



FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MN

FEBRUARY 2015

IMPORTANT DATES

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FROM YOUR COMMANDER'S PEN

It has been a year since last year's National Commander was in Minnesota. The new National Commander's tour of Minnesota will be coming the first week of February. I will be seeing him at post 132 in New Ulm on Wednesday February 4th.

I want to wish all the ladies in the First District a very happy Valentines Day. The Department Sweet Heart Rally will be on February 7th at Chanhassen Post 580. I only got thirteen (13) tickets to sell and they all were gone before our Mid—Winter Rally. Sorry I will not be able to get anymore tickets because of seating room at post 580. The First District always has a great turnout for both Department and District Rallies Thank you to everyone for attending these events.

Keep our Service men and women in your prayers! They need the hand of our good Lord on their shoulders.

Keep up the good work

Commander Myron

UPCOMING EVENT

What — Winsor Chop Feed

Where — Dodge Center Post 384

When—February 28, 2015 5 to 8 pm

Cost - Tickets are ten (10) dollars in Advance or eleven (11) dollars At the door

February 7, 2015 - Department Sweet Heart Rally in Chanhassen Post 580, Chanhassen, MN. Turn in from 3 to 4:30 pm, plated supper at 5:00 pm with program to follow.

February 21, 2015 - 1st & 3rd Ice fishing contest & rally at Albert Lea Post 56. Fishing starting at 9:00 am on Albert Lea Lake with a light lunch following in the Post at 12:00. There will be a short rally following lunch.

March 6, 2015 - Past Commander / President fish Fry at Austin Post 91 in Austin, MN from 5 to 7pm

March 7, 2015 - The Department Appreciation Rally in Royalton Post 137. Turn in from 3:00 pm until 4:30 pm with a plated lunch at 5:00 pm and program following.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON COMANDER MYRON'S PROJECT

We have received several requests on what Commander Myron's project is and if it can be taken out of gambling funds. The following two pages will clear that up for everyone. Myron wants to purchase a gun safe for the new SE MN Veteran Cemetery in Preston.



STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
MINNESOTA STATE VETERANS CEMETERY, LITTLE FALLS



15550 Hwy 115 • Little Falls, MN 56345 • (320) 616-2527
Fax (320) 616- 2529 • www.mdva.state.mn.us • 1-888-LinkVet

December 8, 2014

Myron Ehrich
PO Box 372
West Concord MN 55985

Dear Mr. Ehrich:

Enclosed is information regarding gambling fund contributions to a unit of government as we discussed on the phone.

We also discussed our need for a gun safe to properly store ceremonial rifles and blank ammunition at the new Veterans cemetery in Preston. The ceremonial rifles will be used by honor guard squads to perform military honors for Veterans at the cemetery.

If you choose to proceed with funding or partially funding the purchase of this gun safe, the enclosed form will be needed for your records. I have filled out a sample form highlighting the required information. As noted, the last section "government approval/acknowledgment" will need to be send to my office for completion and signature.

If you have any further questions, please contact me directly at 320-616-2527.

Sincerely,

David P. Swantek, Cemetery Director
MN State Veterans Cemetery

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* SAMPLE *

Minnesota Lawful Gambling

LG555 Government Approval or Acknowledgment For Use of Gambling Funds

Keep this completed form attached to the Schedule C in your organization's records. You do not need to submit this form to the Gambling Control Board or the Department of Revenue.

Organization and Expenditure Information (attach additional sheets if necessary)

Organization name _____ License number _____

Address _____

1. \$ _____ Amount of proposed lawful purpose expenditure

2. Check one expenditure category.

- A. Contribution to a unit of government** - United States, state of Minnesota, or any of its subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities. NOTE: A contribution may not be made directly to a law enforcement or prosecutorial agency, such as a police department, county sheriff, or county attorney.
- B. Wildlife management project or activity** that benefits the public at large, with approval by the DNR
- C. Grooming and maintaining snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle trails** established under Minnesota Statute 84.83 and 84.927, including purchase or lease of equipment, with approval by DNR. All trails must be open to public use.
- D. Supplies and materials for safety training and educational programs** coordinated by the DNR, including the Enforcement Division.
- E. Citizen monitoring of surface water quality testing** for public waters by individuals or nongovernmental organizations, with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) guidance on monitoring procedures, quality assurance protocols, and data management, providing that data is submitted to the PCA.

3. Describe the proposed expenditure, including vendors.

Purchase a safe for storage of ceremonial rifles to be used by honor guard squads at the SE MN Veterans Cemetery

- **NO FINANCIAL OR OTHER BENEFIT:** I affirm that the contribution or expenditure does not result in any monetary, economic, financial, or material benefit to our organization, in compliance with Minnesota Rules 7861.0320, Subpart 17C.
- **FOR DNR-RELATED PROJECTS:** I affirm that when lawful gambling funds are used for grooming and maintaining snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle trails or for any wildlife management project for which reimbursement is received from a unit of government, the reimbursement funds must be deposited in our lawful gambling account and recorded on the Schedule C report.
- **FOR SURFACE WATER QUALITY TESTING:** I affirm that MPCA guidance has been consulted in developing the monitoring plan and that the data collected will be submitted to the MPCA. Send form for signature to: Manager, Water Monitoring Section, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN 55155. Website is www.pca.state.mn.us.

Chief executive officer's signature _____ Daytime phone number _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Government Approval/Acknowledgment

** send to: Minnesota Veterans Cemetery
15550 Hwy 115
Little Falls MN 56345*

Check one. By signature below, the representative of the unit of government:

- Government** - acknowledges the contribution which will not be used for a pension or retirement fund.
- Wildlife DNR** - approves the wildlife management project or activity.
- Trails DNR** - approves the grooming/maintaining of snowmobile and/or all-terrain vehicle trails.
- Safety training DNR** - approves the supplies/materials for DNR safety training and educational programs.
- Water quality testing** - MPCA approves the surface water quality testing project.

for completion of this section and signature

Unit of Government _____ Phone number _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Print Name _____ Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Questions? Contact the Gambling Control Board at 651-539-1900. This form will be made available in alternative format (i.e. large print, Braille) upon request. The information requested on this form will become public information, when requested by the Board, and will be used to determine your compliance with Minnesota statutes and rules governing lawful gambling activities.

1ST & 3RD DISTRICT ICE FISHING CONTEST

FEBRUARY 21, 2015 9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

MEET AT THE ALBERT LEA AMERICAN LEGION POST 56
TO CHECK IN BEFORE THE CONTEST

NOON LUNCH AND MEETING TO FOLLOW THE CONTEST



1st District American Legion Riders

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, garlic French bread,
side salad, coffee, milk.

\$10 – Adults

\$5 – Children 10 and under

Saturday February 28, 2015

4:30pm – 6:30pm (or until gone)

Winona American Legion Post 9

302 E Sarnia

Winona, MN 55987

All proceeds to benefit American Legion Rider and Veteran Organizations.

Greetings from Area One:

Thanks to all who attended the Mid-Winter Conference in La Crescent, and thanks to the La Crescent Legion for an outstanding job. At the Conference, it was mentioned that there were two Minnesota American Legion Foundation Designated Funds that were in need of donations. They are Fund 63 (R.O.T.C. Scholarship Fund) and Fund 78 (Minnesota Disaster Relief Fund). Donations to these Funds can be taken from your Charitable Gambling.

Also, Department Commander Peggy Moon stated that 50% of the Membership Transmittal Forms and The American Legion Data Forms being turned into Department had errors. Some of the errors were boxes not being checked, no checks with Transmittal Forms or the wrong amount on check, and no signatures. The Department cannot fix all of these mistakes. So, please take the time to make sure the forms are completely filled out.

I had a total knee replacement, and I am about finished using the walker. If you happen to need a walker give me a call and I will loan you mine. Thank you for your service and being a Legion Member.

I look forward to visiting your Post, and feel free to contact me. Remember our troops and first responders in your prayers during these troubling times. May God Bless America.

Area One Vice Commander
Joe P Brown, Sr

2015 NATIONAL CONVENTION

DELEGATE REQUESTS

- 1) **Sy Fix**
- 2) **Roland Hanson**
- 3) **Wayne Hammon Jr**
- 4) **Arnie Troe**
- 5) **Myron Ehrich**
- 6) **Bill Goede**

Greetings from Area Three,

I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas. January thus far, has been a good month weather wise and we can look forward to the last half of winter.

Remember Valentine's Day is coming so don't forget your sweetheart.

We got a small problem in the American Legion and this involves the Membership Director, the Adjutant, and Post Commanders. The membership renewal card has been the same for a long time but it seems like we have forgotten how to fill them out. When these cards are sent to the State, they do not have the man power or the time to go over each card. That is our job before it is sent up that all the boxes are filled in. So, please take a few extra minutes and check the cards before you mail them. There have been too high a percentage of returned cards because they are not filled in properly. If this does not change in the future, we will have to have a training program to make sure everyone understands the proper way to fill out a card. Please contact people who have not turned in their membership because time is getting short.

Carroll W. Hill
Vice Commander Area Three
hilltoprepair@yahoo.com

Greetings First District

Our Mid—Winter Rally in La Crescent was really good. We had a very good turnout. Post # 595 again did a wonderful job of hosting the rally.

Our Area Four rally in Glenville on January 31st will be over by the time our February newsletter comes out. I hope it is well attended. We need people at these meetings.

The Department Sweet Heart Rally will be held at Chanhassen Post # 580. On February 7th. I understand tickets for the meal are sold out but please plan to attend the meeting anyway. I'm sure it will be a good time and we need a good membership turn in.

Our annual 1st and 3rd fishing contest will be held in Albert Lea on February 21st. Post # 56 will be hosting the event. Come and have a good time and try your luck. Normally we don't catch any fish at these things but the last time we had it here we caught quite a few.

We are slowly climbing up the membership ladder. As of Mid-Winter we were tied for fourth place, but we had a good turn in so we could be higher. Let's make the calls and get to first place where we belong.

Have a wonderful valentines Day. Until next month.

Area Four Vice Commander
Le Shaunce

DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDER REPORT

Let's start hitting some home runs. We need all hands on deck to get membership sent in. Set up team's of two or three people to call or visit your not paid members and get their membership. Also if you are at goal please get to one of the National Commander's Tour stops and get your picture taken with him. Also take a donation for his project, The National Emergency Fund, along with you. We have used this fund a lot. Remember that this can be taken out of your gambling funds. Let's play ball and show them why we are called the First District.

Department vice Commander - Glenn Mueller

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings First District Legion family, we are already to February, time flies when you are having fun. February we have Americanism month; First Sunday is Four Chaplains Sunday; Religious emphasis week; President's Day; Valentine Day.

We begin on the first with Four Chaplains Sunday, which memorializes the actions of Four chaplains aboard the USAT Dorchester, which was torpedoed and sank at 12:55 am Feb 03, 1943. The ship sank in less than 27 minutes. Those chaplains were Lt. George L. Fox, Methodist; Lt. Alexander D. Goode, Jewish; Lt. John P. Washington, Roman Catholic; and Lt. Clark V. Poling, Dutch Reformed.

Valor is a gift," Carl Sandburg once said. "Those having it never know for sure whether they have it until the test comes." That night Reverend Fox, Rabbi Goode, Reverend Poling and Father Washington passed life's ultimate test. In doing so, they became an enduring example of extraordinary faith, courage and selflessness.

The Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart were awarded posthumously December 19, 1944, to the next of kin by Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, Commanding General of the Army Service Forces, in a ceremony at the post chapel at Fort Myer, VA. A posthumous Special Medal for Heroism, never before given and never to be given again, was authorized by Congress and awarded by the President January 18, 1961.

In February 1951, the Chapel of the Four Chaplains, an interfaith memorial chapel, was dedicated in Philadelphia, Rev. Daniel Poling, Chaplain Clark Poling's father, presided over the ceremony, which was attend by President Harry S. Truman. Source: Chapel of the Four Chaplains.

Religious emphasis week, during this time posts are encouraged to hold events highlighting the special role faith and religious ideas have played in the history and development of the United States.

I would now like to offer a prayer for the American Legion; Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm does bind the wind and wave, we remember the ancient words, "Blessed be the nation whose God is the Lord, and the people whom He has chosen for an inheritance." We are grateful for the heritage that is ours ini this nation whereby we enjoy more freedom than any other people on earth. Help us never to neglect any part of this freedom lest we lose the opportunity for ourselves and children.

We humbly dedicate these moments to You and pray that as the American Legion calls the heart and mind of America back to God, we may enjoy the fruits of righteousness, justice and peace. Keep us ever mindful of the sacrifice made by veterans, named and nameless, who laid down their lives that we and those whom we love might love. For Your name's sake. Amen

I would like to share the following about the flag folding ceremony:

Meaning of the Flag Folding Ceremony

The flag folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our great country was originally founded.

The portion of the flag denoting honor is the canton of blue containing the stars representing states our veterans served in uniform. The canton field of blue dresses from left to right and is inverted only when draped as a pall on the casket of a veteran who has served our country honorably in uniform.

In the Armed Forces of the United States, at the ceremony of retreat, the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle fold and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nation's honored dead. The next morning it is brought out and, at the ceremony of reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body.

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks and who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature; for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, —Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong.

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stand, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first born.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER CONTINUED

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, — In God We Trust.

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today. Special, to say the very least.

So, my Legion family, I hope and pray that all are well and in good spirits, and if not, may you soon enjoy the blessing of good health. We need to keep our troops and their families in our thoughts and prayers, that all might come home safe. We look out for our brothers and sisters that we can be a strong family. For our homeless, may they find shelter, for those suffering PTSD and depression, anxiety and other afflictions, may you find peace and hope. For those of us with suicidal urges-- please do not act on them! Call the Veterans Crisis line at 1-800-273-8255 Press 1. Confidential Chat at veteranscrisisline.net or text to 838255.

One of our brothers or sisters committing suicide is too many, the 22 a day is a crying shame and a tragedy.

God bless America, God bless the American Legion, and pray for our nation, she needs it. Thank you for allowing me to serve the First District.

Ralph Schneekloth, First District Chaplain

PUBLIC RELATIONS INFORMATION

Greetings, wow did January go fast! Here are some more PR tips for the month of February- Americanism Month. Plan school awards with local educators. Sponsor religious emphasis activities. Start planning the upcoming American Legion Baseball season. Local veterans employment representatives make great speakers at at post and district meetings. Consider hosting observances of Abraham Lincoln's birthday and George Washington's birthdays. Plan a big American Legion birthday program for March.

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"

Additional: Adjutant Wayne Hammon Jr, is now the District iPad holder, and Tony

Loecher has been added to the District PR team as an additional FB and PR person. Thanks to all, we are getting there, each day we can put the Legion family's message out there is a good day. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

First District PR Committee Chair,

Ralph Schneekloth

Hello All,

Thanks to all who attended Mid-Winter in La Crescent. We had a total of 81 registered. So, it was very nice showing for being at the far end of the District. Membership turn in was 100 and put us just under 90% which is March's goal. I ask all the Posts to keep up the work getting those members to get their renewals in. If you are having difficulties getting renewals then get in touch with the Vice-Commander for your Area to see what they can do for you and if further assistance is needed then by all means call me. But, give your Vice-Commander the opportunity to be of some help first.

Department has been sending out a report every week for the past 3 weeks that highlight issues with the membership transmittals. They are doing this because they have been getting complaints about membership not being processed in a timely manner. Misty has had to correct over 50% of the transmittals she receives. This includes the SAL as well. We in the 1st have been doing pretty good but we still need to look over the paper work very carefully. Some of the issues have been not enough money sent in, or some of the boxes not being checked, totals wrong, and even part of the transmittal missing. So please look over your paper work carefully to eliminate all the corrections that Misty has to make.

I am not going to spend a lot of time telling you about the up and coming events because your District Adjutant Wayne does an excellent job of adding those to the newsletter. It would be good to see more folks attending these events and not just those who attend all the time. These are the times that you can represent your Post and ask the questions that may be lingering out there. So please do your part and let's see you there.

Sy Fix

Membership

OUTSTANDING FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR INFORMATION

Questions— Contact Richard Skillestad 507/250/ 5329

Applications for "Outstanding Firefighter of the Year" are now available at the Department Headquarters. This award will be presented annually at the Department Convention to the winner selected by the Law and Order Committee from the applications submitted.

Please contact Jennifer Kelly at 651-291-1800 or jkelly@mnlegion.org to obtain an application. Completed applications and scrapbooks should be sent to The American Legion, Attention: Jennifer, 20 West 12th Street, Room 300A, St Paul, Minnesota 55155-2000 by April 1, 2015.

We ask that you contact your local firefighting officials and request their assistance in nomination of individuals for this award. Also, at your next Post meeting, ask your members if they know a firefighter currently employed that would be good candidate to nominate.

The application should be supported with additional materials, to include: (1) a completed application form, (2) a 5" x 7" photograph of the nominee and (3) a maximum of 18 one-sided pages 8 1/2 x 11 bond paper of service documentation. The first six to seven pages should contain the individual's service narrative. The additional pages may include supporting citations and other documentation to include press articles. **Since The National Headquarters started a National Firefighter of the Year Award, your scrapbook should conform with National's requirements. Please read carefully and follow all instructions .**

A plaque will be presented to the winning Firefighter at The Department Convention and a plaque is presented to the Post submitting the application of the winning Firefighter of the Year Award at the same time. The winning Firefighter from Minnesota will have his/her application and scrapbook sent on to the National Security Commission in Washington, D. C. for National competition.

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A plaque will be presented to the winning Law Officer at The Department Convention and a plaque is presented to the Post submitting the application of the winning Law Officer of the Year Award at the same time. The winning Law Officer from Minnesota will have his/her application and scrapbook sent on to the National Security Commission in Washington, D.C. for National competition.

WAY TO GO

GLENVILLE POST 264



The American Legion Post 264 and its Legion Auxiliary in Glenville, with assistance from the orthopedic department at Mayo Clinic Health System of Albert Lea and from the American Legion’s 1st District of the Department of Minnesota, donated gifts to the families of military veterans in need during the Christmas season. The gifts varied depending on the families. Some included gift cards for groceries and heating bills, while others were toys for children, and others were clothes and household items. Members of the post dropped off the items Monday at the Veterans Services office at the Freeborn County Courthouse. From left are Ken and Cindy Nelson, Dennis and Sandy Fredrickson and Arlene Hajek — all representing the post and the auxiliary — and Irene Anderson and Ron Reule with Freeborn County Veterans Services. – Tim Engstrom/Albert Lea Tribune

FIRST DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 1/29/2015

| POST | LOCATION | GOAL | PREVIOUS | TURN IN | TOTAL | PERCENT | LEFT | DATE |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------|----------|---------|-------|---------|------|------------|
| 9 | WINONA | 708 | 626 | 0 | 626 | 88.42% | 82 | 1/8/2015 |
| 90 | LEWISTON | 84 | 70 | 0 | 70 | 83.33% | 14 | 1/22/2105 |
| 190 | ST CHARLES | 171 | 145 | 1 | 146 | 85.38% | 25 | 1/28/2015 |
| WINONA COUNTY TOTALS | | 963 | 841 | 1 | 842 | 87.44% | 121 | 1/28/2015 |
| 50 | WABASHA | 338 | 311 | 7 | 318 | 94.08% | 20 | 1/28/2015 |
| 110 | LAKE CITY | 158 | 156 | 2 | 158 | 100.00% | 0 | 1/28/2015 |
| 179 | PLAINVIEW | 208 | 185 | 3 | 188 | 90.38% | 20 | 1/28/2015 |
| 546 | KELLOGG | 77 | 70 | 0 | 70 | 90.91% | 7 | 1/8/2015 |
| 573 | ELGIN | 56 | 45 | 0 | 45 | 80.36% | 11 | 1/8/2015 |
| 579 | MILLVILLE | 131 | 154 | 0 | 154 | 117.56% | -23 | 12/17/2014 |
| 588 | MAZEPPA | 83 | 78 | 5 | 83 | 100.00% | 0 | 1/28/2015 |
| WABASHA COUNTY TOTALS | | 1051 | 999 | 17 | 1016 | 96.67% | 35 | 1/28/2015 |
| 92 | ROCHESTER | 1106 | 920 | 22 | 942 | 85.17% | 164 | 1/28/2015 |
| 119 | BYRON | 166 | 142 | 0 | 142 | 85.54% | 24 | 1/22/2105 |
| 164 | STEWARTVILLE | 327 | 309 | 0 | 309 | 94.50% | 18 | 1/22/2105 |
| 446 | ROCHESTER | 10 | 11 | 0 | 11 | 110.00% | -1 | 9/10/2014 |
| 551 | EYOTA | 177 | 177 | 0 | 177 | 100.00% | 0 | 1/22/2105 |
| OLMSTEAD COUNTY TOTALS | | 1786 | 1559 | 22 | 1581 | 88.52% | 205 | 1/28/2015 |
| AREA ONE TOTALS | | 3800 | 3399 | 40 | 3439 | 90.50% | 361 | 1/28/2015 |
| 295 | WEST CONCORD | 68 | 65 | 4 | 69 | 101.47% | -1 | 1/28/2015 |
| 330 | HAYFIELD | 250 | 208 | 17 | 225 | 90.00% | 25 | 1/28/2015 |
| 333 | KASSON | 284 | 262 | 0 | 262 | 92.25% | 22 | 1/22/2105 |
| 384 | DODGE CENTER | 100 | 86 | 0 | 86 | 86.00% | 14 | 1/8/2015 |
| 422 | CLAREMONT | 39 | 37 | 0 | 37 | 94.87% | 2 | 1/22/2105 |
| DODGE COUNTY TOTALS | | 741 | 658 | 21 | 679 | 91.63% | 62 | 1/28/2015 |
| 52 | BLOOMING PRAIRIE | 127 | 106 | 2 | 108 | 85.04% | 19 | 1/28/2015 |
| 77 | OWATONNA | 619 | 565 | 0 | 565 | 91.28% | 54 | 1/22/2105 |
| 296 | ELLENDALE | 34 | 27 | 0 | 27 | 79.41% | 7 | 1/22/2105 |
| STEELE COUNTY TOTALS | | 780 | 698 | 2 | 700 | 89.74% | 80 | 1/28/2015 |
| 75 | NEW RICHLAND | 73 | 68 | 0 | 68 | 93.15% | 5 | 1/22/2105 |
| 228 | WASECA | 345 | 334 | 0 | 334 | 96.81% | 11 | 1/22/2105 |
| 281 | JANESVILLE | 115 | 104 | 0 | 104 | 90.43% | 11 | 1/8/2015 |
| 587 | WALDORF | 28 | 31 | 0 | 31 | 110.71% | -3 | 1/22/2105 |
| WASECA COUNTY TOTALS | | 561 | 537 | 0 | 537 | 95.72% | 24 | 1/22/2105 |
| AREA TWO TOTALS | | 2082 | 1893 | 23 | 1916 | 92.03% | 166 | 1/28/2015 |

We now have 13 posts at or over goal. With 4 that are 1 away.

90.34 % puts us in 3rd place in Department. I will again say, make sure your Posts understand that as of Feb.1st if they have not renewed there membership is suspended as well as their Legion benefits.

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|-------------------------------|-------------------|------|------|-----|------|---------|-----|------------|
| 40 | LANESBORO | 102 | 101 | 0 | 101 | 99.02% | 1 | 1/8/2015 |
| 68 | SPRING VALLEY | 88 | 83 | 0 | 83 | 94.32% | 5 | 11/26/2014 |
| 81 | HARMONY | 41 | 33 | 0 | 33 | 80.49% | 8 | 1/8/2015 |
| 94 | RUSHFORD | 140 | 137 | 0 | 137 | 97.86% | 3 | 1/8/2015 |
| 166 | PRESTON | 79 | 82 | 0 | 82 | 103.80% | -3 | 1/8/2015 |
| 197 | CHATFIELD | 57 | 54 | 0 | 54 | 94.74% | 3 | 12/10/2014 |
| 299 | MABEL | 210 | 159 | 0 | 159 | 75.71% | 51 | 1/22/2105 |
| 369 | WYKOFF | 21 | 21 | 0 | 21 | 100.00% | 0 | 9/24/2014 |
| 400 | CANTON | 17 | 16 | 0 | 16 | 94.12% | 1 | 11/19/2014 |
| 492 | FOUNTAIN | 20 | 19 | 0 | 19 | 95.00% | 1 | 10/1/2014 |
| 526 | PETERSON | 35 | 35 | 0 | 35 | 100.00% | 0 | 12/17/2014 |
| 544 | OSTRANDER | 27 | 23 | 1 | 24 | 88.89% | 3 | 1/28/2015 |
| 637 | WHALEN | 15 | 15 | 0 | 15 | 100.00% | 0 | 1/8/2015 |
| FILLMORE COUNTY TOTALS | | 852 | 778 | 1 | 779 | 91.43% | 73 | 1/28/2015 |
| 191 | CALEDONIA | 191 | 175 | 0 | 175 | 91.62% | 16 | 1/22/2105 |
| 249 | SPRING GROVE | 189 | 148 | 9 | 157 | 83.07% | 32 | 1/28/2015 |
| 423 | HOUSTON | 112 | 93 | 0 | 93 | 83.04% | 19 | 1/22/2105 |
| 498 | HOKAH | 22 | 21 | 0 | 21 | 95.45% | 1 | 1/8/2015 |
| 595 | LA CRESCENT | 381 | 312 | 20 | 332 | 87.14% | 49 | 1/28/2015 |
| HOUSTON COUNTY TOTALS | | 895 | 749 | 29 | 778 | 86.93% | 117 | 1/28/2015 |
| AREA THREE TOTALS | | 1747 | 1527 | 30 | 1557 | 89.12% | 190 | 1/28/2015 |
| 56 | ALBERT LEA | 791 | 702 | 0 | 702 | 88.75% | 89 | 1/22/2105 |
| 264 | GLENVILLE | 97 | 74 | 4 | 78 | 80.41% | 19 | 1/28/2015 |
| 266 | HARTLAND | 20 | 20 | 0 | 20 | 100.00% | 0 | 9/10/2014 |
| 317 | EMMONS | 79 | 75 | 1 | 76 | 96.20% | 3 | 1/28/2015 |
| 404 | ALDEN | 104 | 96 | 0 | 96 | 92.31% | 8 | 1/8/2015 |
| 552 | FREEBORN | 42 | 39 | 1 | 40 | 95.24% | 2 | 1/28/2015 |
| FREEBORN COUNTY TOTALS | | 1133 | 1006 | 6 | 1012 | 89.32% | 121 | 1/28/2015 |
| 91 | AUSTIN | 736 | 652 | 13 | 665 | 90.35% | 71 | 1/28/2015 |
| 105 | LYLE | 98 | 88 | 4 | 92 | 93.88% | 6 | 1/28/2015 |
| 140 | GRAND MEAD- OW | 54 | 46 | 2 | 48 | 88.89% | 6 | 1/28/2015 |
| 146 | ADAMS | 217 | 188 | 10 | 198 | 91.24% | 19 | 1/28/2015 |
| 161 | LEROY | 71 | 57 | 5 | 62 | 87.32% | 9 | 1/28/2015 |
| 570 | AUSTIN SPAM | 6 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 100.00% | 0 | 1/8/2015 |
| MOWER COUNTY TOTALS | | 1182 | 1037 | 34 | 1071 | 90.61% | 111 | 1/28/2015 |
| AREA FOUR TOTALS | | 2315 | 2043 | 40 | 2083 | 89.98% | 232 | 1/28/2015 |
| 1111 | DAKOTA | 32 | 17 | 0 | 17 | 53.13% | 15 | 1/8/2015 |
| DISTRICT ONE TOTALS | | 9976 | 8879 | 133 | 9012 | 90.34% | 964 | 1/28/2015 |

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|--|------|------|----|------|--------|-----|-----------|
| AREA VICE COMMANDERS | | | | | | | | |
| AREA ONE | | 3800 | 3399 | 40 | 3439 | 90.50% | 361 | 1/28/2015 |
| AREA TWO | | 2082 | 1893 | 23 | 1916 | 92.03% | 166 | 1/28/2015 |
| AREA THREE | | 1747 | 1527 | 30 | 1557 | 89.12% | 190 | 1/28/2015 |
| AREA FOUR | | 2315 | 2043 | 40 | 2083 | 89.98% | 232 | 1/28/2015 |

THANK YOU

The family of Ruth Goede expresses our deepest thanks to First District American Legion Family for all their thoughts, prayers and cards with the passing of our mother. It truly is a blessing to belong to a caring family.

Thank you

Bill, Jean, Julie

Also, thank you for your prayers, cards and calls with my recent accident. And special thanks to Marie for caring for me these next eight weeks. Appreciate everyone body's concern.

Thank you

William Goede. First District Finance Officer

!!!!!!! THE FIRST DISTRICT NOW HAS A FACE BOOK PAGE !!!!!!!

We are happy to announce that all ten districts in the Department of Minnesota now have Face book pages. We are currently in contact with another Legion Family member to see if they will take it over. Thank you to Tim for standing forth. By the next newsletter we should have more info. Until that time, please refer PR items to myself at schneeklothr@gmail.com or call cell# 507.438.6319, again I am humbled to serve you all. Let's have a great 2015!

Ralph Schneekloth,
MN First District PR chair

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 austintinpost91.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 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.

YOUR ADULT SPORTS CHAIRMAN

Just a quick note to inform you that Albert Lea Post 56 is planning on hosting the First District Bowling tournament this year. Each post should have had the information sent to them. If you have not received yours please contact Gary Anderson at 507/373/1568.

Ralph Schneekloth

First District Adult Sports Chairman

FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY NEWS



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Hello Ladies;

I want to thank all of you who attended our Mid-Winter Conference it was wonderful to see all of you. A big thank you to Post 595 La Crescent for hosting. Commander Sy Fix, President Sandy Nowlan and Squadron Commander Tim Weaver gave us a warm welcome, the lunch put on by the Auxiliary was delicious. I am very proud to be a member of Post 595. I want to thank all my chairmen for your informative reports we had a great turn out.

Secretary

Audrey Erwin

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February is Americanism Month the program promotes patriotism and responsible citizenship year round. Promoting patriotism and responsible citizenship should be done every day. Are you and your unit knowledgeable on flag history, etiquette, and proper flag disposal methods and promoting the observation of patriotic holidays? Increase participation in the Americanism Essay Contest. This year's theme is "What Does Freedom Mean to my Family". Are you promoting pride in belonging to the world's largest patriotic women's organization, the American Legion Auxiliary? Have your units participated in the promotion of American Legion Americanism programs. Please check the American Legion's Action Program of Americanism brochure: www.legion.org/publications. Don't forget to ask if they are eligible to be a member of our great organization we are working toward that one million member mark by 2019.

"I believe our flag is more than just cloth and ink. It is a universally recognized symbol that stands for liberty, and freedom. It is the history of our nation, and it's marked by the blood of those who died defending it." John Thune

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CALL TO FIRST DISTRICT JUNIOR CONFERENCE

The annual Junior Conference of the First District American Legion Auxiliary is hereby called to be held on **Saturday, March 21, 2015** at the Community Room of Wildwood Grove Assisted Living, located at 410 East Main St in LeRoy, Minnesota for the purpose of:

- Presentation and judging of awards
- Reports from the Unit Junior Presidents
- Election of District Junior Officers
- Election of Delegates to the Department Junior Conference
- Other business for the good of the Junior Auxiliary group

Registration will be at **9:00 A.M.** Snacks and juice will be served. **The registration fee is \$5.00 per junior or senior member, up to \$10.00 per family.** Displays may be set up at this time. There will be an Executive Board meeting for Junior officers with Senior officers at **9:30 A.M.** Honorary Junior President Amelia Welter will call the conference to order at **10:00 A.M.** **Lunch will be served at a cost of \$5.00 per lunch.**

In order to complete for District Junior trophies or awards, a copy of the Unit Junior Activities Annual Report and a written narrative of their activities must be in the hands of the District Junior Activities Chairman JoEllen Isenberg by the time of the District Junior Conference. You may bring them with you that day.

“Memory Book, prayer books, placemats, tray favors, and any other categories” recommended by the Department may be brought in the day of the conference. A prize of ten (10) dollars for the first place and prize of five (5) dollars for second place shall be presented to the winners of the memory book and prayer book category. A prize of five (5) dollars for first place and three (3) for second place will be awarded in the other categories, including talent. Refer to the First District Junior Standing Rules and the Department Junior Trophy and Awards.

If your unit received trophies last year, please bring them to the Conference so they can be awarded to the winners.

District colors will be posted. If your Unit would like to bring their individual colors, they will be posted.

We would like to extend a special invitation to all junior members even if they do not belong to an organized Unit. Any senior member may bring one or more junior members to the conference and is welcome to stay for the meeting. Come for a day of learning and fun! You are the future of the American Legion Auxiliary.

We hope you can join us to meet new friends and enjoy being with those you have already met. We hope this will be a great day for you.

JoEllen Isenberg
First District Junior Activities Chairman

Girls State Report for February District Newsletter:

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

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

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

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

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

Louise Kleiboer

1st District Girls State Chairman

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY'S NATIONAL PRESIDENT JANET JEFFORD WILL BE AT THE PLAINVIEW POST ON MARCH 2ND FOR DINNER

National President Janet Jefford of Connecticut will be visiting the state of Minnesota March 2-5. Her first stop will be at the Plainview Legion for a dinner at 6:15 p.m. Social hour will be 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this dinner to meet our National President. Cost of the dinner is \$12.00 and reservations

MUST BE MADE BY FEBRUARY 23RD.

NO LATE RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Please call Marie Goede at 534-2931 to make your reservation.

This is an honor to host a dinner for the National President and I encourage all members to attend.

Thank you,

Marie Goede

The 1st District will be hosting the Department Junior Conference on April 10-11, 2015 in Stewartville.

I am working on the details for the **1st District Junior Conference** which will be held on March 21, 2015 in the Community Room at Wildwood Grove located at 410 East Main Street in LeRoy, MN.

Please remember to include the junior members in activities that your Post or Unit sponsor, they could always help with dishes or waiting tables.

JoEllen Isenberg

Jr. Activities Chairman

507-259-1940

The monthly focus for the Auxiliary are as follows:

October Education & Constitution and By Laws Month

November Past President's Parley Month

December Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Month

January National Security & Legislative Month

February Americanism Month

March Community Service Month

April Children & Youth Month

May Poppy Month

June Girls State Month

July Department Convention Month

FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP AS OF 1/28/15

| Unit # | Name | Goal | Jr's gain | Sr's gain | Total gain | Jr's to date | Sr's to date | Totals to | |
|--------|------------------|------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| | | | | | | | | date | Percent |
| 146 | Adams | 168 | 5 | 17 | 22 | 18 | 108 | 126 | 75.00% |
| 56 | Albert Lea | 432 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 303 | 311 | 71.99% |
| 404 | Alden | 65 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 44 | 44 | 67.69% |
| 91 | Austin | 213 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 163 | 163 | 76.53% |
| 52 | Blooming Prairie | 137 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 107 | 109 | 79.56% |
| 119 | Byron | 105 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 81 | 95 | 90.48% |
| 191 | Caledonia | 97 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 68 | 74 | 76.29% |
| 197 | Chatfield | 36 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 36 | 100.00% |
| 422 | Claremont | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 19 | 22 | 73.33% |
| 384 | Dodge Center | 107 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 68 | 70 | 65.42% |
| 573 | Elgin | 36 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 23 | 63.89% |
| 317 | Emmons | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 26 | 89.66% |
| 551 | Eyota | 137 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 81 | 86 | 62.77% |
| 492 | Fountain | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 20 | 21 | 95.45% |
| 552 | Freeborn | 74 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 56 | 64 | 86.49% |
| 264 | Glenville | 115 | 3 | 10 | 13 | 10 | 77 | 87 | 75.65% |
| 140 | Grand Meadow | 91 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 64 | 74 | 81.32% |
| 81 | Harmony | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 24 | 36 | 72.00% |
| 266 | Hartland | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 14 | 58.33% |
| 330 | Hayfield | 202 | 3 | 22 | 25 | 18 | 180 | 198 | 98.02% |
| 498 | Hokah | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 20 | 90.91% |
| 423 | Houston | 155 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 100 | 118 | 76.13% |
| 281 | Janesville | 69 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 52 | 52 | 75.36% |
| 333 | Kasson | 179 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 137 | 142 | 79.33% |
| 546 | Kellogg | 168 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 110 | 127 | 75.60% |
| 595 | La Crescent | 283 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 156 | 160 | 56.54% |
| 110 | Lake City | 104 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 67 | 78 | 75.00% |
| 40 | Lanesboro | 103 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 78 | 75.73% |
| 161 | LeRoy | 84 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 43 | 61 | 72.62% |
| 90 | Lewiston | 47 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 26 | 55.32% |
| 105 | Lyle | 68 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 42 | 50 | 73.53% |
| 299 | Mabel | 157 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 108 | 122 | 77.71% |

FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP FOR 1/28/15

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| | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|---------------------|-------|----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|---------|
| 588 | Mazeppa | 60 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 51 | 53 | 88.33% |
| 579 | Millville | 54 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 40 | 42 | 77.78% |
| 75 | New Richland | 80 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 | 69 | 86.25% |
| 544 | Ostrander | 20 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 16 | 16 | 80.00% |
| 77 | Owatonna | 147 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 116 | 116 | 78.91% |
| 526 | Peterson | 33 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 32 | 33 | 100.00% |
| 179 | Plainview | 211 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 15 | 143 | 158 | 74.88% |
| 166 | Preston | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3.57% |
| 92 | Rochester | 210 | 2 | 12 | 14 | 9 | 152 | 161 | 76.67% |
| 94 | Rushford | 92 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 43 | 46.74% |
| 249 | Spring Grove | 152 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 92 | 98 | 64.47% |
| 68 | Spring Valley | 60 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 46 | 46 | 76.67% |
| 190 | St Charles | 115 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 2 | 86 | 88 | 76.52% |
| 164 | Stewartville | 209 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 155 | 164 | 78.47% |
| 50 | Wabasha | 155 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 119 | 127 | 81.94% |
| 587 | Waldorf | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 29 | 85.29% |
| 228 | Waseca | 272 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 206 | 213 | 78.31% |
| 295 | West Concord | 40 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 39 | 39 | 97.50% |
| 637 | Whalen | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 23 | 88.46% |
| 9 | Winona | 221 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 155 | 164 | 74.21% |
| 369 | Wykoff | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 16 | 84.21% |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1st District | 5,847 | 20 | 116 | 136 | 283 | 4129 | 4412 | 75.46% |

THANK YOU !!!!!!!

On behalf of the Auxiliary Emergency Fund and the District Junior Auxiliary we want to Thank all who brought items and purchased items at the First District Mid-Winter Conference. The total raised from the silent auction and a cash donation was \$386.00.

This is being split between the Auxiliary Emergency Fund and the District Junior Auxiliary.

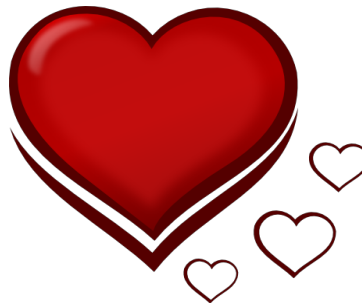
Thank You,

Irene Martin

Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman

JoEllen Isenberg

Jr Activities Chairman



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

TO EVERYONE

PAT MINER

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FROM YOUR SAL COMMANDER

Good job guys, Now let's finish it off. We have the Detachment Spring Conference in Anoka on March 21, 2015.

I need to have people in our District to set up and take the officer slots at the District level. I am not sure of myself yet, it depends on my school schedule. We do not have a summer break.

I hope to let everyone know by next month.

First District SAL Commander
Peter Mueller

FROM YOUR SAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

We are doing very good right now. It would be nice if we could get everyone off the goose egg. We still need to get Rushford and Grand Meadow to transmit their membership in

We also need to bring some more new SAL members into our organization and people to step up and help with the District Officer positions.

Please we only need about 300 more members to make our Detachment Goal. So let's do it!

First District SAL Membership Director
Glenn Mueller

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

| Squad | Location | 2014 Turn | 2015 Goal | 10/29/2014 | 11/14/2014 | 11/26/2014 | 12/6/2014 | 1/7/2015 | 1/23/2015 |
|-------|------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 9 | WINONA | 64 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 |
| 40 | LANESBORO | 53 | 54 | 44 | 44 | 44 | 44 | 44 | 52 |
| 50 | WABASHA | 23 | 24 | 3 | 8 | 13 | 13 | 20 | 20 |
| 52 | BLOOMING PRAIRIE | 28 | 29 | 29 | 29 | 29 | 29 | 29 | 29 |
| 56 | ALBERT LEA | 127 | 128 | 81 | 81 | 81 | 81 | 97 | 97 |
| 75 | NEW RICHLAND | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 77 | OWATONNA | 120 | 121 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 54 | 54 | 98 |
| 90 | LEWISTON | 44 | 45 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 91 | AUSTIN | 62 | 67 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 36 | 47 | 53 |
| 92 | ROCHESTER | 103 | 104 | 14 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 77 | 94 |
| 94 | RUSHFORD | 44 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 105 | LYLE | 16 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 119 | BYRON | 46 | 47 | 18 | 32 | 32 | 36 | 44 | 46 |
| 140 | GRAND MEADOW | 14 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 146 | ADAMS | 132 | 133 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 108 | 129 |
| 161 | LE ROY | 54 | 55 | 56 | 56 | 56 | 56 | 56 | 56 |
| 164 | STEWARTVILLE | 128 | 129 | 88 | 88 | 88 | 88 | 132 | 149 |
| 166 | PRESTON | 42 | 43 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 46 |
| 179 | PLAINVIEW | 19 | 20 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 13 | 13 |
| 190 | ST. CHARLES | 12 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 14 |
| 191 | CALEDONIA | 43 | 44 | 43 | 43 | 43 | 43 | 43 | 43 |
| 228 | WASECA | 109 | 110 | 19 | 32 | 48 | 48 | 56 | 67 |
| 249 | SPRING GROVE | 12 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 264 | GLENVILLE | 21 | 22 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 31 | 31 | 31 |
| 266 | HARTLAND | 11 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| 281 | JANESVILLE | 12 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| 299 | MABEL | 41 | 42 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 41 | 41 |
| 317 | EMMONS | 32 | 33 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 25 | 25 |
| 330 | HAYFIELD | 39 | 40 | 19 | 19 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 26 |
| 333 | KASSON | 43 | 44 | 25 | 25 | 38 | 38 | 38 | 38 |
| 384 | DODGE CENTER | 13 | 14 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 9 |
| 400 | CANTON | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 404 | ALDEN | 61 | 62 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| 423 | HOUSTON | 0 | 30 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 546 | KELLOGG | 23 | 24 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 24 | 24 |
| 551 | EYOTA | 33 | 34 | 10 | 16 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 |
| 552 | FREEBORN | 37 | 38 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 |
| 573 | ELGIN | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 579 | MILLVILLE | 41 | 42 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 20 | 20 |
| 595 | LA CRESCENT | 79 | 80 | 82 | 82 | 82 | 85 | 85 | 85 |
| 1111 | DAKOTA | 95 | 96 | 53 | 59 | 63 | 63 | 70 | 78 |
| | | 1879 | 1952 | 913 | 1007 | 1055 | 1141 | 1393 | 1558 |

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First District Legion Riders

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, February 28th, 2015 at 3pm at Winona Post #91.

Following the meeting, the ALR will be hosting a Pasta supper. District members are asked to be at the Winona Legion at 2pm to help set up for the supper as well as cleaning up after the supper. **This is a district fund raiser!**

This is also the date for the gun raffle drawing. Funds raised will be used for the legacy fund and other American Legion family programs. ALR members have tickets to sell! There will be 750 tickets available at \$10.00 each. We encourage you to support this effort.

The Donnie Smith Bike show is scheduled for March 28-29th. There will be an ALR booth and all ALR members are encouraged to help if they can. This is a great opportunity to visit with potential new members from all over the state.

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

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

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