



FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Hello Comrades,

Brothers and sisters my year is about in and I must say I have enjoyed it very much. Our District One Convention was great and we have a very capable comrade taking over. Welcome Sy Fix our next Commander. Please help him and stand with him for our veterans. Our Four Pillars will also stand proud and meaningful with his command.

I would like to thank all of my officers who helped me this year; I could not have done it without their expertise and understanding.

Change over will take place on the 27th of June and our new officers will be off and running.

Please keep our membership on going thru this year and reach as many goals as possible .

MN Department Convention will be held in Rochester MN July 21 thru the 23.

Please attend and help our Department Commander Kellogg end a great year. He has done an awesome job for us all.

Thanks again everyone and always please thank a veteran for our freedom.

Commander Rollie.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 23rd thru the 26th - The Detachment of Minnesota SAL Convention at Legionville in Brainerd, MN

June 27, 2016 - District One Change-over, membership training and packet pickup will be in Stewartville Post 164 at 6:00 p.m. More information elsewhere in this newsletter.

July 22—23, 2016—The Department Convention In Rochester, MN. More information will be forth coming.

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Greetings from Area One:

I would like to congratulate Sy Fix who was elected as the new First district commander, and Gary Miller who was elected as Area One Vice Commander at the First District Convention in Mabel. This year's District Convention was excellent. The only problem was the attendance. At one time, I counted only 35 Legion members on the floor of the convention. There are 9,260 Legion members in the First District. Also, I counted only 16 Posts of the District's 57 Posts present for roll call at the beginning of the Convention. When it came time for the Post Commander's report, I counted only 6 reports given. There should have been 57 Post Commander's reports given.

It has been an honor serving as Area One Vice Commander during the past two years, and I want to wish Gary Miller the best as he takes over as Area One Commander. Also, I want to thank Commander Roland Hanson for his outstanding year as Commander.

We still need to keep on working on the membership renewals and recruiting new members. Remember, it is the responsibility of all Legion Members to recruit new members. Just imagine if each member signed up just one new member. Have you signed up a new member yet?

Remember our troops and their loved ones in your prayers. May God Bless You and May God Bless America.

Area One Vice Commander

Joe P Brown, Sr

Greetings From Area Three

First of all I would like to thank Mabel Post 299 for doing a fantastic job of hosting the First District Convention. I am sorry that I could not attend but my work schedule would not allow it. But I heard from several people on how it went. On the down side Area Three only had two (2) posts attend the convention which was in our area. That is an issue that we need to address. We cannot function as an organization if we don't get better attendance at these events.

With our Department Convention coming up in July at Rochester, I hope we can get a GREAT turnout for that as we have both the Department Commander and The Department Auxiliary President both from our District.

As far as membership Area Three is at ninety seven point one (97.1) percent, which is good but a little more work is needed to get us up to one hundred (100) percent.

As always keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers and God Bless America.

Area Three Vice Commander - Carroll W. Hill

FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

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

First District Website at mnmightyfirst.org

Albert Lea Post 56 at americanlegionpost56.com

Austin Post 91 at austinpost91.com

Rochester Post 92 at post92.org

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

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

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

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

First District Membership Report For 5/27/2016

POST	CITY	Goal	Previous	Turn In	Total	PERCENT	LEFT	Turn In Date
9	Winona	668	632	3	635	95.06%	33	5/5/2016
90	Lewiston	79	70	3	73	92.41%	6	4/24/2016
190	St Charles	150	139	2	141	94.00%	9	5/5/2016
Winona County Totals		897	841	8	849	94.65%	48	5/27/2016
50	Wabasha	322	280	1	281	87.27%	41	5/19/2016
110	Lake City	160	151	1	152	95.00%	8	5/27/2016
179	Plainview	202	203	1	204	#####	-2	5/27/2016
546	Kellogg	71	70	1	71	#####	0	2/11/2016
573	Elgin	45	38	1	39	86.67%	6	3/10/2016
579	Millville	135	160	1	161	#####	-26	2/18/2016
588	Mazeppa	85	76	1	77	90.59%	8	3/17/2016
Wabasha County Totals		1020	978	7	985	96.57%	35	5/27/2016
92	Rochester	1043	998	2	1000	95.88%	43	5/19/2016
119	Byron	154	156	1	157	#####	-3	5/27/2016
164	Stewartville	330	309	2	311	94.24%	19	5/19/2016
446	Rochester	11	14	1	15	#####	-4	4/24/2016
551	Eyota	179	183	1	184	#####	-5	4/24/2016
Olmstead County Totals		1717	1660	7	1667	97.09%	50	5/27/2016
Area One Totals		3634	3479	22	3501	96.34%	133	5/27/2016
295	West Concord	69	68	1	69	#####	0	4/28/2016
330	Hayfield	240	243	-1	242	#####	-2	3/25/2016
333	Kasson	275	276	1	277	#####	-2	5/5/2016
384	Dodge Center	94	83	2	85	90.43%	9	2/11/2016
422	Claremont	37	38	1	39	#####	-2	5/5/2016
Dodge County Totals		715	708	4	712	99.58%	3	5/27/2016
52	Blooming Prairie	120	108	1	109	90.83%	11	5/19/2016
77	Owatonna	605	574	2	576	95.21%	29	5/27/2016
296	Ellendale	28	33	1	34	#####	-6	3/10/2016
Steele County Totals		753	715	4	719	95.48%	34	5/27/2016
75	New Richland	70	60	3	63	90.00%	7	1/21/2016
228	Waseca	347	351	1	352	#####	-5	5/5/2016
281	Janesville	110	102	2	104	94.55%	6	12/10/2015
587	Waldorf	28	27	1	28	#####	0	2/18/2016
Waseca County Totals		555	540	7	547	98.56%	8	5/27/2016
Area Two Totals		2023	1963	15	1978	97.78%	45	5/27/2016

40	Lanesboro	103	110	1	111	107.77%	-8	5/5/2016
68	Spring Valley	84	82	1	83	98.81%	1	5/19/2016
81	Harmony	36	29	3	32	88.89%	4	2/25/2015
94	Rushford	142	131	1	132	92.96%	10	5/5/2016
166	Preston	81	73	2	75	92.59%	6	3/25/2016
197	Chatfield	54	50	1	51	94.44%	3	5/5/2016
299	Mabel	192	196	-1	195	101.56%	-3	5/19/2016
369	Wykoff	21	18	2	20	95.24%	1	9/17/2015
400	Canton	18	13	3	16	88.89%	2	1/15/2016
492	Fountain	19	13	4	17	89.47%	2	12/10/2015
526	Peterson	35	36	-1	35	100.00%	0	1/7/2016
544	Ostrander	25	26	1	27	108.00%	-2	12/16/2015
637	Whalen	15	15	1	16	106.67%	-1	2/11/2016
Fillmore County Totals		825	792	18	810	98.18%	15	5/19/2016
191	Caledonia	179	171	1	172	96.09%	7	4/24/2016
249	Spring Grove	171	159	6	165	96.49%	6	5/5/2016
423	Houston	114	113	1	114	100.00%	0	5/19/2016
498	Hokah	21	20	1	21	100.00%	0	2/11/2016
595	LaCrescent	365	343	2	345	94.52%	20	5/12/2016
Houston County Totals		850	806	11	817	96.12%	33	5/19/2016
Area Three Totals		1675	1598	29	1627	97.13%	48	5/27/2016
56	Albert Lea	739	737	5	742	100.41%	-3	5/5/2016
264	Glenville	90	84	2	86	95.56%	4	4/24/2016
266	Hartland	20	17	1	18	90.00%	2	9/17/2015
317	Emmons	76	74	1	75	98.68%	1	2/18/2016
404	Alden	106	113	-1	112	105.66%	-6	3/10/2016
552	Freeborn	40	37	2	39	97.50%	1	12/10/2015
Freeborn County Totals		1071	1062	10	1072	100.09%	-1	5/27/2016
91	Austin	700	664	1	665	95.00%	35	5/27/2016
105	Lyle	97	90	1	91	93.81%	6	1/7/2016
140	Grand Meadow	50	47	1	48	96.00%	2	2/11/2016
146	Adams	216	206	2	208	96.30%	8	5/5/2016
161	LeRoy	73	71	1	72	98.63%	1	5/5/2016
570	Austin Spam	6	1	4	5	83.33%	1	7/29/2015
Mower County Totals		1142	1079	10	1089	95.36%	53	5/27/2016
Area Four Totals		2213	2141	20	2161	97.65%	52	5/27/2016
1111	Dakota	82	0	4	4	4.88%	78	5/27/2016
District One Totals		9627	9181	90	9271	96.30%	356	5/27/2016

AREA VICE COMMANDER STANDINGS

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AREA FOUR	2213	2141	20	2161	97.65%	52	5/27/2016	

Greetings First District:

The end of the year is near and this will be my last newsletter. It's been a good and fun year.

The 1st District Convention was held May 20th and 21st. Mabel Post # 299 did a fantastic job of hosting the convention. Altogether we had a pretty good turnout. The Legion portion of the meeting had a very poor showing. It was great to see all the Legion Riders that attended the event.

The Past Commander's - President's, and Adjutant's meeting on Friday was rather anemic. How are we going to survive as an organization if we don't get more enthusiasm and participation in the various happenings of the Legion?

The Convention was pretty routine. There was a update to the 1st District By Laws and a couple of Resolutions. One being the dollar increase in the district dues, there were several questions about the need of the increase. With the decrease in membership, it was stated that we should cut programs or adjust the compensation for some positions. Both options would end up hurting the district. What we need to do is everyone work together on recruitment. The percentage of members we have compared to the ones that are eligible is ridiculous. We need to get out there and ask.

Sy Fix was elected our new 1st District Commander for the 2016-2017 year.

Please give him and his new team all the support you can give.

Membership is pretty much at a standstill. We are currently in third place in Department. We need 231 more members to keep our delegate strength we now have. With some phone calls and some knocking on doors we can get these members.

There are several post's out there that still need quite a few members. If we all work together we can make our goal.

The Department Convention will be held in Rochester July 21st thru the 23rd. Rochester Post# 92 will be the host post. Let's have a great turn out and show our state pride.

Thanks for the support this past year and God bless all our Veterans, past present and future.

1st District Membership Chairman Les Shaunce

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

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 Legions 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. The Word of God is still relevant today, even if people do not want to hear it. I also spoke at Peterson on Memorial day. , and gave a real heartfelt speech about those who have given their all, i.e. KIA. 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

FROM YOUR ADJUTANT’S PEN

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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENT

The First District Change-over, membership training, officer training and membership packet pickup will be held on June 27, 2016 in Stewartville Post 164 at 6:00 p.m. Please bring one paid membership for 2017 and your post officer list with you. The same thing goes for the SAL membership packets also.

We will go over the membership forms and transmittals , along with a quick post officer training session.

Monday is Stewartville’s burger night so food will be available from 5 to 7 pm. Lets have a great turn out so we can get everyone's packets out before the Fourth of July weekend gets here.

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".

We at the District level, continue to develop the public relations model and make it more effective. However, it is too big for just a few people, if you know of events, refer or post yourself.

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"

Remember, "Character is who you are, Image is who everyone else thinks you are."

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 Wayne, Tony, or myself know and we will work on them.

FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY NEWS



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Greetings from the President

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Congratulations to the new 1st District President Cindy Nelson and I'm hoping she has a wonderful year.

Also THANKS to the officers and chairman for helping to promote the programs of the American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and the Legion Riders.

Secretary

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A big THANK YOU to the Mabel Post and Unit for hosting the convention. The facilities for the Auxiliary were WONDERFUL it was great to have enough room for those attending without sitting shoulder to shoulder and having plenty of bathroom stalls.

First District President - Pat Miner

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Poppy Program

Thank to everyone for all the hard work that everyone put into their Poppy Campaign! It is a lot of work and volunteer hours to make it successful. Each year it gets better as we do it.

Winners for the Poppy contest at First District Convention went to Hayfield and Glenville! Have a great summer!

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**FIRST DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA
TROPHY CHECK-OUT LIST
FOR THE YEAR 2016**

TROPHY	NAME/NUMBER OF UNIT RECEIVING TROPHY/ AWARD	SIGNATURE OF MEMBER ACCEPTING TROPHY/AWARD
AMERICANISM		
Betty Gartner Memorial Award	Hayfield	
Miner/Isenberg First District Americanism Award	Dodge Center	
Certificate Awarded to:		
AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND		
Certificate Awarded to:		
CHILDREN & YOUTH		
District Child Welfare Gavel Trophy		
Myrna Gunderson Trophy	Hayfield	
Cindy Nelson Award	Albert Lea	
Certificate Awarded to:		
COMMUNITY SERVICE		
Evelyn Lyke Community Service Award	Plainview	
Berenice Smith Community Service Award		
Certificate Awarded to:		
EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP		
Mildred Holtz Gavel Bell Trophy	Hayfield	
Certificate Awarded to:		
GIRLS STATE		
Certificate Awarded to:		

HISTORY		
Irene Martin History Trophy	Plainview	
Certificate Awarded to:		
SERVICE TO VETERANS	Waseca	
Certificate Awarded to:		
JUNIOR ACTIVITIES		
Bev Jiardina Trophy	Plainview	
Certificate Awarded to:		
LEGISLATION		
Bette Berg & Louella Gusa (B & L Trophy)	Hayfield	
Certificate Awarded to:		
MEMBERSHIP		
Marie Goede Membership Trophy	Peterson	
Glenda Osmundson Gavel Bell Trophy		
Lynette Hillman Wolff Membership Trophy	Glenville	
Carol Kruger Membership Trophy	Albert Lea	
MEMORIAL		
Jenny Miller Trophy	Full return to Waldorf	
Audrey Erwin Memorial Trophy	Dodge Center	
Certificate Awarded to:		
MUSIC		
Lois Deyo Music Trophy	Hayfield	
Certificate Awarded to		
NATIONAL SECURITY		
National Security Trophy	Kellogg	
Certificate Awarded to:		

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY		
Pat Johannsen Trophy	Hayfield	
Certificate Awarded to:		
POPPY		
Lillian Koch Trophy	Stewartville	
Marge Schreiber Traveling District Poppy Queen Trophy	Not awarded	
Carol Kruger Traveling Poppy Queen Crown & Cape	Not awarded	
Certificate Awarded to:		
PUBLIC RELATIONS		
Anna Schmitz Public Relations Trophy	Plainview	
Certificate Awarded to:		
VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION		
District Rehabilitation Gavel Trophy	Not awarded	
Gladys Johnson Gavel Bell Trophy	Plainview	
Maurine Patterson Trophy	Full	
Certificate Awarded to:		

POPPY CONTEST WINNERS		
1 st Prize	Glenville	
2 nd Prize	Hayfield	
3 rd Prize		

GIRLS STATE

Girls State is only 7 weeks away and final preparations are being made. A few reminders about Girls State as the beginning of the 70th session begins at Bethel University on June 12th at 3:00 PM and ends Saturday, June 18th at 10:00. Please plan to be here your citizen at Bethel by 2:30 PM on June 12th. **THERE ARE NO LATE ARRIVALS OR EARLY DEPARTURES.**

Names and other information on your citizen (s) were due into Department office by May 1, 2016.

Along with individual purchases from the Shirt Shack, there will be a package deals. Items available are listed below with their prices. Consider purchasing an item or items for your girl (s) or sending spending money along so they may make their own purchases. **PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY. (NO CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS)**
Bethel does has an ATM Machine

Be sure and keep in contact with your Girls Stater (s). Make them aware of what paper work, etc. they need to take to Girls State. Please make them aware of the Samsung Scholarship application that is only available to Girls/Boys State attendees. This application is available **ONLY** online at <http://www.alaforveterans.org>

There will be **NO** bus this year – each citizen in the First District must provide their own transportation to and from Girls State.

This year as in the past Girls State will have a service project that the citizens participate in. This year your citizen will not have to bring any items for the service project. They will be provided by the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State

Inauguration – Thursday, June 16

American Legion Family members & family and friends of citizens are welcome to attend the Inauguration ceremony on Thursday evening, June 16th. All guest should be seated by 7:00 pm so that the processional can begin promptly at 7:15 pm.

ITEMS AVAILABLE AT THE GIRLS STATE SHIRT SHACK

ALA MN Girls State Long Sleeve Collegiate T-shirt (sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL)	\$35.00
ALA MN Girls State Hockey Style Hoodie Sweatshirt (sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL)	\$35.00
ALA MN Girls State (white) Short Sleeve T-Shirt (sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL)	\$10.00
ALA MN Girls State USB Flash Drive	\$ 6.00
ALA MN Girls State Portable Power Bank	\$10.00

THE 2016 “Package Deal” is \$45.00

Includes: Hoodie Style Sweatshirt
Short Sleeve T-Shirt
Portable Power Bank

(NO SUBSTITUTIONS)

Tara Goede, Chairman
First District Girls State
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Sal Commander;

We have a new Commander by the name of Ron Wolff. We are still putting together the team. I am asking for everyone help on finishing out the year, we need approximately 200 members to make goal and if everyone else makes there's we can put Detachment Commander Gene Oswald in the lake at the Detachment Convention at Legionville. Please send in your consideration reports; please also send your officer's list to District and Detachment as soon as possible.

Thank you for the past year -
Glenn Mueller

Omelet Breakfast—LaCrescent Squadron 595, 8am to 12pm on the fourth Sunday of every even month all year long.

June 23rd thru 26th 2016 - The SAL Detachment of Minnesota Convention at Legionville, Brainerd, MN

SAL Membership Packet disputation at Stewartville Post 164 at 6:00 p.m. Bring along one paid membership for 2017 and your Squadron Officer lists. These will be necessary in order for you to get your packet. Lets see as many Squadrons as possible so we can get the packets out before the Fourth of July weekend

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Due to lack of participation and teams there will **NOT** be a SAL bean bag tournament on June 4, 2016 at LaCrescent American Legion Post 595

FIRST DISTRICT SAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 5/25/2016

SQUAD	LOCATION	GQAL	PREVIOUS	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	DATE
9	WINONA	54	0	75	75	138.89%	-21	1/6/2016
40	LANESBORO	53	55	1	56	105.66%	-3	1/28/2016
50	WABASHA	30	7	2	9	30.00%	21	2/24/2016
90	LEWISTON	32	1	45	46	143.75%	-14	1/28/2016
92	ROCHESTER	101	0	105	105	103.96%	-4	1/6/2016
94	RUSHFORD	29	35	12	47	162.07%	-18	5/25/2016
119	BYRON	31	39	4	43	138.71%	-12	2/24/2016
164	STEWARTVILLE	114	105	16	121	106.14%	-7	4/27/2016
166	PRESTON	47	41	1	42	89.36%	5	5/25/2016
179	PLAINVIEW	22	0	16	16	72.73%	6	1/6/2016
190	ST CHARLES	20	0	15	15	75.00%	5	1/6/2016
191	CALEDONIA	43	0	0	0	0.00%	43	1/6/2016
249	SPRING GROVE	16	8	1	9	56.25%	7	5/25/2016
299	MABEL	44	0	16	16	36.36%	28	1/6/2016
423	HOUSTON	53	0	19	19	35.85%	34	1/6/2016
546	KELLOGG	20	24	2	26	130.00%	-6	1/28/2016
551	EYOTA	33	27	4	31	93.94%	2	1/28/2016
573	ELGIN	25	0	1	1	4.00%	24	1/6/2016
579	MILLVILLE	25	23	9	32	128.00%	-7	5/25/2016
595	LA CRESCENT	79	40	51	91	115.19%	-12	5/25/2016
TOTAL FOR EAST SIDE		871	405	395	800	91.85%	71	4/27/2016
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	14	0	71	71	507.14%	-57	1/6/2016
56	ALBERT LEA	129	48	14	62	48.06%	67	2/24/2016
75	NEW RICHLAND	4	0	0	0	0.00%	4	1/6/2016
77	OWATONNA	121	130	9	139	114.88%	-18	4/27/2016
91	AUSTIN	63	30	31	61	96.83%	2	2/24/2016
105	LYLE	30	0	1	1	3.33%	29	1/6/2016
140	GRAND MEADOW	11	0	0	0	0.00%	11	1/6/2016
146	ADAMS	126	0	74	74	58.73%	52	1/6/2016
161	LEROY	49	47	4	51	104.08%	-2	5/25/2016
228	WASECA	95	125	3	128	134.74%	-33	5/25/2016
264	GLENVILLE	27	38	2	40	148.15%	-13	2/24/2016
266	HARTLAND	12	0	12	12	100.00%	0	1/6/2016
281	JANESVILLE	15	0	10	10	66.67%	5	1/28/2016
317	EMMONS	29	19	8	27	93.10%	2	4/27/2016
330	HAYFIELD	53	28	3	31	58.49%	22	4/27/2016
333	KASSON	51	38	3	41	80.39%	10	4/27/2016
384	DODGE CENTER	25	4	2	6	24.00%	19	1/28/2016
404	ALDEN	54	46	15	61	112.96%	-7	5/25/2016
552	FREEBORN	34	0	35	35	102.94%	-1	1/6/2016
TOTAL FOR WEST SIDE		928	553	297	850	91.59%	78	4/27/2016
1111	DAKOTA	191	98	2	100	52.36%	91	5/25/2016
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT		2009	1641	108	1749	87.06%	260	4/27/2016

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



RIDERS CONTACT INFORMATION

Greetings,

PRESIDENT

Dennis Lewison
Adams, MN
507/440/6067

Election of Officers was held on Saturday, May 21st at our meeting.

Congratulations to you!!

VICE—PRESIDENT

Tony Loecher
Rochester, MN
507/358/6389

Director, Dennis Lewison, Adams
Assistant Director, Brett Naylor, Austin
Secretary, Tonia Bettermann, Owatonna
Sgt At Arms, Jim Rinehart, Austin
Historian, Nancy Lewison, Adams
Chaplain, Zach Naylor, Austin
Road Captain, Lee Dority, Austin

SECRETARY

Nancy Lewison
Adams, MN
507/440/2090

SGT AT ARMS

Spanky Carroll
Rushford, MN
507/450/0741

The “**Second Annual Tour of the First District**” is being planned for July 9-10th, 2016. Thank you to those Posts, Units & SAL Squadrons for your assistance in securing our stops!

HISTORIAN

Karla Miller
Rushford, MN
507/459/5962

All Posts have been mailed a letter & flyer. We appreciate your donations and hope you will visit us at one of our stops.

CHAPLAIN

Roe Naylor
Austin, MN
507/438/5804

Kasson Post #333 will be having us on Friday evening for pre-registration and will have burgers and brats available. LaCrescent Post #595 will be the overnight stop before traveling on Sunday morning.

ROAD CAPTAIN

Lee Dority
Austin, MN
641/210/9035

Department Convention will be in Rochester. The parade will be on Friday, July 22nd. Meet at the Soldier’s Field parking lot at 6pm. All ALR Riders are invited to ride in the parade!

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



5TH ANNUAL

THUNDER in the VALLEY RUN

RUSHFORD AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS - POST 94

SATURDAY - JUNE 11th 2016

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



\$20 PER PERSON

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



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



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

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



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9/11 NEVER FORGET EXHIBIT



The Siller Family started the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation to honor the memory of their brother, Stephen, a New York City firefighter (FDNY) who lost his life on September 11, 2001 after strapping on his gear and running through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to the Twin Towers.

In 2013, the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation created a mobile exhibit as a tribute to all those whose lives were sacrificed on September 11, 2001. The 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit is a tool to educate America's youth about the historic events of that day. Welcomed around the country, from communities in Phoenix, Arizona to Tampa, Florida, the 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit - a high-tech, 53-foot tractor-trailer, which unfolds into a 1,000 square foot exhibit, serves as a poignant reminder of that tragic day.

The memorial provides interactive education; including artifacts such as steel beams from the towers, documentary videos, recordings of first responder radio transmissions and live tours by FDNY firefighters.

Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation is committed to ensuring that
WE NEVER FORGET...

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

Referral Card

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

Veterans Name _____

Address, or POC _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Cell, Home, Work _____

Email _____

Recruiter _____ Address _____

Post # _____

Email Address _____

Minnesota American Legion Department PR Committee 2016



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