



FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MN

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FROM YOUR COMMANDER'S PEN

Thank you to all members who attended the National Commanders events in the District. I am so glad that many of the District family members had a chance to meet and visit with Commander Dillinger.

My project this year is MAC-V. Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans is a group that works with all Veterans Organizations and County Services Officers to give many types of assistance to Veterans and their Families. I would encourage all Posts to donate to this Project.

The Post Consolidated Report forms should be sent out to the Posts with the next 3 to 4 weeks. Please take the time and fill out all the lines that apply to your Post. Every Post does something during the year that can be listed on this report. Department Commander Mike requests that the District gets 100% of these reports turned in. If you have problem with filling out this report, please contact myself or Adjutant Wayne for assistance.

Membership is going strong. We have made our 90% goal. Now the hard work starts-The search for the remaining 10%. Please talk to members who have not paid and find out why they haven't paid. Talk to former members and see if they want to give the Legion a second look. Do not forget veterans that have never been asked to join-at least explain what the Legion has to offer and see if we can get them signed up. We are entering the Home Stretch of this Legion Year. We have done very well so far. Do not let up now!!

Commander Brian

IMPORTANT DATES

March 15, 2014 - First District Legion Riders meeting in Stewartville Post 164 at 2:00 pm. Following this at 4 pm the Stewartville Riders will be hosting a Corned Beef and Cabbage feed. Everyone is welcome.

March 14 & 15 is the SAL Spring Conference at the Eagle Lake Post.

March 29, 2014 is the District Auxiliary Jr Conference in Hayfield Post 330 at 9:00 am. Please bring as many Jr members as possible.

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AREA TWO VICE-COMANDER

By know you should have heard that I am going to run for District Commander for the year of 2014—2015.

As your Area Vice Commander I have attended the Department Sweetheart Rally in Waite Park, the National Commander's tour stops in Waseca and Rochester.

I hope to see as many fellow legion members in the months to come until the District Convention in Austin on May 17th.

If you have any questions please give me a call.

**Area Two Vice—Vice Commande
Myron Ehrich**

District One Chaplain

MY PRAYER FOR AMERICA

By Mercia V Tillman

Today our flag was waving; my eyes were dimmed with tears
Another war beginning, brought back so many years.

Once more an evil monster had raised his ugly head
and many innocent people will soon be lying dead.

This lovely country, crowded with folks of every race
Afraid to go about their life, afraid to show their face.

There will always be evil people, who only live to hate
But love is stronger, and we must trust each, while we wait.

To see the sun arising, and chasing off the rain
And pray our God will help us live the good life again.

I've seen the face of evil, many times before

Hello All

We are still doing pretty well with membership turn in. There are a few Posts that are lagging a little behind. There has been some good discussions concerning eligibility and what may be lost if your renewal is not turned in by certain dates. We are working on finding out answers and put it in a printed form that will get everyone on the same page.

Thank you to Wayne Hammon, Glen Mueller, Gary Weaver for attending the officer training class held at the Caledonia Post on February 8th. Hokah, Caledonia, and Mabel were represented. They presented some very good questions. If there is anyone else that would be interested in having a training session in their area contact any District Officer.

With the newsletter being sent by email only please try and print a copy for those that would like a copy or get email addresses from them and send it to Wayne.

Keep up the membership push so that your Post and the American Legion can grow.

Sy Fix

Vice Commander

And my heart is filled with sadness to behold it all once more.

Dear God, please help the people who are running our country now,

And give them help in every way, my head to thee I bow.

Carroll W Hill,
Chaplain

Greetings First District:

Spring is three weeks away and as I'm writing this column we are getting the worst snow storm of the year.

The fiscal year is drawing to an end and we are in fourth place in Department. We have to be like the mailman and not let wind, rain, snow, sleet or anything else get in our way of getting to our membership goals.

March 8th is the American Legion Family Appreciation Rally at Richfield Post #435. We have had a real good turnout at the last two department rallies, let's continue the trend. It's also a great way to show your support for the job your membership team has done so far this past year.

March 17th is Veterans Day on the Hill. I will be attending the event and welcome everyone to attend and show your support for Veterans Issues.

Area Four Vice Commander
Les Shaunce

I !!!!! MPORTANT !!!!!

I have a new e-mail address for everyone to use. It is:

1stadjutant@gmail.com

Please use this e-mail for me from now on.

Wayne Hammon Jr

First District Adjutant

FIRST DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP FOR 2/26/14

POST	CITY	GOAL	turn in	PREVIOUS	total	PERCENT	LEFT	DATE
9	Winona	712	19	657	676	94.94%	36	2/26/2014
90	Lewiston	92	0	72	72	78.26%	20	2/12/2014
190	St Charles	169	0	169	169	100.00%	0	2/7/2014
Winona County Totals		973	19	898	917	94.24%	56	2/26/2014
50	Wabasha	345	2	330	332	96.23%	13	2/26/2014
110	Lake City	163	0	154	154	94.48%	9	2/12/2014
179	Plainview	226	0	202	202	89.38%	24	2/7/2014
546	Kellogg	81	0	76	76	93.83%	5	2/7/2014
573	Elgin	64	0	53	53	82.81%	11	2/19/2014
579	Millville	128	0	129	129	100.78%	-1	2/7/2014
588	Mazeppa	82	0	77	77	93.90%	5	2/19/2014
Wabasha County Totals		1089	2	1021	1023	93.94%	66	2/26/2014
92	Rochester	1128	0	1010	1010	89.54%	118	2/19/2014
119	Byron	179	0	159	159	88.83%	20	2/7/2014
164	Stewartville	342	3	315	318	92.98%	24	2/26/2014
446	Rochester	10	0	10	10	100.00%	0	2/7/2014
551	Eyota	173	0	174	174	100.58%	-1	2/12/2014
Olmstead County Totals		1832	3	1668	1671	91.21%	161	2/26/2014
Area One Totals		3894	24	3587	3611	92.73%	283	2/26/2014
295	West Concord	73	0	63	63	86.30%	10	2/7/2014
330	Hayfield	258	0	230	230	89.15%	28	2/7/2014
333	Kasson	282	0	269	269	95.39%	13	2/7/2014
384	Dodge Center	105	0	94	94	89.52%	11	2/12/2014
422	Claremont	39	0	39	39	100.00%	0	2/7/2014
Dodge County Totals		757	0	695	695	91.81%	62	2/12/2014
52	Blooming Prairie	133	2	123	125	93.98%	8	2/26/2014
77	Owatonna	635	-1	585	584	91.97%	51	2/26/2014
296	Ellendale	34	0	26	26	76.47%	8	2/7/2014
Steele County Totals		802	1	734	735	91.65%	67	2/26/2014
75	New Richland	81	0	71	71	87.65%	10	2/19/2014
228	Waseca	364	-2	331	329	90.38%	35	2/26/2014
281	Janesville	110	0	113	113	102.73%	-3	2/19/2014
587	Waldorf	30	0	28	28	93.33%	2	2/7/2014
Waseca County Totals		585	-2	543	541	92.48%	44	2/26/2014
Area Two Totals		2144	-1	1972	1971	91.93%	173	2/26/2014
40	Lanesboro	100	0	97	97	97.00%	3	2/12/2014
68	Spring Valley	93	0	87	87	93.55%	6	2/7/2014
81	Harmony	42	0	35	35	83.33%	7	2/7/2014
94	Rushford	131	0	133	133	101.53%	-2	2/7/2014
166	Preston	82	0	75	75	91.46%	7	2/7/2014
197	Chatfield	58	0	52	52	89.66%	6	2/7/2014
299	Mabel	213	0	189	189	88.73%	24	2/7/2014
369	Wykoff	24	0	21	21	87.50%	3	2/7/2014

400	Canton	17	0	17	17	100.00%	0	2/7/2014
492	Fountain	21	0	19	19	90.48%	2	2/7/2014
526	Peterson	33	-2	35	33	100.00%	0	2/26/2014
544	Ostrander	29	0	26	26	89.66%	3	2/7/2014
637	Whalen	21	0	14	14	66.67%	7	2/7/2014
Fillmore County Totals		864	-2	800	798	92.36%	66	2/26/2014
191	Caledonia	195	0	182	182	93.33%	13	2/19/2014
249	Spring Grove	182	-1	175	174	95.60%	8	2/26/2014
423	Houston	118	0	104	104	88.14%	14	2/19/2014
498	Hokah	25	0	22	22	88.00%	3	2/7/2014
595	LaCrescent	396	0	365	365	92.17%	31	2/19/2014
Houston County Totals		916	-1	848	847	92.47%	69	2/26/2014
Area Three Totals		1780	-3	1648	1645	92.42%	135	2/26/2014
56	Albert Lea	825	15	737	752	91.15%	73	2/26/2014
264	Glenville	101	0	88	88	87.13%	13	2/7/2014
266	Hartland	22	0	20	20	90.91%	2	2/7/2014
317	Emmons	88	0	78	78	88.64%	10	2/7/2014
404	Alden	109	0	88	88	80.73%	21	2/7/2014
552	Freeborn	42	0	41	41	97.62%	1	2/7/2014
Freeborn County Totals		1187	15	1052	1067	89.89%	120	2/26/2014
91	Austin	781	1	710	711	91.04%	70	2/26/2014
105	Lyle	98	0	95	95	96.94%	3	2/7/2014
140	Grand Meadow	59	0	45	45	76.27%	14	2/19/2014
146	Adams	216	-2	208	206	95.37%	10	2/26/2014
161	LeRoy	74	-1	70	69	93.24%	5	2/26/2014
570	Austin Spam	5	0	6	6	120.00%	-1	2/7/2014
Mower County Totals		1233	-2	1134	1132	91.81%	101	2/26/2014
Area Four Totals		2420	13	2186	2199	90.87%	221	2/26/2014
1111	Dakota	132	0	31	31	23.48%	101	2/19/2014
District One Totals		10370	33	9424	9457	91.20%	913	2/26/2014

AREA VICE COMMANDER STANDINGS								
AREA ONE	3894	24	3587	3611	92.73%	283	2/26/2014	
AREA TWO	2144	-1	1972	1971	91.93%	173	2/26/2014	
AREA THREE	1780	-3	1648	1645	92.42%	135	2/26/2014	
AREA FOUR	2420	13	2186	2199	90.87%	221	2/26/2014	

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

We are happy to announce that all ten districts in the department of Minnesota now have face book pages. Ralph Schneekloth from Mabel Post 299 has volunteered to take care of the page and we want to thank him for taking that on. Our face book page is **MN FIRST DISTRICT**, please visit this page if you have a face book account and let Ralph know what you think. As of the writing of this article the face book has over one hundred likes which is great for the short time that it has been up. If you have anything to post on the District Face Book page please send it to Ralph at : rschneekloth@mabeltel.coop

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.

REQUESTS TO BE NATIONAL DELEGATES TO CHARLOTTE, NC

1. Brian Medinnus
2. Arnie Troe
3. Wayne Hammon Jr
4. Sy Fix
5. Bill Goede
6. Jim Kellogg
7. Glenn Mueller
8. Kenny Nelson
9. Les Shaunce
10. Chuck Kruger
12. Rich Gosse
13. Myron Ehrich

ENDORSEMENTS FOR DISTRICT OFFICERS

1. Carroll Hil for Area Four Vice Commander
2. Ralph Schneekloth for Chaplain
3. Myron Ehrich for Commander
4. Bill Goede for Finance Officer

BOYS STATE INFORMATION

**FROM: Mike Bredeck, Boys State Director &
Jennifer Kelley, Program Coordinator (jkelly@mnlegion.org)**

SUBJECT: 2014 Legion Boys State Information

2014 Legion Boys State will be held June 15-21, 2014, on the campus of Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, Minnesota. Reservations are being accepted at Department Headquarters now. The fee for 2014 is \$300.00. If your Post plans to participate, you and your Boys State Chairman should carefully read this bulletin and the enclosed Boys State brochure, and follow directions explicitly.

The following are steps you should take immediately:

- 1) Authorize and have a check drawn, made payable to the Minnesota American Legion Foundation (Fund 77), at the rate of \$300.00 per boy. Please note Boys State Registration in the memo portion of the check.

- 2) Name your Post Boys State Chairman and return the enclosed form with his complete mailing address, and home and work phone numbers. Be sure to enclose your check. All future correspondence will be with the Post Boys State Chairman.

- 3) Notify your school of the reservation(s) made and ask for their cooperation and participation in selection of your Boys Staters. **PLEASE NOTE:** A Post may send as many Boys as they can afford, as long as the Boys meet the qualifications set forth in the Boys State Brochure. A Post may send Boys from more than one school. **More than one Post can send boys from the same school.**

We **DO NOT NEED** the name of your Boys Staters at this time. We **DO NEED** your application and accompanying check **as soon as possible**. Confirmation will be made to your Boys State Chairman, along with further instructions and other materials.

Enrollment is open to 400 boys. Applications will be considered on a "first come, first served" basis when accompanied with proper fee and form. Deadline for making application is **APRIL 1, 2014**; and for completing registration, **MAY 1, 2014**.

For the \$300.00 registration fee, your Boys Stater receives a full week of intensive training in city, county and state government, as he participates in establishing real life examples in government at each of these levels. A Boys State T-shirt is given to him upon his arrival and materials to help him become deeply involved in the week's activities. All living expenses are provided. At the end of the week, he is presented a certificate and Boys State pin and is later sent a Boys State Annual, which records the week's activities in word and picture. We remind you that **outside financial assistance may be accepted; however, sponsorship must remain with the Post.**

2014 Boys State will open Sunday, June 15, 2014. Registration begins at 1:00 P.M., and the first City meeting is at 3:00 P.M. If there are any questions, do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Kelley at Department Headquarters at 651/291-1800 or toll free at 866/259-9163 or boysstate@mnlegion.org

FIRST DISTRICT 2014 CONVENTION PRE REGISTRATION

May 17, 2014

AUSTIN, MINNESOTA

The First District Convention will be held in in Austin, Minnesota at the American Legion Post 91. Please fill this form out and return to:

American Legion Unit 91 before May 4, 2014.
Convention Registration
809 12th Street SW
Austin, MN 55912

Please mark the items with an "X" and total up the amount.

_____ Registration Fee \$ 10.00
_____ Saturday lunch \$ 8.00
Total \$ _____

Please make checks out to **American Legion Auxiliary Unit 91** and send to the address above.

NAME _____ **PHONE** _____/_____/_____

ADDRESS _____ **CITY** _____ **ZIP** _____

Circle one - **Delegate** **Alternate** **Guest**

Place an "X" by your organization and fill out your organization number

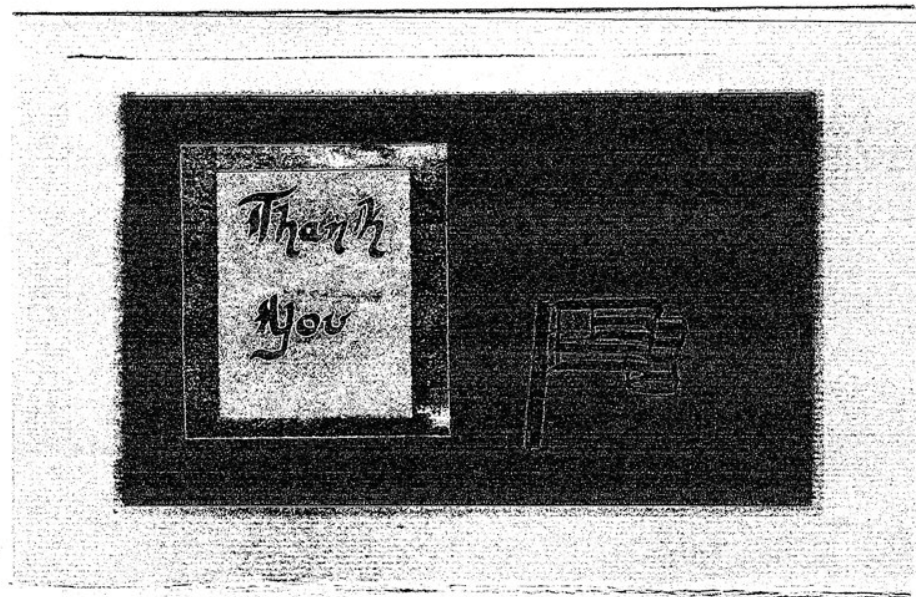
Legion _____ **Post #** _____ **Auxiliary** _____ **Unit #** _____ **SAL** _____ **Squadron #** _____

You must register as a delegate, alternate or guest if you are going to attend the convention.

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

Important – Being that this our first time having a one day convention it is imperative that we have pre-registration to get us a number of those attending for Post 91. Please share this with everyone that you can and PLEASE, PLEASE pre- register.

THIS IS A SCAN OF A THANK YOU THAT BILL GOEDE GOT FROM KELLY ERPLING ON THE ORATORICAL CONTEST. I HOPE EVERYONE IN THE DISTRICT TAKES THE TIME TO READ THIS.



Dear Mr. Goede and First District officers
and members,

Thank you very much for the check
for \$150.00 as the first place Oratorical award.
Thank you also for the time and effort that
you have invested in the oratorical contest on
behalf of the youth within the First District. I
have enjoyed the contest as a challenge, as I'm
sure many other high-schoolers have as well!
Thank you again for the opportunity to participate.
Sincerely,
Kelly Erpling

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S PEN:

Dear American Legion Family

I hope everyone is staying warm and safe. Glenn, my husband and best friend, saw a robin last week so we know that spring is coming.

Things have been busy working on getting ready for the District Convention in May. I am still in need of people to be on a convention committee and remember that this is a great way to learn about the organization. Please send me a note either by e-mail, snail mail or by phone if you are interested in helping out.

I AM sorry to inform you that the testimonial supper scheduled for March 22 in La Crescent has been cancelled due to lack of ticket sales. If you bought tickets, please contact Gary Weaver for a refund. Once again I am sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

I have received enough money to purchase the disk for Roy at Legionville so any more money that I receive for my projects will be going to Adams Military Museum to help keep it up and running.

A big thank you to all who have helped with my project.!!

Gnomes growing the American Legion Family.

Jill Mueller

1st District President 2013—2014



**Gittens-Leidel Unit 595
American Legion Auxiliary**

P. O. Box 80

La Crescent, MN 55947

February 11, 2014

Gittens-Leidel Unit 595, American Legion Auxiliary, is proud to endorse Michelle Weaver for the office of First District President for the 2014-2015 Auxiliary year.

Michelle is eligible for membership in the Auxiliary through the service of her father, Archie Burke, a Korean War veteran.

She has been a member of the La Crescent Unit for five years. Her four daughters and one granddaughter are also members of the unit and her two sons, one son-in-law and two grandsons are members of Squadron 595 Sons of the American Legion. Michelle's husband, Tim, is also an active member of Squadron 595 and is currently serving as First District SAL Commander.

Michelle is currently serving First District as First Vice President and Membership Chairman. On the unit level, she is serving as Unit President.

Michelle continues to be a capable leader in La Crescent Auxiliary activities.

We are confident that she will do an excellent job as First District President.

Gittens-Leidel Unit 595

American Legion Auxiliary

Beverly E. Jiardina

Secretary

CALL TO FIRST DISTRICT JUNIOR CONFERENCE

The annual Junior Conference of the First District American Legion Auxiliary is hereby called to be held on **Saturday, March 29, 2014** at the American Legion Post 330 in Hayfield, Minnesota for the purpose of:

1. Presentation and judging of awards
2. Reports from the Unit Junior Presidents
3. Election of District Junior Officers
4. Election of Delegates to the Department junior Conference
5. Other business for the good of the Junior Auxiliary group

Registration will be at 8:30 am. Snacks and juice will be served. **The registration fee is \$5.00 per junior or senior member, up to \$10.00 per family.** Displays may be set up at this time. There will be an Executive Board meeting for Junior officers with Senior officers at 9.00 am. Honorary junior President Lilly Bacon will call the conference to order at 9:30 am. **Lunch will be served at a cost of \$5.00 per lunch.**

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

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

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

District colors will be posted. If your Unit would like to bring their individual colors, we will have a processional of colors. The Junior Unit will have a color bearer and sergeant-at-arms. Each color bearer and sergeant-at-arms must wear a navy skirt or slacks and a white blouse.

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

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

Luann Kellogg
First District Junior Activities Chairman

GIRLS STATE INFORMATION

The sixty-eighth annual session of the American Legion Auxiliary Minnesota Girls State will be held June 15-20, 2014 at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. Please note there is a new location and schedule this year. Girls State citizens will arrive on Sunday afternoon as usual but leave Friday evening after dinner rather than Saturday noon. The registration fee remains at \$300 per citizen. Reservations and the reservation fee are due by March 31. When you have registered a citizen, you will obtain more information. The actual name(s) of the citizen(s) you have selected to represent your unit are due at the Department Office by May 1, 2014. Reservation cancellations must be postmarked by May 1 for a 100% refund.

A Girls State brochure and a reservation form were included in the January unit mailing from Department. The brochure provides some excellent information about the current Girls State program. Make copies and use it. Did you know Girls State has a Facebook page? There are several pictures of last year's Girls State citizens and may be another way to promote interest in the program. Check it out at Minnesota American Legion Auxiliary Girls State at www.facebook.com. Don't forget to use your previous Girls State citizens to help promote the program.

If you can't afford to sponsor a citizen, you can join with other units or request funds from the American Legion or other service organizations or businesses in your community. Gambling Funds can be used for the registration fee only. If using gambling funds, make the checks payable to the American Legion Foundation, Fund 83. Any Unit, who has a girl interested in attending Girls State but not enough funds to reserve a place for her, can apply for the funds in writing to the Department Office.

Although the end date for Girls State changed this year, Boys State dates remain the same as previous years. That means there might be slightly higher costs for the bus to transport our citizens to and from their respective sites. Glenn and I have solicited bids from bus companies but do not have results yet. Watch for information in upcoming newsletters. It would be helpful to me if you would notify me how many Girls State Citizens your unit will be sponsoring when you have made your selection.

For now, PROMOTE, PROMOTE, POMOTE and be one of the units who has a Girls State Citizen this year—maybe she will become Governor, if not of Girls State, maybe of the State of Minnesota! If you do not have a Girls State citizen, you can donate to the program to help offset the cost of the session over and above the registration fee.

Louise Kleiboer

District 1 Girls State Chairman

707-493-5007 or kleiboer@mabeltel.coop

ATTENTION: ALL UNIT AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS!

Please return ALL trophyies that your Unit earned in 2013 to the District Convention. The District Convention will be hosted by Post Home 91 of Austin on Saturday, May 17, 2014. If possible, the trophies should be on site by 7:30 a.m. District Auxiliary members will meet at the Fairgrounds across the street from the Legion. Specific site details are forthcoming.

Karen Riess

Past President's Parley

Calling on all 1st District Auxiliary members! The State Convention (July 16-19) will be held in Rochester this year and I am looking to fill some positions. These people will assist with the setting up and development of the convention.

The followings are where I have openings:

General Chariman - Sharon Kingsley

Co-Chairman -

Decorations -

Distinguished Guest -

Halls and Signs-

Information-

Pages-

Reception-

Registration -

Transportation - Rita Anderson

As with each position I do have a brief description as to what the duties will be and some of these positions can have more than one individual assigned to oversee the operation of the duties.

I need to get a roster to Department so please let me know if you have a question or an interest in any of the above mentioned areas.

Contact me at 507-288-1411 or sharo2100@yahoo.com

Sharon Kingsley

President Unit #92

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MEMBERSHIP

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

March 14 & 15, 2014 is the SAL Spring Conference at the Eagle Lake Post. E-Boards on Friday night and the Conference will be called to order on Saturday at 9

Greetings and SALutations

As of the writing of this article, we are currently at 83.75% which is second place in the Detachment! Great work everybody! This is the time of year when memberships become harder and harder to obtain. If we all work together as a team, I know that we can achieve 100% by the District Convention in May. While these are great numbers, we still have a few squadrons who have either 0,1, or 2 memberships turned in. If you are one of these squadrons, please get these memberships turned in ASAP. If you need help in getting memberships turned in, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to call myself or another District Officer. Remember that we as a District cannot be successful unless each Squadron is successful.

We still are in need of officers for the 2014—2015 year. The following positions are available:

Commander
Vice Commander (x2)
Adjutant
Membership Director

If you are interested in any of these positions, or would like to know more about these positions. Please contact any of the District Officers and we will answer any questions that you may have.

As always, please keep our service men and women in your prayers
Respectfully Submitted

Timothy Weaver
First District SAL Commander

DETAHMENT OF MINNESOTA MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS

1st place	District 6	88.20%	Commander - Robert Cadreau
2nd place	District 1	83.75%	Commander - Timothy Weaver
3rd place	District 10	82.83%	Commander - Jeremy Copher
4th place	District 3	81.75%	Commander— Dave Vulcan
5th place	District 7	81.72%	Commander - Tim Heuber
6th place	District 2	80.65%	Commander - Brandon Moody
7th place	District 8	79.19%	Commander - Ken Oliver
8th place	District 5	77.81%	Commander - Robert Bristo
9th place	District 9	76.50%	Commander - Daniel Sauerwein
10th place	District 4	72.31%	Commander - Lawrence Dean

FROM YOUR FIRST DISTRICT SAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

As you have been told several times, As of December 31 all of your members who were not paid up by then have lost their eligibility to the Minnesota Hospital Association for a year. We should all be ashamed of allowing this to happen. All we would have had to do is contact the members and remind them to pay their dues.

Even worse is if the Squadron was holding on to the membership until everyone paid and because of that they are now delinquent. We have heard from some members whose checks for membership have not been cashed yet and they do not have their 2014 membership card. This is a problem that we all need to take a look at and figure out a way to get rid of it.

I realize that we don't get updates only once a month from Detachment but you have a roster with everyone's name on it. Lets be looking these over and get with the program and contact the members who have not paid.

It is also the responsibility of the sponsoring legion post to check on their squadrons to make sure that everything is being handled in the right manner. Remember the Sons of The American Legion is a **PROGRAM** of the American Legion and needs to be treated as such.

Another problem is that Detachment and District do not get officer lists from the squadrons every year. Putting "same as last year" doesn't cut it. We cannot contact a squadron if we don't have any information about who to contact. As a District we need to address these problems as soon as possible.

Please transmit any membership that you have into Detachment as soon as possible and contact those members that have not paid.

FIRST DISTRICT SAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 2/26/14

SQUAD	LOCATION	GQAL	PREVIOUS	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	DATE
9	WINONA	54	55	9	64	118.52%	-10	10/30/2013
40	LANESBORO	53	52	1	53	100.00%	0	2/7/2014
50	WABASHA	30	19	2	21	70.00%	9	2/7/2014
90	LEWISTON	32	0	44	44	137.50%	-12	12/11/2013
92	ROCHESTER	101	79	12	91	90.10%	10	1/8/2014
94	RUSHFORD	29	12	1	13	44.83%	16	2/26/2014
119	BYRON	31	41	4	45	145.16%	-14	2/7/2014
164	STEWARTVILLE	114	10	118	128	112.28%	-14	1/8/2014
166	PRESTON	47	39	3	42	89.36%	5	2/7/2014
179	PLAINVIEW	22	11	1	12	54.55%	10	1/8/2014
190	ST CHARLES	20	8	4	12	60.00%	8	11/13/2013
191	CALEDONIA	43	18	25	43	100.00%	0	11/27/2013
249	SPRING GROVE	16	0	1	1	6.25%	15	1/8/2014
299	MABEL	44	0	41	41	93.18%	3	2/7/2014
423	HOUSTON	53	0	0	0	0.00%	53	8/22/2013
546	KELLOGG	20	0	23	23	115.00%	-3	9/20/2013
551	EYOTA	33	21	9	30	90.91%	3	2/7/2014
573	ELGIN	25	0	2	2	8.00%	23	11/13/2013
579	MILLVILLE	25	0	14	14	56.00%	11	11/13/2013
595	LA CRESCENT	79	51	5	56	70.89%	23	2/7/2014
TOTAL FOR EAST SIDE		871	416	319	735	84.39%	136	2/26/2014
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	14	24	4	28	200.00%	-14	11/13/2013
56	ALBERT LEA	129	97	12	109	84.50%	20	2/7/2014
75	NEW RICHLAND	4	0	1	1	25.00%	3	2/26/2014
77	OWATONNA	121	94	6	100	82.64%	21	2/7/2014
91	AUSTIN	63	40	7	47	74.60%	16	1/8/2014
105	LYLE	30	1	16	17	56.67%	13	2/26/2014
140	GRAND MEADOW	11	0	14	14	127.27%	-3	2/7/2014
146	ADAMS	126	55	78	133	105.56%	-7	2/7/2014
161	LEROY	49	45	5	50	102.04%	-1	12/11/2013
228	WASECA	95	76	14	90	94.74%	5	2/7/2014
264	GLENVILLE	27	16	2	18	66.67%	9	1/8/2014
266	HARTLAND	12	0	11	11	91.67%	1	10/30/2013
281	JANESVILLE	15	0	12	12	80.00%	3	2/7/2014
317	EMMONS	29	20	6	26	89.66%	3	1/8/2014
330	HAYFIELD	53	24	7	31	58.49%	22	2/12/2014
333	KASSON	51	30	10	40	78.43%	11	1/8/2014
384	DODGE CENTER	25	5	2	7	28.00%	18	1/8/2014
404	ALDEN	54	9	32	41	75.93%	13	2/7/2014
552	FREEBORN	34	32	5	37	108.82%	-3	10/30/2013
TOTAL FOR WEST SIDE		928	568	244	812	87.50%	116	2/26/2014
1111	DAKOTA	191	80	2	82	42.93%	109	2/26/2014
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT		1945	1609	20	1609	83.75%	336	2/26/2014

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



RIDERS CONTACT INFORMATION

PRESIDENT

Scuffy Paulson
Rushford, MN
507/450/8493

First District Legion Riders

Saturday, March 15th 2pm Meeting, Stewartville Post #164. We will have nominations for 1st District Officers.

VICE—PRESIDENT

Mark Smith
Rushford, MN
507/459/4015

Followed by a Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, Saturday, March 15th beginning at 4pm sponsored by the Stewartville ALR. This supper is open to the public. Fun & Games for all!

SECRETARY

Karla Miller
Winona, MN
507/459/5962

SGT AT ARMS

Kendall Bakkum
Rushford, MN
507/459/1473

TREASURER

Dennis Lewison
Adams, MN
507/440/6067

HISTORIAN

Paul Martin
Rochester, MN
507/271/1039

CHAPLAIN

Mark Smith
Rushford, MN
507/459/4015

ROAD CAPTAIN

Tom Schmidt
Winona, MN
507/313/4302

Ride In and Show

MOTORCYCLE SHOW

Saturday - May 3, 2014



All makes and models welcome!!
Motorcycle Registration 9-10am
Trophies will be awarded at 2pm
\$5 entry fee and \$1 per vote

Vendors 9am – 3pm

Food & Beverages will be available inside the Legion

Proceeds benefiting the Freedom Honor Flight and other local charities

Bring your family and friends to see and vote for your favorite bikes
while supporting our Veterans.

American Legion Riders
Winona Post 9 - 302 East Samia St.



Vendors / Questions? Contact jazmyn769@yahoo.com OR 507-313-1183