



FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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First District Commander: Roland Hanson; Hello fellow veterans. I would like to tell you a little about myself. I am a Viet Nam veteran. I served as Post 91, Austin MN, Commander five times. I am a member of the Honor Guard. In the First District I have served as Mower County Commander, Area Four Vice Commander and twice as Sergeant-at-Arms. Last year I attended the National Convention in Charlotte NC as a delegate. My theme this year is Membership through Education. We need to educate our members, potential members and communities on the Four Pillars our organization was founded upon. **Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation:** Build awareness that we continue to advocate for health and education benefits for veterans. **National Security:** We advocate a strong military and Homeland Security. **Americanism:** We advocate respect for our flag and saying of the pledge of allegiance. **Children and Youth:** We advocate for family integrity, support lessening of media violence, and stopping of drug abuse and sex exploitation of children. If you would like to learn more about the four pillars please contact me at 507-438-6573 or e-mail me rehanson46@outlook.com to set up an appointment for our power point presentation. My project this year is to raise funds for the Brain Science Foundation to keep the research going on PTSD and other diseases of the brain such as Alzheimer's.

I'm looking forward to a great year as we work together and have some fun along the way and remember to thank a veteran.

Roland Hanson - First District Commander

IMPORTANT DATES

August 16, 2015—First District Picnic at Stewartville North Park (same location as last year) 1:00 pm. Bring a dish to pass, your own utensils and your refreshments.

August 28, 2015 thru September 3, 2105 is the National American Legion Convention in Baltimore, Maryland.

Sept 26, 2015 - Area One Rally in Mazeppa Post 588. Times are 3:00 PM social and 4:00PM rally.

Oct 10, 2015 - The District Fall Rally at American Legion Post 91 in Austin, MN. 9:00 am Executive Boards with a 10:00 PM Rally.

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!!!!!!!!!!!!!! IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The information for the September Newsletter **MUST** be sent to me by August 20, 2015 because I am leaving for the National Convention on Sunday August 23rd and will not get home until after Labor Day. I plan on trying to get the newsletter out before I leave so **PLEASE** get me the articles by the 20th.

First District Adjutant - Wayne Hammon Jr

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

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 INFOR-

Greetings from Area One:

I would like to thank Commander Myron Ehrich for his outstanding year as Commander of the First District. At the same time, I want to congratulate Roland Hanson as the new Commander of the First District, and I wish him the best. In the coming year, we will have a couple of post revitalizations to increase membership. National will be helping us with the program. The first revitalization will be in Rochester during the month October. The exact date will be determined by National, and we will need some volunteers to help. There will be more info coming out. This is a good program and should help our District in membership. Remember, it is the responsibility of all Legion Members to recruit new members. Just imagine if each member signed up just one new member.

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**

Area Four News

Greetings Post members in Freeborn and Mower Counties!

I'm back doing Membership for District 1 again! I'm looking forward to being a part of your posts and supporting your membership goals. I plan to start visiting posts in August. I have 12 posts to visit. I know that some of you do not have formal scheduled meetings, so I will be waiting to hear from you as to when I can plan to meet with your Post and officers. I'm looking forward to getting back on the road and catching up on your activities. Please contact me as soon as possible so I can schedule my visits. My phone numbers, email and mailing address are listed above.

Arnie Troe

District 1 Commander, Area 4
MN American Legion

NOTES:

~As you add new members, please be sure to send the details into the Department, so we can be credited for our total membership.

UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES:

August 28-September 3—97th National American Legion Convention-Baltimore MD.

Greetings from Area Two,

Greetings from your area 2 Vice Commander.

Gene "Sarge" Luedtke is my name.

There will be an Area Two membership rally on November 14th in Hayfield. Social hour will be at 1500 with the rally at 1600.

I would like to visit your posts. Please me at call me @ 507 451 5731

Area Two Vice Commander – Gene Luedtke

Greetings from Area Three,

We are starting a new year for the American Legion and after such a wonderful summer it is time to think about working on membership. Most Posts in the District did an outstanding job on membership last year. I hope with a little more work that we can all make a 100% goal for the coming year. If you ever have any problems with membership or any other Legion issues, I am always available to be of assistance. One important message that I would like to pass on; make sure all personnel have their membership paid for the year by January 20, 2016. After that date, there will be a five dollar increase in membership dues that was approved by the National. Because of that, I know we will have to work harder to get our quota for the year. I will be visiting the various Posts in the Area to explain the reason for the increase in dues.

I hope the rest of the summer is as favorable to everyone as the first half has been and we don't have any damaging storms.

As always, take time to remember our men and women in uniform who put their lives on the line 24/7 to keep us free. Also, whenever you see a member of our Armed Services in uniform, be sure to shake their hand and thank them for their service

Carroll Hill, Vice Commander
Area Three

Chaplain's Corner**August 2015**

Greetings First District, hi and welcome to the new Legion year! We pray to God for a successful year for the American Legion Family and for our nation. Every day is a day of Grace, knowing that whatever the trials may come, the Lord will not let us be tempted beyond what we can bear through Him.

The Chaplaincy has many purposes. One of its major purposes is to help persons grow in their relationship with God and one another. Also, we serve as a reminder of the transcendent and seek to develop an environment within which Legionnaires and (Legion Family members) are encouraged in their personal and collective spiritual and moral growth. We are to remind all Americans that God is the source of all rights and privileges, not the State. We are also nondenominational, nonsectarian, and wish to minister to the spiritual needs of all, without regard.

The American Legion God and Country program is good, but only if it is executed. We need to do our duty, to inculcate the individual obligation to the community, state, and nation. As it only through vigilance will our nation survive. Alexis de Tocqueville, is quoted as saying that "America is great because she is good. If America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

2 Corinthians 12:9-10, But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weakness, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weakness, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Psalms 1: 1-3, Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, or stand in the way of sinners, or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does, prospers. Godly wisdom, to be sure...

These verses in the Old and New Testaments talk about praise and grace, law and gospel. We need both, for without the law to convict us of our sin, there would be no need for Christ to be our savior. May we continue to walk in God's grace and favor and praise Him daily.

Ralph Schneekloth,
First District Chaplain

Public Relations August 2015

Hello all, PR is doing well. We will move forward with the same vigor we displayed the previous year. Keep looking at Facebook, there is info there. I took clips of video at Department convention. Posts, do not be afraid to publish good things you do at local level. Most newspapers will do a story for you, use the letter to the editor format, it can help. We as the Legion family need to publicize our efforts at Americanism, support for Children and youth, blood drives etc, all Legion programs. It draws good attention and shows the American Legion is more than a bar with a bunch of old guys telling stories. Accentuate the positive, strive to develop a family atmosphere to attract the younger members. Have a great month.

Ralph Schneekloth,
PR Committee Chair

ADULT SPORTS AUGUST 15

Hi there, the District is asking that any Post interested in hosting the District Bowling Tournament submit a request letter to Adjutant Wayne Hammon JR, at the earliest opportunity. Also, the Department Bowling Tournament will be in Albert Lea this year.

Area vice commanders, any interested in the possibility of setting up a WII bowling tourney or something else to develop camaraderie, let me know. Thank you.

Ralph Schneekloth,
Adult Sports Chair

First District Membership Report For 7/29/2015

POST	CITY	Goal	Previous	Turn In	Total	PERCENT	LEFT	Turn In Date
9	Winona	668	14	150	164	24.55%	504	7/29/2015
90	Lewiston	79	0	20	20	25.32%	59	7/29/2015
190	St Charles	150	48	18	66	44.00%	84	7/29/2005
Winona County Totals		897	62	188	250	27.87%	647	7/29/2015
50	Wabasha	322	75	24	99	30.75%	223	7/29/2015
110	Lake City	160	67	0	67	41.88%	93	7/29/2015
179	Plainview	202	71	12	83	41.09%	119	7/29/2015
546	Kellogg	71	15	7	22	30.99%	49	7/29/2015
573	Elgin	45	21	0	21	46.67%	24	7/29/2015
579	Millville	135	27	0	27	20.00%	108	7/29/2015
588	Mazeppa	85	26	0	26	30.59%	59	7/29/2015
Wabasha County Totals		1020	302	43	345	33.82%	675	7/29/2015
92	Rochester	1043	309	83	392	37.58%	651	7/29/2015
119	Byron	154	5	0	5	3.25%	149	7/29/2015
164	Stewartville	330	123	6	129	39.09%	201	7/29/2015
446	Rochester	11	8	0	8	72.73%	3	7/29/2015
551	Eyota	179	56	13	69	38.55%	110	7/29/2015
Olmstead County Totals		1717	501	102	603	35.12%	1114	7/29/2015
Area One Totals		3634	865	333	1198	32.97%	2436	7/29/2015
295	West Concord	69	17	0	17	24.64%	52	7/29/2015
330	Hayfield	240	4	50	54	22.50%	186	7/29/2015
333	Kasson	275	95	0	95	34.55%	180	7/29/2015
384	Dodge Center	94	29	11	40	42.55%	54	7/29/2015
422	Claremont	37	2	8	10	27.03%	27	7/29/2015
Dodge County Totals		715	147	69	216	30.21%	499	7/29/2015
52	Blooming Prairie	120	36	0	36	30.00%	84	7/29/2015
77	Owatonna	605	4	0	4	0.66%	601	7/29/2015
296	Ellendale	28	13	0	13	46.43%	15	7/29/2015
Steele County Totals		753	53	0	53	7.04%	700	7/29/2015
75	New Richland	70	26	0	26	37.14%	44	7/29/2015
228	Waseca	347	136	0	136	39.19%	211	7/29/2015
281	Janesville	110	47	0	47	42.73%	63	7/29/2015
587	Waldorf	28	2	0	2	7.14%	26	7/29/2015
Waseca County Totals		555	211	0	211	38.02%	344	7/29/2015
Area Two Totals		2023	411	69	480	23.73%	1543	7/29/2015

40	Lanesboro	103	24	0	24	23.30%	79	7/29/2015
68	Spring Valley	84	28	12	40	47.62%	44	7/29/2015
81	Harmony	36	1	0	1	2.78%	35	7/29/2015
94	Rushford	142	2	0	2	1.41%	140	7/29/2015
166	Preston	81	17	6	23	28.40%	58	7/29/2015
197	Chatfield	54	1	0	1	1.85%	53	7/29/2015
299	Mabel	192	5	33	38	19.79%	154	7/29/2015
369	Wykoff	21	1	0	1	4.76%	20	7/29/2015
400	Canton	18	1	0	1	5.56%	17	7/29/2015
492	Fountain	19	1	0	1	5.26%	18	7/29/2015
526	Peterson	35	10	2	12	34.29%	23	7/29/2015
544	Ostrander	25	1	0	1	4.00%	24	7/29/2015
637	Whalen	15	1	0	1	6.67%	14	7/29/2015
Fillmore County Totals		825	93	53	146	17.70%	679	7/29/2015
191	Caledonia	179	29	0	29	16.20%	150	7/29/2015
249	Spring Grove	171	4	0	4	2.34%	167	7/29/2015
423	Houston	114	31	6	37	32.46%	77	7/29/2015
498	Hokah	21	11	0	11	52.38%	10	7/29/2015
595	LaCrescent	365	112	0	112	30.68%	253	7/29/2015
Houston County Totals		850	187	6	193	22.71%	657	7/29/2015
Area Three Totals		1675	280	59	339	20.24%	1336	7/29/2015
56	Albert Lea	739	339	39	378	51.15%	361	7/29/2015
264	Glenville	90	1	9	10	11.11%	80	7/29/2015
266	Hartland	20	1	0	1	5.00%	19	7/29/2015
317	Emmons	76	23	0	23	30.26%	53	7/29/2015
404	Alden	106	1	0	1	0.94%	105	7/29/2015
552	Freeborn	40	15	2	17	42.50%	23	7/29/2015
Freeborn County Totals		1071	380	50	430	40.15%	641	7/29/2015
91	Austin	700	193	52	245	35.00%	455	7/29/2015
105	Lyle	97	17	11	28	28.87%	69	7/29/2015
140	Grand Meadow	50	1	0	1	2.00%	49	7/29/2015
146	Adams	216	55	0	55	25.46%	161	7/29/2015
161	LeRoy	73	18	0	18	24.66%	55	7/29/2015
570	Austin Spam	6	1	4	5	83.33%	1	7/29/2015
Mower County Totals		1142	285	67	352	30.82%	790	7/29/2015
Area Four Totals		2213	665	117	782	35.34%	1431	7/29/2015
1111	Dakota				0		0	
District One Totals		9545	2221	578	2799	29.32%	6746	7/29/2015

AREA VICE COMMANDER STANDINGS

AREA ONE	3634	865	333	1198	32.97%	2436	7/29/2015
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Greetings First District:

As I am writing this article it is extremely warm and sticky. Let's hope it cools off a little so its more comfortable for the Fair and other outside activities

The new physical year started off rather good. We made it off the Goose Egg and we are in fourth place at department in membership. I was hoping to be in first place but there are several posts that have turned in only a couple of memberships. We have to remember and send these memberships in weekly. It makes the accounting and the Vice Commanders job a lot easier.

One very important thing to remember is that National is increasing dues five dollars in January. You definitely want to sing all your members up before then especially the Snow Birds. The Department and the District are not increasing their dues this year. This should make it easier for your post to make goal early. Department will allow you to increase your post dues at a later date so you won't end up losing money.

August 1st Department is having a membership training at Legionville for new District and Department officers.

The annual First District picnic will again be held at the park in Stewartville on August 15th. As usual bring a dish to pass and your own drinks and settings.

Your delegates to the National Convention will be leaving the end of August for Baltimore. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they conduct the business of the American Legion for the 2015-16 year.

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IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT ONE OF THESE PROGRAMS , CONTACT THE PROPER COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FIRST BEFORE YOU CALL THE COMMANDER OR DEPARTMENT.

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SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY

AUGUST 16, 2015

The First District Executive Committee will be meeting in Stewartville, MN at 9:00 a.m. at North Meadow Park or in case of rain at the Stewartville American Legion.

This meeting is mandatory for all Executive Board members.

The First District cannot conduct business without this meeting so please plan on attending.

The Executive Committee is as follows:

President: Pat Miner

1st Vice President: Cindy Nelson

2nd Vice President: Georgann Trytten

1st Executive: Arlene Hajek

2nd Executive: Jenny Torgerson

Past President: Michelle Weaver

Secretary: Gloria Njos

The Treasurer (Audrey Farnsworth), chairmen of the Finance Committee (Marie Goede) along with the Parliamentarian (JoEllen Isenberg) and the Chaplain (Irene Martin) should also attend. All members of the First District Auxiliary are invited to attend this meeting to offer input and encouragement.

Pat Miner

First District President

p.s. This is the same day as the District Picnic.

Had my pacemaker replaced today (July 27th) and I'm feeling fine

2014-2015 Trophies

Americanism

Betty Gartner Memorial Award: Mabel

Miner/Isenberg First District Americanism Award: Waldorf

Certificate: not given

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Certificate: Hayfield

Children & Youth

District Child Welfare Gavel Trophy: not given

Myrna Gunderson Trophy: Plainview

Cindy Nelson Award: Hayfield

Certificate: not given

Community Service

Evelyn Lyke Community Service Award: Plainview

Berenice Smith Community Service Award: Glenville

Certificate: not given

Education & Scholarship

Mildred Holtz Gavel Bell Trophy: Hayfield

Certificate Awarded to: Rochester and Plainview

Field Service

Bonnie Burns Field Service Trophy: Wabasha

Certificate: not given

Girls State

Certificate: not given

History

Irene Martin History Trophy: not given

Certificate: not given

Home Service

Loretta Lechner Trophy: Wabasha

Certificate: not given

Junior Activities

Bev Jiardina Trophy: Stewartville

Certificate: not given

Leadership

Certificate: Glenville

Legislation

Bette Berg & Louella Gusa (B&L Trophy): not given

Certificate: not given

Membership

Marie Goede Membership Trophy: Hayfield

Glenda Osmundson Gavel Bell Trophy: Hayfield

Lynette Hillman Wolff Membership Trophy: not given

Carol Kruger Membership Trophy: not given

Memorial

Jenny Miller Trophy: Mabel

Audrey Erwin Memorial Trophy: Hayfield

Certificate: Albert Lea

Music

Lois Deyo Music Trophy: Hayfield

Certificate: not given

National Security

National Security Trophy: sent to Department

Certificate: not given

Past Presidents Parley

Pat Johannsen Trophy: not given

Certificate: not given

Poppy

Lillian Koch Trophy: not given

Marge Schreiber Traveling District Poppy Queen Trophy: Wabasha

Carol Kruger Traveling Poppy Queen Crown & Cape: Wabasha

Certificate: not given

Public Relations

Anna Schmitz Public Relations Trophy: Plainview

Certificate: not given

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

District Rehabilitation Gavel Trophy: Waldorf

Gladys Johnson Gavel Bell Trophy: Plainview

Maurine Patterson Trophy: Hayfield Certificate not given

Members of the 1st District Auxiliary

I wanted to thank you so much for the wonderful year as president. It was an honor and a privilege to represent the 1st District. Meeting the members and visiting your posts was wonderful and I am sorry I was not able to visit them all.

Thank you to my Officers and Chairman I could not have done everything this year without you.

I have compiled the book of annual reports and would be happy to email to anyone that would like to have it.

I look forward to continuing to visit the posts and meet the members as wife of the Detachment Chaplain Tim Weaver.

Congratulations to Pat Miner our 1st District President 2015-2016 I know her year will be an exciting and rewarding as mine was.

Michelle Weaver

1st District President 2014-2015

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Pat Miner - District One Auxiliary President

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From Your Commander

Hello fellow SAL members, well it's that time of year again. Yes time to renew your dues. I know most of you don't know but we have a new benefit called free accidental insurance threw the legion called lit. So let's get membership going and when I get information on the insurance I will send it out. Our new Detachment Commander is Gene Oswald form the Second District. I am still looking for members for my team, Area 2 and 4 Vice Commander's, Sergeant at Arms and Historian.

So far on membership Rochester is leading with approximately 85 sent in so let's get going and have so fun.

Look for information on the District Rallies and Picnic in other areas of the district newsletter as I don't know where and when they are planned, time will tell if they work or not.

I hope to plan an e board and get together soon.

Glenn Mueller – First District SAL Commander

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

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A huge thank you goes out to all who were involved in our First “Tour of the First District Legions” event that was held on July 11th-12th, 2015. It was an overwhelming experience to see the support throughout our district.

A special thanks to the committee members, Nancy, Karla, Tony, Lee & Roe for all of the time and talents put into this ride. The planning began in January with regular meetings, many phone calls, letters and riding the routes.

The weather cooperated except for a shower on Saturday morning. The timing between stops was perfect! We were welcomed by Legion, Auxiliary, S.A.L & ALR members. Some even directed traffic for us to get parked.

We could not have been happier with the donations received. Once they knew why we were there, the cash kept flowing. To date, we have received over \$11,500 in donations.

Some of us were able to get to the Department Convention parade. The Minnesota ALR was represented well.

We would like to see our chapters support each other. Rather than having meetings, let’s get out there and ride! When a chapter is hosting an event, please make an effort to attend.

We will have a meeting later in August, time and place to be shared at a later date. We need to discuss our recent ride as well as talk about doing another one next year. If you have ideas for a fund raising event or would like to help, please let us know.

We will also be planning a fall ride. We will be looking for Posts to stop at.

Please contact Dennis Lewison if you have questions regarding the First District American Legion Riders.

Dennis Lewison
First District ALR Director

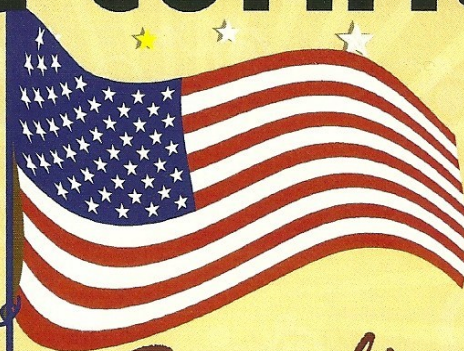
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AMERICAN LEGION
SAYS
THANK YOU To The
ENTIRE COMMUNITY**



Sweet Corn

Enjoy!

Hot Dogs



Socialize!

Burgers

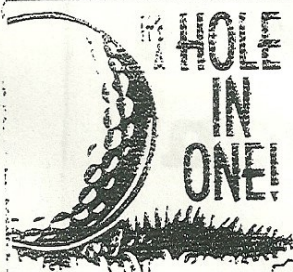


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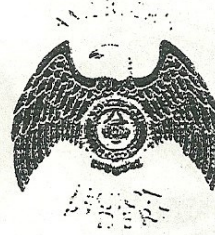
American Legion Post 56
 142 N. Broadway • Albert Lea, MN
Saturday, August 15, 2015
Noon - 6:00 pm OR AS LONG AS FOOD LASTS



**MUSIC BY
 "BUTCH AND ARLAN"
 2:00 - 6:00 PM**



The Legion Family Post 56 2015 Golfing Event



Sunday, August 16, 2015

Green Lea Golf Course • 101 E. Richway Dr., Albert Lea, MN • 507-373-1061

**** Open To Public ****

Noon Registration

1:00 PM SHOTGUN START:

4 Person Best Shot

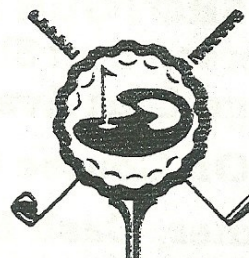
Beverage Cart Available

Prizes - On Course Games,

Dinner, Cash Bar

Golf: 1:00 Start

Dinner Starts: 5:00pm



RAISING FUNDS TO SUPPORT LEGION FAMILY ACTIVITIES

EACH GOLFER OR 4-SOME MUST COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Sign Up Your 4-Some: _____

GOLF / DINNER: \$50.00 / Per Person

DINNER ONLY: \$10.00 / Per Person

Check for Cart Reservation \$15.00 Per person

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Checks Payable to American Legion Golf Event