



FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MN

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The First District Convention is over and the District has a new Commander - Congratulations to Roland Hanson from Austin. He was elected to for the 2015-2016 year with his team of officers. Have a great year!

Now on to Memorial Day on Monday May 25. The weather cooperated just long enough to get the services done. It is a day we honor all our fallen veterans. I attended the dedication of the Veterans Monument in Dodge Center on Monday Memorial Day at 2:00 It was a very moving program and service. Thank you Dodge Center Legion Post #384 for the invitation.

On Saturday, May 23 I was in attendance at the Mazeppa Veterans Memorial. The Honor Guard Dedication of this memorial. It was a very touching program for the dedication. Thank you to American Legion Post #588 for the invitation.

Commander Myron

IMPORTANT DATES

June 14, 2015 is Flag Day. Please pay proper tribute to our Flag and try to attend any Flag Programs in your Communities.

June 29, 2015 - Change Over will be held at Stewartville Post 164 at 6:00 pm. There is more information else where in this newsletter.

July 17 & 18, 2015—The Department Convention will be held at Jackpot Junction Casino in Morton, MN hosted by Redwood Falls Post 38.

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FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

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

Albert Lea Post 56 at americanlegionpost56.com

Austin Post 91 at

austinpost91.com

Rochester Post 92 at post92.org

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

THE NEWSLETTER WILL NOT BE MAILED OUT ANYMORE. IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO WANTS IT E-MAILED TO THEM PLEASE HAVE THEM SEND THEIR NAME AND E-MAIL ADDRESS TO THE DISTRICT ADJUTANT WHO'S 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.

I hope that everyone has their Boys State information to Department by now, if not get it in today. Please remember that there is no bus this year so you have to supply your own transportation. Let's make it a great year for Boys State; it's only about 14 days away good luck boys learn allot.

Glenn Mueller - First District Boys State Chairman

Thanks everyone for your job on membership I hope that we can get a bunch more turned in. The year has gone by fast it was fun and memorable. Thanks I wish the incoming team the best and remember as Past Department Vice Commanders we are always willing to help.

Thanks

FROM YOUR ADJUTANT'S DESK

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

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

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

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

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

Wayne Hammon Jr - First District Adjutant

Greetings from Area One:

I would like to thank Commander Myron Ehrich for his outstanding year as Commander of the First District. At the same time, I want to congratulate Roland Hanson as the new Commander of the First District, and I wish him the best. Also, it's an honor that I will be Area One Vice Commander for 2015-2016, and I will try to do my best.

Our membership continues to fall. During the past year, Post 92 in Rochester has lost 52 members due to death or 5% of their total members. A lot of the time when a Post loses a member from death, the Post also loses another member who had ties to the deceased member. I am sure that the same is happening in almost every Legion Post. At the same time, the average age of our membership continues to go up. We need to recruit new members from all war eras and keep them. It is not the Commander or Adjutant's responsibility to sign up new members. It is the responsibility of all Legion Members to recruit new members. Just imagine if each member signed up just one new member.

With summer around the corner, I hope that you have a safe summer, enjoy. Hope to see you at the Department Convention in Redwood Falls in July.

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

Area One Vice Commander
Joe P Brown, Sr

THANK YOU FIRST DISTRICT

American Legion Post 228 of Waseca would like to thank the First District members for attending the First District Convention.

It was great to see the great turnout for the Convention. That was after all the work and volunteer hours that were put in by Post 228 members.

Once again THANK YOU to everyone.

Bert Anderson

Post 228 Commander

Greetings from Area Three,

We are getting to the end of the year and everything has gone very well. The only thing I wish is that the Posts that are close to goal would take some extra time to meet goal before the State Convention in July. I am hoping that more people from Area Three will attend the State Convention because it is a good time to see how the District works. I hope to see you at the State Convention.

We will soon be looking at the start of a new year and I would like to see it start on a positive note. One way to get off to a good start is to attend the District picnic.

I hope everyone had a meaningful Memorial Day and remembered our fallen comrades. As always, remember our men and women in uniform.

Carroll Hill, Vice Commander
Area Three

Greetings First District;

Maybe Spring is finally here. It seems to stay warmer lately. Now if only the rain would stop we would be happy.

Everything for the 2014-15 year is winding down. The District Convention is over and we are looking forward to the Change Over. We look forward to getting the new year going with our new, happy go luck, Commander Rollie Hanson and his crew. Waseca Post 228 did a great job of hosting the convention. It looked like things ran pretty smooth. Now if we could only get more posts and legionaries to attend.

June is relatively a quite month. We have the packet pickup and training **June 26th** at Department and then Change Over at Stewartville Post
164 June 29th.

Don't forget to visit those schools so that we can get as many kids signed up for Boy's State. The more kids the better. They always seem to have a good time .

Everyone is looking forward to the Department Convention at Jackpot Junction. I hope everyone has their reservations in. It sounds like there isn't a room left in the whole area for Friday night.

Remember membership doesn't stop at the end of the physical year. We have to continue to knock on doors until December 31 for those 2015 memberships.

Area 4 Vice Commander

FIRST DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR

5/27/201

POST	LOCATION		PREVIOUS	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	DATE
9	WINONA	708	662	0	662	93.50%	46	5/20/2015
90	LEWISTON	84	78	0	78	92.86%	6	3/25/2015
190	ST CHARLES	171	149	0	149	87.13%	22	2/11/2015
WINONA COUNTY TOTALS		963	889	0	889	92.32%	74	5/20/2015
50	WABASHA	338	320	0	320	94.67%	18	5/20/2015
110	LAKE CITY	158	160	-1	159	100.63%	-1	5/27/2015
179	PLAINVIEW	208	201	-1	200	96.15%	8	5/27/2015
546	KELLOGG	77	71	0	71	92.21%	6	2/19/2015
573	ELGIN	56	45	0	45	80.36%	11	1/8/2015
579	MILLVILLE	131	131	0	131	100.00%	0	3/25/2015
588	MAZEPPA	83	84	0	84	101.20%	-1	2/19/2015
WABASHA COUNTY TOTALS		1051	1012	-2	1010	96.10%	41	5/27/2015
92	ROCHESTER	1106	1035	0	1035	93.58%	71	5/20/2015
119	BYRON	166	153	0	153	92.17%	13	5/20/2015
164	STEWARTVILLE	327	325	1	326	99.69%	1	5/27/2015
446	ROCHESTER	10	11	0	11	110.00%	-1	9/10/2014
551	EYOTA	177	181	0	181	102.26%	-4	4/8/2015
OLMSTEAD COUNTY TOTALS		1786	1705	1	1706	95.52%	80	5/27/2015
AREA ONE TOTALS		3800	3606	-1	3605	94.87%	195	5/27/2015
295	WEST CONCORD	68	71	0	71	104.41%	-3	4/1/2015
330	HAYFIELD	250	239	0	239	95.60%	11	5/20/2015
333	KASSON	284	275	-1	274	96.48%	10	5/27/2015
384	DODGE CENTER	100	92	0	92	92.00%	8	5/20/2015
422	CLAREMONT	39	37	0	37	94.87%	2	1/22/2105
DODGE COUNTY TOTALS		741	714	-1	713	96.22%	28	5/27/2015
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	127	121	-1	120	94.49%	7	5/27/2015
77	OWATONNA	619	601	0	601	97.09%	18	4/29/2015
296	ELLENDALE	34	27	0	27	79.41%	7	1/22/2105
STEELE COUNTY TOTALS		780	749	-1	748	95.90%	32	5/27/2015
75	NEW RICHLAND	73	69	0	69	94.52%	4	4/29/2015
228	WASECA	345	347	0	347	100.58%	-2	5/20/2015
281	JANESVILLE	115	107	0	107	93.04%	8	3/25/2015
587	WALDORF	28	31	-3	28	100.00%	0	5/27/2015
WASECA COUNTY TOTALS		561	554	-3	551	98.22%	10	5/27/2015
AREA TWO TOTALS		2082	2017	-5	2012	96.64%	70	5/27/2015

The membership year is coming close to the end but that doesn't mean we end our efforts to get the non payers to pay. We can do better then end up in 7th place for the year. Let's make that last push and see if we can get further up the ladder. I want to remind those non payers that they will lose their continuous membership years if not renewed on time. Not only are you considered to be a nonvoting member if your dues are not paid by Feb 1st but also not eligible for any of the benefits that you receive as a member. We can do this!! YOU can do this!!! So let's get it done. Let's get the 1st in 1st.

Sy Fix

40	LANESBORO	102	101	0	101	99.02%	1	1/8/2015
68	SPRING VALLEY	88	83	0	83	94.32%	5	11/26/2014
81	HARMONY	41	35	0	35	85.37%	6	3/12/2015
94	RUSHFORD	140	140	0	140	100.00%	0	2/11/2015
166	PRESTON	79	82	0	82	103.80%	-3	5/20/2015
197	CHATFIELD	57	54	0	54	94.74%	3	12/10/2014
299	MABEL	210	175	-2	173	82.38%	37	5/27/2015
369	WYKOFF	21	21	0	21	100.00%	0	9/24/2014
400	CANTON	17	16	0	16	94.12%	1	11/19/2014
492	FOUNTAIN	20	19	0	19	95.00%	1	10/1/2014
526	PETERSON	35	35	0	35	100.00%	0	12/17/2014
544	OSTRANDER	27	25	0	25	92.59%	2	3/12/2015
637	WHALEN	15	15	0	15	100.00%	0	1/8/2015
FILLMORE COUNTY TOTALS		852	801	-2	799	93.78%	53	5/27/2015
191	CALEDONIA	191	178	0	178	93.19%	13	5/14/2015
249	SPRING GROVE	189	168	0	168	88.89%	21	4/29/2015
423	HOUSTON	112	101	12	113	100.89%	-1	5/27/2015
498	HOKAH	22	21	0	21	95.45%	1	1/8/2015
595	LA CRESCENT	381	360	0	360	94.49%	21	4/29/2015
HOUSTON COUNTY TOTALS		895	828	12	840	93.85%	55	5/27/2015
AREA THREE TOTALS		1747	1629	10	1639	93.82%	108	5/27/2015
56	ALBERT LEA	791	736	0	736	93.05%	55	5/20/2015
264	GLENVILLE	97	91	-2	89	91.75%	8	5/27/2015
266	HARTLAND	20	20	0	20	100.00%	0	9/10/2014
317	EMMONS	79	76	0	76	96.20%	3	1/28/2015
404	ALDEN	104	113	-2	111	106.73%	-7	5/27/2015
552	FREEBORN	42	40	0	40	95.24%	2	1/28/2015
FREEBORN COUNTY TOTALS		1133	1076	-4	1072	94.62%	61	5/27/2015
91	AUSTIN	736	696	0	696	94.57%	40	5/14/2015
105	LYLE	98	98	-2	96	97.96%	2	5/27/2015
140	GRAND MEAD-	54	49	0	49	90.74%	5	1/28/2015
146	ADAMS	217	213	1	214	98.62%	3	5/27/2015
161	LEROY	71	72	0	72	101.41%	-1	5/20/2015
570	AUSTIN SPAM	6	6	0	6	100.00%	0	1/8/2015
MOWER COUNTY TOTALS		1182	1134	-1	1133	95.85%	49	5/27/2015
AREA FOUR TOTALS		2315	2210	-5	2205	95.25%	110	5/27/2015
1111	DAKOTA	32	50	0	50	156.25%	-18	4/1/2015
DISTRICT ONE TOTALS		9976	9512	-1	9511	95.34%	465	5/27/2015

AREA VICE COMMANDERS								
AREA ONE		3800	3606	-1	3605	94.87%	195	5/27/2015
AREA TWO		2082	2017	-5	2012	96.64%	70	5/27/2015
AREA THREE		1747	1629	10	1639	93.82%	108	5/27/2015
AREA FOUR		2315	2210	-5	2205	95.25%	110	5/27/2015

News from the Public Relations Chairman

Greetings, First District. PR tips for the month of June. Start planning a membership drive for next year, calling on past officers for assistance and guidance. Decide how to go about contacting new veterans. **June 14 is Flag Day**, so consider surveying people and businesses in the community, asking who flies flags on patriotic holidays. The history of Old Glory would make an excellent program for a post meeting. Summer youth programs need members' support and attendance. Community service is a great activity this month and every month.

Source: American Legion County and District Commander manual.

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. We can't post it if we don't have it, and remember, "All days are good days".

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,
MN First District PR Committee chair,
Ralph Schneekloth

The First District now has a website, the address is as follows:

mnmightyfirst.org

Please go on line and check the website out. It is an ongoing project to add items, keep it updated and change things to meet our needs. If you have comments or ideas please let Ralph or myself know and we will work on them.

Greetings First District:

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

I would like to reflect a moment on the Memorial Service at this past convention. I was humbled to lead the service, and am grateful for the opportunity. Next, we are still losing too many brothers and sisters to suicide, 22 a day is too many, and taking older veterans into the count, I recently read an article that says the number may be as high as 35 a day. This has to stop! God help us and our nation if we can't get this stopped! Be on the lookout for signs, and be there and listen if asked, it might be the chance to help save someone.

Fellow Legion family members, working together and making the American Legion family the best it can be, is doing our nation a great service. Regular worship, teaching our selves and our children about God and Americanism, along with the other parts of the God and Country program, will help us get back on the right track.

In closing this month, keep up the spirit, and a prayer for the nation. "O God, guard our homes, churches, schools, and our entire land and all therein from harm and destruction. Preserve the integrity of this nation founded on religious principles by protecting it from all enemies within and without. Amen".

Thank you for allowing me to humbly serve,
MN First District Chaplain,
Ralph Schneekloth

!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! NOTICE TO ALL FIRST DISTRICT MEMBERS !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

This year changeover will be held in conjunction with Commanders and Adjutant School of Instruction and membership training and packet hand out. We cannot make this mandatory but we would really appreciate if you would attend all three.

Any member of the First District can attend a District Executive Board meeting and during Changeover’s Exc meeting the new District Officers and Committee Chairmans will be accepted by the Exc Board and the year's budget will be set.

The Commander and Adjutant School of instruction will go over the duties of those offices and the forms that need filled out. Bring any questions about either office and we will either answer the question or find out the correct answer.

The membership training is just a short power point to highlight some of the problems that were found last year. Make sure and have your SAL Squadron send people also because the officer duties and membership mistakes are the same.

Membership Packets will be handed out at the end of the session. We will need a current Post or Squadron Officer list and payment for at least one member of each Post and Squadron to get your packet.

There will be a letter explaining this sent to each Post in the District in the next week or two.

Volunteers are needed for the Military Family Tribute's (MFT) Dedication Ceremony

We are looking for volunteers to help us with the MFT's dedication ceremony taking place on Saturday, June 13, 2015, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on the Minnesota State Capitol Mall. 200+ volunteers are needed for this great event. We are expecting attendance of 5,000 to 8,000 people that day.

The Military Family Tribute is located at the State Capitol Mall in St. Paul, Minnesota and will forever stand as a personal thank you to each spouse, significant other, child, parent, grandparent, sibling and any other person a member or former member of our U.S. military defines as the family who provides the true foundation of support to our military personnel. It is the first Tribute of its kind in the U.S. Please visit our web page at <http://militaryfamilytribute.org/> for more details.

The formal program will run from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday, June 13, 2015 on the Minnesota State Capitol Mall in between the State Capitol and the Veterans Services Building. Musical entertainment will follow from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm.

We are asking for volunteers to help from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Volunteers can work for shorter time slots. However, we ask that all volunteers work a minimum of 3 hours. Please ask your friends, work teams, and/or family members (18 years or older) to join us in volunteering. Everyone will get a free MFT T-Shirt for volunteering.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Helping with directions
- Parking lot coordination
- Face painting
- Monitoring photo booths
- Barricade placement and removal
- Volunteer coordination
- Ushers

Please contact Dorothy Halverson at dorothyhalv@me.com to sign up or for further details. Please specify the hours you are available, the preference of you work area (if any), your name and contact information (e-mail and cell phone number). Also, if additional people will be joining you in volunteering, please include their names and contact information.

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Greetings First District

May was a very busy month, it was wonderful to see all of those who attended our District Convention. Special thanks to the Waseca post for the warm welcome. American Legion Auxiliary Unit President Mary Jo Knudson and the unit members for all the work you did. We did have about 12 members attend the convention that had never been to one before. I do hope this is a continuing trend to get more members involved. The members are what keep us going and be enjoy hearing new voices and new ideas. I enjoyed the Chairman reports on what the Units have accomplished over the year and congratulations to all the Units that received awards and certificates.

There is our Department Convention coming up 7/16/2015 – 7/18/2015 in Redwood Falls looking forward to seeing many of you there.

Congratulations to our 1st District President elect Pat Miner and her officers and chairman. I know you will have a wonderful and rewarding year.

I am finishing up my book of annual reports and will have display copy at the convention in July. I will also be happy to email out a copy if anyone would like. Please let me know michelleweaver595@gmail.com please put annual reports book in the subject line. Additionally if you would like to receive our monthly newsletter let me know your email and I will forward it on the correct party to get that sent to you.

We are missing a few of the District trophies I will enclose a complete list in next month's newsletter but if you do have one that has not been returned from previous years please let me know, thank you.

Thank you for all you do for our Veterans and their families.

Michelle Weaver

1st District President

May Girls State Newsletter Item

The 2015 Girls State session June 7 to 12 is fast approaching. Several units in our District sent reservation forms by the March 31 deadline and have received the application packets to be filled out by the specific girls and their families. Those are/were due in Department office by May 1. Take the opportunity to explain the program further and instill excitement in the girls when you work with them to complete these forms. Please also remind them there will be no late arrivals or early dismissals. As indicated in the April Unit Mailing, there will again be Girls State clothing available. Watch for the items available and the cost of a package deal in the May Unit Mailing and consider providing money for this to your Girls State representative. The citizens also participate in a service project each year. The project this year is the Minnesota Fisher House, an authorized recipient of Auxiliary donations. Rather than specific items, the girls are asked to donate cash in the amount of \$1.00 to \$5.00 for this project.

District 1 will again be sponsoring a charter **bus** to and from **Girls State** this year. Units are expected to pay the cost of the bus transportation and I strongly encourage you to make arrangements for your citizen to ride the bus. The bus ride gives the girls the opportunity to become acquainted with others in our district before the actual session begins and to talk about their experiences afterwards. In addition, the cost for most is less than driving. In the past, gambling funds have been allowed to pay the transportation expense if checks are made out directly to the bus company. Check with your gambling manager and consider asking your post to pay this expense if your unit does not have gambling funds. **Sugar Loaf Charter Service, Inc.** will again be providing the transportation and the routes will be similar to the return trip last year since there will not be a second bus for Boys State citizens. The **routes and times will be finalized and you will be notified when we have more information** regarding the number of girls who will be attending along with their location throughout the District.

Because Department has indicated approximately the same number of girls are registered for Girls State this year as last year and the bus company will be charging approximately the same amount, the **cost will remain at \$55 per girl**. It is important that the money received meet the cost of the bus as the District does not have money in the budget for this purpose. Therefore, I ask every unit to consider paying the bus cost for their citizen(s) with the expectation that they take advantage of this opportunity. This would help preserve this option for our future Girls State citizens.

Please **complete and return the Transportation Information sheet for each girl** your unit is sponsoring to Girls state and **mail it with your check** made out to First District American Legion Auxiliary or Sugar Loaf Charter Services, Inc. to:

Louise Kleiboer, 329 W Minnesota Ave., Mabel, MN 55954

Contact me at kleiboer@mabeltel.coop or 507-493-5007 if you have questions.

Louise Kleiboer

GIRLS STATE TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Name _____

Parent(s) Name _____

Telephone Number (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

E-mail and/or Mailing Address _____

Location of Sponsoring Unit _____

Unit Contact Person _____

Telephone Number (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

E-mail and/or Mailing Address _____

Yes, I will be riding the bus (check enclosed)

- Preferred Bus Pick-up Location Rushford
- Rochester
- Byron
- Kasson
- Owatonna

- Preferred Bus Drop-off Location Rushford
- Rochester
- Byron
- Kasson
- Owatonna

No, I will not be riding the bus

My transportation to/from the session will be by _____

FIRST DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP AS OF 5/27/15

Unit #	Name	Goal	Jr's gain	Sr's gain	Total gain	Jr's to date	Sr's to date	Totals to	
								date	Percent
146	Adams	168	0	0	0	19	125	144	85.71%
56	Albert Lea	432	0	0	0	8	357	365	84.49%
404	Alden	65	0	1	1	2	51	53	81.54%
91	Austin	213	0	0	0	1	179	180	84.51%
52	Blooming Prairie	137	0	0	0	4	120	124	90.51%
119	Byron	105	0	0	0	14	82	96	91.43%
191	Caledonia	97	0	0	0	6	76	82	84.54%
197	Chatfield	36	0	0	0	0	36	36	100.00%
422	Claremont	30	0	0	0	3	23	26	86.67%
384	Dodge Center	107	0	0	0	6	83	89	83.18%
573	Elgin	36	0	0	0	1	25	26	72.22%
317	Emmons	29	0	0	0	0	30	30	103.45%
551	Eyota	137	0	0	0	8	115	123	89.78%
492	Fountain	22	0	0	0	1	20	21	95.45%
552	Freeborn	74	0	0	0	8	56	64	86.49%
264	Glenville	115	0	0	0	16	90	106	92.17%
140	Grand Meadow	91	0	0	0	11	66	77	84.62%
81	Harmony	50	0	0	0	16	28	44	88.00%
266	Hartland	24	0	0	0	0	14	14	58.33%
330	Hayfield	202	0	0	0	19	202	221	109.41%
498	Hokah	22	0	0	0	0	20	20	90.91%
423	Houston	155	0	0	0	19	116	135	87.10%
281	Janesville	69	0	1	1	1	60	61	88.41%
333	Kasson	179	0	0	0	5	148	153	85.47%
546	Kellogg	168	0	0	0	21	124	145	86.31%
595	La Crescent	283	4	7	11	14	202	216	76.33%
110	Lake City	104	0	0	0	12	77	89	85.58%
40	Lanesboro	103	0	0	0	1	92	93	75.73%
161	LeRoy	84	0	0	0	18	49	67	79.76%

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FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP FOR 5/27/15

CONTINUED

90	Lewiston	47	0	0	0	3	37	40	85.11%
105	Lyle	68	0	0	0	8	47	55	80.88%
299	Mabel	157	0	0	0	19	122	141	89.81%
588	Mazeppa	60	0	0	0	2	51	53	88.33%
579	Millville	54	1	6	7	3	46	49	90.74%
75	New Richland	80	0	0	0	0	69	69	86.25%
544	Ostrander	20	0	0	0	0	16	16	80.00%
77	Owatonna	147	0	1	1	0	128	128	87.07%
526	Peterson	33	0	0	0	1	32	33	100.00%
179	Plainview	211	0	0	0	23	161	184	87.20%
166	Preston	28	0	0	0	0	4	4	14.29%
92	Rochester	210	1	2	3	10	169	179	85.24%
94	Rushford	92	0	0	0	0	70	70	76.09%
249	Spring Grove	152	0	0	0	19	116	135	88.82%
68	Spring Valley	60	0	0	0	0	47	47	78.33%
190	St Charles	115	2	2	4	4	92	96	83.48%
164	Stewartville	209	0	4	4	9	172	181	86.60%
50	Wabasha	155	0	0	0	10	136	146	94.19%
587	Waldorf	34	0	0	0	0	29	29	85.29%
228	Waseca	272	0	2	2	7	232	239	87.87%
295	West Concord	40	0	0	0	0	39	39	97.50%
637	Whalen	26	0	0	0	0	23	23	88.46%
9	Winona	221	0	0	0	10	168	178	80.54%
369	Wykoff	19	0	0	0	0	16	16	84.21%
	1st District	5,847	8	26	34	362	4688	5050	86.37%

Membership doesn't end until Department convention ladies let's find our missing members. Some units need less than 10 for Department goal.

It was nice seeing the great turn-out of ladies for the District Convention in Waseca. Hope to see some of you at Redwood Falls for the Department Convention.

First District Membership Chairman and incoming First District President for the 2015-2016 year. Pat Miner

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From Your Commander

Hi
Glenn Mueller your new Sal Commander for 1st District. As a dual member I am hoping that we can have another great year like last. I am still trying to get a team together still need a Vice Commander, Sergeant at Arms and a Historian, please contact me if you are interested in any of these positions.. Let us have some fun, more to come shortly.

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

Good Morning,

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

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

I am enclosing my contact information so if assistance is needed you can contact me.

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

Brian Medinnus 1st District SAL Advisor-2014-2015

Brian Medinnus 1813-3rd Ave NE Austin, MN 55912

Phone#'s-Home-1-507-434-7441-leave a message and I will call you back.

Cell# 1-507-219-7188

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Hello big red one

Yeah you, First District, it looks like we need your help and fast. We are only 18 short of the goal for the first let's do it. As your incoming SAL Commander let's finish the year out on a high note. Then let's kick it in gear for next year and get our officer's list and paid member in and our training in and get up to camp out for sons convention. Let's have some fun so come up and see what it's all about. Thanks

Glen Mueller – First District SAL Membership Director.

May 26th Membership Report

Department of Minnesota
Membership Bulletin No. 10



National Goal 10,804
Department Goal 10,833
Current Membership 11,063

District	2015 Goal	Total 2014	Total 2015	Months Gain	Total Squads	% Of Goal	
District 1	1,920	1,914	1,934	38	41	100.73%	1,853
District 2	1,023	1,022	1,124	13	31	109.87%	1,000
District 3	1,805	1,806	1,837	22	36	101.77%	1,733
District 4	298	331	335	20	6	112.42%	274
District 5	407	401	406	16	6	99.75%	395
District 6	1,386	1,378	1,423	54	32	102.67%	1,331
District 7	969	957	887	44	19	91.54%	883
District 8	598	596	570	21	14	95.32%	579
District 9	768	761	771	21	16	100.39%	718
District 10	1,651	1,642	1,770	33	34	107.21%	1,578
District 11	8	6	6	0	2	75.00%	6
Totals	10,833	10,814	11,063	282	237	102.12%	10,350

Same Date
Last Year

Detachment Convention Delegate Bulletin Don't forget to register for Convention/Campout

June 26-28, 2015, SAL Campout/Convention, Legionville Brainerd, MN

Anyone attending Campout must register even if they only attend for one day.

Included with this bulletin is a complete list of all Squads with their membership totals for Convention Delegates.

REPORTS NEED TO BE TURNED IN at campout or mailed in 2 weeks prior to start of Convention. Make sure that your Squads fill out the reports.

Those wishing to be alternate delegates to National Convention must either attend campout or submit a letter from their Squadron 30 days in advance of campout.

Please bring donations for our programs. Please bring good items for the Child Welfare auction.

2015 National Target Dates

105%

July 23rd

This is the list of Squadrons in the First District and the number of membership cards that the Detachment has received as of May 26, 2015. As you may notice, we have a couple of Squadrons with very few members turned in. The question is why? Where are these members and why have they not been contacted?

ADAMS – 146	129
ALBERT LEA – 56	128
ALDEN – 404	55
AUSTIN – 91	62
BLOOMING PRAIRIE – 52	29
BYRON - 119	46
CALEDONIA – 191	43
DAKOTA - 1111	97
DODGE CENTER - 384	15
ELGIN – 573	1
EMMONS – 317	33
EYOTA – 551	36
FREEBORN - 552	33
GLENVILLE – 264	34
GRAND MEADOW – 140	14
HARTLAND – 266	11
HAYFIELD - 330	32
HOUSTON - 423	2
JANESVILLE – 281	9
KASSON - 333	43
KELLOGG – 546	24
LA CRESCENT - 595	93
LANESBORO - 40	55
LE ROY – 161	56
LEWISTON - 90	45
LYLE - 105	17
MABEL - 299	41
MILLVILLE – 579	37
OWATONNA – 77	130
PLAINVIEW - 179	22
PRESTON – 166	47
ROCHESTER - 92	111
RUSHFORD – 94	40
SPRING GROVE – 249	2
ST. CHARLES – 190	14
STEWARTVILLE – 164	149
WABASHA - 50	20
WASECA – 228	114
WINONA -9	65

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Rushford, MN
507/459/5962

CHAPLAIN

Roe Naylor
Austin, MN
507/438/5804

ROAD CAPTAIN

Lee Dority
Austin, MN
641/210/9035

Our meeting was held on Friday, May 15th, 2015 at 6pm. The meeting was held at the Waseca American Legion.

Election of Officers:

President: Dennis Lewison, Adams
Vice President: Tony Loecher, Rochester
Sgt at Arms: Spanky Carroll, Rushford
Secretary: Nancy Lewison, Adams
Chaplain: Roe Naylor, Austin
Road Captain: Lee Dority, Austin
Historian: Karla Miller, Rushford

Our “Tour of the First District Legions” event is coming together nicely. Letters have been sent to each Legion Family Post in the district. The date for the ride is scheduled for July 11th-12th, 2015. If you have a donation to present, please join us at the Post nearest you. All Legion, Auxiliary & S.A.L members are welcome to ride, drive or visit. Please see the flyer for details.

Friday, June 12th, 2015 is the “Stewie Cruiser” Bike Night and all ALR members are encouraged to bring your bike for the show. This is also a great opportunity to show what the ALR is about! Please visit their website www.stewiecruisers.com for more information as it gets closer.

The Department American Legion Rider Legacy Run will be stopping for an overnight visit in Rushford on Saturday, August 1st, 2015.

Please contact Dennis Lewison 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.

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Stewie Cruisers

Friday Night Cruise In

Bike Show

All Makes and Models

Trophies - 4 foot, 3 foot, and 2 foot tall

1st thru 3rd Peoples Choice

1st thru 3rd Participant Choice

Best of Show sponsored by Stewie Cruisers

Loud pipe contest after show at 8:30, 4 foot Trophy

June 12th 2015

Strikers Corner - American Legion

5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Stewartville MN

Trophies Sponsored by

Evans and Sons LLC

Lex Customs

Podiens Power and Equipment

Stone Expressions Masonry

Tour of the First District Legions to collect donations for



THE AMERICAN LEGION
LEGACY RUN

JULY 11 & 12, 2015

RIDE IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC & ALL STREET LEGAL VEHICLES
REGISTRATION ON SATURDAY FROM 7:30-8am
SUGGESTED DONATION: \$20 RIDER / \$ 10 PASSENGER

Saturday

Stewartville- KSU 8am
Eyota-Breakfast
Hayfield
Waseca-Lunch
Emmons
Lyle
Austin-Supper



Sunday

Austin Armory-KSU 9am
Dexter-Breakfast
Preston
Caledonia-Lunch
Peterson

SATURDAY NIGHT STAY IN AUSTIN
FREE SHUTTLES FROM THE LEGION TO LOCAL HOTELS

**JOIN US FOR ALL THREE DAYS, ONE DAY OR
WHEN WE STOP AT A LEGION NEAR YOU**

Proceeds will be going toward higher education
scholarships for the children of soldiers who
made the ultimate sacrifice for their Country...
AMERICAN LEGION LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Questions? Contact Sunshine at (507) 459-5962

