



FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MN

MAY 2015

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR

COMMANDER

I would like to start off with a big thank you to one and all that attended my testimonial at the Dodge Center American Legion Post 384. A good time was had by all. Once again from Mary and myself thank you for coming.

On April 16th I attended the annual Spelling Bee at the Hayfield High School put on by the Hayfield American Legion and Auxiliary. It is for grades four thru sixth and there are a lot of very good spellers in Hayfield. I told the group that they were all winners in my book. I know that I could not spell some of the words that they did.

Now it is that time again for the District Convention. This year it will be held at the Waseca American Legion Post 228 clubrooms on May 15th and 16th. I hope to see everyone there.

This year has gone by so fast. Thank You for giving me the privilege to serve as your District Commander this past year.

I will be seeing you at some legion function down the road.

As always keep our service men and women in your thoughts and grant them safety were ever they are serving.

Commander Myron

IMPORTANT DATES

May 15 & 16, 2015 - First District Convention at Waseca Post 228.



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Greetings from Area One:

Something to think about. If every Legion member in our District made a commitment to sign up just one member during the year, we would double our membership. I think each and every one of us knows, or comes into contact with a Veteran, or someone in the service every day who is a potential member.

Memorial Day will be on Monday, May 25, and I will be remembering my uncle, Cpl John Hanlon, and a cousin, Lt Donald Gott who were killed during WWII serving our country with the U S Army Air Corps.

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**

Hello

Not a whole lot to say at this point. It is truly disappointing that we as a District are sitting in 7th place in Department. I would have thought that the last few unpaid members would have paid by now. I realize many of the Posts have lost members this past year and can be very difficult to make up the unfortunate deaths of our brothers. Please make those last calls and let's finish up the year now.

By now all the Posts should have a print out of unpaid members that goes back as far as 1991. The Posts need to go thru the list and determine if those members are deceased or moved away or what. If they are deceased then Department needs to be notified so that they may be removed from the list.

Thanks everyone.

Sy Fix

Membership

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.

Don't forget to pre-register for the District Convention being held in Waseca.

Wayne Hammon Jr - First District Adjutant

Greetings from Area Three,

Spring has sprung at last. I hope everyone is looking forward to a fun filled summer.

Now that spring is here we are getting close to the District Convention. I have a challenge for all Commanders and Membership directors who are not at goal and that is to have the Posts at goal by the time we have District Convention in May. It will mean a little extra work but I feel that we can accomplish this goal without any problem. I'm going to give you some information that when we pick up our membership cards for next year we will be having a **mandatory training** program at that time. All Commanders and Membership Directors of each Post will be expected to attend before they pick up their Membership cards for the year.

I hope to see you at the convention and until then have smooth sailing. Remember our military men and women of the Armed Forces every day.

**FROM YOUR FIRST & THIRD
VICE - COMMANDER**

Just thinking it would be greatly appreciated if everyone would call there unpaid members or go visit them. We are suffering pretty badly on membership. We are on a slippery slope and losing delegates to the National Convention is not a good thing. We want to keep our benefits and our pride then let's show it. An idea, maybe see if they can pay for two years and give them a small break or set up monthly payments for them. Please let's have a huge turn- out for the District Convention in Waseca in two weeks on May 16

Thanks Glenn

REQUEST

If anyone has a red jacket that is not being worn please bring it to the District Convention so they can be tried on by new incoming officers.

Sarge

2015 Officer Endorsements

- 1) Roland Hanson - Cmdr
- 2) Bill Goede - Finance
- 3) Ralph Schneekolth - Chaplain
- 4) Joe Brown—Area One Vice
- 5) Gene Luedtke— Area Two Vice
- 6) Carroll Hill - Area Three Vice

**2015 NATIONAL CONVENTION
DELEGATE REQUESTS**

- 1) Sy Fix
- 2) Roland Hanson
- 3) Wayne Hammon Jr
- 4) Arnie Troe
- 5) Myron Ehrich
- 6) Bill Goede
- 7) Les Shaunce
- 8) Rich Gosse
- 9) Chuck Kruger

Greetings First District:

Are we ever going to see Spring? It keeps teasing us with some warm weather but we continue on the cold side, and those winds are nuts.

Well, we are just about done with the fiscal year and we'll be getting a new bunch of officers. The First District Convention will be held at Waseca Post# 228, **May 16th**. The executive committee will be meeting at **7:30 a.m.** and the regular meeting beginning at **8:30**

a.m. I hope every post will send at least one representative . Here is where you learn what your District American Legion does for it's members and the organization.

Preceding the convention on **Friday evening May 15th** will be the Past

Commanders and Presidents and their Adjutants and Secretaries dinner.

I hope everyone can make it. There are a lot of past memories and a good time to be had by all.

Both the District Commander and Presidents testimonials are over and

I hope everyone had a good time and informative evening recalling the past year.

On Saturday, April 25th, we had the Department Spring Rally up at

West Duluth Post # 71. We had a great meal and an interesting meeting. The 1st District had small turnout, but I think everyone had a good time. Thanks West Duluth.

Membership is really ,really slow. We only had a turn in of 28 members for the week. We are still in 8th place at department, only

.01 percent from seventh. We definitely have to start knocking on doors. It's not only the 1st district that is slow it is the whole Department of Minnesota that is continuing to fall in the rankings a

National. Let's all work together and get the job done. Remember membership is everyone's job. If you know someone who hasn't paid yet

approach them and ask them to do so. If we don't all work together

there will be no American Legion in the future.

See you in Waseca May 16th.

Les Shaunce

Area Four Vice Commander

Greetings, First District. PR tips for the month.

MAY This month marks the anniversary of the St. Louis Caucus, where the organization of The American Legion was completed in 1919. Armed Forces Day, Mother's Day and Memorial Day form the basis for good post programs and outreach to U.S. military personnel in communities nationwide. Consider honoring them with a Blue Star Salute. Do your district's posts have uniformed groups? Do they decorate veterans' graves? Present school awards at the end of the semester. Kick off American Legion Baseball and summer athletic programs. Contact school officials to get Legion activities approved and on the calendar for next year: Oratorical Contest, Boys State, school awards, American Education Week.

The First District is hosting a website at mnmightyfirst.org. It is still in its early development, but is active. Funds for first year were donated.

First District has fallen to fourth place in the Department Facebook pages. Let us redouble our efforts to get to 200 "likes" and back to first place where we belong.

Any Posts that have events going on are invited to communicate them to the adjutant and/or District PR. Promoting them might generate additional interest, and shows we are busy serving.

In all organizations, it is important to know what we are founded on. The American Legion was founded on the Four Pillars, which are 1. Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, 2. National Security, 3. Americanism, and 4. Children and Youth. Where I am going with this is by and large, when at a meeting, the question is asked "Who here knows the Four Pillars of the American Legion"? Then we sit and no one speaks. My point is, how can we effectively sell the American Legion to new prospective members if we who are members do not know what we are founded on? The incoming District Commander is keen on members knowing the Four Pillars.

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."

Thank you for allowing me to humbly serve.

First District PR committee chair,

Ralph Schneekloth

Greetings First District: Spring and Convention season are here!

“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.

This May, remember Mother's Day for our Mother's are important, all mothers Blue Star and Gold Star. Also Armed Forces Day is on 16 May, and on the 25th is Memorial Day, which is solemn and special. Take time out and remember those brothers and sisters who have paid the price with their lives, in all the wars and conflicts.

Memorial Day is not to be confused with Veterans Day; Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving, while Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans.

A prayer for Armed Forces Day;

O Almighty God, the sovereign Ruler of all nations, in whose hand is all power and might, bring before Your throne of grace the armed forces of our Country. May they continue to be a power for peace and so defend our liberties that the heritage received from our forefathers may be preserved in our time and transmitted, unimpaired, to the generations to come. Amen.

A prayer for Memorial Day;

Almighty God, in your hands are the living and the dead. We give you thanks for all those, our comrades, who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. May they rest in peace, and may the light perpetual shine in them. May the good work of seeking justice for the oppressed and peace for all mankind be rewarded with success, that their sacrifices shall not have been in vain. And may we never fail to remember the awesome cost of the freedom that we enjoy. All this we ask in Your holy name. Amen.

Thank you for allowing me to humbly serve,

MN First District Chaplain,

Ralph Schneekloth



FIRST DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR

4/29/2015

POST	LOCATION	GQAL	PREVIOUS	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	DATE
9	WINONA	708	646	1	647	91.38%	61	4/29/2015
90	LEWISTON	84	74	0	74	88.10%	10	3/25/2015
190	ST CHARLES	171	147	0	147	85.96%	24	2/11/2015
WINONA COUNTY TOTALS		963	867	1	868	90.13%	95	4/29/2015
50	WABASHA	338	327	0	327	96.75%	11	4/8/2015
110	LAKE CITY	158	160	0	160	101.27%	-2	2/26/2015
179	PLAINVIEW	208	201	0	201	96.63%	7	4/1/2015
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	1019	0	1019	96.96%	32	4/8/2015
92	ROCHESTER	1106	1019	9	1028	92.95%	78	4/29/2015
119	BYRON	166	150	4	154	92.77%	12	4/29/2015
164	STEWARTVILLE	327	320	5	325	99.39%	2	4/29/2015
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	1681	18	1699	95.13%	87	4/29/2015
AREA ONE TOTALS		3800	3567	19	3586	94.37%	214	4/29/2015
295	WEST CONCORD	68	71	0	71	104.41%	-3	4/1/2015
330	HAYFIELD	250	239	1	240	96.00%	10	4/29/2015
333	KASSON	284	272	3	275	96.83%	9	4/29/2015
384	DODGE CENTER	100	91	0	91	91.00%	9	4/1/2015
422	CLAREMONT	39	37	0	37	94.87%	2	1/22/2105
DODGE COUNTY TOTALS		741	710	4	714	96.36%	27	4/29/2015
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	127	112	2	114	89.76%	13	4/29/2015
77	OWATONNA	619	595	6	601	97.09%	18	4/29/2015
296	ELLEDALE	34	27	0	27	79.41%	7	1/22/2105
STEELE COUNTY TOTALS		780	734	8	742	95.13%	38	4/29/2015
75	NEW RICHLAND	73	68	1	69	94.52%	4	4/29/2015
228	WASECA	345	348	0	348	100.87%	-3	2/26/2015
281	JANESVILLE	115	107	0	107	93.04%	8	3/25/2015
587	WALDORF	28	31	0	31	110.71%	-3	1/22/2105
WASECA COUNTY TOTALS		561	554	1	555	98.93%	6	4/29/2015
AREA TWO TOTALS		2082	1998	13	2011	96.59%	71	4/29/2015
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	83	0	83	105.06%	-4	2/26/2015
197	CHATFIELD	57	54	0	54	94.74%	3	12/10/2014
299	MABEL	210	172	0	172	81.90%	38	3/19/2015

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	799	0	799	93.78%	53	3/19/2015
191	CALEDONIA	191	176	0	176	92.15%	15	3/12/2015
249	SPRING GROVE	189	163	5	168	88.89%	21	4/29/2015
423	HOUSTON	112	100	0	100	89.29%	12	4/8/2015
498	HOKAH	22	21	0	21	95.45%	1	1/8/2015
595	LA CRESCENT	381	357	1	358	93.96%	23	4/29/2015
HOUSTON COUNTY TOTALS		895	817	6	823	91.96%	72	4/29/2015
AREA THREE TOTALS		1747	1616	6	1622	92.84%	125	4/29/2015
56	ALBERT LEA	791	734	3	737	93.17%	54	4/29/2015
264	GLENVILLE	97	88	0	88	90.72%	9	3/12/2015
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	111	1	112	107.69%	-8	4/29/2015
552	FREEBORN	42	40	0	40	95.24%	2	1/28/2015
FREEBORN COUNTY TOTALS		1133	1069	4	1073	94.70%	60	4/29/2015
91	AUSTIN	736	695	0	695	94.43%	41	4/16/2015
105	LYLE	98	97	0	97	98.98%	1	3/25/2015
140	GRAND MEADOW	54	49	0	49	90.74%	5	1/28/2015
146	ADAMS	217	211	3	214	98.62%	3	4/29/2015
161	LEROY	71	71	0	71	100.00%	0	4/8/2015
570	AUSTIN SPAM	6	6	0	6	100.00%	0	1/8/2015
MOWER COUNTY TOTALS		1182	1129	3	1132	95.77%	50	4/29/2015
AREA FOUR TOTALS		2315	2198	7	2205	95.25%	110	4/29/2015
1111	DAKOTA	32	50	0	50	156.25%	-18	4/1/2015
DISTRICT ONE TOTALS		9976	9429	45	9474	94.97%	502	4/29/2015

AREA VICE COMMANDERS								
AREA ONE		3800	3567	19	3586	94.37%	214	4/29/2015
AREA TWO		2082	1998	13	2011	96.59%	71	4/29/2015
AREA THREE		1747	1616	6	1622	92.84%	125	4/29/2015
AREA FOUR		2315	2198	7	2205	95.25%	110	4/29/2015

2015 First District Convention Call

To: All Posts of the First District

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Legion, Department of Minnesota, I, First District Commander, Myron Ehrich, do hereby call a convention of the First District to Convene at Waseca, Minnesota Saturday May 16, 2015.

The business sessions of the convention will be held at Waseca Post # 228, commencing at 8:30 am Saturday, May 16 and will continue until adjournment.

The purpose of this convention is to elect a District Commander, Four (4) District Vice-Commanders, a District Chaplain, a District Finance Officer, Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention and to do other business of the First District that may properly come before the Convention.

The voting strength of each Post will be, as provided in the Department Constitution and By-Laws, Article 5, Section 3 based upon the membership certification sent to the District Commander by the District Adjutant.

Please send certification of your Post Delegates and Alternates to Wayne Hammon Jr, PO box 135, LeRoy, MN 55951 before May 10, 2015.

All members are encouraged to attend
First District Commander
Myron Ehrich

Delegate Certification to the First District Convention in Waseca, Minnesota, May 16, 2015. Please send to the District Adjutant as soon as possible.

POST _____ MN

DELEGATES

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____
- 8) _____

ALTERNATES

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____
- 8) _____

SIGNED _____

ADJUTANT POST # _____

FIRST DISTRICT CONVENTION PRE REGISTRATION

MAY 16, 2015

WASECA, MN

The First District Convention will be held in Waseca, May 16, 2015 at Waseca American Legion Post 228. Please complete registration and return by May 1, 2015.

Place an "X" by your organization and include your organization's number:

Legion _____ Post # _____ Auxiliary _____ Unit # _____ SAL _____ Squad # _____

Circle one: Delegate Alternate Guest

(You must register as delegate, alternate or guest)

NAME _____ PHONE ____/____/____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

Please mark the following with an "X" and total the amount:

_____ Registration Fee \$10

_____ Saturday Luncheon \$8 (Creamed Turkey on Biscuits, Cole Slaw, Dessert)

TOTAL \$ _____

Please make checks out to: Waseca American Legion and send to the address below:

Waseca American Legion Post 228, 700 South State Street, Waseca MN 56093

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

It is very important that we receive as many pre-registrations as possible for planning purposes. Please share this registration with others and PLEASE PRE-REGISTER!

CONVENTION HOUSING INFORMATION

Waseca American Motel

1313 Noth State St. Hwy 13

(507) 835-4300

1 Bed (Double Occupancy) \$59.90

2 Beds (Double Occupancy) \$69.90

Waseca Crossings by Grandstay

2201 State Street North

(507) 835-0022

Full Continental Breakfast, Pool and Whirlpool

2 Queen Standard Room \$89.90

2 Queen Deluxe Room \$94.90 (Refrigerator and Microwave)

CONVENTION BOOKLET ADVERTISEMENTS

Full Page Ad: \$100 Half Page Ad: \$50 Quarter Page Ad: \$25

Send copy and payment for ads by April 30, 2015 to:

Waseca American Legion

ATTN: Convention Committee

700 South State Street

Waseca , MN 56093

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

post91.com

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

Austin Post 91 at austin-

post92.org

Rochester Post 92 at

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

Hello Big Red One,

It's that time of the year again, Boys state. Please send as many boys to Boy's state as you can. This is an excellent program for our future leaders of America. This year we have a change that as a post you will need to find transportation to Boy's State for your boys. **The DISTRICT WILL NOT FURNISH A BUS THIS YEAR.** One idea is to contact your County Veterans Council to see if you can use the county veterans van or pay some mileage to one of the parents to take the boys over to Marshall and pick them up.

Glenn Mueller – First District Boys State Chairman

FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY NEWS



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Greetings First District

I want to start with a big Thank you to Winona Post 9, Auxiliary President Diane Cada and the Auxiliary ladies for all the hard work they did to make my Testimonial successful. To all who attended thank you so much for your friendship and support of the year. It has been a pleasure being President. We are not done yet though we have 1st District convention on May 16th at Waseca Post 228, registration will be at 7:30am and we will be calling the convention to order at 8:30am. We have a lot of items to get through and it is a one day convention I am looking forward to seeing everyone.

The 1st District Chairman please get your reports to me by May 10th either by mail or email so that I can finish up the book of Annual Reports. I have been reading the Unit Reports and I am happy that I am not having to decide who gets the trophies this year. The Units of the 1st District have been busy. I will have a copy of the book of Annual reports on display at the convention and if you would like a copy I will be happy to email one to you.

Unit Presidents will be presenting their reports during convention there is a 2 minute limit on each report. If you are not attending the report could be presented by a representative of your unit. If that is not possible please get them to me by May 10th and I will make sure they are reported.

Michelle Weaver

1st District Auxiliary President

Michelleweaver595@gmail.com

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THANK YOU

I want to express my THANKS to the ladies from the Stewartville Legion Auxiliary and others from First District who helped with the Department Junior Conference.

A great time was had by those in attendance and I have heard many wonderful comments from those who attended.

JoEllen Isenberg

First District Auxiliary Jr Activities Chairman

POPPY---

May 2015

Units---members---are you making plans for Poppy Days, weeks, or months? Make sure you contact your mayors for poppy proclamation! Make noise in your community---let it be known this is one of our greatest fundraisers for our Veteran programs.

Remember—we do not sell poppies, we distribute them for donations!!!

Poppies are and can be used all year long.

As we approach District Convention I would like to announce a poppy contest for the 1st District American Legion Auxiliary. We have many talented Juniors and Auxiliary members who love to craft!! Let's see what we can do—

Remember to apply for the trophies and awards for District competition. Will the 1st District have a poppy queen this year? Please read the standing rules for competition. It is my hope we have many, many entries.

This year's competition will be tied into Department competition. Two categories 1) a Butterfly Garden Basket and 2) a Bouquet in a Vase. This will allow winners to be moved on from District!! Let's show President Michelle the interest we have in flying butterflies for Department President Chris! Refer to the department rules as well as the district rules.

My apologies for not letting everyone know my mailing address has changed. It is now PO Box 5, Glenville, MN. 56036. You still have time to send the poppy posters to me for judging.

Georganne Trytten

First District Poppy Chairman

CALL TO THE FIRST DISTRICT AIXILIARY CONVENTION

The annual First District Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Minnesota is hereby called. It is to be held in Waseca, Minnesota on **Saturday May 16, 2015**. Auxiliary sessions will be held across the street from the Waseca Legion.

Opening session will be called on May 16, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of the Convention is to:

1. Elect District Officers for the 2015-2016 year.
2. Receive reports of Unit Presidents.
3. Receive reports of District Chairmen.
4. Elect delegates and alternates to the National Convention.
5. Conduct such other business as may be brought before the Convention in conformity with the provisions of the Department and National Constitutions.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

ALL DISTRICT CHAIRMEN MUST FILE / TYPE A REPORT FOR THE DISTRICT BOOK OF ANNUAL REPORTS, which will be available at the Convention. Reports should include information from the Unit annual reports forwarded to each respective Chairman by the Department office shortly after April 15 and any pertinent information regarding District projects or activities in your program area. Reports should be forwarded to the First District President **NO LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2015**. If possible, reports should be typewritten and ready to print.

District Chairmen are also responsible to judge the Unit Annual Reports in their respective program area for trophies, awards and certificates of merit according to the District Standing Rules. They should notify the District President of winners of Certificates of Merit prior to the opening of the Convention so that the certificates can be properly prepared, signed and awarded at the Convention.

UNIT COLOR BEARERS

Units are encouraged to bring their flags to the Convention to be presented as part of the opening ceremonies, posted during the Auxiliary sessions and retired at the close of the Convention. Auxiliary members who are carrying their flags at the District Convention are asked to meet at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday May 16, 2015 to rehearse.

PAGES AND COLOR BEARERS

Pages and color bearers are expected to wear **white blouses, navy blue skirts or slacks, and comfortable shoes.** NO jewelry except rings, watches and small earrings should be worn while acting as a page or color bearer.

UNIT PRESIDENTS

ALL Unit Presidents are asked to take part in the **Opening Ceremonies** at the District Convention regardless of whether or not their Unit Colors will be present. Please be there by 8:00 A.M. to rehearse.

ALL Unit Presidents are expected to prepare a **two minute report about Unit activities throughout this past year.** Reports may include summaries of Unit activities or specific activities unique to the Unit that may provide ideas for other Units. Presidents will **present their report** during the convention sessions and submit a **written copy of that report** to the District Secretary upon completion of their presentation. Unit Presidents who are unable to attend the Convention may prepare a report to be read by another unit member or may forward a written report to the District Secretary prior to the Convention.

COUNTY COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

County Council Presidents are expected to be prepared to report on their county's activities, what their county does to keep their council active, and ideas that may help other counties start a council.

Attention ALL Units of the First District---

As we approach the end of March and beginning of April 2015 I still have not received per capita and junior dues from 19 Units.

These dues are due annually. They are an obligation of every Unit. For our District to operate we need every Unit to submit their dues. Please mail as soon as possible, as soon the books have to be done for our District Convention. Make check out to 1st District ALA, mail to Sandy Fredrickson, 771 2nd St SW, Glenville, MN 56036

Along with the dues, I ask, has your Unit donated to the District President project? Her project this year is to help the Mosher Home replace their refrigeration system. Please consider it---in any amount! President Michelle would appreciate it greatly.

Units who have not paid:	per cap	jr dues
Albert Lea	\$486.25	\$10.00
Blooming Prairie	\$153.75	\$10.00
Chatfield	\$40.00	\$10.00
Claremont	\$33.75	\$10.00
Fountain	\$25.00	\$10.00
Harmony	\$58.75	\$10.00
Hartland	\$27.50	\$10.00
Hokah	\$25.00	\$10.00
Janesville	\$77.50	\$10.00
Lewiston	\$52.50	\$10.00
Lyle	\$76.25	\$10.00
Mabel	\$176.25	\$10.00
Peterson	\$37.50	\$10.00
Preston	\$31.25	\$10.00
Rushford	\$103.75	\$10.00
Spring Grove	\$171.25	\$10.00
St. Charles	\$130.00	\$10.00
West Concord	\$45.00	\$10.00
Whalan	\$28.75	\$10.00

Please do not delay.

If you know of a Unit member that does not see the Unit mailing electronically—please, please make a copy and get to the President, treasurer, secretary, etc. This newsletter is meant for every member of the organization, not just those on the e-mail list. If we don't communicate to each other, how will others know what is going on? Again, please pass this on to those in your unit---it will be greatly appreciated.

Hope to see many of you at District Convention in Waseca. Convention is now a one day event and is very informational to every member and every Unit!

Sandy Fredrickson,
Treasurer, First District

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 **by May 20, 2015.**

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

Louise Kleiboer

District 1 Girls State Chairman

(THE TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION SHEET IS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE)

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 AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP FOR 4/29/15

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	18	121	139	82.74%
56	Albert Lea	432	0	0	0	8	355	363	84.03%
404	Alden	65	0	3	3	2	50	52	80.00%
91	Austin	213	0	2	2	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	3	5	8	6	83	89	83.18%
573	Elgin	36	0	0	0	1	25	26	72.22%
317	Emmons	29	0	3	3	0	29	29	100.00%
551	Eyota	137	0	1	1	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	2	2	19	116	135	87.10%
281	Janesville	69	0	1	1	1	59	60	86.96%
333	Kasson	179	0	3	3	5	148	153	85.47%
546	Kellogg	168	0	2	2	21	124	145	86.31%
595	La Crescent	283	5	10	15	10	195	205	72.44%
110	Lake City	104	0	0	0	12	77	89	85.58%
40	Lanesboro	103	0	0	0	0	78	78	75.73%
161	LeRoy	84	0	0	0	18	49	67	79.76%
90	Lewiston	47	0	0	0	3	37	40	85.11%
105	Lyle	68	0	1	1	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	0	0	0	2	40	42	77.78%
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	0	0	0	127	127	86.39%
526	Peterson	33	0	0	0	1	32	33	100.00%
179	Plainview	211	0	0	0	21	158	179	84.83%
166	Preston	28	0	0	0	0	4	4	14.29%
92	Rochester	210	0	0	0	9	167	176	83.81%
94	Rushford	92	0	16	16	0	70	70	76.09%
249	Spring Grove	152	0	0	0	11	107	118	77.63%
68	Spring Valley	60	0	0	0	0	46	46	76.67%
190	St Charles	115	0	0	0	2	90	92	80.00%
164	Stewartville	209	0	0	0	9	167	176	84.21%
50	Wabasha	155	0	0	0	10	135	145	93.55%
587	Waldorf	34	0	0	0	0	29	29	85.29%
228	Waseca	272	0	6	6	7	230	237	87.13%
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	50	58	342	4626	4968	84.97%

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

I want to wish a happy mothers day to all the mothers out there everywhere.

Pat Miner First District Membership chairman



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



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From Your Commander

Hi everyone as you know I am not going to run for commander as I don't know where I will be working or school for sure. I have not heard of anyone running for SAL commander for sure. I hope that those who took office last year will come back and help whoever is elected. I know in the worst case scenario my dad could do it for a year but it would be great if the SAL members would step up and only use duals when necessary. Thank you for this past year
Peter Mueller

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. We have roughly 50 days to make the State Membership Goals.

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

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

First District SAL Convention— Saturday May 16, 2015. Executive Board Meeting at 1pm with the convention following immediately. They will be held at Waseca American Legion Post 228 in Waseca, MN

Hi SAL members, we still need 30 to make goal would be great to see 1st district to reach that at District Convention in two weeks May 16 in Waseca. We still have a couple of squads with only 1 or 2 sent in let's get going remember it's only Saturday afternoon convention so fire up and get it done.

Thanks Glenn

2015 FIRST DISTRICT SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION CALL TO CONVENTION

To all Squadrons of the First District.

By the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and By-Laws of The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Minnesota, I, Peter Mueller, First District SAL Commander, do here by call a convention of The First District Sons of The American Legion to Convene at Waseca American Legion Post 228 located at 700 South State St, Waseca, MN at 1:00 pm on Saturday, May 16, 2015.

The purpose of this convention is to elect a District Commander, two (2) District Vice Commanders, a District Chaplain, a District Finance Officer and to conduct such business of the First District Sons of the American Legion that may properly come before the convention.

The voting strength of each Squadron will be, as provided in the Detachment Constitution and By-Laws, based on the membership certified to the District Commander by the Detachment Adjutant.

Please send certification of your Squadron Delegates and Alternates to:

Gary Weaver – 1st District SAL Adjutant – 29 North Elm St, La Crescent, MN 55947

All District SAL members are urged to attend
Peter Mueller – First District SAL Commander



SAL Delegate certification to the First District SAL Convention in Waseca, MN, Saturday May 16, 2015

Squadron _____ Located at _____ MN

1. _____ 7. _____

2. _____ 8. _____

3. _____ 9. _____

4. _____ 10. _____

6. _____ 11. _____

6. _____ 12. _____

April 29th Membership Report

Department of Minnesota
Membership Bulletin No. 9



National Goal 10,804
Department Goal 10,833
Current Membership 10,781

District	2015 Goal	Total 2014	Total 2015	Months Gain	Total Squads	% Of Goal	
District 1	1,920	1,879	1,896	66	41	98.75%	1,833
District 2	1,023	993	1,111	56	31	108.50%	995
District 3	1,805	1,769	1,815	103	36	100.55%	1,665
District 4	298	292	315	24	6	105.70%	274
District 5	407	401	390	25	6	95.82%	374
District 6	1,386	1,356	1,369	140	32	98.63%	1,313
District 7	969	950	843	42	19	87.00%	863
District 8	598	584	549	27	14	91.81%	559
District 9	768	753	750	26	16	97.53%	713
District 10	1,651	1,617	1,737	63	34	105.21%	1,563
District 11	8	6	6	0	2	75.00%	6
Totals	10,833	10,600	10,781	572	237	99.48%	10,158

Same Date
Last Year

Convention Delegate Cut-off May 26th

All Membership should be in to Department by noon on that date to count for delegate strength. The Convention Call and Convention information will be sent to all Squads next week. Please have them read this information carefully.

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.

The next target cut-off is May 13th. All membership must be into Department by Noon on May 12th so that we can ship it to National. This is also the cut-off for the 2016 rosters and pre-printed cards.

2015 National Target Dates

100%

May 13th

105%

July 23rd

Sons of the American Legion

Please join us for our

2nd Annual SPRING FLING ROAST PORK SANDWICH FEED

Saturday, May 16th, 2015

From 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club

210 4th St NE

Just off US Hwy 218

Menu: Roast Pork Sandwiches, Cole Slaw,
Pork & Beans, Chips, Dessert, Milk & Coffee

EVERYONE WELCOME!!!

**COST IS A FREE WILL DONATION TO THE SONS OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON #52**

Great door prizes given by businesses and friends of the Sons of the American Legion. Silent Auction for a walking stick hand crafted by Archie Trott along with a hand crafted knife by Gary Thorson.

May 16, 2015 is the date for the Second Annual "Spring Fling Roast Pork Sandwich Feed" fundraiser. The event is to be held at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club with serving time between 5:00 -7:00 PM. The menu includes Roast Pork Sandwiches, Cole Slaw, Pork & Beans, Chips, Dessert, and Milk & Coffee. Cost is a free will donation to the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #52. The money raised will be used to support Sons' activities throughout the community. We hope to have several door prizes and a silent auction. Please join us for the evening.

"Spring Fling Roast Pork Sandwich" Recipe for Delicious

Two of our very own, Sons of the American Legion, Dean Zilm and Kyle Rossow, will be up very early on the morning of May 16, 2015. They are masters at preparing pork loin sandwiches for the "Spring Fling." They start the morning by lighting a fire of charcoal briquettes and wood chips in Dean's homemade rotisserie. When the charcoal and wood chips are at the perfect temperature, they get 50-60 pounds of pork loin out of the cooler and place it on the spit in the rotisserie. For the next 5 to 6 hours, the pork loin will slowly roast on the spit under their watchful eye. All the while, Dean is basting the pork loin with his "family secret" barbecue sauce, juices, and herbs.

When the pork loin turns a golden, crispy, brown and the meat is succulent and tender, they take it off the spit and shave it into thin slices for everyone to enjoy on a sandwich bun at the "Spring Fling."

Please join us for a delightful evening at the "Spring Fling" Roast Pork Sandwich Feed on May 16, 2015 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club.

LIBERTY STAR QUILTS HANDMADE PATRIOTIC QUILT BY CHRIS BUTLER

We have been given a beautiful, patriotic quilt by Chris Butler and are offering it for sale the night of the Spring Fling. We are asking \$600 for the quilt.

Here is Chris' story about her quilt making:

Around the time of the Bicentennial, quilting gained interest as an American craft. My mother, Margaret Whiting, corresponded with a lady, Mrs. Levi Fisher, who lives in Bird-In-Hand Pennsylvania. Together, they designed a beautiful, blue and rose, Dresden Plate quilt. It was lovely. Then, Martha Leek, our expert, local quilter, offered quilting through Community Education. Aunt Lucille E. Peterson, an expert seamstress, who owned the local "Blossom Shop" and I signed up for the class. Her skills were great and I could hardly sew a straight seam. Both she and Martha were so encouraging, and we were all "smitten by the quilt bug."

Traditionally, quilters make at least one patriotic quilt in their lifetime. "Liberty Star" is a queen size scrap quilt of blue stars and checked blocks. It is machine pieced of patriotic materials collected through the years. The long arm machine quilting was done in a loopy star pattern by local quilter Cathy Lightly.

It will be great if this quilt raises funds for the Blooming Prairie Veteran's Memorial, which will honor all veterans.

"Quilts of Valor" is another quilting project currently underway. Volunteers such as Diane Anderson, Bev Hoveland, Marilyn Meshke, Jean Wilke, Cheri Krejci, Judy Bishop, Linda Klemmensen, and others, piece tops, while long arm quilters volunteer time and effort to quilt the top. These quilts are given as a "Thank You" to our veterans. Donations of 100% cotton fabric in patriotic colors, and or money for batting expenses would be appreciated. Anyone wishing to help with the project please contact us. Let's raise the Veteran's Memorial!

Chris Butler

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

HAND CRAFTED SCANDINAVIAN KNIFE

GARY THORSON

A special silent auction will be held for a Traditional Scandinavian Knife hand crafted by Gary Thorson, a member of the Sons of the American Legion. The handle on this one of a kind knife is made from Birch Bark and Reindeer Antler. The blade is of Norwegian carbon steel. The sheath is made from Masur Vegetable European Leather. Gary spent many hours making this unique knife.

WALKING STICK

A special silent auction will be held for a walking stick donated by Fred Vokoun. Fred was walking in the North woods and came upon a twisted piece of oak lying under a tree that caught his eye. It was different, so he picked it up and carried it home. He brought it to a Sons meeting and everyone asked where he got it. Someone chimed in that it would be a neat walking stick. Then, Archie Trott, a Master carving artist, and member of the Sons, brought the walking stick to life with a hand carved head on the handle grip.

2014 Budweiser Beer Stein

A special silent auction will be held for 2014 Budweiser Holiday Beer Stein donated by Dean Zilm. In 1980, Budweiser introduced the commemorative Holiday Beer Steins. This will make a nice addition to your collection!

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



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ROAD CAPTAIN

Tom Schmidt
Winona, MN
507/313/4302

First District Legion Riders

Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 15th, 2015 at 6pm. This will be at the Waseca Post during the First District American Legion Convention. Election of new officers will take place at this meeting.

Nomination of Officers:

President: Dennis Lewison
Vice President: Tony Loecher
Sgt at Arms: Spanky Carroll
Secretary: Nancy Lewison
Chaplain: Roe Naylor
Road Captain: Lee Dority
Historian: Mike Doberstein

Rushford's Thunder in the Valley is Saturday, May 16th, 2015. There are Gun raffle tickets also available for this event.

Rushford held their election of officers at their last meeting. New officers are:

President- Jason "Monkey" Mark
Vice President- Karla "Sunshine" Miller
Secretary- Crystal "Digger" Merchlewitz
Treasurer- John Wruck
Chaplain- Gayle Green
Road Captain- Terry Albrecht
Tailgunners- Tom "Spanky" Carroll & Kevin "Tequila" Barr
Membership Director- Missy Albrecht
Communications Director- Jason "Pretty Boy" Hemmelman
Sgt At Arms- Scott Albrecht

Our District ride is coming together nicely. Letters have been sent to each Legion Family Post in the district. The date for the ride is scheduled for Friday, July 10th-Sunday, July 12th, 2015. Please see the flyer for details.

May 2nd –LaCrosse Regional Airport “Welcome home - Freedom flight” All are welcome to join in the Flag line. The hanger opens at 7:30pm for those attending.

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.

**Winona American Legion Gun raffle
tickets available.**

\$5.00 a ticket

Drawing Monday May 25th 2015



1st prize Taurus "Judge" Pistol

2nd prize Savage .22-250 Rifle

Must be 18 yrs or older to purchase ticket or Win

Only 500 tickets being sold !!

MN-1ST DISTRICT LEGION RIDER



THE AMERICAN LEGION
LEGACY RUN

JULY 11 & 12, 2015

**KICK OFF PARTY - PREREGISTRATION
AT THE STEWARTVILLE LEGION
ON FRIDAY, JULY 10 6:30 - 8:00pm**

**RIDE IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC & ALL STREET LEGAL VEHICLES
REGISTRATION ON FRIDAY NITE OR SAT 7:30-8am
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





4th Annual

THUNDER IN THE VALLEY RUN

Saturday May 16th 2015

Rushford Legion Riders Post 94



ALL Street Legal Vehicles Welcome.

Held RAIN OR SHINE

\$20 per Rider

10:00 - 11:30 Registration

12:00 Kick Stands UP at Rushford Legion

Hummers, Hokah MN

Goodfellows, Waukon Iowa

Spring Grove Legion

Houston American Legion

Steak FRY 5:00 - 8:00 pm Until Gone \$10.00 Ribeye Steak Dinner

**Live Music 8:00 - Midnight ALMOST EVERYONE
at Houston Fest Grounds**

FREE T-shirt while supplies last

WITH REGISTRATION

ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO ALR LEGACY RUN AND LACRESCENT / HOKAH CHOPPER CLASS

2nd Annual

Saturday May 2, 2015

Ride in and Show Motorcycle show



Drive, Trailer or Push ins are welcome
FAMILY FRIENDLY

Motorcycle Registration \$ 5.00/ Bike

Registration Start at 9:00 -1:00

Public votes \$1.00 per vote - No limit

Trophies Awarded at 2:30 PM

Many Vendors on site 8 AM - 3 PM

\$30.00/ Vendor spots. Call (507) 313-1183 for details
& confirm a spot.

Food and Beverages for purchase on site



New Categories each year with
proceeds going to veterans and local
charities .

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