidated Post Report (CPR) for later distribution to posts. This form has been developed to track necessary information about the Legion's overall program. It is the responsibility of the post Children & Youth chairman to report his/her program activities to the individual designated in the post to complete the Consolidated Post Report. The CPR can be done online at myLegion.org by the post adjutant.

ENCLOSED IS MY DONATION OF: \$

WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR DONATION TO GO

American Legion Charities \$
 National Emergency Fund \$
 Endowment Fund \$
 Child Welfare Foundation \$
 Operation Comfort Warriors \$
 Soldier's Wish \$
 Legacy Scholarship Fund \$
TOTAL \$

PAYMENT INFORMATION: For card payment
 Check Payment to American Legion Charities Credit Card or another online method

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT

NAME ON CARD
 ADDRESS
 CITY STATE ZIP
 PHONE
 EMAIL
 EXPIRES /
 CARD TYPE VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMERICAN EXPRESS
 CARD NUMBER
 SECURITY CODE
 EXPIRES /
 NAME OF BUSINESS
 BUSINESS ADDRESS
 BUSINESS CITY STATE ZIP
 BUSINESS PHONE
 BUSINESS EMAIL
 AMOUNT TO CHARGE
 SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

To donate:
 Donations can be made to American Legion Charities, one specific program or multiple programs. To contribute:

Go online to:
www.legion.org/donate

Mail a check to American Legion Charities

P.O. Box 361626
 Indianapolis, IN 46236

For questions, call (317) 860-3009.



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AMERICAN LEGION CHARITIES

American Legion Charities was launched as a 501(c)3 nonprofit trust in 2010 to allow Legion Family members and friends to make a general donation to The American Legion, or choose a specific program to support. Donors can now choose to contribute specific dollar amounts to more than one American Legion program.

To make a donation, please visit www.legion.org/donate

National Emergency Fund

The National Emergency Fund directs immediate cash grants to Legionnaires who are recovering from natural disasters. Legion posts are also eligible for emergency assistance.

Endowment Fund

Income from the Endowment Fund provides resources for veterans in need. It funds Temporary Financial Assistance grants to veterans with children in need and Department Service Officer Schools so service officers can provide quality assistance to veterans.



Legacy Scholarship Fund

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund provides scholarship money for children whose parents have died on active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. One hundred percent of all donations go directly into the fund to be used for scholarships.

Child Welfare Foundation

The Child Welfare Foundation, created by The American Legion, has operated as a separate 501(c)3 nonprofit organization since 1954. It awards grants to other nonprofit organizations to educate the public about the needs of children across the nation.

Operation Comfort Warriors

One hundred percent of donations to Operation Comfort Warriors are used to purchase rehabilitation and recreational items for wounded military personnel in DoD facilities.

Soldier's Wish

Soldier's Wish identifies the unmet needs of U.S. military personnel, veterans and their families, and provides the necessary resources to meet those needs.

Greetings from Area One:

Roland Hanson, candidate for District One Commander. has asked me if I would run for Area One Vice- Commander for 2015-2016, and I said yes. Rochester Post 92 has endorsed my candidacy.

At the 2015 Veterans Day on the Hill, Commander Peggy Moon stated that the Minnesota Department of Veterans of Affairs had requested \$10 million for their budget just to stay even. Commander Moon said that Governor Dayton had allocated only \$6 million, and the MDVA will have to cut services and lose at least 25 employees. The state of Minnesota does have a budget surplus of \$1.9 Billion. Call your representatives and let them know how you feel. Also it was mentioned, that there are 369,000 veterans in Minnesota, and the Minnesota Veteran is Minnesota's best kept secret. We need to figure out how to get them to join the Legion and keep them once they join.

I look forward to visiting your Post, and feel free to contact me. Remember our troops and their loved ones in YOUR prayers. May God Bless America.

Area One Vice Commander**Joe P Brown, Sr****Greetings from Area Three**

I'm wishing everyone a blessed Easter and please take time to remember our men and women on active duty.

ATTENTION !!!!!!!!!!!!!

It is the time of the year when Commanders and Membership Directors have to make a special effort to collect membership. At this time of the year you may have to approach people face to face. Most of the Posts in Area Three are doing a great job of "At Goal" or one or two from Goal. However, I do have a few Posts who have fallen short and you know who you are. I don't think that I should have to come and hold your hand to get the job done. I hope you will take the initiative to get the Membership collected and sent in as soon as possible.

Now that Spring is near, I hope you will continue to remember our Veterans and Active Duty personal in your thoughts and prayers.

Carroll Hill

Area Three Vice Commander

Greetings First District:

What a surprise outside ass I'm writing this letter. After such a beautiful week we were shocked back into reality.

Our Legion Appreciation Rally was short of a full house. Royalton Post# 137 did a great job as host and those who were unable to attend missed a great meal and a good time.

Let's not forget Commander Myron's Testimonial **April 11th**. We need to show the Commander our appreciation for his year of hard work for the District. Dodge Center Post #384 will be hosting the event. Please RSVP no later than **April 1st**.

President Michell's Testimonial will be the following week **April 18th** at Winona Post#9. Please RSVP no latter than **April 11th**. Likewise we have to show our President our appreciation for her service to the District.

Coming up is the Department Spring Round Up Rally at Duluth Post #71 on **April 25th**. Membership turn in will be from 2-3 p.m. Meeting at **3:30 p.m.** with dinner to follow.

Snowbirds are beginning to return home. We need to knock on their doors and get them signed up right away. As of 3-18 we were still in sixth place.

I would like to thank the 1st District for recognizing me as Vice Commander of the year. It was an honor and a great surprise.

Let's show our support to the American Legion by attending the various meetings and rally's. More things get accomplished when everyone participates.

Until next month.

Area Four Vice Commander

Les Shaunce

2015 NATIONAL CONVENTION**DELEGATE REQUESTS**

- 1) Sy Fix
- 2) Roland Hanson
- 3) Wayne Hammon Jr
- 4) Arnie Troe
- 5) Myron Ehrich
- 6) Bill Goede
- 7) Les Shaunce
- 8) Rich Gosse
- 9) Chuck Kruger

2015 Officer Endorsements

- 1) Roland Hanson - Cmdr
- 2) Bill Goede - Finance
- 3) Ralph Schneekolth - Chaplain
- 4) Joe Brown—Area One Vice
- 5) Gene Luedtke— Area Two vice



La Vonne & Richard Skillestad

50th Wedding Anniversary Open House

Sunday, April 19th, 2015

2:00 - 6:00 PM

Eyota American Legion

11- Madison Ave SW

Eyota MN

Music of the 50's & 60's



Commander Myron's Testimonial

April 11, 2015

Wells Peterson Post 384 in Dodge Center, MN

Social Hour from 5 to 6 pm with entertainment by "Driven"

**Meal will be served at 6 pm with the program to follow. The lunch will be:
Windsor Pork Chop, Baked Potato, Cream Corn, Coleslaw, Roll and Desert.**

Cost will be \$15 per plate and please RSVP by April 1st to:

Roger Kabage at 507-413-2121 or send the registration and payment to:

Roger Kabage

18034 Co Hwy 34

Dodge Center, MN 55927

Care of Wells Peterson Post #384

(Make checks payable to Wells Peterson Post 384)

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I/we will be attending the testimonial supper

Name _____

Number of tickets at \$15 each _____ Total amount \$ _____

President Michelle's Testimonial

April 18, 2015

Leon J Wetzel Post #9 located at 302 East Sardina St, Winona, MN

Social will be from 5 to 6pm With lunch served at 6 pm.

The cost of the dinner is \$10 per plate

**Dinner will consist of Windsor Chops, Baked Potato, Corn, Mixed Fruit,
Tossed salad with Ranch or French Dressing and dinner roll. Coffee, milk,
Water ect.**

Please RSVP to me no later than April 11, 2015 . My address is:

Michelle Weaver

183 N 3rd St

La Crescent, MN 55947

(Make checks payable to Winona Post 9 and send with RSVP)

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I/ we will be attending the testimonial Dinner

Name _____

Number of tickets at \$10 each _____ Total Amount _____

2015 First District Convention Call

To: All Posts of the First District

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Legion, Department of Minnesota, I, First District Commander, Myron Ehrich, do hereby call a convention of the First District to Convene at Waseca, Minnesota Saturday May 16, 2015.

The business sessions of the convention will be held at Waseca Post # 228, commencing at 8:30 am Saturday, May 16 and will continue until adjournment.

The purpose of this convention is to elect a District Commander, Four (4) District Vice-Commanders, a District Chaplain, a District Finance Officer, Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention and to do other business of the First District that may properly come before the Convention.

The voting strength of each Post will be, as provided in the Department Constitution and By-Laws, Article 5, Section 3 based upon the membership certification sent to the District Commander by the District Adjutant.

Please send certification of your Post Delegates and Alternates to Wayne Hammon Jr, PO box 135, LeRoy, MN 55951 before May 10, 2015.

All members are encouraged to attend
First District Commander
Myron Ehrich

Delegate Certification to the First District Convention in Waseca, Minnesota, May 16, 2015. Please send to the District Adjutant as soon as possible.

POST _____ MN

DELEGATES

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____
- 8) _____

ALTERNATES

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____
- 8) _____

SIGNED _____

ADJUTANT POST # _____

FIRST DISTRICT CONVENTION PRE REGISTRATION

MAY 16, 2015

WASECA, MN

The First District Convention will be held in Waseca, May 16, 2015 at Waseca American Legion Post 228. Please complete registration and return by May 1, 2015.

Place an "X" by your organization and include your organization's number:

Legion _____ Post # _____ Auxiliary _____ Unit # _____ SAL _____ Squad # _____

Circle one: Delegate Alternate Guest

(You must register as delegate, alternate or guest)

NAME _____ PHONE ____/____/____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

Please mark the following with an "X" and total the amount:

_____ Registration Fee \$10

_____ Saturday Luncheon \$8 (Creamed Turkey on Biscuits, Cole Slaw, Dessert)

TOTAL \$ _____

Please make checks out to: Waseca American Legion and send to the address below:

Waseca American Legion Post 228, 700 South State Street, Waseca MN 56093

One person per registration form please. Make copies if needed. More than one registration and lunch fee may be included in one check.

It is very important that we receive as many pre-registrations as possible for planning purposes. Please share this registration with others and PLEASE PRE-REGISTER!

CONVENTION HOUSING INFORMATION

Waseca American Motel
 1313 Noth State St. Hwy 13
 (507) 835-4300
 1 Bed (Double Occupancy) \$59.90
 2 Beds (Double Occupancy) \$69.90

Waseca Crossings by Grandstay
 2201 State Street North
 (507) 835-0022
 Full Continental Breakfast, Pool and Whirlpool
 2 Queen Standard Room \$89.90
 2 Queen Deluxe Room \$94.90 (Refrigerator and Microwave)

CONVENTION BOOKLET ADVERTISEMENTS

Full Page Ad: \$100 Half Page Ad: \$50 Quarter Page Ad: \$25
 Send copy and payment for ads by April 30, 2015 to:
 Waseca American Legion
 ATTN: Convention Committee
 700 South State Street
 Waseca , MN 56093

RESOLUTIONS NOTICE



Resolutions guide The American Legion in developing programs that affect the position The American Legion takes on the issues that impact The American Legion, Veterans and Our Country.



If you have a resolution you want considered at the District Convention in Waseca, May 16, 2015, IT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN BY APRIL 6, 2015.

Send to ; Richard Gosse, 1136 6th St W, Wabasha, MN 55981

Thank You

Richard Gosse - First District Resolutions Chairman

Greetings First District: Welcome to Spring!

“Service to God and Country” – it’s an American Legion program, yes, but the saying describes just as well our members’ attitude and way of life. Non-denominational and nonsectarian, the Legion’s support for religion in the public square is basic Americanism. Rather than acting independently of religious groups, the Legion desires to cooperate with and join them in reminding the American people with one voice that God is the author and architect of our beloved “land of the free.” Without God, there is no Americanism.

Prayer to God is very important, the people of Israel prayed to be released from Egypt and after the angel of death "Passover" that night and killed the firstborn of Egypt, they were freed. On Palm Sunday, the Lord Jesus triumphantly entered Jerusalem, to the shouts of joy and adulation. Maundy Thursday he was betrayed by Judas Iscariot, and was handed over to the priests and Pilate, who had a trial, and in the end the Jews wanted a murderer released instead of Jesus. He was scourged and crucified on Golgotha. He died, was buried, and on Sunday was resurrected. This is a synopsis of Holy Week, from the Bible, non-denominational. It is by the grace of God that we have the gift of forgiveness, which alone atones for sin.

In the world of political correctness, what I have written is seen as wrong. Too much of the good that is America is being and has been corrupted by this cancer. For people to say, you are intolerant and even hateful. Too many have forgotten- hate the sin, and love the sinner. Jesus died once for the sins of all. Yet many reject it out of hand.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. (Hebrews 7:26-27)

Remember too, April is Children and Youth month.
Thank you for allowing me to humbly serve,

Ralph Schneekloth,
MN First District Chaplain

FROM YOUR ADJUTANT’S DESK

It is that time of the year when the reports that need to be sent in need to be done. Lets find these reports and get them filled out and sent in. Lets make the First District look great in the eyes of the Department.

Some of the reports are: The Post Data Form, The Officer Reporting Form, The Blood Report, The Children and Youth Report, The Americanism Report and The Consolidated Report.

You also need to get your Boys and Girls Stater’s lined up and remember that the District will not have a bus going to Boys State.

We were also reminded at the rally in Eyota that if you have any extra money laying around that our National Security Committee is in need of funds for the scholarships that they give out every year.

Don’t forget about our District Commander’s project, which is a new gun safe for the Military Cemetery in Preston. Donations are welcomed.

Don’t forget to pre-register for the District Convention being held in Waseca.

Also make sure to RSVP for the Commander and President’s testimonial if you are attending.

Wayne Hammon Jr - First District Adjutant

PR tips for April

Greetings, First District. Wow April already, just a quick update the District's website will be up before convention in May. Thank you all for being patient with this. Spring is here, soon will be parade season, take a moment and make sure your uniform looks the best it can. It is part of the image we are trying to cultivate. Once again, we can put up events on the newsletter and Facebook only if we know about them. Sources for information posted American Legion Officers Guide and PR toolkit.

APRIL – Children & Youth Month Coordinate Children & Youth activities and recognition with the post's Auxiliary unit. Obtain Children & Youth Guide from department headquarters. Plan election of new officers, summer Scouting activities and Boys State. How about an old timers' night? Community service will elevate posts' standing in their community. Urge posts to put American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Week on their calendars.

Public relations is primarily about image, and every Legionnaire plays a role in communicating it. The positive and negative things seen and heard at every level of the organization shape how people perceive the American Legion and what we stand for. **For most people, perception is reality.**

An organization's image is based on its character, integrity and total performance. It has many facets, including:

- The organization's history in dealing with people
- Internal attitude towards members
- External attitude toward community responsibility and involvement
- News releases, interviews and other dealings with the media
- Internal and external publications
- Institutional advertising

Public Relations ties directly into membership; without members we cease to be an organization. It is stated that approximately 200,000 members do not renew each year. That's how important it is. Not for the sake of the numbers but for our impact on our elected officials and the impact on our many programs at local, state and national level- "That's why it's important."

**"GET INVOLVED IN MEMBERSHIP
RECRUIT---RETAIN---REINSTATE"**

Thank you for allowing me to serve.
First District PR committee chair,
Ralph Schneekloth

Fellow Members,

We are still over 600 short for the year and currently in 6th place at Department. I realize that when we get close to the end of the year membership slows down. However why are the members who haven't paid procrastinating? We have heard stories about people losing their continuous membership because they paid to late or just plain forget to pay. Make the calls and find out what the story is. We need to get this membership problem fixed !!!!!!!!!!!

Sy Fix

Membership Director

FIRST DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR

3/25/2015

POST	LOCATION	GQAL	PREVIOUS	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	DATE
9	WINONA	708	645	0	645	91.10%	63	3/12/2015
90	LEWISTON	84	70	4	74	88.10%	10	3/25/2015
190	ST CHARLES	171	147	0	147	85.96%	24	2/11/2015
WINONA COUNTY TOTALS		963	862	4	866	89.93%	97	3/25/2015
50	WABASHA	338	324	0	324	95.86%	14	3/19/2015
110	LAKE CITY	158	160	0	160	101.27%	-2	2/26/2015
179	PLAINVIEW	208	200	0	200	96.15%	8	3/12/2015
546	KELLOGG	77	71	0	71	92.21%	6	2/19/2015
573	ELGIN	56	45	0	45	80.36%	11	1/8/2015
579	MILLVILLE	131	154	-23	131	100.00%	0	3/25/2015
588	MAZEPPA	83	84	0	84	101.20%	-1	2/19/2015
WABASHA COUNTY TOTALS		1051	1038	-23	1015	96.57%	36	3/25/2015
92	ROCHESTER	1106	1004	0	1004	90.78%	102	3/19/2015
119	BYRON	166	148	2	150	90.36%	16	3/25/2015
164	STEWARTVILLE	327	317	1	318	97.25%	9	3/25/2015
446	ROCHESTER	10	11	0	11	110.00%	-1	9/10/2014
551	EYOTA	177	180	0	180	101.69%	-3	2/19/2015
OLMSTEAD COUNTY TOTALS		1786	1660	3	1663	93.11%	123	3/25/2015
AREA ONE TOTALS		3800	3560	-16	3544	93.26%	256	3/25/2015
295	WEST CONCORD	68	70	0	70	102.94%	-2	2/11/2015
330	HAYFIELD	250	234	0	234	93.60%	16	2/26/2015
333	KASSON	284	271	0	271	95.42%	13	3/12/2015
384	DODGE CENTER	100	89	0	89	89.00%	11	2/26/2015
422	CLAREMONT	39	37	0	37	94.87%	2	1/22/2105
DODGE COUNTY TOTALS		741	701	0	701	94.60%	40	3/12/2015
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	127	112	0	112	88.19%	15	2/26/2015
77	OWATONNA	619	592	0	592	95.64%	27	3/12/2015
296	ELLENDALE	34	27	0	27	79.41%	7	1/22/2105
STEELE COUNTY TOTALS		780	731	0	731	93.72%	49	3/12/2015
75	NEW RICHLAND	73	68	0	68	93.15%	5	1/22/2105
228	WASECA	345	348	0	348	100.87%	-3	2/26/2015
281	JANESVILLE	115	106	1	107	93.04%	8	3/25/2015
587	WALDORF	28	31	0	31	110.71%	-3	1/22/2105
WASECA COUNTY TOTALS		561	553	1	554	98.75%	7	3/25/2015
AREA TWO TOTALS		2082	1985	1	1986	95.39%	96	3/25/2015
40	LANESBORO	102	101	0	101	99.02%	1	1/8/2015
68	SPRING VALLEY	88	83	0	83	94.32%	5	11/26/2014
81	HARMONY	41	35	0	35	85.37%	6	3/12/2015
94	RUSHFORD	140	140	0	140	100.00%	0	2/11/2015

FIRST DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP FOR 3/26/15 CONTINUED

166	PRESTON	79	83	0	83	105.06%	-4	2/26/2015
197	CHATFIELD	57	54	0	54	94.74%	3	12/10/2014
299	MABEL	210	172	0	172	81.90%	38	3/19/2015
369	WYKOFF	21	21	0	21	100.00%	0	9/24/2014
400	CANTON	17	16	0	16	94.12%	1	11/19/2014
492	FOUNTAIN	20	19	0	19	95.00%	1	10/1/2014
526	PETERSON	35	35	0	35	100.00%	0	12/17/2014
544	OSTRANDER	27	25	0	25	92.59%	2	3/12/2015
637	WHALEN	15	15	0	15	100.00%	0	1/8/2015
FILLMORE COUNTY TOTALS		852	799	0	799	93.78%	53	3/19/2015
191	CALEDONIA	191	176	0	176	92.15%	15	3/12/2015
249	SPRING GROVE	189	163	0	163	86.24%	26	2/19/2015
423	HOUSTON	112	97	0	97	86.61%	15	3/12/2015
498	HOKAH	22	21	0	21	95.45%	1	1/8/2015
595	LA CRESCENT	381	355	0	355	93.18%	26	3/12/2015
HOUSTON COUNTY TOTALS		895	812	0	812	90.73%	83	3/12/2015
AREA THREE TOTALS		1747	1611	0	1611	92.22%	136	3/19/2015
56	ALBERT LEA	791	729	0	729	92.16%	62	3/19/2015
264	GLENVILLE	97	88	0	88	90.72%	9	3/12/2015
266	HARTLAND	20	20	0	20	100.00%	0	9/10/2014
317	EMMONS	79	76	0	76	96.20%	3	1/28/2015
404	ALDEN	104	105	0	105	100.96%	-1	2/19/2015
552	FREEBORN	42	40	0	40	95.24%	2	1/28/2015
FREEBORN COUNTY TOTALS		1133	1058	0	1058	93.38%	75	3/19/2015
91	AUSTIN	736	687	0	687	93.34%	49	3/19/2015
105	LYLE	98	95	2	97	98.98%	1	3/25/2015
140	GRAND MEADOW	54	49	0	49	90.74%	5	1/28/2015
146	ADAMS	217	203	0	203	93.55%	14	3/12/2015
161	LEROY	71	70	0	70	98.59%	1	3/12/2015
570	AUSTIN SPAM	6	6	0	6	100.00%	0	1/8/2015
MOWER COUNTY TOTALS		1182	1110	2	1112	94.08%	70	3/25/2015
AREA FOUR TOTALS		2315	2168	2	2170	93.74%	145	3/25/2015
1111	DAKOTA	32	24	23	47	146.88%	-15	3/25/2015
DISTRICT ONE TOTALS		9976	9348	10	9358	93.81%	618	3/25/2015
AREA VICE COMMANDERS								
AREA ONE		3800	3560	-16	3544	93.26%	256	3/25/2015
AREA TWO		2082	1985	1	1986	95.39%	96	3/25/2015
AREA THREE		1747	1611	0	1611	92.22%	136	3/19/2015
AREA FOUR		2315	2168	2	2170	93.74%	145	3/25/2015

FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

The First District newsletter can be found on these post web sites. Please go to them and have a look. It not only will give you access to the newsletter but also to the events happening at each of these posts. They are as follows:

Albert Lea Post 56 at americanlegionpost56.com
tinpost91.com

Austin Post 91 at austinpost91.com
Rochester Post 92 at post92.org

Winona Post 9 at americalegionwinona.org (click on windjammer tab)

THE NEWSLETTER WILL NOT BE MAILED OUT ANYMORE. IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO WANTS IT E-MAILED TO THEM PLEASE HAVE THEM SEND THEIR NAME AND E-MAIL ADDRESS TO THE DISTRICT ADJUTANT WHO'S INFORMATION IS ON THE FRONT PAGE. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE MEMBER PER POST THAT HAS AN E-MAIL ACCOUNT TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER AND PRINT ONE COPY OFF FOR THE POST, IF POSSIBLE. WE WANT TO GET DISTRICT INFORMATION OUT TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE.

Hello Big Red One,

It's that time of the year again, Boys state. Please send as many boys to Boy's state as you can. This is an excellent program for our future leaders of America. This year we have a change that as a post you will need to find transportation to Boy's State for your boys. **The DISTRICT WILL NOT FURNISH A BUS THIS YEAR.** One idea is to contact your County Veterans Council to see if you can use the county veterans van or pay some mileage to one of the parents to take the boys over to Marshall and pick them up.

Glenn Mueller – First District Boys State Chairman

First and Third Vice Commander's Report,

What is happening to the First District and why are we lagging behind in membership? This is a critical time of the year as many Legion Birthday Dinners have just taken place or are about to take place. Let's talk to the members who have not renewed yet and get them to renew. This slid down hill in membership is going to cause us to lose National Delegates and in turn this could cause us to lose some of our benefits. Remember we are the ones who gave everyone the freedoms that they have.

ATTENTION !!!!!!!!!!!!!

First District Children and Youth Chairman Arnie Troe will accept Children and Youth reports through the month of April. So far he only has eighteen (18) reports out of the fifty seven (57) posts in the First District. **WE CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT.**

Post Commanders and Adjutants lets round up these reports which have been mailed to all the posts, get them filled out and sent to Arnie so he can get a proper report filled out and sent to the Department..

FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY NEWS



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GREETINGS TO ALL OF THE FIRST DISTRICT

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Hello Members of the 1st District Auxiliary;

During the month of March I had the pleasure of attending the 1st District Junior Conference in Leroy. I want to thank Honorary 1st District Junior President Amelia Welter and the girls for the warm welcome. It is good to know that the future of the American Legion Auxiliary is in such good hands. A Thank to JoEllen Isenberg the 1st District Junior Activities Chairman for all the hard work she has put in.

Secretary

Audrey Erwin

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I attended the birthday dinner at Plainview Post 179 on March 28 and was very impressed with the PEM 2nd – 3rd Grade Patriotic Performance Group under the direction of Michelle Jones. It is wonderful to see the youth honoring our country and our Veterans. Thank you also to Unit 179 President Cheryl Nyman for the warm welcome and the Unit contribution to my project.

I was advised by 1st District Treasurer Sandra Frederickson that there are 23 units that have still not sent in their Per Capita and Junior Dues. If you have any questions you can contact Sandra or myself regarding this.

I want to remind the Auxiliary members that the District monthly newsletter has gone electronic this year. I know that can sometimes be a problem if you do not have email. It is sent to both the Unit President and Secretary and should be shared with the members. If you have an email and would like to receive it please let me know and I will forward it on to have you added to the list.

Membership / First Vice

Pat Miner

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Our 1st District convention will be held on May 16, 2015 in Waseca, MN. We will be doing a one day convention with registration at 7:30 AM and call to order at 8:30 AM. There is registration information in the newsletter and I have also sent out information to each Unit President. Looking forward to seeing many of you there.

Treasurer

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**American Legion Auxiliary Unit #92
Is hosting the 51st Mother Daughter Banquet
April 28, 2015
5:30 Social Hour
6:00 Meal
\$6.00 Adult
\$3.00 10 yrs and under
3 and under free
Crowning of Ms. Poppy 2015
Department President Chris Ronning
District President Michelle Weaver
Prizes, Food, and lots of Fun
All ladies are welcome. Come visit with our leaders.
call the club at 507-282-1322 to sign up by April 20.
Thanks,**

POPPY---

April 2015

April---wow, where has the year gone?

Units---members---are you making plans for Poppy Days, weeks, or months? Make sure you contact your mayors for poppy proclamation! Make noise in your community---let it be known this is one of our greatest fundraisers for our Veteran programs.

Remember—we do not sell poppies, we distribute them for donations!!!

Poppies are and can be used all year long.

As we approach District Convention I would like to announce a poppy contest for the 1st District American Legion Auxiliary. We have many talented Juniors and Auxiliary members who love to craft!! Let's see what we can do—

Remember to apply for the trophies and awards for District competition. Will the 1st District have a poppy queen this year? Please read the standing rules for competition. It is my hope we have many, many entries.

This year's competition will be tied into Department competition. Two categories 1) a Butterfly Garden Basket and 2) a Bouquet in a Vase. This will allow winners to be moved on from District!! Let's show President Michelle the interest we have in flying butterflies for Department President Chris! Refer to the department rules as well as the district rules.

My apologies for not letting everyone know my mailing address has changed. It is now PO Box 5, Glenville, MN. 56036. You still have time to send the poppy posters to me for judging.

Georganne Trytten

First District Poppy Chairman

CALL TO THE FIRST DISTRICT AIXILIARY CONVENTION

The annual First District Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Minnesota is hereby called. It is to be held in Waseca, Minnesota on **Saturday May 16, 2015**. Auxiliary sessions will be held across the street from the Waseca Legion.

Opening session will be called on May 16, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of the Convention is to:

1. Elect District Officers for the 2015-2016 year.
2. Receive reports of Unit Presidents.
3. Receive reports of District Chairmen.
4. Elect delegates and alternates to the National Convention.
5. Conduct such other business as may be brought before the Convention in conformity with the provisions of the Department and National Constitutions.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

ALL DISTRICT CHAIRMEN MUST FILE / TYPE A REPORT FOR THE DISTRICT BOOK OF ANNUAL REPORTS, which will be available at the Convention. Reports should include information from the Unit annual reports forwarded to each respective Chairman by the Department office shortly after April 15 and any pertinent information regarding District projects or activities in your program area. Reports should be forwarded to the First District President **NO LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2015**. If possible, reports should be typewritten and ready to print.

District Chairmen are also responsible to judge the Unit Annual Reports in their respective program area for trophies, awards and certificates of merit according to the District Standing Rules. They should notify the District President of winners of Certificates of Merit prior to the opening of the Convention so that the certificates can be properly prepared, signed and awarded at the Convention.

UNIT COLOR BEARERS

Units are encouraged to bring their flags to the Convention to be presented as part of the opening ceremonies, posted during the Auxiliary sessions and retired at the close of the Convention. Auxiliary members who are carrying their flags at the District Convention are asked to meet at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday May 16, 2015 to rehearse.

PAGES AND COLOR BEARERS

Pages and color bearers are expected to wear **white blouses, navy blue skirts or slacks, and comfortable shoes.** NO jewelry except rings, watches and small earrings should be worn while acting as a page or color bearer.

UNIT PRESIDENTS

ALL Unit Presidents are asked to take part in the **Opening Ceremonies** at the District Convention regardless of whether or not their Unit Colors will be present. Please be there by 8:00 A.M. to rehearse.

ALL Unit Presidents are expected to prepare a **two minute report about Unit activities throughout this past year.** Reports may include summaries of Unit activities or specific activities unique to the Unit that may provide ideas for other Units. Presidents will **present their report** during the convention sessions and submit a **written copy of that report** to the District Secretary upon completion of their presentation. Unit Presidents who are unable to attend the Convention may prepare a report to be read by another unit member or may forward a written report to the District Secretary prior to the Convention.

COUNTY COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

County Council Presidents are expected to be prepared to report on their county's activities, what their county does to keep their council active, and ideas that may help other counties start a council.

Attention ALL Units of the First District---

As we approach the end of March and beginning of April 2015 I still have not received per capita and junior dues from 19 Units.

These dues are due annually. They are an obligation of every Unit. For our District to operate we need every Unit to submit their dues. Please mail as soon as possible, as soon the books have to be done for our District Convention. Make check out to 1st District ALA, mail to Sandy Fredrickson, 771 2nd St SW, Glenville, MN 56036

Along with the dues, I ask, has your Unit donated to the District President project? Her project this year is to help the Mosher Home replace their refrigeration system. Please consider it---in any amount! President Michelle would appreciate it greatly.

Units who have not paid:	per cap	jr dues
Albert Lea	\$486.25	\$10.00
Blooming Prairie	\$153.75	\$10.00
Chatfield	\$40.00	\$10.00
Claremont	\$33.75	\$10.00
Fountain	\$25.00	\$10.00
Harmony	\$58.75	\$10.00
Hartland	\$27.50	\$10.00
Hokah	\$25.00	\$10.00
Janesville	\$77.50	\$10.00
Lewiston	\$52.50	\$10.00
Lyle	\$76.25	\$10.00
Mabel	\$176.25	\$10.00
Peterson	\$37.50	\$10.00
Preston	\$31.25	\$10.00
Rushford	\$103.75	\$10.00
Spring Grove	\$171.25	\$10.00
St. Charles	\$130.00	\$10.00
West Concord	\$45.00	\$10.00
Whalan	\$28.75	\$10.00

Please do not delay.

If you know of a Unit member that does not see the Unit mailing electronically—please, please make a copy and get to the President, treasurer, secretary, etc. This newsletter is meant for every member of the organization, not just those on the e-mail list. If we don't communicate to each other, how will others know what is going on? Again, please pass this on to those in your unit---it will be greatly appreciated.

Hope to see many of you at District Convention in Waseca. Convention is now a one day event and is very informational to every member and every Unit!

Sandy Fredrickson,
Treasurer, First District

Girls State Report for February District Newsletter:

Information regarding this year's Girls State session including an information brochure and the reservation form was forwarded to units in the January Unit mailings. If you don't have copies, you can find them at mnala.org under the "unit info" tab. Girls State will be June 7-12, 2015 at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. The registration fee is \$300 and can be paid from gambling funds. Like last year, the session will end after the evening meal on Friday. This has enabled some girls who were unable to attend due to sports obligations on Saturday to be able to participate.

Hopefully you have provided an opportunity for the girls from your units who attended Girls State last year to talk about their experiences at a unit meeting or other event. Use their enthusiasm to encourage girls from this year's junior class to apply to attend the upcoming session. If you know a teacher who has attended Girls State in the past, she may also serve as a valuable resource to promote the program in the school.

This is definitely the time to promote this program in your schools and communities as the reservation deadline is March 31. Girls who will have completed their junior year of high school by the end of the school year and live in Minnesota or attend a Minnesota public, charter, home, parochial or private school are eligible to attend if sponsored by a Minnesota American Legion Auxiliary unit. Additional criteria to aid in the selection of your representative or representatives are listed in the information brochure. The information packet needed to register the individual Girls State citizens will be forwarded to units after Department has received your reservation form and registration fee.

A District bus will again transport girls to and from the session. We will not be coordinating transportation with Boys State this year as their session will not be during the same time frame. Cost for the bus will be about the same as last year. Specific pick-up points will be determined based on where the girls who will be riding the bus live but will be similar to the drop-off points last year. Please let me know if you have issues with that. Because the cost to ride the bus is determined by the number of riders, I strongly encourage units to consider paying the cost to ride the bus for each of the girls they sponsor and inform the girls you expect them to use that service. More information about that will be provided closer to the session date after the registration process is completed.

By the time you read this, I will be unavailable until after February 20 so e-mail is the best way to contact me.

Louise Kleiboer

1st District Girls State Chairman

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FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP AS OF 3/26/15

Unit #	Name	Goal	Jr's gain	Sr's gain	Total gain	Jr's to date	Sr's to date	Totals to date	Percent
146	Adams	168	0	0	0	18	121	139	82.74%
56	Albert Lea	432	0	6	6	8	340	348	80.56%
404	Alden	65	0	0	0	2	47	49	75.38%
91	Austin	213	0	0	0	1	177	178	83.57%
52	Blooming Prairie	137	0	1	1	4	120	124	90.51%
119	Byron	105	0	0	0	14	82	96	91.43%
191	Caledonia	97	0	0	0	6	76	82	84.54%
197	Chatfield	36	0	0	0	0	36	36	100.00%
422	Claremont	30	0	0	0	3	23	26	86.67%
384	Dodge Center	107	0	0	0	3	78	81	75.70%
573	Elgin	36	0	0	0	1	24	25	69.44%
317	Emmons	29	0	0	0	0	26	26	89.66%
551	Eyota	137	1	5	6	8	114	122	89.05%
492	Fountain	22	0	0	0	1	20	21	95.45%
552	Freeborn	74	0	0	0	8	56	64	86.49%
264	Glenville	115	0	0	0	16	88	104	90.43%
140	Grand Meadow	91	0	0	0	11	66	77	84.62%
81	Harmony	50	4	4	8	16	28	44	88.00%
266	Hartland	24	0	0	0	0	14	14	58.33%
330	Hayfield	202	1	2	3	19	201	220	108.91%
498	Hokah	22	0	0	0	0	20	20	90.91%
423	Houston	155	0	0	0	19	109	128	82.58%
281	Janesville	69	0	0	0	0	52	52	75.36%
333	Kasson	179	0	3	3	5	148	153	85.47%
546	Kellogg	168	0	0	0	21	122	143	85.12%
595	La Crescent	283	0	0	0	5	184	189	66.78%
110	Lake City	104	1	8	9	12	75	87	83.65%
40	Lanesboro	103	0	0	0	0	78	78	75.73%
161	LeRoy	84	0	0	0	18	49	67	79.76%
90	Lewiston	47	0	2	2	3	37	38	80.85%
105	Lyle	68	0	0	0	8	46	54	79.41%
299	Mabel	157	5	14	19	19	122	141	89.81%
588	Mazeppa	60	0	0	0	2	51	53	88.33%
579	Millville	54	0	0	0	2	40	42	77.78%
75	New Richland	80	0	0	0	0	69	69	86.25%



HAPPY EASTER FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

PAT MINER



FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP FOR 3/26/15



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544	Ostrander	20	0	0	0	0	16	16	80.00%
77	Owatonna	147	0	1	1	0	127	127	86.39%
526	Peterson	33	0	0	0	1	32	33	100.00%
179	Plainview	211	0	0	0	21	154	175	82.94%
166	Preston	28	0	0	0	0	4	4	14.29%
92	Rochester	210	0	0	0	9	167	176	83.81%
94	Rushford	92	0	0	0	0	54	54	58.70%
249	Spring Grove	152	0	0	0	11	107	118	77.63%
68	Spring Valley	60	0	0	0	0	46	46	76.67%
190	St Charles	115	0	0	0	2	86	88	76.52%
164	Stewartville	209	0	2	2	9	166	175	83.73%
50	Wabasha	155	0	2	2	10	134	144	92.90%
587	Waldorf	34	0	0	0	0	29	29	85.29%
228	Waseca	272	0	0	0	7	224	231	84.93%
295	West Concord	40	0	0	0	0	39	39	97.50%
637	Whalen	26	0	0	0	0	23	23	88.46%
9	Winona	221	0	0	0	10	168	178	80.54%
369	Wykoff	19	0	0	0	0	16	16	84.21%
	1st District	5,847	12	50	62	333	4531	4864	83.19%

FIRST DISTRICT JR AUXILIARY NEWS

The newly elected officers for the Jr's are : **Honorary Jr President— Amelia Welter Of Stewartville 164**

1st Vice President—Erin Fischer of Stewartville 164

2nd Vice President—Bailey Anderson of Stewartville 164

Treasurer—Jo Jo Welter of Stewartville 164

Secretary—Taylor Mc Elroy of LeRoy 161

Chaplain— Taylor Bhend of Adams 146

SGT at Arms— Sydney Bacon of Grand Meadow 140

Department Junior Convention at Stewartville Post 164 - April 10 & 11, 2105

. All Junior members are encouraged to come even if they have no active Junior group and Senior members are invited to attend. The registration price for the Junior Department Convention is \$10.00.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



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From Your Commander

I hope everyone has a great Easter and please keep our service men and women in your prayers. Our District Convention is coming up in May and since I decided not to seek another term as SAL District Commander because of my school commitment, we are in need of people to step up and fill the District Officer positions. I hope to see a great turnout of sons at the District Convention in Waseca on May 16, 2015.

Peter Mueller
SAL Commander

SAL EVENT

SAL Squadron 9 from Winona is holding a "CHICKEN Q" information below

What - SAL Chicken Q

When - Saturday April 11, 2015

Time - 11 am till gone

Where - Winona American Legion Post 9

Cost - \$8.00 for 1/2 a chicken

Come and enjoy a great meal with us

Omelet Breakfast—LaCrescent Squadron 595, 8am to 12pm on the fourth Sunday of every other month starting with August

April 11, 2015 - Winona SAL Squadron will be holding a Chicken Q. See information below.



2015 FIRST DISTRICT SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION CALL TO CONVENTION

To all Squadrons of the First District.

By the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and By-Laws of The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Minnesota, I, Peter Mueller, First District SAL Commander, do here by call a convention of The First District Sons of The American Legion to Convene at Waseca American Legion Post 228 located at 700 South State St, Waseca, MN at 1:00 pm on Saturday, May 16, 2015.

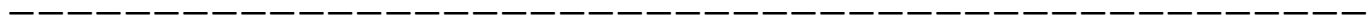
The purpose of this convention is to elect a District Commander, two (2) District Vice Commanders, a District Chaplain, a District Finance Officer and to conduct such business of the First District Sons of the American Legion that may properly come before the convention.

The voting strength of each Squadron will be, as provided in the Detachment Constitution and By-Laws, based on the membership certified to the District Commander by the Detachment Adjutant.

Please send certification of your Squadron Delegates and Alternates to:

Gary Weaver – 1st District SAL Adjutant – 29 North Elm St, La Crescent, MN 55947

All District SAL members are urged to attend
Peter Mueller – First District SAL Commander



SAL Delegate certification to the First District SAL Convention in Waseca, MN, Saturday May 16, 2015

Squadron _____ Located at _____ MN

1. _____ 7. _____

2. _____ 8. _____

3. _____ 9. _____

4. _____ 10. _____

6. _____ 11. _____

6. _____ 12. _____

Hello 1st District,

We just completed the SAL Spring Conference in Anoka. We were very light on our turn-in but we are well ahead of the target percentages set by National at 93.44%.

Now is not the time to rest on our laurels as we are closing in the end of this membership year and the start of a new one. The last report from National had the Detachment of Minnesota renewing 81.91% of last year's members. Really, these should be the easiest members to renew as they were willing to pay to be a member last year. If they aren't willing to renew this year, what has changed? If you don't know, you really need to asking them sooner rather than later.

Overall, a lot of squadrons are near their goals. A few need some work. If you need assistance from the District in order to meet goal, please contact us are very willing to come out to squadrons to speak to the membership or even help with processing.

As a Detachment, we want to reach an all-time high (10,906) and would really like to set a new all-time high of 11,000. As an incentive, Detachment Commander Henkemeyer and myself have committed to doing the 10 mile portion of the Bataan Memorial March in Brainerd on August 15th if we hit 100% by Campout (June 27th) and the 20 mile portion if we hit the 11,000 member mark. For this to happen, each and every squadron needs to be hitting their goals and beyond. Our percentages our good, but we need to do just a little better. The squadron standings are included in this newsletter.

Our District Convention will take place in Waseca on May 16th. Peter has indicated he will not run for District Commander as he is in school in Chicago. As I am running for Detachment Commander at Campout, I cannot commit to being in our District for some of the many events so have decided not to run for a district office while potentially serving as Detachment Commander. Obviously, we need a few more Sons to step up to fill the District positions for a few years.

Paul Spyhalski
 SAL Detachment Membership Director
 District Vice Commander (West)
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Good Morning,

This is District SAL Advisor Brian Medinnus asking for the assistance of all Post Officers and especially all Post SAL Advisor's to ensure that their SAL Squadron's get all Membership they can possibly get turned in as soon as possible.

We are in the Home stretch of the SAL Membership year and there are still members who have not paid their dues. This is the time when all SAL Squad Officers and the Post SAL Advisor's need to do whatever it takes to get these members to pay their dues.

I am enclosing my contact information so if assistance is needed you can contact me. We have roughly 50 days to make the State Membership Goals.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of service.

Brian Medinnus 1st District SAL Advisor-2014-2015

Brian Medinnus 1813-3rd Ave NE Austinn MN 55912

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FIRST DISTRICT SAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF MARCH 20, 2015

District	Squad	Location	2014 Turn In	2015 Goal	3/20/2015
1	9	WINONA	64	65	65
1	40	LANESBORO	53	54	55
1	50	WABASHA	23	24	20
1	52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	28	29	29
1	56	ALBERT LEA	127	128	121
1	75	NEW RICHLAND	1	2	0
1	77	OWATONNA	120	121	119
1	90	LEWISTON	44	45	45
1	91	AUSTIN	62	67	58
1	92	ROCHESTER	103	104	111
1	94	RUSHFORD	44	45	32
1	105	LYLE	16	17	17
1	119	BYRON	46	47	46
1	140	GRAND MEADOW	14	15	14
1	146	ADAMS	132	133	129
1	161	LE ROY	54	55	56
1	164	STEWARTVILLE	128	129	149
1	166	PRESTON	42	43	46
1	179	PLAINVIEW	19	20	18
1	190	ST. CHARLES	12	13	14
1	191	CALEDONIA	43	44	43
1	228	WASECA	109	110	100
1	249	SPRING GROVE	12	13	2
1	264	GLENVILLE	21	22	33
1	266	HARTLAND	11	12	11
1	281	JANESVILLE	12	13	9
1	299	MABEL	41	42	41
1	317	EMMONS	32	33	25
1	330	HAYFIELD	39	40	26
1	333	KASSON	43	44	41
1	384	DODGE CENTER	13	14	11
1	400	CANTON	0	0	0
1	404	ALDEN	61	62	50
1	423	HOUSTON	0	30	2
1	546	KELLOGG	23	24	24
1	551	EYOTA	33	34	31
1	552	FREEBORN	37	38	33
1	573	ELGIN	2	3	1
1	579	MILLVILLE	41	42	20
1	595	LA CRESCENT	79	80	88
1	1111	DAKOTA	95	96	86
1 Total			1879	1952	1821

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



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First District Legion Riders

Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 15th, 2015 at 6pm. This will be in Waseca during the First District American Legion Convention. Election of new officers will take place at this meeting.

We are waiting for the final report for the Gun Raffle and Pasta feed that was held in Winona on February 28th, 2015.

The Department of Minnesota has approved the “standing operating procedure” for ALR Chapters to follow. Department liaisons appointed are Paul Hassing and Scuffy Paulson.

Rushford is hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday April 12th. Serving from 9am-1pm at a cost of \$5.00 for all you can eat.

Winona ALR is hosting a bike show on Saturday, May 2nd, 2015. See Flyer!!

Rushford’s Thunder in the Valley is Saturday, May 16th, 2015. There are Gun raffle tickets also available for this event.

Plans are in the works for a District ride to raise funds for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. The date for the ride is scheduled for Friday, July 10th-Sunday, July 12th, 2015. We hope to reach all corners of our district. We will be contacting Legion Posts for stops, meals and donations. If you are interested in having us, please contact Nancy Lewison at 507-582-3390 or lewisonnancy@gmail.com.

Please contact “Scuffy” Paulson if you have questions regarding the First District American Legion Riders.

I owe “Roe Naylor”, Austin ALR a huge apology as it was my fault that last month’s featured ALR group that his name was incorrect.

We ride to honor those who have served our country and to bring awareness to the American Legion Family.



4th Annual

THUNDER IN THE VALLEY RUN

Saturday May 16th 2015

Rushford Legion Riders Post 94



ALL Street Legal Vehicles Welcome.

Held RAIN OR SHINE

\$20 per Rider

10:00 - 11:30 Registration

12:00 Kick Stands UP at Rushford Legion

Hummers, Hokah MN

Goodfellows, Waukon Iowa

Spring Grove Legion

Houston American Legion

Steak FRY 5:00 - 8:00 pm Until Gone \$10.00 Ribeye Steak Dinner

Live Music 8:00 - Midnight ALMOST EVERYONE

at Houston Fest Grounds

FREE T-shirt while supplies last

WITH REGISTRATION

ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO ALR LEGACY RUN AND LACRESCENT / HOKAH CHOPPER CLASS

2nd Annual

Saturday May 2, 2015

Ride in and Show Motorcycle show



Drive, Trailer or Push ins are welcome
FAMILY FRIENDLY

Motorcycle Registration \$ 5.00/ Bike

Registration Start at 9:00 -1:00

Public votes \$1.00 per vote - No limit

Trophies Awarded at 2:30 PM

Many Vendors on site 8 AM - 3 PM

\$30.00/ Vendor spots. Call (507) 313-1183 for details
& confirm a spot.

Food and Beverages for purchase on site



New Categories each year with
proceeds going to veterans and local
charities .

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