



FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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From the Commander's pen

Hello Comrades, Well the revitalization gained the district over a hundred members through transfers and new members. Many thanks to Jim Lucas and all the volunteers who helped with the revitalization. We are thankful for the new members but we still use more. Membership dinners at Eyota and Kellogg were well attended. I was asked to speak so I gave a talk on the Four Pillars of the American Legion.

Dept President Sandy Frederickson 's testimonial was well attended. The eagles were in good supply.

Remember the Pearl Harbor Rally coming up on December 5 hosted by Post 43 in Faribault. Hope you had a great Thanksgiving and didn't gain too much from all the goodies. Remember to thank a veteran and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

First District Commander—Roland Hanson



MERRY CHRISTMAS
 AND
 HAPPY NEW YEAR
 TO ALL

Dec 5, 2015—Department Pearl Harbor Rally. Faribault Post 43, Turn in from 3pm to 4:30pm, Dinner at 5pm with the program following.

Dec 6, 2015—Christmas Cabernet Concert. See flyer at the end of this newsletter for more info.

Dec 13, 2015—The First District Christmas Party, 1pm in Austin American Legion Post 91.

Dec 25, 2015—Christmas Day— Please keep the service personal who can't make it home in your thoughts.

Jan 9, 2016—First District Mid-Winter at Adams Post 146. Exec board at 9am and the session starting at 10am.

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ATTENTION LEGION COMMITTEE CHAIRMANS

Please bring a written report to mid—winter on January 9th to be handed to the District Adjutant after you give the report to the members who are present.

If you cannot be at the mid—winter send your report to the District Adjutant and the report will be read to the body.

These reports go into the district archives as part of our history so lets get as many committee reports as we can.

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:

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)

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.

Greetings from Area One:

I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you are traveling this year, have a safe trip and remember to buckle up.

Remember the National per capita dues for 2015-2016 will be increasing by \$5 in January. Your renewals for membership must be in to the Department of Minnesota before December 31, or your Post will be losing \$5 per member.

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. This time of year is very difficult on the family members who are separated from their loved ones. May God Bless You and May God Bless America.

Area One Vice Commander

Joe P Brown, Sr

Greetings from Area Three

Now that Thanksgiving is over it's time to focus on Christmas. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that you took time to give thanks for all your blessings, among them being able to live in a free country.

Let us not forget the sacrifices that were made at Pearl Harbor and all the lives that were lost in the Great War and that we take time to honor those brave men and women who gave their lives for our freedom.

Membership at this time is doing good, however we can always do better. Please continue to work on collecting membership from unpaid members over the holidays.

As we get closer to Christmas and are planning to spend time with our families let us not forget the men and women who are serving in far off places and are not able to be with their families.

Merry Christmas to all!

Carroll Hill, Area Three Vice Commander

Area 4 Vice Commander:

I'm sorry for not getting a letter in the last newsletter; I had one, it was emailed but somehow it never landed. It's out there in cyberspace!

November 26 was Thanksgiving, and we all have a lot to be thankful for in the USA. I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and had plenty to eat—if you didn't it was probably your own fault!

It was sad news to hear of Kenny Nelson's passing, but wonderful for him to no longer be suffering and free of pain. I will miss his quick wit and sense of humor as well as his past leadership and all he did for the District. He was a good Legionnaire and a true one.

Fall Conference was great—one of the best for years. The combined group of Auxiliary, Legion, SAL, and the Legion Riders made it a memorable event. Thanks to the leaders of each group for all they did to make it an amazing time.

Department Sandy's Auxiliary Testimonial in Glenville on the 21st was a good outing. It was well-attended. Congratulations again!

We have the Pearl Harbor Rally coming up on Dec. 5, in Faribault. Turn-in is 3-4:30, dinner at 5 and program to follow. Hope to see a good turn-out. Post revitalization was impressive across the district.

Wishing you and yours, as well as all military personnel and their families, a safe and happy holiday season! God bless the USA!

Arnold C. Troe

Area 4 Vice Commander

AREA TWO VICE COMMANDER

Just a quick hi from your Area Two vice Commander. Keep up the great work on membership and remember to get the snow bird before they head south.

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Keep our troops in your prayers and God Bless America

Gene (The Sarge) Luedtke

Area Two Vice Commander

First District Membership Report For 11/25/2015

POST	CITY	Goal	Previous	Turn In	Total	PERCENT	LEFT	Turn In Date
9	Winona	668	519	29	548	82.04%	120	11/19/2015
90	Lewiston	79	50	7	57	72.15%	22	11/13/2015
190	St Charles	150	114	4	118	78.67%	32	10/30/2005
Winona County Totals		897	683	40	723	80.60%	174	11/25/2015
50	Wabasha	322	224	17	241	74.84%	81	11/19/2015
110	Lake City	160	142	4	146	91.25%	14	11/19/2015
179	Plainview	202	160	6	166	82.18%	36	11/19/2015
546	Kellogg	71	63	5	68	95.77%	3	11/25/2015
573	Elgin	45	34	1	35	77.78%	10	11/13/2015
579	Millville	135	141	2	143	105.93%	-8	11/19/2015
588	Mazeppa	85	63	5	68	80.00%	17	11/25/2015
Wabasha County Totals		1020	827	40	867	85.00%	153	11/25/2015
92	Rochester	1043	784	13	797	76.41%	246	11/25/2015
119	Byron	154	120	3	123	79.87%	31	11/19/2015
164	Stewartville	330	263	3	266	80.61%	64	11/25/2015
446	Rochester	11	8	5	13	118.18%	-2	9/17/2015
551	Eyota	179	140	13	153	85.47%	26	11/19/2015
Olmstead County Totals		1717	1315	37	1352	78.74%	365	11/25/2015
Area One Totals		3634	2825	117	2942	80.96%	692	11/13/2015
295	West Concord	69	46	10	56	81.16%	13	10/30/2015
330	Hayfield	240	205	4	209	87.08%	31	11/25/2015
333	Kasson	275	249	4	253	92.00%	22	11/19/2015
384	Dodge Center	94	77	1	78	82.98%	16	11/19/2015
422	Claremont	37	33	5	38	102.70%	-1	11/25/2015
Dodge County Totals		715	610	24	634	88.67%	81	11/25/2015
52	Blooming Prairie	120	73	14	87	72.50%	33	10/2/2015
77	Owatonna	605	450	2	452	74.71%	153	11/19/2015
296	Ellendale	28	23	1	24	85.71%	4	11/4/2015
Steele County Totals		753	546	17	563	74.77%	190	11/25/2015
75	New Richland	70	47	6	53	75.71%	17	10/30/2015
228	Waseca	347	283	16	299	86.17%	48	11/19/2015
281	Janesville	110	101	1	102	92.73%	8	11/19/2015
587	Waldorf	28	17	1	18	64.29%	10	11/19/2015
Waseca County Totals		555	448	24	472	85.05%	83	11/25/2015
Area Two Totals		2023	1604	65	1669	82.50%	354	11/19/2015

40	Lanesboro	103	95	2	97	94.17%	6	11/19/2015
68	Spring Valley	84	68	8	76	90.48%	8	11/25/2015
81	Harmony	36	27	2	29	80.56%	7	11/13/2015
94	Rushford	142	106	10	116	81.69%	26	11/19/2015
166	Preston	81	57	5	62	76.54%	19	10/30/2015
197	Chatfield	54	44	5	49	90.74%	5	11/25/2015
299	Mabel	192	158	15	173	90.10%	19	11/19/2015
369	Wykoff	21	18	2	20	95.24%	1	9/17/2015
400	Canton	18	6	6	12	66.67%	6	11/19/2015
492	Fountain	19	1	12	13	68.42%	6	10/15/2015
526	Peterson	35	24	12	36	102.86%	-1	11/13/2015
544	Ostrander	25	19	7	26	104.00%	-1	11/19/2015
637	Whalen	15	14	1	15	100.00%	0	10/2/2015
Fillmore County Totals		825	637	87	724	87.76%	101	11/25/2015
191	Caledonia	179	157	2	159	88.83%	20	11/4/2015
249	Spring Grove	171	91	25	116	67.84%	55	11/13/2015
423	Houston	114	90	4	94	82.46%	20	11/19/2015
498	Hokah	21	17	3	20	95.24%	1	10/30/2015
595	LaCrescent	365	267	2	269	73.70%	96	11/4/2015
Houston County Totals		850	622	36	658	77.41%	192	11/25/2015
Area Three Totals		1675	1259	123	1382	82.51%	293	11/19/2015
56	Albert Lea	739	606	12	618	83.63%	121	11/19/2015
264	Glenville	90	60	8	68	75.56%	22	11/25/2015
266	Hartland	20	17	1	18	90.00%	2	9/17/2015
317	Emmons	76	62	6	68	89.47%	8	11/19/2015
404	Alden	106	82	10	92	86.79%	14	11/25/2015
552	Freeborn	40	36	1	37	92.50%	3	11/4/2015
Freeborn County Totals		1071	863	38	901	84.13%	170	11/25/2015
91	Austin	700	546	14	560	80.00%	140	11/25/2015
105	Lyle	97	58	23	81	83.51%	16	11/25/2015
140	Grand Meadow	50	41	3	44	88.00%	6	11/13/2015
146	Adams	216	171	10	181	83.80%	35	11/19/2015
161	LeRoy	73	48	3	51	69.86%	22	11/19/2015
570	Austin Spam	6	1	4	5	83.33%	1	7/29/2015
Mower County Totals		1142	865	57	922	80.74%	220	11/25/2015
Area Four Totals		2213	1728	95	1823	82.38%	390	11/25/2015
1111	Dakota	82			0	0.00%	82	11/25/2015
District One Totals		9627	7416	400	7816	81.19%	1811	11/25/2015

AREA VICE COMMAND- ER STAND-								
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Greetings First District:

With a little luck all the white stuff will be gone by the time this newsletter is prepared.

Our Freeborn ,Mower County revitalization turned out to be a rather worthwhile endeavor. It started out rather messed up but by the end of the session everything worked out quite well. We signed up a lot of Post at Large members and a few former members.

It sounds as though Department President Sandy's testimonial was a success. It sounds like the meal was very good and it was an enjoyable evening. It's a shame there had to be a snow storm the day before. I was unable to attend due to a family problem. I hope Sandy was pleased with the turnout.

On December 5th Faribault Post# 264 will be hosting the Department Pearl Harbor Rally. Let's make this a standing room only event and show our host for their hospitality.

December 13th, we will be having our annual District Christmas Party at Austin Post# 91. Let's make this a very merry party as we visit local nursing homes spreading the Holiday cheer with the local residents.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and was able to get together with family and friends to share the blessings we have received.

I would like to wish everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR may your holidays be blessed and safe. Let's all look forward to a greater and glorious 2016.

District Membership Director - Les Shaunce

November 15 Adult Sports

Still looking for a post to host the District bowling tournament this year. If interested, send memo to District Adjutant, Wayne Hammon Jr. Thank you.

Ralph Schneekloth,

ADAMS SAL SQUADRON 146 STEAK FRY

On January 9, 2016 following the District Mid—Winter at 5pm the Adams SAL Squadron will be holding it's first ever winter time steak fry. Everyone is welcome. Proceeds from this steak fry will be going to the cancer telethon.

ORATORICAL CONTEST INFORMATION

I am emailing to let you know that the materials your Posts and Auxiliary would have typically received by now, are a bit delayed. They were only received by the Department last week, and as a new Chairman and Vice – we are still in our planning phase regarding locations, etc.

I am attaching the Oratorical rules, brochure and the 2015-16 Assigned Topics that may be downloaded/reproduced by you as needed. The Post/Auxiliary information will be mailed to them as soon as the Department contest locations are designated, of which you will be notified as well. We would like you to have completed your District Oratorical Contest by **January 31, 2016**.

Our National motto for the Oratorical Contest is “Recruit, Recruit, Recruit!” The funds are allocated for scholarships; it would be a shame to not send a candidate forward who will benefit tremendously by, first – participation in this program and the knowledge they will gain regarding the laws of our land, and second – the scholarship monies they may receive for participation at the District, Department and National Contests.

Please encourage participation by all of your posts. The competition at the post level can be less formal, and the contestant is permitted to use their notes during their oration. The District level competitions will be run in accordance with the Department rules – no notes and the contestant will be prepared to do an oration on one of the 4 assigned topics; in the same basic format as the Department and National Contests. We are asking you to ensure your respective posts reach out to the schools and school districts to get the word out about this great opportunity for scholarship funds! Don't forget your home-schooled participants – we've had a number of those kids participate over the years. Any student, grades 9-12, are eligible! The teachers are our biggest assets with regard to judging your local and district contests, and to getting the word to students!

We look forward to working with you this year! Please don't hesitate to contact us with questions!

The First District contest will be held on January 17, 2016 at La Crescent American Legion Post 595 at 1pm. In case of bad weather the contest will be held on January 24 at the same time and location.

Sincerely,

Sy Fix

First District Oratorical Chairman

Deb Norman

MN Department Oratorical Chairman

PUBLIC RELATIONS NOTES

Greetings, First District. PR tips for the month of December. We do so much as an organization, for our communities, our Posts, our State and Nation. Why does so little of what we do receive the press it deserves? If we do not stand up and publicize ourselves, who will? It is incumbent on us to be proactive in promoting the American Legion Family. If any would like suggestions, or ideas, contact me. So, as you can see there are lots of things going on to promote your Post and the American Legion.

Also, any Posts, Units, Sons, Riders if you have an event taking place, send one of the contact people the information and we will do our best to get it posted. Parades, picnics take pictures, meetings etc. there is so many things always going on, let us know. Note as a disclaimer, we are not perfect, but we do put forth considerable effort. *We can't post it if we don't have it, and remember, 'All days are good days.'*

DECEMBER Don't let Dec. 7 go by without an acknowledgment of Pearl Harbor, "a day that will live in infamy." As the holiday season begins, encourage and support activities that bring Christmas cheer to needy families. How about a Christmas party? Work toward an all-time high in post membership. Keep plugging for renewal and new members. Visit veterans who are ill or in the hospital. Also upcoming are the following, New Year and along with that the dues increase, oratorical contest, bowling tournaments, midwinters, suppers, and it's not too early to think about scholarships, as the end of the school year will be upon us before we know it.

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

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

Thank you for allowing me to humbly serve,

MN First District PR Committee chair,

Ralph Schneekloth

Greetings First District:

December and the end of 2015, are fast upon us. I hope that all had a great Thanksgiving, and remembered all who are in harm's way and pray that all come home safe. I also would like to offer words of condolence for all who have lost loved ones, had them report to post everlasting throughout this past year. Remember the Nelson family as Ken recently died. May they be in heaven. Also take a moment to think of those suffering physical or mental pain or anguish. May no-one be forgotten this year, and may all get their health back soon.

Merry Christmas to you all, happy Hanukkah to the Jewish members, and have a nice Kwanzaa to any who might celebrate this day. For myself Advent and Christmas time are very special times of the year. Advent, the time of preparation, prepare your heart for the Lord. The celebration of Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus and reconciling man to God through his sending of the savior of the world. He came first as a babe in a manger, but the next coming will be on a cloud full of glory, and at the name of Jesus, every knee will bow.

The American Legion service to God and country program has three spiritual objectives:

Regular public worship: Many Americans believe in God yet reject or neglect public worship. Freedom of religion is not freedom from religion. The American Legion encourages all families to attend and participate in public worship of their God, that they may enjoy a closer relationships with Him and each other. Regular worship also provides the spiritual strength necessary to resist the daily temptations of greed, lust, hate, selfishness, anger, and conceit. The American Legion respects the personal relationship between individual and his or her God. However the objectives of organized religion in this instance and those Americanism coincide. The Legion and organized religious groups walk side-by-side in promoting the public worship of God, the author of all rights and liberties.

Daily family prayer: It is often said, "The family that prays together stays together." Families are the most basic building block of society; in fact they are the only natural unit of society. Prayer is the foundation of a partnering of faith, hope, tolerance, and mutual love, sustaining and keeping the family strong. We should remind parents that nothing spiritually enriches the life of the family like the habit of regular family prayer.

Religious training of children: Youth who know God and are trained in the tenants of their faith will grow to appreciate, understand and respect more fully such principles of law, government, and justice. On the other hand, if they are not taught the truth's of the supreme authority, God, they cannot be expected to seek His divine counsel and guidance throughout their lives. Again Merry Christmas, happy Hanukkah and a good Kwanzaa, and whatever other holidays that are out there that I may have forgotten, with the help of the Almighty Lord may 2016 be better than 2015 was.

Have a safe, happy Holiday season and see you next year!!!!

Thank you for allowing me to humbly serve,

Ralph Schneekloth,

Minnesota First District Chaplain

FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY NEWS



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Notes from Pat's Angels

Now is the time you can help our Veterans by ing your 2016 dues.
By remaining a member of this great organization you help the
American Legion Family.
YOUR MEMBERSHIP COUNT!!!!

Let's all join in the fun for the 1st District Christmas Party on December 13 at the Austin Post .

A reminder to all 1st District Chairman to PLEASE have a report ready for the Mid-Winter in Adams on January 9, 2016.
There will be a silent and live auction to benefit the
American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

Secretary

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The 1st District Junior Conference will be in Kellogg on March 19, 2016.
Letters will be sent to units in January.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL
PAT MINER 1ST DISTRICT PRESIDENT

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Poppy Campaign 2016

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Just a reminder to get your Poppy Orders in early!
By doing so, you will get the better poppy.
That I found out last year.....my reorders weren't as nice!
Poppy Chairs, you should have received your info from State on the
Poppy Program.
Poppy order deadline is December 1, 2015.
Get creative at your club in selling the poppy, send out to your local
businesses.
Have a contest, make it a club endeavor not just the Auxiliary!
Wanda Prescher-Unit 164

MID—WINTER SILENT AUCTION

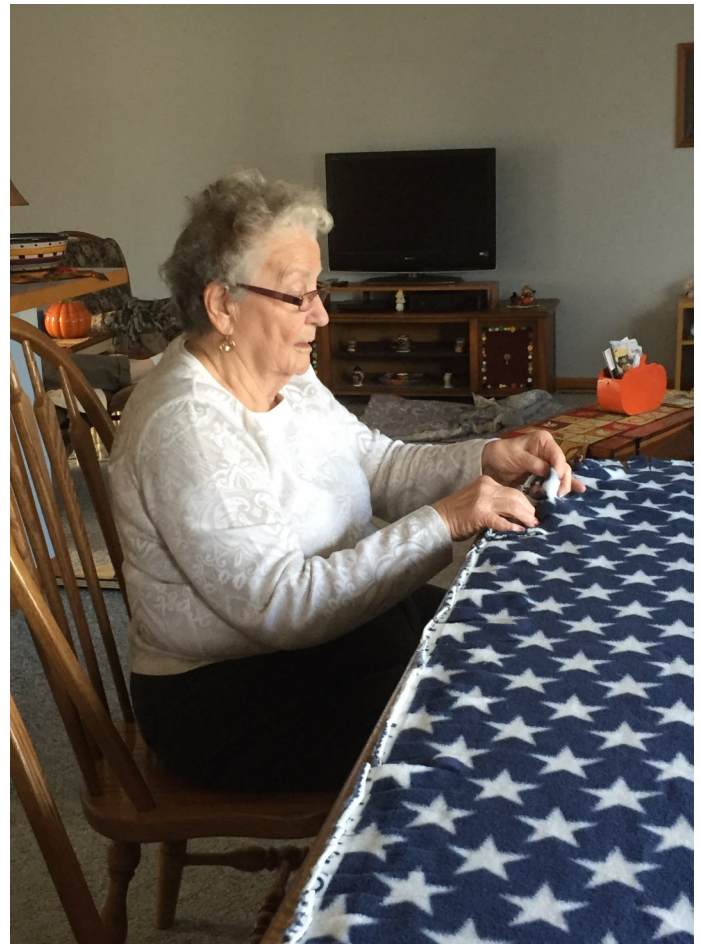
A silent auction will be held during the First District Mid—Winter at Adams American Legion Post 146 on Jan 9, 2016. Proceeds of this auction will go to the American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

Please bring items to be put on the silent auction, they may include, baked items, blankets, baskets filled with goodies or anything else that people would like to purchase for a worthy cause. Lets make this a GREAT fundraising event.

Sherilyn Miller

Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman

First District President Pat Miner tying blankets for her project



Attention All Auxiliary Members:

Membership---Membership—Membership!

Let me start with a “thank you” to those who have been turning in membership!

My apologies for not being at the rallies. As you all know, Ken, my husband, has not been well. No excuses, but this is how it is!

I have done some calling to the units but still no movement!!! May I ask why? First District---we still have Units on the goose egg—NO membership turned in! May I ask why? Has the District---this is the Units-- lost pride in what our organization stands for?

Membership is the life blood of our organization! We need each and every member to help turn our numbers around.

Ladies, First District has been running in 9th and 10th place. I have to ask what is wrong??

We have a Department Commander and Department President from our own District. Is this how we want them to be recognized? Last place!

It is up to each of you to make a change! It is up to you—the Unit to make a difference!

If I can help in anyway, please let me know. President Pat is looking to make a change this year to stop the slide. It is the year to “Serve Those who Served”!

It is time to get membership out of the way and work on our programs.

Our American Legion Auxiliary does so many great things for our veterans, their families, and our communities. Ladies, let’s make a difference! Send in the members you have and work on asking others to join this great organization! One member at a time!

God bless each of you and God bless America!

Merry Christmas to each of you.

District Membership Chairman,

Cindy Nelson

UPCOMMING FREEBORN UNIT 552 EVENT

January 23, 2016— Annual Soup and Pie supper at 4pm at the American Legion Post 552.

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From Your SAL Commander

Happy holidays, hope everyone had a great thanksgiving and veterans day. It's that time of year again to get everyone renewed. It's time for all squads to get to goal. I have had some say what is my goal one over last year. Congratulations to those who have made it but don't stop there. Membership is our future and remember we can have members who are newborns to as old as one can imagine.

It's also time for people to get their ideas going for next year's District Team and squads for the post lined up.

Please help out any veterans who need help this holiday season. Hope to see everyone at Mid-Winter in early January. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's to all, God Bless America.

Glenn Mueller – District One SAL Commander

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

November 25, 2015 Membership Report

Department of Minnesota
Membership Bulletin No. 4



National Goal 11,381
Department Goal 11,588
Current Membership 4594

District	2016 Goal	Total 2015	Total 2016	Months Gain	Total Squads	% Of Goal	
District 1	2,009	1,968	980	198	41	48.78%	1,055
District 2	1,189	1,158	793	216	31	66.69%	642
District 3	1,935	1,899	1,046	304	36	54.06%	1,089
District 4	344	338	187	16	6	54.36%	183
District 5	418	412	226	34	6	54.07%	251
District 6	1,493	1,461	774	259	32	51.84%	773
District 7	932	913	532	128	21	57.08%	380
District 8	597	583	251	65	14	42.04%	272
District 9	793	777	419	65	17	52.84%	394
District 10	1,870	1,836	903	232	34	48.29%	958
District 11	8	6	4	4	2	50.00%	4
Totals	11,588	11,351	6,115	1,521	240	52.77%	6,001 Same Date Last Year

The cut-off for 2015 membership is December 29, 2015. Make sure all 2015 memberships are to our office prior to that date.

The Pearl Harbor Rally will be held on December 5, 2015 at Faribault Post 43.

Mark your calendar now for the upcoming events this year.

Spring Conference	March 19, 2016	Morris, MN
Campout	June 24-26, 2016	Legionville

2016 National Target Dates

45%	December 9 th	80%	March 9 th
60%	January 20 th	90%	April 13 th
75%	February 10 th	100%	May 11 th

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Greetings,

The First District ALR Christmas party will be held at Austin Post #91 on Saturday, December 19th, 2015. Social time 5pm. Roast Beef supper to be served at 6pm. The cost is \$10.00. This is a family friendly event with music to follow supper and short program.

An RSVP is requested to prepare for the meal. Please e-mail lewisonnancy@gmail.com or call #507-440-2090 no later than Monday, December 14th, 2015.

The “Second Annual Tour of the First District” is being planned for July 9-10th, 2016.

We are asking for a First District Legion Post to be our sponsor for the ride. We are also planning a raffle and will need a Post to sponsor that as well. The event last year was a huge success and we would really appreciate any assistance your post can offer.

Chapters-PLEASE provide a report of your activities to Dennis Lewison by January 1st, 2016 as he will give a report at the First District Midwinter Conference. We do some amazing things for our veterans and our communities. Let's share our successes.

Our next First District ALR meeting will be held on Saturday, January 9th, 2016 at 3:00pm at the Adams Legion. This meeting will coincide with the First District Legion Family Mid Winter conference. Watch the newsletter for more information on the day's events. AND, Yes, there is a chicken fry that evening!





**The Forte Milers Barbershop Chorus &
The Adams American Legion Auxiliary
present**

CHRISTMAS CABERNET CONCERT

**Sunday December 6 – 3:00 p.m.
Adams American Legion**

2:00 p.m. – Wine Available, Cheese & Crackers

3:00 p.m. – Forte Milers Christmas Chorus Concert

4:00 p.m. – Desserts & Coffee

Free Will Donations

All proceeds go to the Adams American Legion