



FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Hello Comrades:

I hope everybody celebrated the Legion's birthday. I went to a great birthday party at Blooming Prairie There was good food and good music.

The Past Commander / Past President Fish Fry was held in Albert Lea on the 4th. Sadly I only had to pay for three dinners.

The 16th was Veterans on the Hill in St. Paul. It was one of the largest turnouts I've seen. The Representatives seem very concerned about helping our veterans.

I gave greetings to the Junior Auxiliary Conference at Stewartville. They were tying quilts for the Veterans Homes.

Remember our Dept. Commanders Testimonial on April 9th. It is being held in Adams, MN. He is doing a great job for the veterans this year. Remember to thank a veteran.

Roland Hanson
First District Commander

IMPORTANT DATES

April 2, 2016—Commander Hanson's Testimonial dinner at Austin Post 91. Social time at 5pm with dinner at 6 pm program following. Info in flyer section

April 9, 2016—Department Commander Jim Kellogg's Testimonial dinner at Adams Post 146. Social time 5pm, dinner 6pm and program following. More info in the flyer section

April 16, 2016—Area Four Rally—Lyle Post 105.—Social time 3:00pm , rally at 4:00pm. This rally will be on The Fourth Pillar of The American Legion—Children & Youth.

April 16, 2016 - Department Spring Rally "Lunch with Veterans" more info inside the newsletter.

May 20—21, 2016 - First District Convention at Mabel American Legion Post 299, Mabel, MN

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- 1. Sy Fix - LaCrescent - For Commander
- 2. Ralph Schneekloth - Mabel - For Chaplain
- 3. Bill Goede - Plainview - For Finance Officer
- 4. Rodger German—Grand Meadow—Area 4 Vice
- 5. Gary Miller—Eyota—Area One Vice

NATIONAL CONVENTION REQUESTS

- 1. Sy Fix
- 2. Wayne Hammon Jr
- 3. Bill Goede
- 4. Arnie Troe
- 5. Eugene Warke
- 6. Chuck Kruger
- 7. Roland Hanson
- 8. Myron Ehrich
- 9. Richard Skillestad
- 10. Les Shaunce
- 11. Gene Ludtke

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:

First District Website at mnmightyfirst.org

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)

First District Facebook page at [mnfirstdistrict](https://www.facebook.com/mnfirstdistrict)

!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! IMPORTANT !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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 ADJUNT 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.

RESOLUTIONS NOTICE

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

If you have a resolution you want considered at the First District Convention in Mabel on May 21, 2016, **IT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT RESOLUTION CHAIRMAN NO LATER THAN APRIL 11, 2016.**

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

Thank you

Richard Gosse— First District Resolution chairman

Greetings from Area One:

I attended Veterans Day on the Hill on March 16th. The 1st District was well represented. Also on March 5, I attended the Department Appreciation Rally in Legionville. The First District was again well represented. One item that was brought up at Legionville was that we need to be nicer to each, and don't beat each other up as we go about doing American Legion business. We all make mistakes.

Remember, it is the responsibility of all Legion Members to recruit new members. Just imagine if each member signed up just one new member. Have you signed up a new member yet?

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 You and May God Bless America.

Area One Vice Commander
Joe P Brown, Sr

I attended the Legion Birthday parties in Owatonna and Blooming Prairie. I also attended the Legion Family Appreciation rally at Legionville. Also attend the Area 4 rally in Spring Grove. Let's keep working on those memberships to get District 1 back in first place. Make Commander Jim proud. Hope everyone had a Blessed Easter.

Area Two Vice Commander
(Sarge) Gene Luedtke

Greetings from Area Three,

The weather is changing and spring seems to be on its way. According to legend, a Robin has to be snowed down three times before spring is here and according to my count, we have one more snow storm to go. Spring is a time of new growth with the promise of summer to follow.

We still have some old business we have to think about. There are a lot of Posts in the Area that are within five or less members of making goal. With a little bit of hard work and time, we should be able to resign up our current members and possibly find some new members. Our Department Commander is from District One and it would be nice to give him a sendoff by having District One in first place in the Department. With a little bit of extra work this is possible.

May we continue to bless our troops in uniform and keep them in our prayers.

Carroll Hill, Vice Commander
Area Three

Greetings, all!

March went by in a hurry and Easter came early. Hope this finds all of you ready for spring. Here are some events to put on your calendar:

We have two testimonials coming up in April. The first is on Saturday, April 2, 2016, honoring District Commander Roland Hanson. It will be held at Post #91, with a 5 p.m. Social Hour and 6 p.m. dinner. The program will follow. The second testimonial is Saturday, April 9, 2016 to recognize our Department Commander Jim Kellogg. The event will be held at Post #146, with a 5 p.m. Social Hour and 6 p.m. dinner. The program will follow dinner. Please dress casually.

And don't forget our last Rally, which will be held on April 16, 2016 at Post # 105 in Lyle. We will start with a 3 p.m. Social hour and the Rally Program will begin at 4 p.m.

Did you know the American Legion has been celebrating April as Children and Youth month for 78 years? Think of all we have accomplished in that time! Please get your reports in to me as soon as possible. The deadline is April 30, 2016.

And finally, May 20-21 is the District convention in Mabel. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there. Let's not forget our troops. God Bless America!

Arnold C. Troe, Area 4 Vice

First District Membership Report For 3/31/2016

POST	CITY	Goal	Previous	Turn In	Total	PERCENT	LEFT	Turn In Date
9	Winona	668	619	6	625	93.56%	43	3/17/2016
90	Lewiston	79	67	3	70	88.61%	9	1/21/2016
190	St Charles	150	134	5	139	92.67%	11	3/25/2016
Winona County Totals		897	820	14	834	92.98%	63	3/31/2016
50	Wabasha	322	260	18	278	86.34%	44	2/18/2016
110	Lake City	160	151	-1	150	93.75%	10	3/25/2016
179	Plainview	202	188	14	202	100.00%	0	1/21/2016
546	Kellogg	71	70	1	71	100.00%	0	2/11/2016
573	Elgin	45	38	1	39	86.67%	6	3/10/2016
579	Millville	135	160	1	161	119.26%	-26	2/18/2016
588	Mazeppa	85	76	1	77	90.59%	8	3/17/2016
Wabasha County Totals		1020	943	35	978	95.88%	42	3/31/2016
92	Rochester	1043	952	-1	951	91.18%	92	3/25/2016
119	Byron	154	154	1	155	100.65%	-1	3/10/2016
164	Stewartville	330	305	3	308	93.33%	22	3/25/2016
446	Rochester	11	13	1	14	127.27%	-3	12/16/2015
551	Eyota	179	173	10	183	102.23%	-4	1/7/2016
Olmstead County Totals		1717	1597	14	1611	93.83%	106	3/31/2016
Area One Totals		3634	3360	63	3423	94.19%	211	3/31/2016
295	West Concord	69	66	2	68	98.55%	1	3/10/2016
330	Hayfield	240	243	-1	242	100.83%	-2	3/25/2016
333	Kasson	275	269	5	274	99.64%	1	2/18/2016
384	Dodge Center	94	83	2	85	90.43%	9	2/11/2016
422	Claremont	37	33	5	38	102.70%	-1	11/25/2015
Dodge County Totals		715	694	13	707	98.88%	8	3/31/2016
52	Blooming Prairie	120	107	-1	106	88.33%	14	3/25/2016
77	Owatonna	605	569	1	570	94.21%	35	3/17/2016
296	Ellendale	28	33	1	34	121.43%	-6	3/10/2016
Steele County Totals		753	709	1	710	94.29%	43	3/31/2016
75	New Richland	70	60	3	63	90.00%	7	1/21/2016
228	Waseca	347	350	1	351	101.15%	-4	3/25/2016
281	Janesville	110	102	2	104	94.55%	6	12/10/2015
587	Waldorf	28	27	1	28	100.00%	0	2/18/2016
Waseca County Totals		555	539	7	546	98.38%	9	3/31/2016
Area Two Totals		2023	1942	21	1963	97.03%	60	3/31/2016

40	Lanesboro	103	105	5	110	106.80%	-7	1/7/2016
68	Spring Valley	84	78	2	80	95.24%	4	3/31/2016
81	Harmony	36	29	3	32	88.89%	4	2/25/2015
94	Rushford	142	130	1	131	92.25%	11	3/10/2016
166	Preston	81	73	2	75	92.59%	6	3/25/2016
197	Chatfield	54	48	2	50	92.59%	4	1/21/2016
299	Mabel	192	189	1	190	98.96%	2	2/18/2016
369	Wykoff	21	18	2	20	95.24%	1	9/17/2015
400	Canton	18	13	3	16	88.89%	2	1/15/2016
492	Fountain	19	13	4	17	89.47%	2	12/10/2015
526	Peterson	35	36	-1	35	100.00%	0	1/7/2016
544	Ostrander	25	26	1	27	108.00%	-2	12/16/2015
637	Whalen	15	15	1	16	106.67%	-1	2/11/2016
Fillmore County Totals		825	773	26	799	96.85%	26	3/31/2016
191	Caledonia	179	170	1	171	95.53%	8	3/25/2016
249	Spring Grove	171	158	1	159	92.98%	12	3/17/2016
423	Houston	114	107	3	110	96.49%	4	3/10/2016
498	Hokah	21	20	1	21	100.00%	0	2/11/2016
595	LaCrescent	365	327	14	341	93.42%	24	3/17/2016
Houston County Totals		850	782	20	802	94.35%	48	3/31/2016
Area Three Totals		1675	1555	46	1601	95.58%	74	3/31/2016
56	Albert Lea	739	713	10	723	97.83%	16	3/31/2016
264	Glenville	90	83	1	84	93.33%	6	3/10/2016
266	Hartland	20	17	1	18	90.00%	2	9/17/2015
317	Emmons	76	74	1	75	98.68%	1	2/18/2016
404	Alden	106	113	-1	112	105.66%	-6	3/10/2016
552	Freeborn	40	37	2	39	97.50%	1	12/10/2015
Freeborn County Totals		1071	1037	14	1051	98.13%	20	3/31/2016
91	Austin	700	652	2	654	93.43%	46	3/31/2016
105	Lyle	97	90	1	91	93.81%	6	1/7/2016
140	Grand Meadow	50	47	1	48	96.00%	2	2/11/2016
146	Adams	216	204	2	206	95.37%	10	3/10/2016
161	LeRoy	73	68	1	69	94.52%	4	3/10/2016
570	Austin Spam	6	1	4	5	83.33%	1	7/29/2015
Mower County Totals		1142	1062	11	1073	93.96%	69	3/31/2016
Area Four Totals		2213	2099	25	2124	95.98%	89	3/31/2016
1111	Dakota	82	0	4	4	4.88%	78	3/31/2016
District One Totals		9627	8956	159	9115	94.68%	512	3/31/2016

AREA VICE COMMANDER								
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AREA THREE	1675	1555	46	1601	95.58%	74	3/31/2016	
AREA FOUR	2213	2099	25	2124	95.98%	89	3/31/2016	

Greetings First District:

Daylight savings time is here and so is Spring, finally. This year's Past Commanders/Past Presidents Fish Fry was a wash out. We had only three of each attend. I think we may have to look at the future of this event.

The American Legion Family Appreciation Rally at Legionville was a success. Brainerd Post# 255 did a great job with the evening meal. The portions were huge. I don't think anyone walked away hungry.

Area One Vice Commander Joe Brown was the district's Outstanding Vice Commander of the Year. Good job Joe!

I was unable to attend the rescheduled Area Three rally on March 12th due to a family event. It sounded like the program on the Third Pillar, Americanism, was received quite well.

On April 2nd, we will be having District Commander Rollie's Testimonial. Austin Post# 91 will be hosting this event. Let's everyone plan to attend and show Rollie our great appreciation for a job well done.

Be sure to mark April 9th on the calendar. We will be having Department Commander Jim's Testimonial. Adam's Post# 146 will be hosting the event. I'm sure this will be a memorable evening. Please plan to attend and show Jim your support for a fun and enjoyable year.

On April 16th we will be having our final Rally of the year. Lyle Post #105 will be hosting the Area Four Rally. Let's everyone plan to attend and end the year on an up note. Bring lots of membership and see if we can get back to number one in Department. MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP is the back bone of the American Legion. Please!!!! give every post a call or visit any member who hasn't renewed their membership. Go back and ask those who have let their membership expire in the past to renew their commitment to this great organization.

Until next month. have a great Spring.

1st District Membership Director

MAKE SURE AND USE THE RED TRANSMITTALS TO SEND MEMBERSHIP IN. IF YOU USE THE GREEN ONES THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP AND CHECK WILL BE SENT BACK TO YOUR POST.

DEPARTMENT SPRING RALLY---LUNCH WITH THE VETERANS

Department Commander Kellogg has asked me to set up a Department Spring Rally with a focus on a Minnesota Veterans Home. The intent of this event is not a formal gathering or meeting, but to take time and visit with the Veterans. All members of the Legion, Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary, SAL, and Legion Riders are invited. On Saturday April 16th, I have scheduled lunch with the Veterans at the Hastings Veterans Home. If you have someone who is interested in joining the Legion, bring them as your guest. Give them a chance to meet the Veterans and network with the Legion family. Come prepare to sit, eat, and visit with the Veterans. Sit with the Veterans, NOT each other. As a visitor, you will be asked to pay \$5 for the meal. The food service starts at 11:45 AM for those Veterans, who can not get their own lunch. As guests, we should plan on eating at Noon. If you have membership, bring it to the lunch. Informally, we will collect it after eating. By April 1st, please confirm with me if you plan to come to this Spring Rally. The Home needs to know how much food will be needed. Call John Milbrath at [507-267-4810](tel:507-267-4810) or Cell Phone [507-384-1437](tel:507-384-1437) or E-Mail jwmilbrathjr@frontiernet.net. Take time to meet some real life heroes, thank them for their service, and your freedom.

!!!!!!!!!!!!!! IMPORTANT DUES INFORMATION !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

As you already know National raised the membership dues five(5) dollars last January. In addition to that a resolution is coming to the District Convention in Mabel this May to add a one (1) dollar to the district share of your dues. This is coming forward because since 2008 the District has lost over seventy five hundred (7500) dollars of income due to members dying and younger members not wanting to sign up. According to our By-Laws we cannot budget more for next year than we take in this year. It is either raise the dues or cut programs and we do not want to do that. This resolution, if passed would go into effect for the 2017 dues year.

In addition to that a resolution will be coming before the Department Convention in Rochester for a three (3) dollar raise for the 2018 year dues. If everything passes we will be sending in thirty five dollars and seventy five cents (35.75) per member for the 2018 membership year. PLEASE make sure your post dues are high enough to cover these in case everything passes.

Bill Goede—District Finance Officer

PR tips for April

Greetings First District. 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 your 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 humbly serve.

First District PR committee chair,

Ralph Schneekloth

Greetings First District

Welcome to Spring. For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America. Now think about those previous words, you know we say them before every meeting, and just this first bit is really heady, what a charge we have received; to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.

October 11, 1798, President John Adams stated in his address to the military: We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other. America's God and Country, William J. Federer 2013.

Peter Marshall- Chaplain of the United States Senate, January 13, 1947. The choice before us is plain: Christ or chaos, conviction or compromise, discipline or disintegration. I am rather tired of hearing about our rights and privileges as American citizens. The time is come -it is now- when we ought to hear about the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. America's future depends upon her accepting and demonstrating God's government. America's God and Country, William J. Federer 2013.

JOSHUA 24: 14-15. Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15 But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. "*But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.*"

Romans 13:9 The commandments are summed up in this sentence, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

I Timothy 2:1 "I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men."

Proverbs 1:7 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline."

Psalms 14:1 The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

Now, where am I going with this? From the beginning of our nation, it has been stressed that morality and religion were the keys to our success. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. The main reason for the Puritans and Pilgrims settling was religious freedom. But "We the people" by and large became complacent as defenders of the faith, and in guarding our Constitution. How could the people know that at the height of our power, that Court rulings would turn it upside down, and what was meant to limit the power of the government was flipped and began limiting the power of the people. Note: In the US Constitution, there is no phrase of separation of church and state. However, there was, in the constitution of the Soviet Union. Interesting, yes. So, for the God and Country program to work, we Legionnaires, and Legion family members need to know the aspects of it.

Service to God has three spiritual objectives: Regular public worship, Daily family prayer, and Religious training of children.

Service to country Not only must we prevent national spiritual decay, we must instill in our citizens a spirit of positive Americanism, with respect for law, reverence for authority, and awareness of our God given rights and freedoms.

This, in turn, reaps a spirit of service to community and nation. American Legion Posts can support the children and youth programs to help teach the youth of today as well as older citizens about the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. It's that important.

FOR OUR COUNTRY

Lord of the nations, I praise you for the precious inheritance of this great land. I pray that I and my fellow citizens might ever remain mindful of your blessings and rejoice to do your will. Bless our nation with God-fearing leaders, honorable industry and peace from our enemies. Preserve us from violence of every kind, from discord and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every other evil.

Defend our liberties and unite us as one people. Grant wisdom and integrity to all who are entrusted with positions of authority that there may be justice and peace, law and order throughout our great land. Equip and embolden your church on earth to make good use of the blessings you have granted by promoting your gospel in every village and city. In times of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness. In times of trouble, do not allow our trust in your providence to fail. Amen

Thank you for allowing me to humbly serve,

Ralph Schneekloth,

2016 First District Call To Convention

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, Roland Hanson, do hereby call a convention of the First District to convene at Mabel, Minnesota, Saturday May 21, 2016.

The business sessions of the convention will be held at Mabel Post # 299 located at 114 North Main St, Mabel, MN commencing at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 21 and will continue until adjournment.

The purpose of this convention is to elect a District Commander, Four (4) District Vice- Commanders, District Chaplain, 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 District Adjutant, Wayne Hammon Jr, PO Box 135, LeRoy, MN 55951 before May 15th.

All Members are encouraged to attend
First District Commander
Roland Hanson

Delegate Certification to the First District Convention in Austin, Minnesota, May 21, 2016, Please send to the District Adjutant as soon as possible.

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DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

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ADJUTANT, POST # _____

FIRST DISTRICT 2016 CONVENTION PRE REGISTRATION

May 21, 2016

MABEL, MINNESOTA

The First District Convention will be held in in Mabel, Minnesota at the American Legion Post 299. Please fill this form out and return to: **American Legion Unit 299** before May 4, 2016.

**Convention Registration
114 North Main Street
Mabel, MN 55954**

Please mark the items with an "X" and total up the amount.

_____ Registration Fee \$ 10.00
_____ Saturday lunch \$ 8.00
Total \$ _____

Please make checks out to **American Legion Auxiliary Unit 299** and send to the address above.

NAME _____ **PHONE** ____/____/_____

ADDRESS _____ **CITY** _____ **ZIP** _____

Circle one - **Delegate** **Alternate** **Guest**

Place an "X" by your organization and fill out your organization number

Legion ____ **Post #** ____ **Auxiliary** ____ **Unit #** ____ **SAL** ____ **Squadron #** _____

You **must** register as a delegate, alternate or guest if you are going to attend the convention.

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

Important – Being as we having a one day convention it is imperative that we have pre-registration to get us a number of those attending for Post 299. Please share this with everyone that you can and PLEASE, PLEASE pre- register.

CONVENTION BOOKLET ADVERTISEMENTS

Full page Ad: \$100

Half page Ad: \$50

Quarter page Ad \$25

Send a copy of the ad and payment for the Ads By April 30th, 2016 to:

Mabel American Legion

ATTN: Convention Committee

114 North Main Street

Mabel, MN 55954

CONVENTION HOUSING INFORMATION (rooms filling up fast)

Country Lodge Inn

525 Main Ave North

Harmony, MN 55939

Phone # 507-886-2515

Americas Best Value Inn & Suites

745 North Broadway St

Spring Valley, MN

Phone # 507-346-7788

Mabel House Hotel

117 South Main St

Mabel, MN 55954

Phone # 507-272-4031

Stone Mill Motel & Suites

100 Beacon St East

Lanesboro, MN 55949

Phone # 507-467-8663

The Trailhead Inn & Suites

112 Center St

Preston, MN 55965

Phone # 507-765-2460

Country Trails Inn & Suites

Highway 52

Preston, MN 55965

Phone # 507-765-2533

Jail House Inn & Breakfast

109 Houston St NW

Preston, MN 55965

Phone # 507-765-2181

Fair Bridge Inn & Suites

508 Kruckow Ave

Caledonia, MN 55921

Phone # 866-430-2692

Since I am running for the position of District Commander and in case I am elected I am trying to get the Chairmanships done before hand. I ask for your support in my endeavor to run for Commander as well as your support for the District Chairmanships. The following are the positions still open:

Boys State

Veterans Affairs and Rehab

Sy Fix

The 2016 State Convention is coming soon. Unit #92, Rochester will be hosting and will be in need of help with various duties such as registration and different Chairmanships. Please contact Sharon Kingsley if you think you can be of assistance this year.

507-288-1411

sharo2100@yahoo.com

IMPORTANT - LEGIONVILLE SAFTY PATROL CAMP

It's that time of year again get your school safety patrol kids signed up. Remember that this is open to any 5 grader or older plus you can send more than one kid you can ask your local lions club or VFW or anyone who might want to send a kid.

To find out more information and registration forms go to the Minnesota American Legion Website at mnlegion.org and click on post resources. Then from the drop menu click on Legionville, then click on reservations, from that page all the information and registration forms can be found.

Thanks Glenn Mueller – First District Legionville Chairman

FROM YOUR ADJUTANT'S PEN

It is getting that time of the year when post reports are due. Please make sure and check all of the mail you receive because several reports might be included in one letter. We want the First District to have one hundred (100) percent of reporting of the Post Consolidated Reports this year. If you need any help give me a call at 507-696-2707.

Wayne Hammon Jr First District Adjutant

FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY NEWS



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With this newsletter article I want to say THANKS to those that attended the Past Presidents Luncheon. We had nice group and will be having future Past Presidents luncheon at this time of the year.

Also THANKS to the Stewartville Auxiliary for hosting the District Junior Conference on March 19th. There were girls from Blooming Prairie, LeRoy and Stewartville before closing their meeting they tied 3 blankets and gave them to LuAnn Anderson for Angels Wings SE Minnesota. The new Auxiliary Jr Officers are a follow:

Honorary Jr President - Johanna Welter

1st Vice President - Abigale Wilson

2nd Vice President - Mia Lowe

Secretary - Taylor McElroy

Treasurer - Haley Schliehter

Chaplain - Maizy Lowe

Congratulations to these young ladies for taking these positions.

I am also asking that **IF YOUR UNIT RECEIVED A TROPHY AT ANY DISTRICT CONVENTION PLEASE RETURN THEM OR MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE THEM AT THIS YEARS CONVENTION IN MABEL.** You can call me (507-433-1326) if you need to have it picked up. This year the District Convention is being held in Mabel on May 21st.

Plan on attending to learn what other units have been doing and what changes may be coming in the following year.

Pat Miner
1st District President

Poppy Program

Have all Units ordered their Poppies? If not you are still able too.

All Units should have received the Poppy Program Plaques and Awards sheet. After your Poppy Poster Contest, I will need you to send me your winning Posters by April 1st.

One winner in each category from 1st. District will be sent on to State for competition.

Good Luck to each Unit!

I would really like to know what your Unit would have done last year to promote the Poppy Program.

You can send your winning posters and poppy recap to the following address.

Wanda Prescher- Poppy Chair
3321 Vista View Ct. SW
Rochester, MN. 55902

#	Unit Name	2015 Final Count	2016 DNO	Period Gain Juniors	Period Gain Seniors	Period Gain Totals	Juniors To Date	Seniors To Date	To Date Totals	Percent
146	Adams	147	178		14	14	18	123	141	79.21%
56	Albert Lea	368	444			0	7	316	323	72.75%
404	Alden	53	64			0		43	43	67.19%
91	Austin	180	218		1	1	1	161	162	74.31%
52	Blooming Prairie	124	150			0	3	111	114	76.00%
119	Byron	96	116		2	2	15	77	92	79.31%
191	Caledonia	82	99			0	5	71	76	76.77%
197	Chatfield	36	44		1	1		38	38	86.36%
422	Claremont	26	32			0	4	16	20	62.50%
384	Dodge Center	91	110	1	6	7	6	73	79	71.82%
573	Elgin	26	32			0	1	21	22	68.75%
317	Emmons	30	36			0		30	30	83.33%
551	Eyota	123	149		4	4	3	100	103	69.13%
492	Fountain	21	25			0		1	1	4.00%
552	Freeborn	64	78			0	9	54	63	80.77%
264	Glenville	107	129			0	12	91	103	79.84%
140	Grand Meadow	77	93			0	11	66	77	82.80%
81	Harmony	44	53			0	17	32	49	92.45%
330	Hayfield	222	268		4	4	15	172	187	69.78%
498	Hokah	20	24			0		19	19	79.17%
423	Houston	136	165			0	17	123	140	84.85%
281	Janesville	61	74			0	1	57	58	78.38%
333	Kasson	153	186			0	5	139	144	77.42%
546	Kellogg	145	176		1	1	17	120	137	77.84%
595	La Crescent	224	270		4	4	18	206	224	82.96%
110	Lake City	89	108			0	10	71	81	75.00%
40	Lanesboro	93	113			0		82	82	72.57%
161	Leroy	72	87			0	12	37	49	56.32%
90	Lewiston	40	49			0	2	32	34	69.39%
105	Lyle	56	68	1	4	5	6	43	49	72.06%
299	Mabel	141	171	2	9	11	16	119	135	78.95%

588	Mazeppa	53	64			0	2	50	52	81.25%
579	Millville	49	59	1	3	4	3	40	43	72.88%
75	New Richland	69	84			0		64	64	76.19%
544	Ostrander	16	19			0		16	16	84.21%
77	Owatonna	128	155			0		125	125	80.65%
526	Peterson	33	40			0	1	35	36	90.00%
179	Plainview	184	223			0	15	146	161	72.20%
92	Rochester	182	221	2	1	3	11	164	175	79.19%
94	Rushford	70	85			0	2	74	76	89.41%
249	Spring Grove	135	164	4	6	10	16	112	128	78.05%
68	Spring Valley	47	57			0		44	44	77.19%
190	St Charles	96	116			0	3	64	67	57.76%
164	Stewartville	181	220		1	1	9	169	178	80.91%
50	Wabasha	146	177		2	2	7	124	131	74.01%
587	Waldorf	29	35			0		28	28	80.00%
228	Waseca	241	290			0	7	211	218	75.17%
295	West Concord	39	47			0		35	35	74.47%
637	Whalan	23	28			0		23	23	82.14%
9	Winona	194	234			0	8	132	140	59.83%
369	Wykoff	16	19			0		15	15	78.95%
	1st District Totals	5,078	6,146	11	63	74	315	4,315	4,630	75.33%

The numbers above and on the previous page are from Bulletin # 22 for 3-22-16. The First District is in 7th place with a percent of 75.33%

RENEW - RECRUIT - REJOIN

Ladies, I thank you for all you and your Unit has done with membership. But—we are in seventh (7th) place in the Department. We have not made any of our goals and target dates. We were to be at ninety (90) percent by the fifth (5th) of March. We do have two Units that made their ninety (90) percent . Some Units are still at forty (40) percent. What is going on? ? I would be so proud if the First District could make goal by the Department Convention or sooner. I know we can do it, one (1) member at a time. So let's all Spread Our Eagles Wings and Soar for Membership.

Our Department Commander Jim and Department President Sandy would be so proud of the First District Also. If I can be of any help - Please me know. (1-507-383-3456)

Cindy Nelson - First District Membership Chairman

Call to Convention

The annual First District Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Minnesota is hereby called. It is to be held in Mabel, Minnesota on **Saturday May 21, 2016**. Auxiliary sessions will be held at Mabel Community Center, 201 South Main, Mabel, MN

Opening session will be called on May 21, 2016 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.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



Hello fellow Sons members'

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well time is going by way to fast. It is that time of year again. Time to get your officers lined up for next year. That means it's time for anyone interested in doing offices for the District to get their letters of intention or endorsement in to either me or adjutant Gary.

Thanks for your membership this past year but we still need about 400 members to make our Detachment goal. This is the time to do the door knocking or serious phone calling and get it done. I have heard that some one wants Commander and has a couple of others interested in offices. So let's get them letters in. Please fill out the Squadron Consolidated Report Forms. Also make sure your Detachment post officer's report is sent in to the District and Department. They do not except same as last year, the computer doesn't like that answer.

Thanks and remember District Convention being held in Mabel in May, just around the corner for us. I hope to see some more faces this year. God bless you and bless our men and women serving.

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

May 21, 2016 - First District SAL Convention at American Legion Post 299 in Mabel, MN. Sessions starting at 1:00 pm.

June 4, 2016 - LaCrescent Squadron 595 Ben Bag Tournament, more information on the following page

SAL UP COMING EVENT

SAL Squadron 595 of LaCrescent will be sponsoring the following event on June 4, 2016;
Bean Bag Tournament at the La Crescent American Legion Post located at 509 West Chestnut, LaCrescent, MN.

Registration will be at 9:00 am with the bags flying at 10:00 am

Twenty (20) dollars registration fee for each team of two (2) - Both team members must be current members of the American Legion Family.

Contact Tim Weaver at 608 -304-6532 or e-mail him at timweaver595@gmail.com for more information.

Membership Report Mar 19, 2016

Detachment of Minnesota		2016 Membership						National Goal	11,452	89.04%
Membership Bulletin No.		7.2						Detachment Goal	11,588	88.00%
								Current Membership	10,197	
Rank	District	Total 2015	2016 Goal	Total 2016	Month's Gain	% of Goal	This Date Last Year	+ / - Last Year	No. Squads	Commander
1	District 2	1,158	1,189	1,189	78	100.00%	1,055	134	33	Scott Gebel
2	District 7	913	932	881	52	94.53%	801	80	19	Jeff Smith
3	District 3	1,899	1,935	1,756	132	90.75%	1,698	58	36	Elmer Baysinger
4	District 9	777	793	683	38	86.13%	722	-39	17	Jasen Hruza
5	District 6	1,461	1,493	1,282	27	85.87%	1,194	88	32	Michael Fernlund
6	District 4	338	344	295	8	85.76%	291	4	6	Lawrence Dean
7	District 10	1,836	1,870	1,582	40	84.60%	1,653	-71	34	Larry Daml
8	District 1	1,968	2,009	1,664	204	82.83%	1,824	-160	41	Glenn Mueller
9	District 8	583	597	487	13	81.57%	511	-24	14	Ken Oliver
10	District 5	412	418	330	35	78.95%	365	-35	6	Robert Bristo
	District 11	6	8	48	0	600.00%	6	42	3	
Detachment		11,351	11,588	10,197	627	88.00%	10,120	77	241	Gene Olsword

FIRST DISTRICT SAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 3/19/2016

SQUAD	LOCATION	GOAL	PREVIOUS	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	DATE
9	WINONA	54	0	75	75	138.89%	-21	1/6/2016
40	LANESBORO	53	56	1	57	107.55%	-4	3/19/2016
50	WABASHA	30	9	1	10	33.33%	20	2/24/2016
90	LEWISTON	32	1	45	46	143.75%	-14	1/28/2016
92	ROCHESTER	101	105	15	120	118.81%	-19	3/19/2016
94	RUSHFORD	29	0	35	35	120.69%	-6	1/6/2016
119	BYRON	31	43	3	46	148.39%	-15	3/19/2016
164	STEWARTVILLE	114	64	41	105	92.11%	9	3/19/2016
166	PRESTON	47	0	41	41	87.23%	6	1/6/2016
179	PLAINVIEW	22	0	16	16	72.73%	6	1/6/2016
190	ST CHARLES	20	0	15	15	75.00%	5	1/6/2016
191	CALEDONIA	43	0	0	0	0.00%	43	1/6/2016
249	SPRING GROVE	16	7	1	8	50.00%	8	3/19/2016
299	MABEL	44	0	16	16	36.36%	28	1/6/2016
423	HOUSTON	53	19	2	21	39.62%	32	3/19/2016
546	KELLOGG	20	24	2	26	130.00%	-6	1/28/2016
551	EYOTA	33	27	4	31	93.94%	2	1/28/2016
573	ELGIN	25	0	1	1	4.00%	24	1/6/2016
579	MILLVILLE	25	0	4	4	16.00%	21	1/6/2016
595	LA CRESCENT	79	40	23	63	79.75%	16	3/19/2016
TOTAL FOR EAST SIDE		871	395	341	736	84.50%	135	3/19/2016
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	14	0	71	71	507.14%	-57	1/6/2016
56	ALBERT LEA	129	48	14	62	48.06%	67	2/24/2016
75	NEW RICHLAND	4	0	0	0	0.00%	4	1/6/2016
77	OWATONNA	121	69	61	130	107.44%	-9	3/19/2016
91	AUSTIN	63	30	31	61	96.83%	2	2/24/2016
105	LYLE	30	1	18	19	63.33%	11	3/19/2016
140	GRAND MEADOW	11	0	14	14	127.27%	-3	3/19/2016
146	ADAMS	126	74	6	80	63.49%	46	3/19/2016
161	LEROY	49	0	47	47	95.92%	2	1/6/2016
228	WASECA	95	99	10	109	114.74%	-14	2/24/2016
264	GLENVILLE	27	40	1	41	151.85%	-14	3/19/2016
266	HARTLAND	12	0	12	12	100.00%	0	1/6/2016
281	JANESVILLE	15	0	10	10	66.67%	5	1/28/2016
317	EMMONS	29	0	19	19	65.52%	10	1/6/2016
330	HAYFIELD	53	27	1	28	52.83%	25	2/24/2016
333	KASSON	51	0	38	38	74.51%	13	1/6/2016
384	DODGE CENTER	25	6	1	7	28.00%	18	3/19/2016
404	ALDEN	54	46	7	53	98.15%	1	3/19/2016
552	FREEBORN	34	0	35	35	102.94%	-1	1/6/2016
TOTAL FOR WEST SIDE		928	440	396	836	90.09%	92	3/19/2016
1111	DAKOTA	191	83	9	92	48.17%	99	3/19/2016
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT		2009	918	746	1664	82.83%	345	3/19/2016

2016 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, Glenn Mueller, First District SAL Commander, do here by call a Convention of the First District Sons of the American Legion to convene at American Legion Post 299 located at 114 North Main Street in Mabel, MN on Saturday May 21, 2016 at 1pm.

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 upon the Membership certified to the District Commander by the Detachment Adjutant.

Please send certification of your Squadron Delegates and Alternates to:

1st District SAL Adjutant
Gary Weaver
29 North Elm St
LaCrescent, MN 55947

All District SAL Members are urged to attend.
Glenn Mueller
1st District SAL Commander

SAL Delegate certification to the First District SAL Convention in Austin, MN on Saturday, May 21, 2016.

Squadron _____	_____ MN
Delegates	Alternates
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	4. _____
5. _____	5. _____
6. _____	6. _____

Signed _____

Adjutant Squadron # _____

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



RIDERS CONTACT INFORMATION

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Tony Loecher
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Adams, MN
507/440/2090

SGT AT ARMS

Spanky Carroll
Rushford, MN
507/450/0741

HISTORIAN

Karla Miller
Rushford, MN
507/459/5962

CHAPLAIN

Roe Naylor
Austin, MN
507/438/5804

ROAD CAPTAIN

Lee Dority
Austin, MN
641/210/9035

Greetings,

Our next meeting will be Saturday, May 21st, 2016 at 1:00pm during the First District convention in Mabel MN.

Election of Officers will be held. The nominations are as follows:

Director: Roy Naylor, Austin & Dennis Lewison, Adams

Assistant Director: Brett Naylor, Austin

Secretary: Ron Knudson, Austin & Tonia Bettermann, Owatonna

Sgt at Arms: Jim Rinehart, Austin, & Scuffy Paulson, Rushford

Historian: Shannon Doberstein-Winona

Chaplain: Zach Naylor, Austin

Road Captian: Lee Dority, Austin

The “**Second Annual Tour of the First District**” is being planned for July 9-10th, 2016. We have started planning the ride and have contacted many posts to be stops. All Posts will be sent information with a list of the stops. It is our hope we will have many Legion Family members visit us along the way, or join in and travel with us! LaCrescent Post #595 will be the overnight stop before traveling on Sunday morning.

Department Convention will be in Rochester. The parade will be on Friday, July 22nd. Watch for dates and information.

The Department ALR Legacy rides are scheduled. The south area will be Friday-Sunday, August 5-7th, 2016 with a kickoff party hosted by the Austin ALR. The north ride will be Friday-Sunday, August 12-14th, 2106.

There are currently seven active chapters in the district with Albert Lea in the process of chartering. Welcome!

Chapter activity posters are in this newsletter.

GRAHAM ARENA #2

1570 FAIRGROUNDS
AVENUE SE

ROCHESTER



WELCOME CEREMONY

12:00 PM

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR
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CARD FOR FASTER
REGISTRATION

CONTACT MACV FOR MORE
INFORMATION
507.345.8258

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STAND DOWN FOR VETERANS



TUESDAY MAY 24, 2016

9:00 AM UNTIL 2:00 PM
FREE LUNCH PROVIDED BY DAV #28

STANDDOWN COURT & **LEGAL CLINIC**

9:00 AM UNTIL 2:00 PM

FREE SERVICES AVAILABLE
MEALS • VA BENEFITS (CLAIMS & SERVICES)
CLOTHING • HOUSING • LEGAL ASSISTANCE
HAIRCUTS • PUBLIC BENEFITS • STATE DMV
EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE • CHAPLAINCY



5TH ANNUAL

THUNDER in the VALLEY RUN

RUSHFORD AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS - POST 94

SATURDAY - JUNE 11th 2016

**ALL STREET LEGAL VEHICLES WELCOME
HELD RAIN OR SHINE**



\$20 PER PERSON

**9:30-10:30 REGISTRATION AT THE RUSHFORD LEGION
KICK STANDS UP AT 11:00**



**STOPS INCLUDE: Hummers in Hokah; Buzzards in New Albin;
GoodFellows in Waukon and the Caledonia Legion**



**PROCEEDS DONATED TO LEGION LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND,
FREEDOM HONOR FLIGHT & LOCAL VETERAN CAUSES**

**FOOD - PRIZES - MUSIC
&
FUN FOR ALL
ALL DAY LONG**



**at Rushford MN Legion Riders
<https://www.facebook.com/post94alr/>**

Saturday May 7, 2016

3rd Annual

RIDE IN AND SHOW MOTORCYCLE SHOW

proceeds go to Veteran and community programs

Drive, Trailer or Push ins are welcome
FAMILY FRIENDLY

Vendors on site 8 AM - 3 PM \$30.00/ Vendor spots.
jazmyn769@yahoo.com for details & contract a spot

Motorcycle Registration \$ 5.00/ Bike

Registration 9:00 - 1:00

Public votes \$1.00 per vote -No vote limit

Trophies Awarded at 2:30PM

Reverse Raffle - Lots of prizes

Food and Beverages for purchase on site

Find us and updates on our
Facebook page @Winona ALR

Winona American Legion

302 E Samia St.

Winona, MN 55987



ATTENTION!!!

Albert Lea National Guard

"Reunion"

**Past/Present Members of Company G,
Company A, Company D & guest**

April 23rd 2:00-5:00

Albert Lea American Legion

Bring any pictures you wish to share!!!





**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA
"FOR GOD AND COUNTRY"**

With over 80,000 members, the Minnesota American Legion is the largest service organization in the state. There are 550 Posts in over 520 communities throughout Minnesota. In Minnesota, American Legion Posts have an impact of millions of dollars and thousands of volunteer hours in making our hometowns better places to live. Legionnaires are proud of their service and are proud to be "Still Serving America."

Referral Card

This card is a tool to use to help recruit new members. Who do you know that is a veteran, (or still serving) that would be interested in joining The American Legion Family? Ask the prospect how The American Legion can help him/her and if they would like more information, point them in the right direction. First impressions are very much determiners if they will come back.

Veterans Name _____

Address, or POC _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Cell, Home, Work _____

Email _____

Recruiter _____ Address _____

Post # _____

Email Address _____

Minnesota American Legion Department PR Committee 2016



The 4 Pillars



- I. Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation
- II. National Security
- III. Americanism
- IV. Children and Youth

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO THE 12 TH ANNUAL MILITARY BALL
HOSTED BY THE LEGION FAMILY

PLACE: SPRING GROVE FEST BUILDING

DATE: APRIL 23, 2016

TIME: COCKTAILS & PHOTOS 4:30 P.M.

(ONE PHOTO INCLUDED ~ ADDITIONAL COPIES \$3.00)

DINNER: 5:45 P.M.

PLATE INCLUDES PORK AND CHICKEN

DANCING: 8:00 PM-11:30 P.M.

\$27 PER PLATE / PER PERSON

PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 9, 2015

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DIRECT QUESTIONS TO:

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12 ANNUAL MILITARY BALL ATTENDEES

NAME AND RANK _____ EMAIL _____

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NUMBER IN YOUR PARTY _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

PLEASE LIST NAME OF OTHER GUESTS ON BACK OF THIS PORTION.

IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS PLEASE EXPLAIN ON BACK

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PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: MILITARY BALL

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21465 SOUTH VIEW ROAD

SPRING GROVE, MN 55974

THIS IS FOR AUXILIARY PRESIDENT SANDY FREDRICKSON'S SON



Benefit for Scott Fredrickson

His Story: Scott experienced a herniated disc on February 7th, 2016. He underwent emergent back surgery for Cauda Equina Syndrome related to the disc injury. This resulted in a spinal cord injury. His family feels they want to help him with costs for transportation back and forth to Rochester (3 times a week) and renovations to his home. Doctors have told Scott he has a 80/20 chance to full recovery, and it may be a short time, but could also be a year or two! His goal is to return home once he is independent enough and return to his "get up and go" life! We are hoping you will join in with the fundraiser! Scott will enjoy seeing you!

Activities will start at 3PM and hamburger baskets served from 4-7PM for \$8.00!

**SATURDAY, MAY 7TH, 2016
MOOSE LODGE (SKYLINE MALL)
ALBERT LEA, MN**

**RAFFLES ~ SILENT AUCTION ~ BAKE SALE
~LIVE AUCTION TO FOLLOW!!~**

*Monetary donations for the benefit may be sent to Trades & Labor Credit Union, %
Brian Fredrickson @ 610 S Broadway, Albert Lea, MN 56007

"Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending" ~Maria Robinson