



## FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MN

## MAY 2016

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Hello Comrades, First I would like to thank everyone who attended my testimonial dinner. It was a lot of fun and I got some awesome gifts. THANK YOU! I hope the people who got the Four Pillar table decorations will put them to good use. There was a good turnout for our Dept Commander's testimonial also. Good food and entertainment with lots of laughter to salute Jim Kellogg's great job this year. If you didn't attend you missed a good time.

The donations to Brain Science are looking good. If you still want to contribute you still have till convention time in July. Thanks for your support.

The Rally on April 17<sup>th</sup> had a low turnout but a great program on Children and Youth. Presented by Wayne Hammon it contained a lot of good information on the Fourth Pillar.

Remember the District 1 Convention is coming up on May 20 and 21 in Mabel MN hosted by Post 299.

Remember to thank a veteran.

Roland Hanson  
First District Commander

### IMPORTANT DATES

May 20—21, 2016 - First District Convention at Mabel American Legion Post 299, Mabel, MN. More information can be found inside this newsletter.

May 30, 2016—Memorial Day - Please take time to Honor and remember our Fallen Service Members.

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

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- 1. Sy Fix - LaCrescent - For Commander
- 2. Ralph Schneekloth - Mabel - For Chaplain
- 3. Bill Goede - Plainview - For Finance Officer
- 4. Rodger German—Grand Meadow—Area 4 Vice
- 5. Gary Miller—Eyota—Area One Vice
- 6. Gene Luedtke—Owatonna—Area Two Vice
- 7. Carroll Hill—Rushford—Area Three Vice

**NATIONAL CONVENTION REQUESTS**

- 1. Sy Fix
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- 4. Arnie Troe
- 5. Eugene Warke
- 6. Chuck Kruger
- 7. Roland Hanson
- 8. Myron Ehrich
- 9. Richard Skillestad
- 10. Les Shaunce
- 11. Gene Ludtke

**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](http://mnmightyfirst.org)
- Albert Lea Post 56 at [americanlegionpost56.com](http://americanlegionpost56.com)
- Austin Post 91 at [austinpost91.com](http://austinpost91.com)
- Rochester Post 92 at [post92.org](http://post92.org)
- Winona Post 9 at [americalegionwinona.org](http://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.**

**Greetings from Area One:**

There will be a MACV (Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans) Standown for all Veterans on Tuesday, May 24, from 9AM to 2PM in Rochester at the Graham Arena 2, 1570 Fairground Ave S E. There will be a free lunch, a legal clinic, along with free services on meals, VA benefits, clothing, housing, haircuts, public benefits, state DMV employment assistance, and chaplaincy. The Rochester American Legion will have a table at this event to promote the Legion.

Our District has an American Legion Media resource kit which has gone missing. The last known location of the kit was at the American Legion office in Rochester. We think someone from another post came to the Rochester office and picked it up to use at a function. If you happen to have this media kit, please contact Wayne Hammon Jr or myself.

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?

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 You and May God Bless America.

**Area One Vice Commander**

**Joe P Brown, Sr**

**Greetings from Area Two**

I attend Rollie's testimonial. I also attended area 4 rally. I know you do not like to hear about membership. We need to get those memberships signed up.

**Area Two Vice Commander**

**(Sarge) Gene Luedtke**

Greetings from Area Three,

I want to thank our Department Commander, Jim Kellogg, for the wonderful Testimonial Dinner at Adams. It was a very enjoyable evening.

As I mentioned in last month's letter, I would like to see District One membership in first place for the Department. We are so close, that with a little effort on everyone's part, I know we can do it. At this point in time, we need to make telephone calls and knock on doors to achieve this goal. I know there is opposition to the price hick in dues but it is necessary for the American Legion to continue to achieve their goals. That's why Membership Directors have to take the added time to make contact with Legion members and encourage them to sign up.

I hope to see you at the District Convention in Mabel on May 20th and 21<sup>st</sup>.

Continue to pray for blessings on our men and women in uniform.

Carroll Hill, Vice Commander Area Three

**Arnold C. Troe, Area 4 Vice**

First of all, I want to thank Post 91 for having the Rally. The turn-out was not the best due to the nice weather, most farmers were in the fields putting in the crops. Others were probably doing lawn work or shopping.

This was our last Rally of the year, which means we are getting to the end. Our District convention is coming up soon, in Mabel, on May 20-21, 2016. All people on the Exec Board will be meeting at 3 pm on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Past Officer's supper will be set for later in the evening on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The time will be posted in the District May newsletter. Watch for it!

Our District Commander made some beautiful square stands to represent the Four Pillars. They will be used in all our office business in the future. Thanks, Rollie!

I am sure that all of you will be having some sort of ceremony or program for Memorial Day. I hope that your communities will turn out for these events. It's been said it only takes one generation to stop honoring and remembering our troops before the history begins to be lost.

I found a quote from the actor, Gary Sinise, who portrayed Lt. Dan in the movie, "Forrest Gump". This was in the March 2016 Guideposts magazine.

"Pray for all those who serve, and their families. Pray that God watches out for them as they go into harm's way. And remember while we can all be fearful and unsure at times, serving others in a cause greater than ourselves gives us a strength and confidence more powerful than any fears we may face."

God bless our troops. God bless the USA.

## First District Membership Report For 4/28/2016

POST	CITY	Goal	Previous	Turn In	Total	PERCENT	LEFT	Turn In Date
9	Winona	668	625	7	632	94.61%	36	4/24/2016
90	Lewiston	79	70	3	73	92.41%	6	4/24/2016
190	St Charles	150	134	5	139	92.67%	11	3/25/2016
<b>Winona County Totals</b>		897	829	15	844	94.09%	53	4/28/2016
50	Wabasha	322	260	18	278	86.34%	44	2/18/2016
110	Lake City	160	151	-1	150	93.75%	10	3/25/2016
179	Plainview	202	202	1	203	100.50%	-1	4/24/2016
546	Kellogg	71	70	1	71	100.00%	0	2/11/2016
573	Elgin	45	38	1	39	86.67%	6	3/10/2016
579	Millville	135	160	1	161	119.26%	-26	2/18/2016
588	Mazeppa	85	76	1	77	90.59%	8	3/17/2016
<b>Wabasha County Totals</b>		1020	957	22	979	95.98%	41	4/28/2016
92	Rochester	1043	951	24	975	93.48%	68	4/24/2016
119	Byron	154	154	1	155	100.65%	-1	3/10/2016
164	Stewartville	330	308	1	309	93.64%	21	4/24/2016
446	Rochester	11	14	1	15	136.36%	-4	4/24/2016
551	Eyota	179	183	1	184	102.79%	-5	4/24/2016
<b>Olmstead County Totals</b>		1717	1610	28	1638	95.40%	79	4/28/2016
<b>Area One Totals</b>		3634	3396	65	3461	95.24%	173	4/28/2016
295	West Concord	69	68	1	69	100.00%	0	4/28/2016
330	Hayfield	240	243	-1	242	100.83%	-2	3/25/2016
333	Kasson	275	274	2	276	100.36%	-1	4/24/2016
384	Dodge Center	94	83	2	85	90.43%	9	2/11/2016
422	Claremont	37	33	5	38	102.70%	-1	11/25/2015
<b>Dodge County Totals</b>		715	701	9	710	99.30%	5	4/28/2016
52	Blooming Prairie	120	107	-1	106	88.33%	14	3/25/2016
77	Owatonna	605	570	3	573	94.71%	32	4/24/2016
296	Ellendale	28	33	1	34	121.43%	-6	3/10/2016
<b>Steele County Totals</b>		753	710	3	713	94.69%	40	4/28/2016
75	New Richland	70	60	3	63	90.00%	7	1/21/2016
228	Waseca	347	350	1	351	101.15%	-4	3/25/2016
281	Janesville	110	102	2	104	94.55%	6	12/10/2015
587	Waldorf	28	27	1	28	100.00%	0	2/18/2016
<b>Waseca County Totals</b>		555	539	7	546	98.38%	9	4/28/2016
<b>Area Two Totals</b>		2023	1950	19	1969	97.33%	54	4/28/2016

40	Lanesboro	103	105	5	110	106.80%	-7	1/7/2016
68	Spring Valley	84	78	2	80	95.24%	4	3/31/2016
81	Harmony	36	29	3	32	88.89%	4	2/25/2015
94	Rushford	142	130	1	131	92.25%	11	3/10/2016
166	Preston	81	73	2	75	92.59%	6	3/25/2016
197	Chatfield	54	48	2	50	92.59%	4	1/21/2016
299	Mabel	192	190	6	196	102.08%	-4	4/24/2016
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
<b>Fillmore County Totals</b>		825	774	31	805	97.58%	20	4/28/2016
191	Caledonia	179	171	1	172	96.09%	7	4/24/2016
249	Spring Grove	171	158	1	159	92.98%	12	3/17/2016
423	Houston	114	110	1	111	97.37%	3	4/24/2016
498	Hokah	21	20	1	21	100.00%	0	2/11/2016
595	LaCrescent	365	341	2	343	93.97%	22	4/24/2016
<b>Houston County Totals</b>		850	800	6	806	94.82%	44	4/28/2016
<b>Area Three Totals</b>		1675	1574	37	1611	96.18%	64	4/28/2016
56	Albert Lea	739	713	10	723	97.83%	16	3/31/2016
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
<b>Freeborn County Totals</b>		1071	1038	15	1053	98.32%	18	4/28/2016
91	Austin	700	654	1	655	93.57%	45	4/24/2016
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	204	2	206	95.37%	10	3/10/2016
161	LeRoy	73	69	2	71	97.26%	2	4/24/2016
570	Austin Spam	6	1	4	5	83.33%	1	7/29/2015
<b>Mower County Totals</b>		1142	1065	11	1076	94.22%	66	4/28/2016
<b>Area Four Totals</b>		2213	2103	26	2129	96.20%	84	4/28/2016
1111	Dakota	82	0	4	4	4.88%	78	4/28/2016
<b>District One Totals</b>		9627	9023	151	9174	95.29%	453	4/28/2016

## AREA VICE COMMANDER STANDINGS

<b>AREA ONE</b>	3634	3396	65	3461	95.24%	173	4/28/2016
<b>AREA TWO</b>	2023	1950	19	1969	97.33%	54	4/28/2016
<b>AREA THREE</b>	1675	1574	37	1611	96.18%	64	4/28/2016
<b>AREA FOUR</b>	2213	2103	26	2129	96.20%	84	4/28/2016

Greetings First District:

The end of the fiscal year is in sight. It's been a good year so far but let's keep it going.

Commander Rollie's Testimonial was a great night. We had a good crowd and a very good meal. Rollie received a lot of nice gifts and was quite humbled. Thanks for a great year Rollie!!!!

Department Commander Jim's Testimonial was unbelievable. The amount of people that attended was totally awesome. Tom Schottenbauer was a very good M.C. and Past National Commander Jimmie Foster gave a very good speech. Jim received many great gifts and one big surprise gift. Lucky he's a farmer. You had a great year Jim. Thanks for a job well done.

Our last rally of the year was held at Austin Post# 91. A very good presentation on Children and Youth was part of the program. Unfortunately only a little over a dozen people were in attendance.

The Minnesota Veterans Home visitation on April 20th had to be cancelled do to illness among the veterans. I hope all the veterans are all doing better.

Membership is extremely slow right now. As of this report we are in third place in department. It is definitely time to start knocking on doors. The Snowbirds should be back home so get them signed up. If you know someone from your post who hasn't renewed, help out your post and get them signed up.

District Convention is May 20th and 21st in Mabel. Get your registration in and your committee reports ready for Saturday's meeting. Bring lots of MEMBERSHIP!!!!

Until next month    District Membership Director

**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.**

# !!!!!!!!!!!!!! IMPORTANT DUES INFORMATION !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

As you already know National raised the membership dues five(5) dollars last January. In addition to that a resolution is coming to the District Convention in Mabel this May to add a one (1) dollar to the district share of your dues. This is coming forward because since 2008 the District has lost over seventy five hundred (7500) dollars of income due to members dying and younger members not wanting to sign up. According to our By-Laws we cannot budget more for next year than we take in this year. It is either raise the dues or cut programs and we do not want to do that. This resolution, if passed would go into effect for the 2017 dues year.

In addition to that a resolution will be coming before the Department Convention in Rochester for a three (3) dollar raise for the 2018 year dues. If everything passes we will be sending in thirty five dollars and seventy five cents (35.75) per member for the 2018 membership year. PLEASE make sure your post dues are high enough to cover these in case everything passes.

Bill Goede—District Finance Officer

## Greetings to the First District. PR tips and ideas

**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. – Source: Officers Manual

Continue pushing the Four Pillars, it is so important to know our history. Posts, Counties, Areas and Department, we can benefit from the continued development of the Public Relations programs. NALPA- if you have a publication you wish to enter in the NALPA contest, go to NALPA website and download the form, pay money and enter.

If you plan on newspaper articles for Memorial Day, keep in mind to have it in early as newspapers get filled up quickly. Prior Planning. Kind of like troop leading procedures, plan to get it done in a timely manner.

Public Relations is primarily about image, and every Legionnaire, or Legion family member plays a role in communicating it. The positives and negatives 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 character, integrity and total performance. There are many facets including, but not limited to:

The organization's history in dealing with people, internal attitude toward members, external attitude toward community responsibility and involvement. News releases, interviews, and other dealings with the media. Internal and external publications, and institutional advertising.

Thank you for allowing me to humbly serve.

First District PR committee chair,

Ralph Schneekloth

## May 2016, Chaplain's Corner

**Memorial Day is not to be confused with Veteran's Day; Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died in service, Veteran's Day celebrates the service of all US military veterans.**

A prayer for Memorial Day: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we ask that Your blessings be bestowed on our friends and loved ones, We thank you for this opportunity to share with them this special occasion to honor our dead on this Memorial Day.

Let us always honor the memory of those brave soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who made the supreme sacrifice, so we may live in a country that is free.

Heavenly Father, keep their families in Your kind care. Bless them and comfort them in their time of sorrow. Let us be reminded of life, liberty, justice, freedom and democracy that we may ever be grateful to You for those comrades who gave so much for their country.

Lord, bless this service, and grant unto us Your fellowship that makes abiding peace. Amen

Psalm 91. He who dwells in the shelter of the most High, will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. <sup>2</sup>I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." <sup>3</sup>Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. <sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. <sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. <sup>8</sup>You will only observe with your eyes, and see the punishment of the wicked. <sup>9</sup>If you make the Most High your dwelling---even the Lord, who is my refuge---<sup>10</sup>then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. <sup>11</sup>For eh will .command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. <sup>14</sup>"Because he loves me," says the Lord, I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. <sup>15</sup>He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. <sup>16</sup>With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation."

Isaiah 61:1-3, 10, 11. The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,<sup>3</sup>and provide for them who grieve in Zion---to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.<sup>10</sup>I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.<sup>11</sup>For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

<sup>1</sup> Peter 5: 6-11<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast your anxiety on him because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. <sup>10</sup> And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Always, remember and honor our fallen. That is the least we can do. Cast all worries and anxieties on the Lord, and know through faith that our loved ones, our fellow brothers and sisters, are sitting with the Lord and suffering no more. We can pray for our families that the Lord removes the pain of suffering, but to remember that His grace is sufficient for you, so Paul was told, and that God's power is made perfect through weakness. Please, carry on and continue the mission.

Thank you for allowing me to humbly serve,

Ralph Schneekloth

### 2016 First District Call To Convention

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, Roland Hanson, do hereby call a convention of the First District to convene at Mabel, Minnesota, Saturday May 21, 2016.

The business sessions of the convention will be held at Mabel Post # 299 located at 114 North Main St, Mabel, MN commencing at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 21 and will continue until adjournment.

The purpose of this convention is to elect a District Commander, Four (4) District Vice- Commanders, District Chaplain, 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 District Adjutant, Wayne Hammon Jr, PO Box 135, LeRoy, MN 55951 before May 15<sup>th</sup>.

All Members are encouraged to attend  
First District Commander  
Roland Hanson

Delegate Certification to the First District Convention in Austin, Minnesota, May 21, 2016, Please send to the District Adjutant as soon as possible.

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DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

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ADJUTANT, POST # \_\_\_\_\_

## FIRST DISTRICT 2016 CONVENTION PRE REGISTRATION

**May 21, 2016**

**MABEL, MINNESOTA**

The First District Convention will be held in in Mabel, Minnesota at the American Legion Post 299. Please fill this form out and return to: **American Legion Unit 299** before May 4, 2016.

**Convention Registration**

**114 North Main Street**

**Mabel, MN 55954**

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 299** 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 as we having a one day convention it is imperative that we have pre-registration to get us a number of those attending for Post 299. Please share this with everyone that you can and PLEASE, PLEASE pre- register.

## **CONVENTION BOOKLET ADVERTISEMENTS**

**Full page Ad: \$100**

**Half page Ad: \$50**

**Quarter page Ad \$25**

**Send a copy of the ad and payment for the Ads By April 30th, 2016 to:**

**Mabel American Legion**

**ATTN: Convention Committee**

**114 North Main Street**

**Mabel, MN 55954**

### **CONVENTION HOUSING INFORMATION (rooms filling up fast)**

**Country Lodge Inn**

**525 Main Ave North**

**Harmony, MN 55939**

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**Caledonia, MN 55921**

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The 2016 State Convention is coming soon. Unit #92, Rochester will be hosting and will be in need of help with various duties such as registration and different Chairmanships. Please contact Sharon Kingsley if you think you can be of assistance this year.

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#### IMPORTANT - LEGIONVILLE SAFTY PATROL CAMP

It's that time of year again get your school safety patrol kids signed up. Remember that this is open to any 5 grader or older plus you can send more than one kid you can ask your local lions club or VFW or anyone who might want to send a kid.

To find out more information and registration forms go to the Minnesota American Legion Website at [mnlegion.org](http://mnlegion.org) and click on post resources. Then from the drop menu click on Legionville, then click on reservations, from that page all the information and registration forms can be found.

Thanks Glenn Mueller – First District Legionville Chairman

#### 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.

Wayne Hammon Jr      First District Adjutant

## Consolidated Post Submittal Report, 4-15-2016

District	Post	Location	Submitted
1	9	WINONA	X
1	40	LANESBORO	
1	50	WABASHA	
1	52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	
1	56	ALBERT LEA	
1	68	SPRING VALLEY	
1	75	NEW RICHLAND	
1	77	OWATONNA	X
1	81	HARMONY	
1	90	LEWISTON	
1	91	AUSTIN	X
1	92	ROCHESTER	
1	94	RUSHFORD	
1	105	LYLE	
1	110	LAKE CITY	
1	119	BYRON	X
1	140	GRAND MEADOW	
1	146	ADAMS	
1	161	LE ROY	
1	164	STEWARTVILLE	
1	166	PRESTON	
1	179	PLAINVIEW	
1	190	ST. CHARLES	
1	191	CALEDONIA	
1	197	CHATFIELD	
1	228	WASECA	
1	249	SPRING GROVE	
1	264	GLENVILLE	
1	266	HARTLAND	X
1	281	JANESVILLE	X
1	295	WEST CONCORD	
1	296	ELLEDALE	
1	299	MABEL	
1	317	EMMONS	X
1	330	HAYFIELD	
1	333	KASSON	
1	369	WYKOFF	
1	384	DODGE CENTER	
1	400	CANTON	
1	404	ALDEN	
1	422	CLAREMONT	
1	423	HOUSTON	
1	446	ROCHESTER 446	X
1	492	FOUNTAIN	
1	498	HOKAH	X
1	526	PETERSON	
1	544	OSTRANDER	
1	546	KELLOGG	
1	551	EYOTA	
1	552	FREEBORN	

District	Post	Location	Submitted
1	570	AUSTIN SPAM	
1	573	ELGIN	
1	579	MILLVILLE	X
1	587	WALDORF	
1	588	MAZEPPA	
1	595	LA CRESCENT	
1	637	WHALAN	
1	1111	DAKOTA	

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>
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<b>PERCENT</b>	<b>17.5</b>
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### Words from your adjutant

If your post does not have a "X" across from it, check with your post adjutant to find your Post Consolidated Report form, get it filled out and sent in. Every post does something even if you don't think so. This is a very important form so lets get the First District to 100% before the Department Convention in July. If you need some help please contact me .

Wayne Hammon Jr

First District Adjutant.

# FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY NEWS



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Greetings All

May 2016 and my second time around as District President is getting close to ending. District Convention will be in Mabel on May 21st and I am asking that each unit please check the list of Trophies and Awards that is included in this newsletter to see if your unit received a Trophy last year and to PLEASE see that it is returned.

If your unit is unable to attend the Convention and have one of the Trophies listed **PLEASE** contact me **BEFORE** Convention and I will make arrangements to pick it up. These Trophies have been presented to the District by members in honor of other members and by Past District Presidents so PLEASE see that they are returned.

As always please keep our active service members in your thoughts and prayers, I have two of my grandchildren (Blaine Miller and Faith Miller) serving somewhere on this great big world.

Pat Miner

First District Auxiliary President

Poppy Program

May is here and all units should be set for your individual Poppy Campaigns.

1<sup>st</sup>. District turned in only 2 Poppy Posters, which came from Adams Unit 146.

For 1<sup>st</sup>. District Convention on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. in Mabel we are going to have a Poppy Contest between units! Some old ideas are hats, center pieces, wreaths, let's get creative and come up with some new ideas!!

Good Luck to all of you on your Poppy Campaigns!

Wanda Prescher- Poppy Chair  
3321 Vista View Ct. SW  
Rochester, MN. 55902

**May 16, 2015 Trophy Awards-District  
Convention**

**AMERICANISM**

Betty Gartner - Mabel  
Miner/Isenberg - Waldorf  
Certificate - Hayfield

**AUX. EMG. FUND** - Cert - not awarded

**CHILDREN & YOUTH**

Dist. Child Welfare Gavel Trophy ?  
Myrna Gunderson - Plainview (trophy  
found)  
Cindy Nelson - Hayfield (trophy found)  
Certificate - Al. Lea

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Evelyn Lyke - Plainview  
Berenice Smith - Glenville  
Certificate - not awarded

**EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP**

Mildred Holtz Gavel Bell - Hayfield  
Certificates to Rochester and Plainview

**FIELD SERVICE**

Bonnie Burns - FULL - Wabasha  
Certificate - Not awarded

**GIRLS STATE**

Not awarded - No certificate awarded

**HISTORY**

Irene Martin - Not awarded  
No certificate awarded

**HOME SERVICE**

Loretta Lechner - Waseca  
No certificate awarded

**JR. ACTIVITIES**

Bev Jiardina - Stewartville - (Trophy found)  
No certificate awarded

**LEADERSHIP**

Certificate to Glenville

**LEGISLATION**

Bette Berg & Louella Gusa - Not awarded  
No certificate awarded

**MEMBERSHIP**

Marie Goede - Hayfield - trophy not here  
Glenda Osmundson - Hayfield - trophy not  
here  
Lynette Hillman Wolff - not awarded -  
trophy ?

Carol Kruger trophy - Hayfield

**MEMORIAL**

Jenny Miller - Mabel - trophy not here  
Audrey Erwin - Hayfield - trophy found  
Certificate awarded - Al. Lea

**MUSIC**

Lois Deyo - Hayfield  
No certif. awarded

**NATIONAL SECURITY**

Nat. Security trophy to be awarded at Dept.  
Conv.

No certificate awarded

**PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY**

Pat Johannsen - not awarded - trophy found  
No certificate awarded

**POPPY**

Lillian Koch - not awarded  
Marge Schreiber - Wabasha  
Carol Krueger - Wabasha  
No certificate awarded

**PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Anna Schmitz - Plainview - trophy found  
No certificate awarded

**VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION**

Dist. Rehab Gavel - To be used by Pres. at  
convention - Waldorf

Gladys Johnson - Plainview  
Maurine Patterson - Hayfield  
No certificate awarded

**POPPY CONTEST WINNERS**

1st Prize - Adams  
2nd Prize - Adams  
Centerpieces - Stewartville & Waseca

**FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS For 4/5/2016**

UNIT	NAME	GOAL	Sr gain	Jr gain	period gain	Sr's	Jr's	Totals	Percent
146	Adams	178	0	0	0	123	18	141	79.21%
56	Albet Lea	444	6	0	6	322	7	329	74.10%
404	Alden	64	0	0	0	43	0	43	67.19%
91	Austin	218	1	0	1	162	1	163	74.77%
52	Blooming Prairie	150	0	0	0	111	3	114	76.00%
119	Byron	116	0	0	0	77	15	92	79.31%
191	Caledonia	99	0	0	0	71	5	76	76.77%
197	Chatfield	44	0	0	0	38	0	38	86.36%
422	Claremont	32	0	0	0	16	4	20	62.50%
384	Dodge Center	110	0	0	0	73	6	79	71.82%
573	Elgin	32	0	0	0	21	1	22	68.75%
317	Emmons	36	0	0	0	30	0	30	83.33%
551	Eyota	149	0	0	0	100	3	103	69.13%
492	Fountain	25	0	0	0	1	0	1	4.00%
552	Freeborn	78	0	0	0	54	9	63	80.77%
264	Glenville	129	0	0	0	91	12	103	79.84%
140	Grand Meadow	93	0	0	0	66	11	77	82.80%
81	Harmony	53	0	0	0	32	17	49	92.45%
330	Hayfield	268	0	0	6	178	15	193	72.01%
498	Hokah	24	0	0	0	0	19	19	79.17%
423	Houston	165	0	0	0	123	17	140	84.85%
281	Janesville	74	0	0	0	57	1	58	78.38%
333	Kasson	186	0	0	0	139	5	144	77.42%
546	Kellogg	176	0	0	0	120	17	137	77.84%
595	La Crescent	270	0	0	0	206	18	224	82.96%
110	Lake City	108	2	2	4	73	12	85	78.70%
40	Lanesboro	113	0	0	0	82	0	82	72.57%
161	LeRoy	87	5	5	0	42	17	59	67.82%
90	Lewiston	49	1	0	1	33	2	35	71.43%
105	Lyle	68	0	0	0	43	6	49	72.06%
299	Mabel	171	0	0	0	119	16	135	78.95%
588	Mazepa	64	0	0	0	50	2	52	81.25%
579	Millville	59	0	0	0	40	3	43	72.88%

75	New Richland	84	0	0	0	64	0	64	76.19%
544	Ostrander	19	0	0	0	16	0	16	84.21%
77	Owatonna	155	0	0	0	125	0	125	80.65%
526	Peterson	40	0	0	0	35	1	36	90.00%
179	Plainview	223	2	3	5	149	17	166	74.44%
92	Rochester	221	1	0	1	165	11	176	79.64%
94	Rushford	85	0	0	0	74	2	76	89.41%
249	Spring Grove	164	6	3	9	118	19	137	83.54%
68	Spring Valley	57	1	0	1	45	0	45	78.95%
190	St Charles	116	0	0	0	64	3	67	57.76%
164	Stewartville	220	0	0	0	169	9	178	80.91%
50	Wabasha	177	0	0	0	124	7	131	74.01%
587	Waldorf	35	0	0	0	28	0	28	80.00%
228	Waseca	290	0	0	0	211	7	218	75.17%
295	West Concord	47	0	0	0	35	0	35	74.47%
637	Whalen	28	0	0	0	23	0	23	82.14%
9	Winona	234	0	0	0	132	8	140	59.83%
369	Wykoff	19	0	0	0	15	0	15	78.95%
	<b>District</b>	<b>6,146</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>4,347</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>4,674</b>	<b>76.05%</b>

**The numbers above and on the previous page are from Bulletin for 4/5/16. The First District is in 6th place with a percent of 76.05%**

### **RENEW - RECRUIT - REJOIN**

Ladies, I thank you for all you and your Unit has done with membership. But—we are in seventh (7th) place in the Department. We have not made any of our goals and target dates. We were to be at ninety (90) percent by the fifth (5th) of March. We do have two Units that made their ninety (90) percent . Some Units are still at forty (40) percent. What is going on? ? I would be so proud if the First District could make goal by the Department Convention or sooner. I know we can do it, one (1) member at a time. So let's all Spread Our Eagles Wings and Soar for Membership.

Our Department Commander Jim and Department President Sandy would be so proud of the First District Also. If I can be of any help - Please me know. (1-507-383-3456)

Cindy Nelson - First District Membership Chairman

## Call to Convention

The annual First District Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Minnesota is hereby called. It is to be held in Mabel, Minnesota on **Saturday May 21, 2016**. Auxiliary sessions will be held at Mabel Community Center, 201 South Main, Mabel, MN

Opening session will be called on May 21, 2016 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.

## 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 70<sup>th</sup> session begins at Bethel University on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM and ends Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. Please plan to be here your citizen at Bethel by 2:30 PM on June 12<sup>th</sup>. **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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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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## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



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### **GREETINGS SAL MEMBERS**

Hi fellow Sons of The American Legion Well, the year is almost over and we are about 280 short of our Detachment goal for the District. This is not good on my part as commander. Yes we did not have a full team of officers, but that excuse is poor and we all know what it takes. I am very happy that a couple of squads have restarted and really grew there membership. I know we have a few squads that are really close to goal and I hope that they will come through. Please remember that you can sign up step sons or grandsons or great grandsons. There is no age limit, either infant or older individuals. If you have any post card renewal notices please send them out and try and get them to renew. Better yet call or visit them and get them in.

Please come to Mabel for our District Convention and make us proud to be Sons of The American Legion members. Please remember that Detachment Convention is in Legionville on June 24, 25, & 26, 2016. The main event is the 25th it's a great family time of camping and fellowship.

Thanks for the year Glenn Mueller  
First District SAL Commander

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

May 21, 2016 - First District SAL Convention at American Legion Post 299 in Mabel, MN. Sessions starting at 1:00 pm.

June 4, 2016 - First District Ben Bag Tournament, more information below on this page

### **SAL UP COMING EVENT**

**The First District SAL will be sponsoring the following event on June 4, 2016; Bean Bag Tournament at the La Crescent American Legion Post located at 509 West Chestnut, LaCrescent, MN. Registration will be at 9:00 am with the bags flying at 10:00 am. Twenty (20) dollars registration fee for each team of two (2) - Both team members must be current members of the American Legion Family.**

**Contact Tim Weaver at 608 –304-6532 or e-mail him at timweaver595@gmail.com for more information.**

## April 28, 2016 Membership Report

Department of Minnesota  
Membership Bulletin No. 9



National Goal 11,381  
Department Goal 11,588  
Current Membership 10,693

District	2016 Goal	Total 2015	Total 2016	Months Gain	Total Squads	% Of Goal	
District 1	2,009	1,968	1,749	108	41	87.06%	1,896
District 2	1,189	1,158	1,211	41	33	101.85%	1,111
District 3	1,935	1,899	1,844	93	36	95.30%	1,815
District 4	344	338	335	43	6	97.38%	315
District 5	418	412	332	8	6	79.43%	390
District 6	1,493	1,461	1,337	55	32	89.55%	1,369
District 7	932	913	969	55	20	103.97%	843
District 8	597	583	542	55	14	90.79%	549
District 9	793	777	719	38	17	90.67%	750
District 10	1,870	1,836	1,651	69	34	88.29%	1,737
District 11	8	6	4	0	2	50.00%	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11,588</b>	<b>11,351</b>	<b>10,693</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>92.28%</b>	<b>10,781</b>

**Same Date  
Last Year**

### Convention Delegate Cut-off May 24th

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 11th. All membership must be into Department by Noon on May 10th so that we can ship it to National. This is also the cut-off for the 2016 rosters and pre-printed cards.

#### 2016 National Target Dates

100%  
105%

May 11<sup>th</sup>  
July 26<sup>th</sup>

## FIRST DISTRICT SAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 4/27/2016

SQUAD	LOCATION	GOAL	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	0	35	35	120.69%	-6	1/6/2016
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	0	41	41	87.23%	6	1/6/2016
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	0	7	7	43.75%	9	1/6/2016
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	4	19	23	92.00%	2	4/27/2016
595	LA CRESCENT	79	0	40	40	50.63%	39	1/6/2016
TOTAL FOR EAST SIDE		871	262	463	725	83.24%	146	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	0	47	47	95.92%	2	1/6/2016
228	WASECA	95	114	8	122	128.42%	-27	4/27/2016
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	8	38	46	85.19%	8	2/24/2016
552	FREEBORN	34	0	35	35	102.94%	-1	1/6/2016
TOTAL FOR WEST SIDE		928	457	368	825	88.90%	103	4/27/2016
1111	DAKOTA	191	92	6	98	51.31%	93	4/27/2016
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT		2009	1641	108	1749	87.06%	260	4/27/2016

**2016 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, Glenn Mueller, First District SAL Commander, do here by call a Convention of the First District Sons of the American Legion to convene at American Legion Post 299 located at 114 North Main Street in Mabel, MN on Saturday May 21, 2016 at 1pm.

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 upon the Membership certified to the District Commander by the Detachment Adjutant.

Please send certification of your Squadron Delegates and Alternates to:

1<sup>st</sup> District SAL Adjutant  
Gary Weaver  
29 North Elm St  
LaCrescent, MN 55947

All District SAL Members are urged to attend.  
Glenn Mueller  
1<sup>st</sup> District SAL Commander

SAL Delegate certification to the First District SAL Convention in Austin, MN on Saturday, May 21, 2016.

Squadron _____	_____ MN
Delegates	Alternates
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	4. _____
5. _____	5. _____
6. _____	6. _____

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Adjutant Squadron # \_\_\_\_\_

## INFORMATION ABOUT SQUADRON 52 AND THEIR PROJECTS

May 2016

Spring is in the air and the Blooming Prairie Sons of the American Legion, Squadron #52, would like to invite all you to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual “Spring Fling” fundraiser, to be held on May 21, 2016, at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen’s Club. Pork loin sandwiches will be served... made from slowly roasted pork loin and Dean Zilm’s “family secret” barbecue sauce, juices, and herbs. Dean is working with Jenny in the kitchen to bring you a great, spring treat. Several door prizes and a silent auction items are planned.

The cost of the dinner is a free will donation to the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron #52. The “Sons” are committed to giving back to the community and a portion of the funds raised at the Spring Fling will go into a special fund to help remodel the kitchen at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen’s Club. The “Sons” feel it is essential to our Club to have a top notch kitchen facility to put them in a position to “best serve” our community for special events like weddings, family reunions, birthday parties, fund raisers, company meetings, group dinners, and the list goes on and on.

As an update for the Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial, our funds, to date, are at \$28,035.12, which is 11.2% of our goal. 67 Wall Pavers have been reserved.

A very special THANK YOU goes to American Legion Auxiliary for their generous contribution of \$2,000 to the Memorial. We are so thankful!

We are still working on setting aside a time to meet with you to help with questions regarding filling out the Wall Paver/Contribution Forms. In the meantime, if anyone has questions, call me at 507-456-2017, or any Committee Member for assistance.

Respectfully,

Tom Peterson Adjutant

**SEE OUR “SPRING FLING” FLYER IN THE Flyer section of this newsletter**

# AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



## RIDERS CONTACT INFORMATION

Greetings,

### PRESIDENT

Dennis Lewison  
Adams, MN  
507/440/6067

### VICE—PRESIDENT

Tony Loecher  
Rochester, MN  
507/358/6389

### SECRETARY

Nancy Lewison  
Adams, MN  
507/440/2090

### SGT AT ARMS

Spanky Carroll  
Rushford, MN  
507/450/0741

### HISTORIAN

Karla Miller  
Rushford, MN  
507/459/5962

### CHAPLAIN

Roe Naylor  
Austin, MN  
507/438/5804

### ROAD CAPTAIN

Lee Dority  
Austin, MN  
641/210/9035

Our next meeting will be Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 1:00pm during the First District convention in Mabel MN.

Election of Officers will be held. The nominations are as follows:  
Director: Roy Naylor, Austin & Dennis Lewison, Adams

Assistant Director: Brett Naylor, Austin

Secretary: Ron Knudson, Austin & Tonia Bettermann, Owatonna

Sgt at Arms: Jim Rinehart, Austin, & Scuffy Paulson, Rushford

Historian: Shannon Doberstein-Winona

Chaplain: Zach Naylor, Austin

Road Captain: Lee Dority, Austin

Please be sure that someone from your chapter is present to vote. There are no absentee ballots. Nominations can also be made from the floor during this meeting.

The “**Second Annual Tour of the First District**” is being planned for July 9-10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. We have started planning the ride and have contacted many posts to be stops. All Posts will be sent information with a list of the stops. It is our hope we will have many Legion Family members visit us along the way, or join in and travel with us! 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.

Department Convention will be in Rochester. The parade will be on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Watch for dates and information.

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

# *Sons of the American Legion*

Please join us for our

## 3rd Annual SPRING FLING ROAST PORK SANDWICH FEED

Saturday, May 21st, 2016

From 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club

210 4<sup>th</sup> 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: Also, a Silent Auction will be held  
during the event!!

**GRAHAM  
ARENA #2**

1570 FAIRGROUNDS  
AVENUE SE

**ROCHESTER**



**WELCOME  
CEREMONY**

12:00 PM

**CLOTHING  
DISTRIBUTION**

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR  
DD214 OR VA ID  
CARD FOR FASTER  
REGISTRATION

CONTACT MACV FOR MORE  
**INFORMATION**  
507.345.8258

**ALL VETERANS WELCOME**



**STAND  
DOWN  
FOR VETERANS**



**TUESDAY  
MAY 24, 2016**

**9:00 AM UNTIL 2:00 PM**  
FREE LUNCH PROVIDED BY DAV #28

**STANDDOWN COURT &  
LEGAL CLINIC**

**9:00 AM UNTIL 2:00 PM**

**FREE SERVICES AVAILABLE**  
MEALS • VA BENEFITS (CLAIMS & SERVICES)  
CLOTHING • HOUSING • LEGAL ASSISTANCE  
HAIRCUTS • PUBLIC BENEFITS • STATE DMV  
EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE • CHAPLAINCY



**5<sup>TH</sup> 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**



**at Rushford MN Legion Riders  
<https://www.facebook.com/post94alr/>**

**Saturday May 7, 2016**

3rd Annual

# **RIDE IN AND SHOW MOTORCYCLE SHOW**

proceeds go to Veteran and community programs

*Drive, Trailer or Push ins are welcome*  
**FAMILY FRIENDLY**

Vendors on site 8 AM - 3 PM \$30.00/ Vendor spots.  
jazmyn769@yahoo.com for details & contract a spot

**Motorcycle Registration \$ 5.00/ Bike**

**Registration 9:00 - 1:00**

**Public votes \$1.00 per vote -No vote limit**

**Trophies Awarded at 2:30PM**

**Reverse Raffle - Lots of prizes**

Food and Beverages for purchase on site

Find us and updates on our  
Facebook page @Winona ALR

Winona American Legion

302 E Samia St.

Winona, MN 55987





**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA  
"FOR GOD AND COUNTRY"**

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



# The 4 Pillars



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

**THIS IS FOR AUXILIARY PRESIDENT SANDY FREDRICKSON'S SON**



# Benefit for Scott Fredrickson

**His Story:** Scott experienced a herniated disc on February 7th, 2016. He underwent emergent back surgery for Cauda Equina Syndrome related to the disc injury. This resulted in a spinal cord injury. His family feels they want to help him with costs for transportation back and forth to Rochester (3 times a week) and renovations to his home. Doctors have told Scott he has a 80/20 chance to full recovery, and it may be a short time, but could also be a year or two! His goal is to return home once he is independent enough and return to his "get up and go" life! We are hoping you will join in with the fundraiser! Scott will enjoy seeing you!

\*Activities will start at 3PM and hamburger baskets served from 4-7PM for \$8.00!\*

**SATURDAY, MAY 7TH, 2016  
MOOSE LODGE (SKYLINE MALL)  
ALBERT LEA, MN**

**RAFFLES ~ SILENT AUCTION ~ BAKE SALE  
~LIVE AUCTION TO FOLLOW!!~**

\*Monetary donations for the benefit may be sent to Trades & Labor Credit Union, %  
Brian Fredrickson @ 610 S Broadway, Albert Lea, MN 56007

***"Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending" ~Maria Robinson***